Notes

Chadderton North PACT

28th July 2009
North Chadderton School - Upper Building

Present: Angela Longsden Neighbourhood Manager, OMBC
         Cllr Philip Rogers Elected Member
         Cllr Len Quinn Elected Member
         Eric Trigg Co-optee
         Colin Jackson Community Safety Unit, OMBC
         Tony Hynes Community Safety Unit, OMBC
         David Benning Casualty Reduction, Unity Partnership
         Debbie Lyons Integrated Youth Services, OMBC
         Ian Monaghan Street Scene, OMBC
         Julian Hawkins Street Scene, OMBC
         Mike Beaman Housing 21
         Debbie Pickering FCHO
         Inspector Willcocks Greater Manchester Police (GMP)
         Rachel Pressdee GMP
         Lucy Hennessy GMP
         Eileen Dunnion GMP
         Adele Brown GMP
         Sarah Ward GMP
         Mark Johnson Resident
         Mr & Mrs Wolstencroft Resident x 2
         David Saville Resident
         M L Greenwood Resident
         Ian and Wendy Connor Resident x 2
         Pam & Pete Mason Resident
         Hannah Rodger & M Beati Resident x 2
         Kath Cureen Resident
         Mike Lawson Resident

Apologies: Tony Tomlinson Co-optee
           Cllr Jack Hulme Councillor Oldham Council

Election of Chair

Tony Tomlinson was elected as Chair however, in his absence, Cllr Rogers Chaired the meeting today.

Action: To inform Tony of the above
Police Update

The Police’s current priority is ASDA and the precinct. The area is suffering from young people causing annoyance, drinking alcohol and verbally abusing passers by. Work so far has included the Youth Bus in ASDA car park, increased Police presence who have moved YP on. Chadderton Hall Park is also being given Police attention due to fights in the Park. The fights seem to be between young males from Middleton and local young males. As such, Inspector Willcocks has secured funds for staff overtime at peak times during the summer and into autumn. Police records show a small increase in burglaries in the Firwood Park area and bottom of Middleton Road.

Overall, crime figures are in the ‘green’ target (green being positive) for the first time in two years for the month of May and June.

Town Centre Issues Raised

- Attendees requested floral displays
- Civic buildings need full protection when they become vacant and exploration in to what community use could be provided in them
- Public want to be kept informed about plans for the town centre as they have been consulted but not had feedback
- Provision of a weekly market stemming from the successful Christmas market
- People felt there was a lack of cafes, restaurants and take-aways
- Lack of night life and current public houses are poor
- Smaller units in the town centre for new starter businesses
- Question raised about the location of the new health centre?
- Alleygating for Butterworth St

Other issues Rose

Youth

- Chadderton Hall Park and youths drinking alcohol, can an alcohol exclusion zone be provided?
- Chadderton F.C has groups of youths congregating in the ground at night
- Can Groundwork have joint working with Probation
- Park Estate near the shops highlighted as a problem area

Environment

- Chadderton Hall Rd / Burnley Lane – speeding cars
- Gritting is poor due to categorising in to A, B roads etc
- Why are grit bins left in situ? Draw attention by youths
- Litter – should maintain parks and general grassed areas
- A lot of litter near take-aways
- Street Scene Team to be more proactive in targeting people who are responsible for littering
• Improved contact service to Council, one number for contact to all departments
• Not enough of a response to recorded answer-phone message
• More work with eco schools
• Compost is not currently re-cycled
• Additional work not done such as collecting grass after if has been cut
• Request for grass cutting in communal areas to be increased to 4 times per year
• Weed prevention – has spraying been done this season?
• Dog fouling – request for dog foul dispense bags

Highways

• Pot holes not filled when reported, no Highways representative at meeting
• Paving stones lifting up and are dangerous
• Restrictions of traffic on Chadderton Park Road
• Double Decker buses still on Rydal Avenue – however, feedback came from David Benning that an application to change this route has been submitted and is being processed
• Speeding at ‘out of school hours’ (particularly weekends) along Chadderton Pk Rd to ‘beat’ the lights at the junction where Chadderton Hall Pk turns to Burnley Ln
• Alleygating

School Safety Zone

• Single yellow lines currently abused on bend where Chadderton Pk Rd turns into Bunrley Lane, and will be even more so when the Safety Zone is implemented/improved – suggest official ‘drop off’ zone included in re-development of the school
• Parents parking on grass verges when dropping off school children at bend where Chadd Pk Rd turns to Burnley Ln
• Residents said they felt Highways should be represented at future meetings

Action: To invite Highways to future meetings

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 28th October, 7pm-9pm, Venue to be confirmed
Chadderton Central PACT
23rd July 2009
Apfel Lane Community Centre
7pm

Present:  
Angela Longsden  Neighbourhood Manager, OMBC
Anne Sillince  First Choice Homes
B Brownridge  Co-optee
Cllr C McClaren  Councillor - Oldham Council
Cllr J Hudson  Councillor - Oldham Council
Christine Dennis  Co-optee
Colin Jackson  Community Safety Unit, OMBC
Graham Owens  First Choice Homes
Inspector D Willcocks  Greater Manchester Police (GMP)
Julie Miller  Integrated Youth Services, OMBC
Joyce Lord  Co-optee
Ian Monaghan  Street Scene, OMBC
Nicola Melvin  Radclyffe School
PCSO Christine Gee  GMP
PCSO Ian Dalziel  GMP
PCSO Lisa Podmore  GMP
Rachel Wallbank  St Luke’s Children’s Centre
Tony Hynes  Community Safety Services, OMBC
Christine Gee  GMP
Mark Galvin  Resident
Janet McLaren  Resident
John Shaw  Resident
Mike Lawson  Resident
Mark Johnson  Resident

Apologies:  Cllr J Hulme  Councillor - Oldham Council

Lead - Christine Dennis

Police Update

Ian Hope, Local Community Beat Manager will be usually attend. Great cohesion in Central Chadderton. Plenty of Resident’s groups forming and bidding for money, doing things for themselves which encourages cohesion, reduces fear of crime, brings the community together etc. Recent street parties on many streets, lots of good news stories lifting moral. Unfortunately crime has risen in Firwood Park in terms of burglaries.

FADRA help set up a group in Coalshaw Green Road, same as Lucera Close. 18 out of 21 street parties. Good news stories, increase in crime at FWD Park.

Issues from workshop 1

Crossing at Broadway/Hunt Lane Junction
- Kids crossing to go to school from Hunt Lane / Broadway New Crossing
  - Feedbacks from the school – school staff routinely monitor the crossing at school start and finish times (8 staff at each time).
Response from Cllr McLaren: Review GMP presence pending highway safety audit

Publicity of PACT Meetings:

- FCHO suggested that there be a Community Radio at a more local level than Ward
- Police suggested a Bluetooth Machine to advertise meetings or events to local people’s mobile phones
- Advertise via dustbin men, leaving posters on bins etc
- Questionnaire on back of leaflets advertising PACT, through letterboxes with 3 Main points:
  - Facilities & Activities
  - Clean & Green
  - Community Safety
- Publicity, picture of something the PACT has done to show that it can work using before and after pictures on the publicity. Suggestion: Clean canal via Community Pay Back Scheme
- Would like meetings more localised than at Ward level
- Advertise through Homewatch, resident’s Associations, The ROC, Children’s Centre, Apfel Ln, Schools – cluster meetings, Life Channel, Youth Forum, Youth Services, ASDA, Age Concern, Over 60’s club, Help the Aged
- Put a small leaflet/bookmark in every book that people hire from the library
- Local Radio/Community Radio/Revolution Radio
- Generally raise the profile of the meetings

Facilities
Community buildings e.g schools stay open and night for community use without hire charge – there seems to be a perception that such buildings are Council owned and charging for hire is somewhat questionable

Draft Plan Issues:
Facility Development (Youths)
Chadderton Library
Police Station
Firwood Park – no facilities to meet (funding)

Issues from Workshop 2

- Canal needs cleaning up/footpaths worn, verge and access points overgrown. Would like to see floral displays around the lock
- Chadderton Precinct – needs flowers and tidy up, disseminate the effect from Oldham Town Centre (street furniture etc)
- Alleygating, weakness at Morton Street
- Nells Hollow – needs tidying up
- Concern about Chadderton Town Heritage site, Police Station, library, baths etc
- Proposed Chadderton Technology Park – progress site/unsightly/deteriorating
- Arkwright St tip – is this a permanent site? Needs to be more efficient ie better access, better way of dumping (eg not getting in way of other cars using the facility)
After the workshop segment, Cllr McLaren commented on the £100,000 pilot money saying that ways to match fund would be useful and support local resources

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 22nd October 2009, 6.30pm, Foxdenton Hall, Foxdenton Park, Foxdenton Lane, Chadderton M24 1QW**
South Chadderton PACT

29th July 2009
Washbrook Community Centre, Nelson Way, Chadderton
7pm

Present:

Angela Longsdon Neighbourhood Manager, OMBC
Cllr Hibbert Elected Member, OMBC
Cllr Wrigglesworth Elected Member, OMBC
Tony Hynes Community Safety Unit (CSU), OMBC
Colin Jackson CSU, OMBC
Ian Monaghan Street Scene, OMBC
Cathy McKee Children’s Centre, Stanley Rd School
Charlotte Greenbank Children’s Centre, Stanley Rd School
Julian Hawkins Street Scene, OMBC
Dave Wilson OASIS
Inspector Willcocks Greater Manchester Police (GMP)
Steve Pickering GMP
Anne-Marie Waby-Smith GMP
Lisa Holdsworth First Choice Homes (FCHO)
Graham Owens FCHO
Dawn Fox Groundwork
Cllr Rogers Observing
Barbara Wilson Resident and Chair
G Queenan Resident
R & J King Resident x 2
D Gilliburn Resident
Michael Lawson Resident
Trevor Taylor Resident
Steve Lynch Resident
Warren Hearder Resident
Paula & T Whitehead Resident x 2
P Richardson Resident
Pat Orwell Resident
P Gill Resident
D Sawley Resident
Zoe Semple Resident
Sylvia Spencer Resident

Apologies:
Cllr Rogers Elected Members, OMBC

Miscellaneous Workshop

- Reroute 415 to enable residents down Foxdenton Lane etc to access Chadderton Town Centre. Presently misses out Chadderton Centre and goes down Lansdowne Rd (an increasingly depressing area. This is more important now with the impending opening of the new Well-being Centre.
• Lack of blooms/flowers in Chadderton Centre

• Broadway library as a Centre for residents’ groups, children’s activities and also including a library. Some people thought if it was called a ‘Community Centre’ it gave the ‘wrong impression’

• Lack of flowers in South Chadderton (although not a priority)

**Street Scene Workshop**

• Dog fouling on Long Lane

• Litter on bridge to South Chadderton school

• No plants/colour in Chadderton Centre

• General condition of Owler Lane/Hollinwood Ave and Broadway and land at bottom of Granby Street

• Potholes on Richmond Avenue

• Park – Coalshaw Green security aren’t stopping kids causing damage to the bowling green

• Granby Street – Park area suffers from youths causing annoyance/drinking, damage to allotments, noise nuisance. Off license is currently closed

• Thompson Lane – gates, youths, damage to cars/property, possible drugs

• Sycamore Ave – youths causing annoyance
  
  • *Ian Monaghan* – To pass issues re: Granby Street onto Parks Dept.
  • Ian - to liaise with Cllr Hibbert re: Highways re: Broadway
  • Ian- To inform Pact members re: the Competition re: Designing posters

**Community Safety Workshop**

• Thompson Lane – back entry between 36 and 56 – anti-social behaviour, drug problems, tampering with cars. Incident sheets completed. Police complaints gone into GMP. Empty house broken into

• Children climbing on GP Surgery in Fields New Rd to get access, also accessing building site. Alley gates would go a long way to preventing some behaviour

• Leslie Ave – Alleygates also required. Residents want it done sooner rather than at the end of the development. Residents want money to be allocated by local Councillors for this project. Lobby through these minutes. Officer said there is no legal barrier to this scheme and he can do the consultation

• Alcester St and Henley Street want alleygates to keep area safe and secure
Children and Young People Workshop

- Coalshaw Green Park – benches need to be near skate park near (so mum’s can keep an eye on their children)
- Floodlights needed on MUGA and tennis courts
- Need another play area (swings etc) for older YP – to stop them going on disabled swing
- Skate Pk needs more ramps etc and rubbish bins next to it
- Need to be able to use the toilets during the day, night (up to 7pm or later) and at weekends
- The residents and YP should have been consulted on the Sensory Garden beforehand. Who chose it and what is it?
- Park needs a shelter for YP from the rain and teen shelters for safety and somewhere to go
- To extend the pavilion and open it at night for community use
- To extend the hours the security guards
- To have an area for dog walkers with a fence around it, because the dog fouling left on the grass is horrible. Like all of the parks in Manchester
- To open the park in Winter for longer, not to lock the gates at 4pm
- Feedback on comments made regarding flower beds/baskets on Broadway
  Suggestion: Could involve children, young people and families, Schools, Sure agencies etc, to design big flags for lamp posts about Chadderton. This would last longer than flowers and look better and be relevant to Chadderton and won't need maintenance.

Children’s Centre
Want to extend their provision and services within the community, Stanley Road. I. evenings and weekends and also to link with other partner agencies. Residents would like a Christmas tree in South Chadderton.

Junior Youth Club @ South Chadderton Church
Young people would like to be able to have another night for the young ones to access.

Education Workshops for young people

Learning about safety, crime ASB etc, i.e. motorbike/mechanics - not riding them. To set up Youth Homewatch areas and parks and streets with the police etc.

Comment from resident: could youth service bring back the mobile buzz on Granby Street, to deal with young people on the streets and direct them to something positive.
- **Comment from resident**: could Broadway Library be opened as a community centre and be available for tenants and resident groups to use, because it is a mess, all boarded up. An eye sore.

- **Comment from resident**: Turf Lane, library is a joke.

**Date of next meeting**

27th October 2009, 7pm, South Chadderton Youth Centre, Lancaster Street, Chadderton OL9 8LE