

Ballymoney Community Forum

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 8 June 2011.

1. Apologies

2. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Bryan Edgar for coming to speak to the forum.

3. Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 16 March 2011 were agreed.

4. Safer Bonfires

Mr Bryan Edgar gave a presentation on Ballymoney Borough Council's Safer Bonfire initiative. The scheme demonstrated that since it was introduced Bonfires had become less contentious, safer and more environmentally friendly. The talk ended with a request to members to pass the word on and to encourage more groups to take part in the scheme.

5. Matters Arising

Constable Ricky Black is monitoring the parking issue in the Newal Rd and the abuse of the one way system at Hillview & Armstrong Drive.

Sight lines at Ballybrakes Industrial Estate are still being looked at and it was stressed that trees only need trimmed NOT cut down. **Steps being taken to establish ownership of the land.**

Neighbourhood Watch – Since the last meeting a number of groups and individuals have expressed an interest in setting schemes up. Sergeant Gary McMaster is available to go and talk to groups to help further promote this initiative.

Concern was expressed about the amount of horse and dog fouling that has appeared on the street in Stranocum. Ballymoney Borough Council to be informed to see if owner(s) responsible could be identified.

A number of representatives stated that their area was quiet and free from any major antisocial issues.

PSNI update:

Police gave an update on overall Crime Statistics for the Borough showing a significant drop from last year.

It was explained that information received from Ballymoney Community Forum meetings and from policing surgeries throughout the Borough will now be logged on to PSNI website. Those who visit the site will see what the issues are and what the PSNI have done.

An update on the new police station was given, builders have now moved on to the site.

6. AOB

It was agreed to invite someone to speak on drugs and alcohol at future meetings. As these were both big issues it was decided to have them discussed over two nights.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 September 2011** at 7.30pm in Ballymoney Town Hall.