Community Association – District Councillors Report March

365 Evening Service

We have had confirmation that the bus route service is back on. This is also being monitored by Travel Safe team. If anyone discovers the service has stopped again, please let us know and we will investigate.

Southport to Piccadilly Line Changes:

We have been In discussion with MP Lisa Nandy and have submitted letter outlining our concerns with Arriva Rail North. We have offered to arrange and host a public consultation meeting in Shevington, allowing for the operator to explain the rationale behind this proposal and also to hear from residents.

We are also to be included in a meeting with Arriva North/Wigan Council's Chief Exec and Senior Managers and Lisa Nandy MP and will update you of any progress.

ASB/Leaflets

ASB Leaflets – We have had 5,000 leaflets printed that highlights the ASB number 101. We have removed the Shevington title and made it generic.

Our plan is to distribute some to the Parish Council (as requested) so they can deliver them as appropriate, we will hold a stock of these in our room in Shevington Library and if we get reports of ASB hot spots around the ward we will deliver them accordingly. If anyone wants to help deliver them, just let us know.

ASB Update – we understand that things have quietened down significantly. Although we will continue to monitor the situation, we urge residents to be vigilant an report anything via 101.

Brighter Borough Funding

A full list of BB spending for every Councillor is available on the Council website and recently in the paper. We have just funded free exercise classes by 'Zenith' to be held on the Rec this start in early April and hopefully continue. We support this scheme as it fits nicely with our ongoing work with Heart of Wigan/Get Wigan moving.

We will ask the instructor if she is willing to come and talk to the CA.

Heart of Wigan Update

We have 2 x external cabinets going up soon- Appley Bridge (Pharmacy), Shevington Moor (Silver Tally), we also have a cabinet for Crooke awaiting installation but this is being handled by CVRA and is still in progress.

We are also running CPR sessions in the Library, usually Monday 6-7pm. We will circulate a schedule from May onwards.

Investment/Vicarage Lane Playing Fields

We have secured £50,000 of funding for an off-street car park to enable playing fields/ allotments project to move on to next phase.

Needless to say this is very pleasing for us and the project, as it will now allow for other funding streams to be investigated. This is no small amount given the financial climate Wigan Council finds it self in with a further £60million in cuts to come, but it is a clear indication that Wigan council recognise the fantastic community spirit of Shevington and District and made their support for our community groups and volunteers very clear in the meeting.

Please note: There will be no formal report in April due to elections, we will submit a full report at May's meeting.

Regards

Damian, Mike and Paul.