

**NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

Name of Forum: Nascot Ward

Membership: Councillors Jeanette Aron; Mark Hofman; Mark Watkin

Activities during 2014/15

Meetings

Date of Meeting: 3rd February 2015

Publicity

Agenda Leaflet Delivery to all homes in Nascot Ward
Posters on Residents Noticeboards
Agendas sent to residents via Residents Associations E-Newsletters

Number of people in attendance (excluding invitees below)

90

Other invitees

Howard Oldstein, General Manager of Intu Watford
e.g. Council officers, Mayor. Police, HCC etc. David Swan, Hertfordshire County Council Highways
Sgt. Adam Wills, Watford Neighbourhood Team
Representatives of all the major Residents Associations in the Ward

Topics covered

The future for Charter Place
Courtland's Drive/Hempstead Road plus other highway matters.
Police Report
Reports from the Residents' Associations (Courtlands Residents Association; Ridge Residents Association; Nascot Grange Residents Association, Nascot Residents Association.)

Details of any costs associated with the meeting

e.g. venue hire , sound equipment etc.

Comments

Agenda Printing - £235.25

Agenda Delivery by D2D - £425

Hire of Holy Rood School Hall - £45

Minutes for the meeting - £0

A very successful meeting. Our Agenda attracted a wide range of attendees.

These forums are so useful in gauging what really matters to our residents. Those that attend gain an insight into what we are trying to achieve on their behalf and also allows our residents to have a voice with issues that are of concern to them. For those residents that are unable to attend often a fellow resident is their conduit.

The presentation by the General Manager of Intu proved very popular with many questions from the floor. It was clear that Intu's plans are generally popular.

By having Highways officers in attendance particularly when discussing the state of the roads and local highways issues helps in providing residents with more detail and knowledge of what can be being done to try to tackle areas of concern.

The neighbourhood police sergeant and his team of police officers have always been fully engaged in our ward community life and provide excellent support to us all. They come to offer practical advice about community safety, share where they can any concerns they have about problems within the ward, they provide us with the statistics about crime in our locality and Borough wide. They also promote OWL messaging and the Neighbourhood Watch. It was reassuring to hear that Nascot remains one of the Wards with the lowest incidence of crime in the Borough.

Our resident associations are important to us and are a really wonderful way for residents who feel they can to take an active part in community life. Their work is invaluable and very much appreciated by us and it rare for them to have a platform to present themselves to our community and attract new members.

Projects

Project	Costs	Comments
Lunch Club venue costs	£432	Hire of Cheslyn House once a month for a year
Hire of Recital Hall for 3 x Nascot Grange residents meetings	£94.50	The ward team, particularly Councillor Aron worked hard to establish a residents association at Nascot Grange to help them address a wide range of issues affecting them and the community's use of their site. These meetings were held to help establish the association
Funding on new plantings in North Watford Playing Field – Dell Woods	£56.00	The Ridge Range Association has worked assiduously to improve the woodland in North Watford Playing Fields. This was a donation to help fund additional shrubs for the woodland.
Repair of sculpture in Willow Grange public area	£225	This iconic sculpture is located in the public space at the front of Woodland Grange and needed repairing.
Nascot Residents Association Noticeboard in Stamford Road playground	£500	The Nascot Residents Association is long established but lacks funds for capital projects. This grant helped them communicate better with their residents through this noticeboard.
Installation of cycle hoops	£270	Located around the ward.
Assistance in purchasing banners for Courtlands Residents Association	£200	These will be used to help publicise the CRA at its various events, most notably its annual fun day.
Signed.	Councillor 1 Mark Watkin Councillor 2 Mark Hofman Councillor (Jeanette Aron)	

Date 14th August 2015

