



To all Local Area Forum Residents

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Our Ref: LAFs

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Dear Resident

New ways of engaging with Communities and getting things done

I am writing to you as somebody who receives information about your local Area Forum and wanted to inform you of a very important new approach to engaging with communities that Wyre Council has recently taken.

We want to focus on encouraging local people to take more pride in their neighbourhoods and do more to shape services and want to work even closer with existing residents associations, parish and town councils. These groups will now be used to drive forward positive ideas for neighbourhood issues. We want to focus on getting things done. We want to work together with communities to improve neighbourhoods and to take pride in them as good places to live.

The Wyre Strategic Partnership, which in the past has organised the Residents' Forums, is presently undergoing a restructure and in the future will no longer have the capacity to arrange these meetings. Attendance of the quarterly meetings has fallen significantly in the past year and the focus has shifted towards information giving by public bodies instead of getting things done. One off meetings to discuss specific issues will still be held and I would hope the forums will still continue where local residents want to take ownership.

So if you would like to know about any future plans for continuation of your forum, you must contact the Chairman or Vice Chairman by e-mail (details at the end of this letter) as your details are held in a confidential database and will not be passed onto a third party.

I would like to thank you for your participation in the area forums and very much hope you will continue to be involved with your neighbourhood via the existing structures such as your local residents' group, parish council, or town council, with whom we will be working closely.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Gibson".

Cllr Peter Gibson,

Leader, Wyre Council

Forum Chair and Vice Chair details

Forum	Chair	Vice Chair
Fleetwood	Rebecca Murdoch rebecca.murdoch@sky.com	None. Fleetwood Town Council have a session where attendees can speak and any issues can be addressed through the Town Council
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