**Tettenhall District Community Trust
Community Forum Minutes**

**Meeting of The Tettenhall Community Forum 28/Aug/25
In Person, Parish Rooms/Tettenhall Library**

Community Forum Meetings & Minutes | [Link Here](https://tdct.org.uk/tcf-meetings-and-minutes)

**Attendees (Steering Group)**

Neal Kelshaw (Chair Steering Grouo/Director CIC/Resident) NK
Cllrs Jonathan Crofts (JC), Wendy Thompson (WT)

**Apologies**

Robin Hacking (Chair TCF/Resident) RH
Cllr Sally Garner (SG)

The meeting was chaired by Neal Kelshaw in Robin Hacking’s absence, being on annual leave. There were 11 resident attendees, 2 councillors, 1 steering group member in attendance.

**Agenda**

1. Previous minutes / Actions
2. Issues
3. Registration / Steering Group Update
4. Matters Arising
5. Working Groups Progress (Friends Of St Michael’s)
6. Planning

**MINUTES**

1. **Previous minutes / Actions**

Post meeting closure it was noticed that previous minutes erroneously report that the Aethelflaed 910AD project is working with Codsall High School. This is to be corrected to state: Coppice High School (Wednesfield)

**Planning Quality/Report On Community Involvement Issues**

RH reported that he had sent email correspondence to Stephen Alexander, requesting discussion on planning and Report On Community Involvement.

1. **Issues**

**Neighbourhood Policing**: It was agreed that a list of neighbourhood issues as collated by TCF would be presented at a future Love Your Community. This opportunity wasn’t possible due to other commitments on 10/Sep. Chair to discharge this action at a future meeting. List of issues includes:

* Henwood Road
* Released FOI information about danger of Rock junction and its justification for progress from police on redlight camera abuse
* Rock junction red light traffic abuse
* Being placed on waiting list for stationary police car deployment

**Road/Street Scene**: Reporting to Highways Department.

* Lines on Compton Island
* Peter Titley reported there was still a problem with parking on Woodthorne Road, with actions identified not being taken yet by King’s. A further meeting is taking place on 18/Sep. RH or NK to discuss progress with Peter Titley and report.

**Codsall / South Staffs Housing Development (TCF consultation)**

The potential development was discussed and since this lies outside of TDCT consultation area, and causes for development include national targets and WCC own overspill on duty to co-operate, the development is likely to proceed. TCF consultation should concentrate on ensuring assessments are made of:

* Impacts on traffic flow and levy contribution
* Impacts on facilities and infrastructure, either that appropriate community assets are updated or provided or impacts to facilities or infrastructure within district area are assessed and levy contributions or mitigations assessed, including traffic demand, parking etc.
* A more detailed assessment should be produced via e-survey by TCF.
1. **Registration/Steering Group Update**

NK reported there is a meeting now called by WCC COO David Pattison to progress outcomes of neighbourhood planning registration of TDCT and other application, subsequently to the TCF meeting this has now been confirmed for 10/OCT with all ward councillors and steering group. Also discussed was a meeting scheduled directly with TDCT, all councillors and the chair of Wolverhampton Conservative Association, which is to take place before the WCC meeting, this has now been confirmed for 30/Sep steering group.

Battle of 910AD heritage weekend: The TDCT received over £100 revenue from book sales at the Wightwick Manor heritage weekend, and £30 income from fund donations.

It has proven difficult to arrange a date for the proposed Tettenhall College event, to be arranged as soon as possible.

1. **Matters Arising**

**Avenue House:** Dany Guest reported that Avenue House was now boarded up, but rough sleeping continued to be a problem. Vijay Kaur in WCC had been emailed about the situation but had not yet replied. Cllr JC reported that Mr Kaur was on annual leave. To be progressed and updated reported between DG and RH. ***Management of buildings under sale and development is a general issue to be progressed by RH with WCC planning, and email correspondence has already been raised, responsiveness of WCC will be managed with WCC COO once registration has been completed.***

1. **Working Groups Progress**

Steve Robinson has agreed to be Project Manager for the working group and has started maintenance activity in the churchyard. Locations have been agreed with Church Warden, Cyril Randles to build composting, bins and tree waste areas and an initial skip or WCC gardens removal will be ordered for 19/Sep to remove an initial bulk of compost and tree waste. A plan of action has been agreed which is documented in appendix 1, with the first working group meeting being as follows:

19/Sep 14:00 0 17:00 (Meet at Grotto Lane end)

* Initial ground clearance at rear of churchyard
* Safety Assessments of graves for further working
* Building of compost and tree waste areas with pallets

Further working group activity will be on the 3rd Friday of each month. Steve Robinson will be lead PM and responsible for decisions on site of activities. Steve would appreciate any assistance in organising and advertising attendance from the TCF from an administration volunteer.



Signed

Neal Kelshaw, Chair, Steering Group TDCT

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***Appendix 1 – Friends Of St Michael’s Plan Of Action***

19/Sep 14:00 0 17:00 (Meet at Grotto Lane end)

* Initial removal of tree waste
* Ground preparation and building of pallet based compost / tree waste areas
* Safety assessment of rear churchyard graves
* Strimming and collection of leaf waste and weeds via bulk ‘Hippo’ bags
* Further working group activity will be on the 3rd Friday of each month. Steve Robinson will be lead PM and responsible for decisions on site of activities. Steve would appreciate any assistance in organising and advertising attendance from the TCF from an administration volunteer.
* Power tools, pallets and ‘Hippo’ bags to be provided
* Volunteer attendance to be advertised and is requested, suitable shoes, clothes and gloves should be worn. If volunteers have their own power tools these may be brought but are covered under their own risk.
* Public Liability Insurance is provided by the TDCiC for all members and volunteers (a roll call will be required on the day)
* Some volunteers may wish to assist in construction, therefore may wish to bring some woodworking tools, otherwise assistance is needed in general ground clearance for which rakes, hoes and so on can be brought by attendees. Limited gardening tools will be provided.