

April 2012 Report from the Community Council

At last month's AGM of Forest Town Community Council the standing committee of Chair Syd Owen, vice-chair Jim Gregson, Secretary Phyllis Gregson and Treasurer Val Moss were re-elected en-bloc for a further year. A Tenants and Residents Group is now in operation in conjunction with the Community Council and will be holding a surgery for Council Tenants at the Sherwood Community Centre, Stuart Avenue, Forest Town on Monday, 11th June at 10am - 12 noon with Housing Officers Milly Alonso and Lorraine Spalding in attendance.

Local and County Councillors, Mick Barton, Martin Wright, Bob Cross, Nick Bennett and Denise Moody who give funding aid to various groups within Forest Town, all work with the Community Council to help with any issues residents might have. Thanks to the Trinity Cafe at the Methodist Church on Clipstone Road West, Cllrs. Martin Wright and Mick Barton will be holding monthly surgeries there during coffee mornings on the first Saturday of each month between 11am and 12 noon.

Our local police Pcsos Sarah Gilbert, Aysha Fichna, and PCs Phil Snape and Kevin Parsons attend the meetings dealing with any crime problems which residents might have. This month the emphasis was on the Priority Settings for the coming three months and Insp. Mark Webster, with input from the floor, agreed that vehicle nuisance issues such as speeding, mobile phone use when driving etc should be given priority. The forthcoming celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee were also discussed.

The Planning sub-committee co-chaired by Shlomo Downen and Jim Pugh monitor any planning issues which may effect the village and the Community Council also gives aid and support to the local Youth Centre which is led by Youth leader Clive Belford. A new ramp to the Youth Centre is being built which will give improved access to the Centre. The Kingsway Community Garden is now looking good thanks to the efforts of volunteers Kay Toy, Val Moss and Phyllis Gregson together with the Community Payback Team who have worked hard pruning trees and generally tidying up. However, their efforts are spoiled by some dog owners allowing their dogs to foul the gardens.

All residents of Forest Town are welcome to attend our well supported meetings which take place in the Sherwood Room at Forest Town Academy (Welfare) at 7.15pm. The next meeting is on May 15th.