

MINUTES OF THE TETTENHALL COMMUNITY FORUM
Parish Rooms, Tettenhall
17th April 2025
at 6.30 pm

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

There were 6 residents in attendance.

MATTERS ARISING

ROCK JUNCTION

There is no further information available from the council on this important matter. Sally Garner (SG) has approached John Charles for an update. She was able to speak to him during a council meeting and was told that the council is still waiting for the report from the consultants they have engaged.

The residents' 1,000 strong petition with alternative proposals to improve road safety at the junction have not yet received a response and it is now over a year since the petition was handed in to the council. Although it is our position that this is a separate and alternative matter to the council's TTRO the council insists that the council's response to the petition will be included in their consultants' report.

910 AD BATTLES

Becky Cresswell (RC) continues with her project for an art trail to celebrate the battles of 910 AD and is progressing various opportunities for funding. The investigation into the feasibility of using the listed tower building on the Severn Trent site to create a museum with many features, including support for the work on celebrating the 910 AD battles, has been found to be too difficult and costly to implement at the current time but we will be keeping a watching brief on how the building might be used to support community activity in the future.

There is also an opportunity to engage with Tettenhall College regarding community involvement and access to Tettenhall Towers as they continue to progress the refurbishment of their buildings and actively seek community involvement.

Rachel Arnold (RA) is continuing with her program of art workshops, some of which have been shared with members on WhatsApp.

BC and RA have agreed to update the Forum at our next meeting on 8th May.

PLANNING

This is becoming an increasingly active area, particularly in relation to various proposed developments at sites with listed buildings and buildings registered as community assets. An issue is arising regarding interpretation of the Tettenhall Neighbourhood Plan on these matters (eg the roof rails on Lower Green Health Centre) and work being started on sites without Listed Building Approval or even Planning Consent.

In a number of situations, some of which the council is involved in pre-planning discussions with the developer (which are confidential), work has commenced on the site before any approvals have been given. It is often only as a result of keen observation by local residents that the council is being made aware of actions on sites being prematurely started in contradiction of planning guidelines.

In many cases, eg listed cottages opposite the Lower Green Health Centre, the council has been reluctant to take action when these planning violations have been notified. A happy exception to this is Avenue House where local residents, supported by Councillor Sohail Khan, have been able to force the council to stop groundworks at this site, which is a site of some scientific interest as well as a listed building, and where the contractor had begun dumping building waste on the site. Residents are advised to keep a keen eye out for Planning and Listed Building violations of this kind and notify the TCF and Ward Councillors of their concerns.

STEERING GROUP UPDATE

At the eleventh hour Neal Kelshaw (NK) was advised by Ian Culley of Wolverhampton City Council that although the council supports the registration and approval of a Neighbourhood Forum for Tettenhall, particularly in relation to a new Neighbourhood Plan which will be required in the 2026 timescale, he cannot yet approve our application because there is another application issued in the name of local Ward Councillors and the council can only approve one Neighbourhood Forum for this purpose. An urgent activity has been undertaken by Robin Hacking (RH) to address this problem by consolidating the two applications. The Wightwick Councillors have already expressed their strong support for combining the two initiatives so that the Trust's registration can proceed and RH is seeking the similar approval of the Regis Councillors for this solution to the problem.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Love Your Community Meeting

This meeting, which took place on 10th April at Wolverhampton Cricket Club, was well attended. Rather than repeat here the details of the meeting I am attaching a list of helpful website contact details supplied by Chris Jellyman post meeting to provide further assistance for residents.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.15.

The next Forum meeting will take place on Thursday 8th May 2025 at the Parish Rooms starting at 6.30pm.

Outline agenda for next meeting:

- APOLOGIES
- MATTERS ARISING
- PRESENTATION BY BECKY CRESSWELL AND RACHEL ARNOLD ON 910 AD BATTLES
- STEERING GROUP UPDATE
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY MEETING 10th APRIL 2024
Via Chris Jellyman

My Tomorrow Campaign

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/community/my-tomorrow>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0029vpd/midlands-today-evening-news-09042025> - Skip to 8 minutes 19 seconds for the Midlands Today report.

Mandem Meetup – Men's Mental Health Charity which meet at Little Earth every Wednesday at 6.30pm.

<https://www.mandemmeetup.org/whats-happening>

Community Litter Picking

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/environment-and-climate/street-care-and-cleaning/community-involvement>

St John Ambulance – Please get in touch with Chris Jellyman if you would like them to come to your group and do some demonstrations and basic first aid.

<https://www.sja.org.uk/>

Police info

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-midlands-police/tettenhall-penn-merry-hill-and-oxley/?yourlocalpolicingteam=policing-priorities>

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/operation-snap/>

<https://www.wmnow.co.uk/>

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/your-commissioner/police-crime-plan/>

You can email the Tettenhall team, but this is not to report crimes. Please call 999 in an emergency, 101 for non-emergencies, or report online <https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/> This is the email for the Tettenhall Team -tettenhall@westmidlands.police.uk

Wolverhampton ASB Team

<https://www.wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk/help-support/anti-social-behaviour/>

Scams and Fraud Advice

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/community/scams-advice>

<https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/>

Memory Café – Events taking place at Tettenhall Institute every month for free – Details below and on the attached photo.

https://www.facebook.com/WolverhamptonGrand/photos/our-memory-caf%C3%A9-is-expanding-we-are-thrilled-to-be-launching-our-brand-new-memor/1085243040309395/?_rdr

<https://www.grandtheatre.co.uk/access/>

https://win.wolverhampton.gov.uk/kb5/wolverhampton/directory/service.page?id=GF_eOlVuag70&adultchannel=8

Free IT Lessons at Bantock Park

<https://win.wolverhampton.gov.uk/kb5/wolverhampton/directory/service.page?id=gWVusHbKnP4>

Friends of Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve Information

[Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve | Wolverhampton | Facebook](#)

Wolves Foundation – lots of free events for all ages

[Youth Engagement - Wolves Foundation](#)

[Foundation launch new Kick Off project - Wolves Foundation](#)

<https://foundation.wolves.co.uk/what-we-do/>