



***FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
Agenda***

Date Thursday 1 August 2013

Time 7.00 pm

Venue Failsworth Town Hall, Oldham Road, Failsworth, M35 0FJ

- Notes
1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Paul Entwistle or Steve Garratt at least 24 hours before the meeting.
 2. CONTACT OFFICER for this Agenda is Steven Garratt Tel. 0161 770 5151 or email steven.garratt@oldham.gov.uk
 3. DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR is John Norris, tel. 0161 770 5025 or email john.norris@oldham.gov.uk
 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - Any member of the public wishing to ask a question at the above meeting can do so only if a written copy of the question is submitted to the contact officer no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Councillors Ames (Vice-Chair), Batty, Briggs, Dawson, Fielding (Chair), Garry, McMahon, Stretton and Williams

Item No

1 Apologies For Absence

2 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair.

3 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

4 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5 Minutes of Previous Meetings (Pages 1 - 4)

The minutes of the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive held on 6th June 2013 are attached for approval.



6 Petitions

This is a standing item relating to Petitions received relating to the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive area for consideration by the District Executive in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme. No new petitions have been received, and two petitions previously referred for investigation are included on the agenda for consideration.

7 Petition: Pole Lane, Failsworth (Pages 5 - 20)

The purpose of this paper is to consider a petition submitted to the Failsworth District Executive for the removal of through traffic from Pole Lane, Failsworth.

8 Petition: Request for Residents Parking - Beech Street, Failsworth (Pages 21 - 34)

The purpose of this paper is to consider a petition submitted to the Council for the introduction of residents only parking within Beech Street, Failsworth.

9 Failsworth and Hollinwood District Budget Report (Pages 35 - 44)

To advise the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive of the funding from the budget 2013-2014 which has been either committed or already spent. (See Appendix A) and the funding available to spend during the remainder of 2013/14. The District Executive will also be asked to consider funding a number of projects or pieces of work (see Appendix B and C).

10 District Updates (Pages 45 - 58)

Update reports to note from the following agencies Highways, Regeneration and Police (attached).
Citizens Advice Bureau report to be tabled at the meeting.

11 Failsworth Food Market (Pages 59 - 60)

To provide information with regard to operation of a producers market in Failsworth

12 Make the Most of Your Money (Pages 61 - 64)

To provide the District Partnership with an update on the Make the most of your money event held at Mather Street School on 11th July 2013.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive will take place on Thursday, 1st August 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Please note that the previously scheduled meeting for Tuesday 5th November 2013, has been moved to Tuesday 12th November 2013.



Present: Councillor Fielding (Chair)
Councillors Ames, Batty, Briggs, Garry, McMahon, Stretton and Williams

Also in Attendance:

Emma Alexander	Executive Director, Commercial Services
Carol Brown	Assistant Executive Director, Environment
Steven Garratt	Constitutional Services
John Norris	District Co-ordinator

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dawson.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair agreed to consider an Item of Urgent Business – Petition for residents parking, Beech Street, Failsworth, as a matter of urgency in order to avoid delays in dealing with the petition.

The Item was considered at Item 8 on the agenda.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Ames be elected Vice Chair of the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

One public question had been received from Warren Bates regarding safety improvements to the road layout at Failsworth District Centre.

The Chair and Councillor Briggs responded that proposals for improving the pedestrian safety and vehicle movements were being prepared and delays were related to land not in Council ownership. The Chair also informed the questioner that he would receive a written response within 5 working days.

RESOLVED that the question raised and the response given be noted.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Partnership and the Finance Sub-Committee meetings held on 21st March 2013 be approved as a correct record.

7 **DISTRICT EXECUTIVE WORKING**

The District Executive received a report that outlined the Constitutional changes that related to District Executives. Areas highlighted included the changes to the format of the meeting, the Community Call-In Pilot, the Petition Process and Traffic Regulation Order approvals.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

8 **PETITIONS**

The District Executive considered two petitions in line with the petitions protocol:

- Pole Lane, Failsworth: Request for permanent road closure.
- Beech Street, Failsworth: Request for residents parking.

RESOLVED that:

1. The petition for permanent road closure at Pole Lane, Failsworth, be referred to the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, to investigate the request and produce a report for the District Executive.
2. The petition for residents parking at Beech Street, Failsworth, be referred to the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, to investigate the request and produce a report for the District Executive, ensuring the surrounding streets be taken into account.

9 **FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD BUDGET REPORT
2012/2013**

The District Executive considered a report advising of the breakdown of funding expenditure during 2012/13; the funding available to spend during 2013/14, and; sought consideration of funding for a number of projects and areas of work. Revised financial implications were circulated at the meeting.

Members expressed concern that both the original and revised financial figures in relation to Councillor's individual budgets were incorrect.

RESOLVED that:

1. The funding allocations made by the District Partnership in 2012/13 be noted.
2. The funding available for the District Executive for 2013/14 be noted.
3. The allocation of £1,100 for the provision of a Christmas Tree in Hollinwood be approved.

4. The allocation of £1,100 for the provision of a Christmas Tree in Failsworth be approved.
5. The allocation of £300 for the provision of a refreshments in Hollinwood be approved.
6. The allocation of £600 for the provision of a refreshments in Failsworth be approved.
7. The allocation of £400 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree in Hollinwood be approved.
8. The allocation of £400 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree in Failsworth be approved.
9. The allocation of £1,000 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights at Failsworth Pole be approved.
10. The allocation of £1,000 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights at District Town Hall be approved
11. The allocation of £1,210 for the potential provision of utilities to a new Christmas Tree site in Hollinwood be approved
12. The allocation of £3,200 to support one Apprentice in a placement within the District Team be approved.
13. The allocation of £3,200 to support one Apprentice in a placement within the District Environmental Team be approved.
14. The allocation of £2,000 to the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Team for event organisation, refreshments and associated costs be approved.
15. The allocation of £3,000 for material costs for minor work programmes for Failsworth & Hollinwood be approved.
16. The allocation of £13,000 for the continuation of the Citizens Advice Bureau 'Make the most of your money' project be approved.
17. The allocation of £5,000 for supervision costs to support the work of Community Payback within the Failsworth & Hollinwood District be approved.
18. The funding request of £600 to the Hollinwood Together Festival for marquee, chairs and tables hire be approved.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillors Stretton and Williams be appointed to Contour.
2. Councillor Batty be appointed to Failsworth Old People's Welfare Association
3. Councillor Fielding be appointed as Youth Champion.

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DISTRICT UPDATES

The District Executive considered district updates relating to Highways, Police, Regeneration and the Citizens Advice Money Matters Project.

Discussions took place regarding:

- Highways: It was reported that there were schemes to be identified from the Ward allocations, and that Ward Members would meet to agree a way forward regarding the funding. A request was also made to include updates on suggested schemes, even if they were still being looked into. Councillor McMahon verbally outlined a need

for funding to be allocated to the Norman Street / Wesley Street Social Regeneration Pilot in Failsworth.

- Police: The Chair reported that regular briefings would be arranged with the Chair and the District Inspector with an open invitation to members of the District Executive to attend and raise concerns. It was requested that the format of the police report changes to reflect concerns raised by members, and it would be agreed with the Chair prior to being included on the agenda. Concern was also raised regarding the relationship between the District Inspector and the police in the area.
- Citizens Advice Money Matters Project: Concerns were raised regarding the venue since the Citizens Advice Bureau in Newton Heath had closed, and a request was made for a breakdown in the figures of Manchester residents compared with Oldham Borough residents.
- Regeneration: The Chair reported that he would be meeting with regeneration staff to discuss report content going forward. It was suggested that sites within and around Failsworth Mill and Phoenix industrial estate could be used for alternative community use as part of future re-development. Councillor Briggs was to take up the issue of signage to connect residential areas to the Metrolink.

RESOLVED that

1. The District Updates be noted.
2. The allocation of £15,000 for the Norman Street / Wesley Street Social Regeneration Pilot in Failsworth, be approved.
3. The Chair write a letter on behalf of the District Executive to the District Inspector, with a copy to the Superintendent, expressing concern about community policing and the ongoing relationship with elected members.

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DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members raised that the meeting scheduled for 5th November 2013 had the potential to clash with bonfire night celebrations in the Borough.

RESOLVED that:

1. The dates and times of District Executive meetings for the municipal year 2013/14 be noted.
2. That the Chair, in consultation with Constitutional Services, be delegated to rearrange the date of the meeting scheduled for 5th November 2013.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.38 pm

BRIEFING PAPER FOR FAILSWORTH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Petition: Pole Lane, Failsworth

1 August 2013

Unity Partnership

Officer Contact : Sarah Robinson
Ext. 4377

Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to consider a petition submitted to the Failsworth District Executive for the removal of through traffic from Pole Lane, Failsworth. The petition has been submitted by Mr William Jordan of 8 Pole Lane and has 41 signatures.

Recommendation

It is recommended the District Executive approve that Pole Lane remains a through route.

Petition: Pole Lane, Failsworth**1 Purpose of Paper**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to consider a petition submitted to the Failsworth District Executive for the removal of through traffic from Pole Lane, Failsworth. The petition has been submitted by Mr William Jordan of 8 Pole Lane and has 41 signatures, however only 21 signatures are from residents of Pole Lane. As members of the same household have signed the petition the number of households in agreement amount to 15 properties. The petition is attached at Appendix A and states the following:-

“For the last few weeks the top of Pole Lane, where it joins the A62 Oldham Road, has been closed to traffic because of the National Grid works that are in progress. Since this work was started the residents have noticed a massive improvement in their quality of life in what is historically the centre of and the focal point of Failsworth. We the undersigned feel strongly that we would like the road to remain the same in the future and enhance the conservation area status of Failsworth Pole by blocking off the junction with Oldham Road permanently. This would of course require a residents parking permit scheme to be implemented in order to prevent the end of the lane becoming a car park for the local pubs.

Local taxi drivers were questioned if the changes to the layout, as it is, have caused problems for them during their working day. All drivers questioned said it made no difference and they just used the drive through from Oldham Road across the car park at Tesco, Church Street or Ashton Road West to access Oldham Road and visa versa.

Lorry delivery drivers to Tesco were asked the same question and all responded that it was a minor inconvenience at first, but now access the store via Ashton Road West from either end.

Pole Lane has become a much safer place for the many children that live here since the road has been blocked, we as families feel safe letting them play around the Pole as children should and wish this to continue. At the moment, we don't have endure speeding cars, ambulances or police car flashing lights/sirens at all hours of the day and night and visitors have been able to call and park for short periods. Everyone who passes, including the community police officers, have commented how peaceful and pleasant it is at the this moment in time. The officers have also noted that in their opinion it has not made a difference to the flow of traffic on Oldham Road or any of the surrounding arterial roads.

We respectfully ask that you consider this proposal for the sake of the many people who live on Pole Lane, the future of Pole Lane and the enhancement of the Conservation of the Pole Lane area.”

2 Background

- 2.1 Pole Lane, Failsworth is a residential street which connects the A62 Oldham Road with Ashton Road East / West. Pole Lane is a residential street but is regularly used as a diversion route when works are undertaken on Oldham Road or Ashton Road East / West. Pole Lane also provides unobstructed access to the industrial units located on Thorley Street.
- 2.2 Pole Lane is suitable for the uses described above due to its relatively short length and the existence of waiting restriction which ensures the route is not obstructed by parked vehicles.
- 2.3 The number of routes which provide direct access between Oldham Road and Ashton Road East / West are limited; the main and most preferable route is the direct access onto Ashton Road West from Oldham Road the use of which is controlled by traffic signals. The only other highway routes are Pole Lane and Church Street. The petition also mentions a route through the car park at Tesco, however, as the majority of this area is a parking facility and not public highway it is not considered appropriate to promote this route as a means of access between Oldham Road and Ashton Road West.
- 2.4 Church Street, Failsworth runs parallel with Pole Lane and connects Oldham Road with Ashton Road East. Church Street can be more difficult to negotiate as a motorist, due to the level of on-street parking that takes place. The residential properties along Church Street are terraced with no off-street parking facilities which consequently results in high demand for on-street parking.
- 2.5 Gas Main renewal works are currently being undertaken along Oldham Road, Failsworth, which has resulted in Pole Lane being closed for a temporary period, at its junction with Oldham Road. It is the closure of the Pole Lane that has prompted the residents to submit a petition for the road to be closed permanently. They have made this request as they feel it provides a safer environment for children to play; they also believe the waiting restrictions could be removed which would allow residents to park near to their properties.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 Unfortunately, further to the receipt of the petition, Pole Lane has been re-opened to traffic so it has not been possible to monitor the traffic displacement and how it has affected the other through routes; it is however felt the most convenient and preferred alternative route would be along Church Street. Traffic flows have previously been recorded along Pole Lane and Church Street so an estimate of increased traffic flows along Church Street, can be calculated.
- 4.2 The chart below shows the morning and evening peak average traffic flows along both streets.

- 4.6 If Pole Lane was closed to through traffic consideration could be given to the removal of some of the waiting restrictions and the introduction of residents only parking. However the number of spaces that could be achieved, subject to finance being made available, would be oversubscribed as one space per property could not be accommodated and this would not meet one of the current residents parking criteria.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 A consultation has been undertaken with the Police and Refuse services to determine the effect the closure of Pole Lane would have on their services. Their views are detailed below:-

Greater Manchester Police View

The first concern is that doing this on Pole lane sets a precedent. There is nothing unique about Pole Lane that suggests that this is necessary other than the residents feel it will make their road a more pleasant place to live (it probably would). There are countless roads that could make the same argument and all you end up doing is diverting traffic onto a lesser number of roads which haven't been vocal in requesting closures - where does this stop?

In looking at Pole Lane specifically the Police have the following concerns.

1 - It is wholly inappropriate to consider Tesco's car park as a potential other route. People may use this but it shouldn't under any circumstances be promoted as such - it's a rather tight and very busy car park - not designed to cater for through traffic.

2 - Presumably a large number of vehicles will choose to use Church Street. This, especially at the southern end is unsuited to more traffic due to terraced housing, more junctions and a reduced road width due to parking.

3 - Without providing a turning head it is unlikely a large number of vehicles, bin vans, deliveries etc will be able to turn round and will have to reverse round a bend. This is not a safe or good idea.

4 - The petition only seems to include people from the northern aspect of Pole Lane or who have no immediate benefit to be gained from the proposal. The residents at the southern end of Pole Lane will still be subject to through traffic.

5 - Thorley Lane will also see an increase in traffic - this road really isn't suited to any increase.

6 - If Church Street had to be closed or restricted then this would mean a one mile detour via Ashton Road West / A62. This would not be ideal from a response position and would suggest the fire service would also have concerns in this regards.

It is noted the petition refers to comments made by local community officers. Whilst they are entitled to their own views you should consider response above the official view of the Chief Constable in this matter.

In short, whilst I can see the residents make a good sounding case they have failed to consider the wider implications of this and the closure of the northern end of Pole Lane would in the Chief Constables view have a disproportionate effect on road safety in other less appropriate streets.

Refuse Services View

Further to observations I feel that closing Pole lane at the Oldham Road end would cause significant problems for refuse and recycling collections given that there is no turning head to allow us to drive forward in both directions; the Refuse Collection Vehicles would have to reverse a significant distance which is not desirable as we try to minimise reversing manoeuvres wherever possible for safety reasons.

6 Ward Councillors Views

6.1 Ward Councillors views:

Councillor J McMahon - I support the recommendation to refuse the closure of Pole Lane.

Pole Lane is part of the wider highway infrastructure and cannot be looked at in isolation. Closing Pole Lane would see traffic diverted down Church Street which is already very congested and would need parking restrictions to cope with the increased volume of traffic. The alternative would be to encourage traffic to cut through the Tesco car park. This is already very unsafe due to the dangerous bends and lack of separation between vehicle and pedestrian movements.

Those who live on Pole Lane have always experienced traffic flow and anyone of the streets off Oldham Road could make the case for a road closure. In fact I suspect there would be more merit in closing Church Street rather than Pole Lane, although this is not something which I would support either for the same reasons.

Councillor N Briggs and Councillor D Dawson – I agree with your recommendations.

7 Any Financial, Legal, Human Resources, Procurement, IT Implications

7.1 None.

8 Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that in view of the difficulties that would result from closing Pole Lane to through traffic, Pole Lane remains open to through traffic.

9. **Appendices**

9.1 Appendix A – A copy of the petition

APPENDIX A
COPY OF PETITION

OMBC
Copies to: Jim McMahon
Norman Briggs
David Dawson

William Jordan
8 Pole Lane
Failsworth
Manchester
M35 9PB

POLE LANE RESIDENTS PETITION

Dear Sirs,

Please find attached a petition which has been signed by 46 people in the space of a few days in support of the Pole Lane residents request to have Pole Lane closed off at the junction with Oldham Road.

People who live on Pole Lane, in the neighbouring streets and further afield visitors to the area have all signed and think it would greatly improve the conservation area around Failsworth Pole.

Myself and the Pole Lane residents hope that you will give this proposal your full support and respect the wishes of the people who live in the Failsworth Pole area.

Yours sincerely and on behalf of the residents,

William Jordan



POLE LANE RESIDENTS REQUEST TO OLDHAM COUNCIL

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<u>RESIDENTS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
W. JORDAN 14	8 POLE LANE FAILSWORTH M35 9
Phillippo I love pole lane closed	5 pole lane fail M35 9pb
Kroyd / child McGuire	6 POLE LN FAILSWOR

RESIDENTSADDRESS

IAN CAMPBELL

7 ASHTON RD, EAST

Jennifer Campbell	7 Ashton Rd East
Steve Collins	6 THE HEATH OVR
J. Hoang	9 POLE LANE
Jeanette Jackson	141 Lane Head Lees Oldham
Alison Thorpe	33 Kingston Rd. Failsworth
N Bracken	44 Warwick Rd Failsworth
Ella Thorpe	33 Kingston Rd. Failsworth
Isobel Bracken	44 Warwick Rd. Failsworth
Tracy Sharp	3 Pole Lane Failsworth
Caroline Mosterska	23 Pole Lane Failsworth

RESIDENTS	ADDRESS
D MURPHY	7 POLE LANE
K MURPHY	7 POLE LANE
Kay Murphy	35 Ashton Rd E
E. Leach	20 Ashton Rd
Dooly	9 Evening St.
M. White	10 Pole Lane
Heg	37 Pole Lane
P Mather	41 Pole Lane
P. M'CARREN.	50 POLE L
P Eckersley	46 POLE LANE
W BROWN	14 Pole Lane.

RESIDENTS	ADDRESS
Jayne McGuinness	4 Pole Ln Fairswick
Bert Guinness	4 Pole Ln Fairswick
Neil McGuinness	4 Pole Lane Fairswick
Karen & Loraine McCall (visitors)	52 Littlebrook Rd Sale
Maddie McCall (visitors)	13 Dalton St Fairswick
Jeanne & Darren Conner's family (visitors)	Eldwick Rd Bingley
KAREN WATKINS-BOOTH	19 POLE LANE
Aaron Marsden	16, pole lane
Michelle Lockett	54 Parkington Street Jlw.

RESIDENTS

ADDRESS

and	1 Kershaw Road Failsworth M35 9PU
	87 Wimbleton Rd Failsworth M35 9LF
ams	7 Belgrave Failsworth M35 9LN
alt	5 Belgrave Failsworth M35 9LN
JOY	21 POLE LANE FAILSWORTH M35 9PB
IND KERR	11 Pole Ln M35 9PF
Royle	4 Farm St. M35 0JR

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BRIEFING PAPER FOR FAILSWORTH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Petition: Request for Residents Parking - Beech Street, Failsworth

1 August 2013

Unity Partnership

Officer Contact : Sarah Robinson
Ext. 4377

Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to consider a petition submitted to the Council for the introduction of residents only parking within Beech Street, Failsworth. The petition has been submitted by C Harwood and contains 10 signatures.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the District Executive consider if they wish to fund a residents' only parking scheme within the Beech Street area, Failsworth.

Petition: Request for Residents Parking - Beech Street, Failsworth

1 Purpose of Paper

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to consider a petition submitted to the Council for the introduction of residents only parking within Beech Street, Failsworth. The petition has been submitted by C Harwood of 13 Beech Street, contains 10 signatures and is appended at Appendix A. The petition reads as follows:

“The residents of Beech Street would like residents’ parking to be considered again. Apparently, funding was available for this last year, but assume this has since been withdrawn. The request is made on the grounds that, as with Ash Street previously, we have the same amount of two-way traffic and parking problems, being directly off Oldham Road, and we would appreciate fair consideration be made to our request.”

2 Background

- 2.1 Beech Street, Failsworth is a residential street, fronted by terraced property, located directly opposite Failsworth District Centre. Although mainly residential, a hairdressing business is located at the northern end of the street, at its junction with Old Road. Beech Street connects Oldham Road and Old Road and is one of two streets which provides access to a wider residential area. Due to the properties being terraced the residents have very little off-street parking provision and therefore rely on parking within the highway.
- 2.2 Running parallel with Beech Street is Ash Street. Ash Street is also fronted by terraced residential properties and until the introduction of a residents parking scheme in October 2012 (funded by the District Partnership) suffered from high numbers of non-residents vehicles being parked throughout the day and evening; this resulted in the residents having to find parking on nearby streets. The parking problems along Ash Street were generated mainly by the dentist practice located at the junction of Ash Street and Oldham Road.
- 2.3 Further to the introduction of the scheme the residents of Beech Street have contacted the Council to explain they are now suffering the same parking problems, previously experienced within Ash Street, due to displacement from the residents parking scheme. The residents have therefore requested the introduction of residents only parking within Beech Street.

3 Discussion

- 3.1 Prior to the receipt of the petition the residents of Beech Street initially made contact with their Ward Councillors to request the introduction of residents only parking. A draft scheme was produced for the Councillors to consider and observations were undertaken to determine the level of parking along Beech Street and other adjacent streets. The observations revealed that space was always available to park, during the day along Beech Street and Old Road.
- 3.2 The observations also revealed that some of the double yellow lines on Old Road could be removed to increase the on street parking provision in the area. Old Road was previously a through route and required long lengths of double yellow lines to ensure vehicular access could be maintained. However, in March 2001 Old Road was split into two culs-de sac to stop the street being used as a short cut. The double yellow lines were not however removed at this time.
- 3.3 Due to the results of the observations the Ward Members decided the most appropriate course of action to proceed with was the removal of the waiting restrictions; the residents of Beech Street were written to and advised of this decision. Upon receiving the letter some residents of Beech Street made further contact to explain the problems were being experienced in the evening period when residents returned home from work; they explained residents from Oldham Road were using Beech Street to park. The Beech Street residents did not agree with the recommendation to only remove the restrictions and have now petitioned the Council for residents only parking. The removal of the restrictions is however still being progressed through the Council's delegated approval system.
- 3.4 Further to receiving the petition further observations have been undertaken in the area both during the day and in the evening to determine the level of parking along Beech Street and Old Road. Each visit to the area revealed that space was always available for residents to park, but not necessarily directly outside their properties. The photographs attached at Appendix B confirm this.
- 3.5 Whilst Beech Street meets the criteria for residents only parking it would not be appropriate to consider Beech Street on its own. As Ash Street is already subject to residents only parking, any additional schemes in the area should also include Old Road, Elm Street and Grimshaw Street, to avoid any further displaced parking problems. However, it should also be taken into consideration that if the problems along Beech Street are being generated by the Oldham Road residents, residents' only parking will not improve the situation. Residents' only parking schemes only entitle a resident to park within a designated area, they do not allocate the resident the space outside their property. The residents of Oldham Road would be entitled to apply for a permit and would therefore continue to park as they do at present.

- 3.6 A source of funding must also be found for the introduction of residents only parking; the cost of the draft scheme for the Beech Street area is estimated at £10,000; this includes the signing and lining arrangements, advertising costs and the first years permit allocation (assuming two permits per property). It should also be noted at this stage the Council's parking budget can no longer fund future permit issue and a report is currently being drafted to seek guidance on how these funds should be met. Until this matter has been resolved it will not be possible to progress any further residents parking schemes unless funding can be found for future permit issue.

4 The Scheme

- 4.1 The draft scheme comprises of a mixture on-street residents bays, dual function bays which allow visitors to park for a restricted period whilst permit holders are unrestricted. Residents zones are also proposed for Elm Street and Grimshaw Street due to the difficulties in marking bays. A drawing showing the draft scheme is attached at Appendix C.

5 Ward Councillors Views

- 5.1 Ward Councillors have been consulted and no comments were received.

6 Any Financial, Legal, Human Resources, Procurement, IT Implications

- 6.1 The estimated cost of introducing residents only parking within the Beech Street / Old Road area is estimated at £10,000.

7 Recommendation

- 7.1 It is recommended the District Executive advise if they wish for a residents parking scheme to progressed, when the funding of future permits has been addressed, and that funding can be allocated for the scheme implementation.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A – a copy of the petition
8.2 Appendix B – photographic surveys
8.3 Appendix C – a copy of the draft scheme

APPENDIX A
COPY OF PETITION

30/5/13

COUNCILLOR BATTYE,

RE: BEECH ST, FAILSWORTH
REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING

FURTHER TO OUR E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE
AS SUGGESTED BY YOURSELF, I AM
ENCLOSING A PETITION SIGNED BY
THE RESIDENTS' OF BEECH STREET.

WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF CONSIDERATION
COULD BE GIVEN TO OUR REQUEST AND
LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE OUTCOME

Yours sincerely,

Chawwa

APPENDIX B – PHOTOGRAPHS

MORNING (10.30)
BEECH STREET



MORNING (10.30)
OLD ROAD



MORNING (10.30)
OLD ROAD



AFTERNOON (14.30)
BEECH STREET



AFTERNOON (14.30)
OLD ROAD



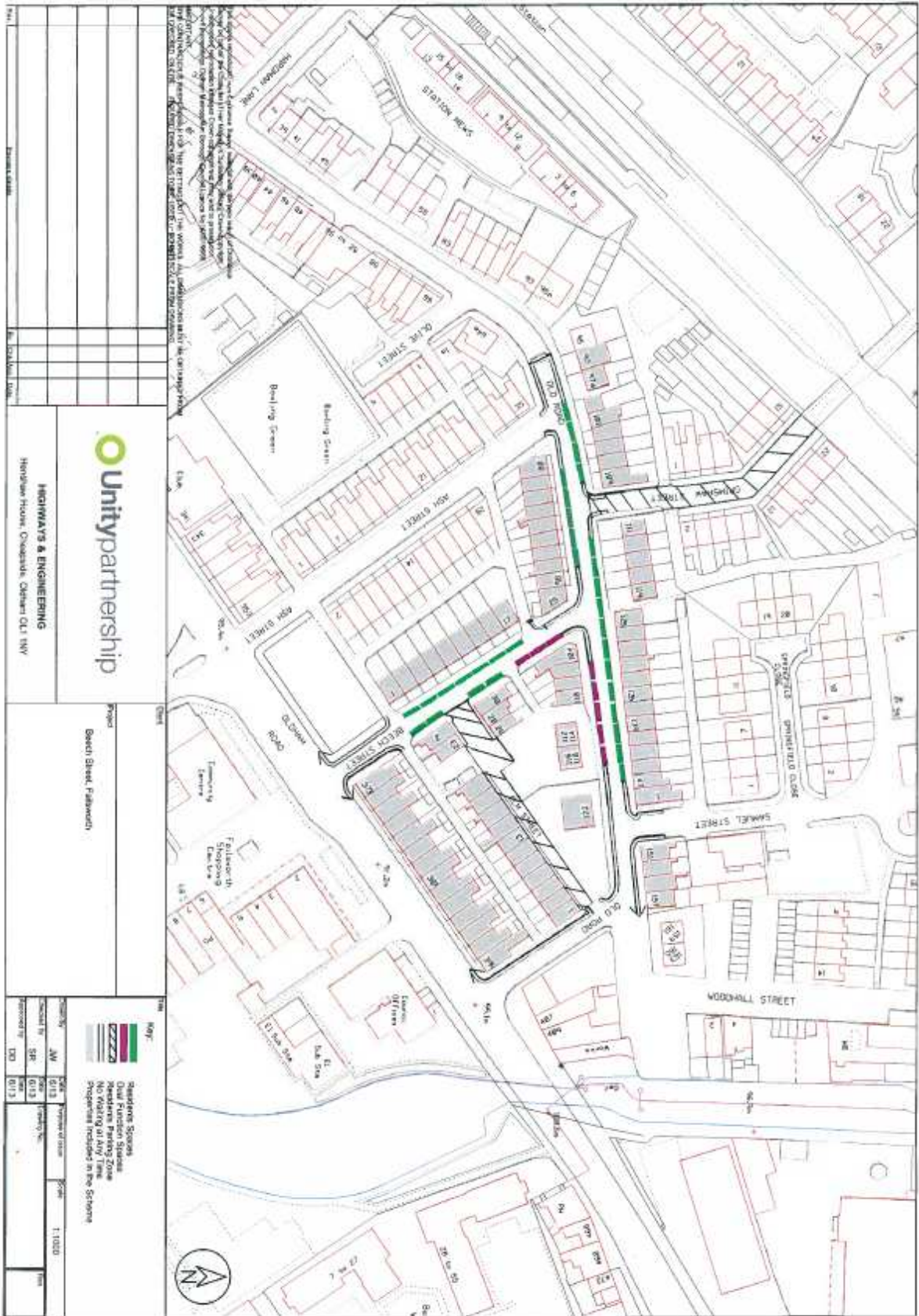
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APPENDIX C
DRAFT SCHEME PLAN



HOORNWAYS & ENGINEERING Hornway House, Chesham, Chesham OX1 1NY	
Project: Becht Street, Farnworth	
Scale: 1:1000 Date: 01/13 Drawn by: SP Checked by: SP Approved by: CD	Station, Square Dual Function Square Residents Parking Zone No waiting at ANY Time Properties included in the Scheme

Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive

Budget Report

Report of Carol Brown, Assistant Executive Director, Economy Places and Skills

Portfolio Responsibility: Neighbourhoods

Officer Contact : John Norris
Ext. 5025

1st August 2013

1. Purpose of Report

To advise the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive of the funding from the budget 2013-2014 which has been either committed or already spent. (See Appendix A) and the funding available to spend during the remainder of 2013/14. The District Executive will also be asked to consider funding a number of projects or pieces of work see below as Appendix B and C).

2. Recommendations

1. That the District Executive notes the funding allocations made by the District Partnership at the meeting on 6th June 2013 the breakdown of expenditure is attached for Information in appendix A
2. That the District Executive notes the funding available for 2013/14
3. The District Executive considers funding a number of projects, pieces of work/standing items. (See below and Appendix B and C)

3 Current Position

3.1 District Executive Budget

The District Partnership has a total allocation of £105,000 (£25,000 revenue and £10,000 capital per ward) which is available to help meet the priorities and actions set out in the District Plan.

Decisions on this funding will be made by the District Executive of the District Partnership.

3.2 Individual Councillor Allowance

Each Elected Member has an allowance of £3,000 on which they may take decisions. Councillors may also decide to pool their individual allowance in order to joint fund agreed projects.

3.3 Summary

The list below and Appendix B and C summarises projects that the District Executive should consider for funding from the 2013/14 devolved budget.

4. Funding Considerations

4.1 Funding of Alleygating at the Brookdale, Dovedale and Beresford Street Project Area in Failsworth West **Approximate cost £4,500 Appendix B)**

4.2 Funding of Community Safety Initiatives across Failsworth and Hollinwood District **£5,000 Appendix C)**

5. Recommendations

- 1 That the District Executive notes the funding allocations made by the District Partnership during 2013/14. The breakdown of expenditure is attached for Information in Appendix A
- 2 That the District Executive notes the funding remaining available for 2013/14
3. The District Executive considers funding Appendix b and Appending c (See those listed above)

6. OPTIONS/ ALTERNATIVES

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMENTS

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

11. IT IMPLICATIONS

12. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

13. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

14. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

15. COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE ACT) AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

15.1 N/A

16. FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE

16.1 N/A

17. KEY DECISION

17.1 N/A

18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

18.1 NONE

19. APPENDICES A,B &C

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Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership Budget 2013-14

Project/Initiative	Cost Per Project
Hollinwood Xmas tree	£1,100.00
Failsworth Xmas tree	£1,100.00
Hollinwood provision of refreshments etc	£300.00
Failsworth provision of refreshments	£600.00
Dressing and undressing of tree Hollinwood	£400.00
Dressing and undressing of tree Failsworth	£400.00
Dressing and undressing of Failsworth Pole	£1,000.00
Dressing and undressing of Townhall	£1,000.00
Provision of utilities to new Hollinwood site	£1,210.00
The cost to support one apprentice in a placement within the District Team	£3,200.00
The cost to support one apprentice in a placement with in District Environment Team	£3,200.00
Failsworth and Hollinwood district team	£2,000.00
Material Costs for minor work programmes for Failsworth and Hollinwood	£3,000.00
CAB making the most of your money project	£13,000.00
Community Payback supervision costs	£5,000.00
Hollinwood festival bid	£600.00
Total	£37,110.00
Remaining	£37,890.00

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Appendix B

The District Team has been asked by the Failsworth West Elected Members to look at a pilot project in Brookdale, Dovedale and Beresford Street Project Area in Failsworth West. This project is to make physical improvements to the area and enhance the quality of life of residents.

This paper is to seek the approval of the District Executive to fund the amount required to facilitate the gating of the alleys on these three Streets.

Part of this project is to provide gates to three alleys; the area is adopted and will therefore require a Gating Order with the associated cost (approximately £500.00). The scheme will require 5 gates in total and possibly some additional fencing.

It is not possible to obtain an exact amount required to provide gates to the three alleys described above as the Audacious Church (situated on Brookdale Street) is due for demolition and therefore additional fencing may be required to secure the site. An approximate cost is £4500 for 5 gates, fencing and a Gating Order.

This would protect 38 properties and 9 Businesses from both Crime and anti social behaviour, at an average cost of £95.74 per property.

Any under spend would be utilised for other Crime Reduction Initiatives in this project area, such as property marking, addition locks/bolts or security lighting

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Appendix C

The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for funding to implement crime reduction initiatives in order to reduce the incidence of, and the fear of crime and disorder within the District.

In the previous financial year the District Partnership agreed to fund £13000 of alley gates. Contour Housing provided £300 and £300 was committed by Cllr Battye for security products.

As there are a finite number of alleys that can be gated and given the previous investment in alley gates over the past 9 years by OMBC there is a reduced demand and requirement for new alley gating schemes in Failsworth and Hollinwood.

It is proposed that the District Executive considers investing in measures and products to assist in crime reduction within the District as follows:

The assistance given to people will improve their security in their homes will reduce repeat victimisation, make residents feel safer and improve their quality of life.

The assistance given to business premises will improve their security and make it harder for burglary offences to be committed, reduce repeat victimisation and keep businesses in the locality. The assistance give will also help to tackle vehicle crime, robbery and issues around personal safety.

Only dwellings, businesses and community facilities within the Failsworth and Hollinwood District will benefit from this funding and will have been victims of crime or specifically vulnerable to crime.

I am seeking approval from the District Executive to fund “community safety initiatives” which would include both alley gates and security products. The amount requested is £5000 for the financial year 2013/14.

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BRIEFING TO THE FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Highways & Engineering Service Update

Portfolio Holder: David Hibbert

Report Authors: James Woodhead & Peter Kiely

01 August 2013

Purpose of Report

To provide the District Partnership with an update on issues raised by Councillors and members of the public and to give an overview of the current activity in Highways.

1 UPDATE ON ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS DP MEETINGS

Following questions raised by members, the following issues were discussed:

- 1.1 Many issues around footpath repairs were the responsibility of the Utility Companies.
- 1.2 The Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Planning was looking to develop a strategy to deal with potholes and a feedback mechanism. *Ongoing*
- 1.3 A timetable for traffic regulation orders at South Failsworth Primary School would be sent to Councillor Fielding.

E-mail sent 18 April to three ward councillors including Cllr Fielding giving update of the TRO and the school safety zone. This stated that the TRO had been sent to Legal but no definite timetable could be given at the time since Legal are not able to give definite dates.

Legal have confirmed today that the legal orders will be advertised mid June 2013 which means provided that there are no objections to the TRO during the advertising period then the order should be confirmed by July/August 2013 and lines installed soon after.

- 1.4 A suggestion was made to undertake work on Dean Street for Failsworth West where no scheme had been identified as part of the District Partnership schemes for the Highways Investment Programme. *Unfortunately, this scheme would cost more than the remaining budget. The scheme was put forward in the LTP programme but wasn't selected. It remains on the reserve list until further funding becomes available.*

- 1.5 Work was being undertaken to create priority routes across the Borough to take prompt action for repairs, which included the A62 through the District.

Unity Partnership is currently progressing a detailed programme of works for the A62 Corridor Improvements Manchester Boundary to Oldham Town Centre, as part of the overall programme of Corridor works throughout the Borough and have met with Cllr McMahon and senior officers to discuss the necessary scope, costs and delivery of the works.

Phase 1, from the Manchester boundary to the M60 junction at Hollinwood is currently being designed with all works on this phase programmed to be completed by April 2014, depending on current utility works. This is likely to take place on site in a number of sub phases, to follow these major utility works already programmed on the A62 this year. The works are likely to commence on site at the Wrigley Head junction when the utility company completes its work in that particular area. Unity will be meeting directly with Cllr McMahon and senior officers to provide him with a further detailed update within the next couple of weeks.

2 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING

- 2.1 None received

3 UPDATE ON PROGRAMMES OF WORK

3.1 Highways Investment Programme 2013/14

- 3.1.1 Coalpit Lane 2013 - Works due to commence in August 2013
- 3.1.2 A6104 Hollins Road - Works due to commence in September 2013
- 3.1.3 Westminster Rd Mersey Rd North - Works due to commence in September 2013

3.2 DP Schemes

3.2.1 Failsworth East

Failsworth East				
Year	Funds Available	Scheme	Status	Fund Carried
2010-11 (1)	£25,000	Westminster Road	Complete	£0
2011-12 (2)	£25,000	No scheme identified	N/A	£25,000
2012-13 (3)	£50,000	Timpson Street	Complete	£14,000
2013-14 (4)	£39,000	Tavern Court Road	Complete	£24,000 (TBC)

Action: Unity Partnership is currently pricing up Wesley Street and Norman Street schemes submitted by Cllrs.

3.2.2 Failsworth West

Failsworth West				
Year	Funds Available	Scheme	Status	Fund Carried
2010-11 (1)	£25,000	Miriam Street	Complete	£0
2011-12 (2)	£25,000	No scheme identified	N/A	£25,000
2012-13 (3)	£50,000	Aldred Street and Frank Street	Programmed	-£4,000
2013-14 (4)	£21,000	Scheme to be identified		

Action: Unity Partnership is currently scoping Year 4 list of schemes submitted by Cllrs.

3.2.3 Hollinwood

Hollinwood				
Year	Funds Available	Scheme	Status	Fund Carried
2010-11 (1)	£25,000	Higher Lime Road	Complete	£0
2011-12 (2)	£25,000	Houghton Avenue and Swallow Street	Complete	£3,000
2012-13 (3)	£28,000	No Scheme identified	N/A	£28,000
2013-14 (4)	£53,000	Scheme to be identified		

Action: Unity Partnership is currently scoping Year 4 list of schemes submitted by Cllrs.

3.3 LTP

- 3.3.1 Unity is assisting the Council in developing “Oldham Gateway” proposals along the A62 Corridor. Options under consideration include Parking Lay bys and central Boulevards.

Update 18/7/13: The detailed design of this work is underway. Following this, the scheme will be prepared for Tendering. As this work is situated along the length of the A62 that is currently the site of British Gas activities, the Boulevarding / Lay-by improvement scheme will progress as soon as the gas main has been replaced.

- 3.3.2 Road Safety Improvements programmed to take place at Wrigley Head / Crown Street junction immediately following the completion of the British Gas utility work (late March / early April).

Update 18/7/13: The highway improvements at Wrigley Head / Crown Street / A62 were started on Monday 15 July and should be completed within two weeks. The works were delayed due to prolonged works by British Gas Utility works that is now progressing from the junction towards Oldham.

- 3.3.3 Proposal for the Lord Lane Zebra Crossing has been submitted in the LTP bid for 2014/15.

Update 21/5/13: The bid wasn't successful – funding not allocated

- 3.3.4 Investigations progressing into the extension to the Beach St Area Residents Parking Scheme.

Update 21/5/13: Further to discussing the matter with the Ward Councillors, Unity has been instructed not to pursue residents only parking, but progress the removal of waiting restrictions on part of Old Road. It would appear the problematic parking is taking place in the evening and is generated by residents in the area. Consequently, residents only parking will not alleviate the problem. The removal of the waiting restriction will however increase the available on-street parking in the area. The report recommending this is currently being processed through the Council's delegated approval procedure.

- 3.3.5 Investigations progressing into the Residents Parking Scheme along Wrigley Head.

Update 21/5/13: The existing residents parking scheme along Wrigley Head will be amended slightly to introduce additional dual function spaces. Dual function spaces can be used for an unlimited period of time by permit holders but non permit holders are subject to a maximum stay of 3 hours. The hackney carriage stand on Wrigley Head is also being removed as part of this proposal. The changes are being made to assist the businesses in the area and the report recommending this is currently being processed through the Council's delegated approval procedure.

- 3.3.6 A request has been received into the investigation of Beresford St parking issues.

Update 21/5/13: The Traffic team has been asked, via the District Co-ordinator, to look for a solution that will prevent HGVs travelling past the residential properties on Brookdale Street, which can be accessed via Beresford Street. A pinch-point has been suggested by Ward Councillors. The advice given to the District Co-ordinator is as follows:

When you refer to a pinch point I presume you mean a 6' 6" width restriction which would allow normal traffic to drive along the street, but anything greater in width than 6' 6" would be prevented 'through' access.

This type of restriction has recently been estimated for a street in Chadderton and, due to the type of kerbing and illuminated signing requirements, they are expensive to introduce. The scheme in Chadderton has been estimated at £25,000; a width restriction within Brookdale Street would be a slightly different design to the one in Chadderton costs could be expected to be £10-15k.

The other alternative would be to introduce a Prohibition of Driving Order which would prevent any motorist from driving the full length of the street; a prohibition of driving order would see an island built in the middle of the road with the provision of 3 bollards to prevent vehicles from mounting and driving over the area. This arrangement is indicated on the attached drawing. It would also be necessary to erect a 'no through road' sign at each end of the street and erect temporary signs for a period of 6 months to advise highway users the road layout has changed. The cost of providing all these measures would be in the region of £3,000.

However, when introducing this type of measure it is normal practice to ensure a turning head facility is provided on both sides of the island area. The street will be effectively split into two culs-de-sac and vehicles need to be able to turn round to exit the street in a forward gear; unfortunately, it is not possible to provide this facility along Brookdale Street. Having said that, looking at the surrounding streets in the area, none seem to have turning head provision. It is therefore suggested that if the councillors want to pursue the introduction of a prohibition of driving order a consultation should take place with local businesses and the refuse collection service to determine if a lack of turning head would cause them a problem.

Before the above can be introduced a legal order would have to be successfully processed; part of this process includes consulting with the emergency services, who may not be in favour of this type of restriction being introduced due to the difficulty it would cause them for access in an emergency.

- 3.3.7 Traffic regulation Orders are progressing at the South Failsworth Primary School. The associated School Safety Zone is awaiting LTP settlement.

3.3.8 Local Sustainable Travel Fund (LSTF) targeted at cycle tracks along Hollinwood Avenue from Rochdale Canal to the A62

3.4 Metrolink

No update

3.5 Utility works

No update

3.6 Direct Works teams

No update

Briefing Note.

Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership Regeneration Activity

Date: 17 July 2013.

Author: Claire Nangle

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide members of the District Partnership with brief details of the current range of activity being managed by the Strategic Regeneration & Development Team taking place across the 3 constituent wards.

2 Regeneration Activity

Failsworth East

2.2 Hollinwood Junction

Outline Planning Permission has been received for the proposed commercial scheme. The feasibility study for the removal of the gas holder is ongoing, as a result of positive discussions with National Grid.

2.3 Kaskenmoor School

Temporary works are to be undertaken to provide New Bridge School with interim outdoor play space. A meeting was held 16.07.2013 with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors to discuss this and longer term plans for the site.

2.4 Phoenix Industrial Estate

Indigo Planning have confirmed there is no immediate intentions for the owners to serve a section 25 notice to terminate the tenancies of the existing occupiers. When the owners have a scheme which is marketable and six month notice is being served, they would intend to send a letter to each of the occupiers including details of available opportunities and details of the Council's Inward Investment Team with a view for the Authority to help in relocating businesses to other properties within the Borough.

2.5 Failsworth High School

Officers are working with the School to help them realise their vision of a new Soccer Centre.

Failsworth West

2.5 Lancaster Club, Broadway

A Planning Application has been submitted for the replacement allotment site and a decision is anticipated shortly. Subject to approval the works to create the new allotments will be completed by October 2013 and the existing allotments be decommissioned by December 2013.

2.6 Failsworth District Centre

The District Centre movement study has been completed and taken further by Unity who are drawing up detailed traffic proposals for approval on both immediate measures to ensure and improve pedestrian safety and legibility of the District centre, and detailed investigation work into the design and traffic modelling of a potential major new junction into the District Centre off Ashton Road West to enable the potential future reconfiguration of the District Centre. Environmental improvements to the District Centre have been requested around Failsworth Town Hall and Quayside with concerns raised about the quality around Aldi supermarket. Some external funding has been sourced for minor landscape works, but a wish-list of further improvements will be costed up to identify any gap-funding.

2.7 Ashton Road West

The site is partly within Council ownership but the main section of the site (Indo/Africa Mill – also referred to as Failsworth Mill) is within the ownership of the Kapadia Brothers. Brookhouse have recently agreed terms to acquire the site and the owners have served notice on the occupiers of the mill in order to obtain vacant possession, which is one of the conditions of the sale to Brookhouse. Brookhouse will look to redevelop the site as residential although there are other options for the site.

2.9 Faithworks Church

The Audacious Church have confirmed it was originally proposed that Vause Construction Limited would carry out the demolition works, however, a new contractor is now being procured. Once the site has been demolished, it is understood a land sale has already been agreed with Goodhall Investments who are intending to develop a cash and carry/bulky goods type store.

2.10 Social Security Building

The site was recently acquired by Supreme Finance who own Ivy Mill Business Park. The

only works currently being carried out are clean ups pending an application for commercial uses to the ground floor and continued office space (flexible work space on flexible terms) to the upper floors.

Hollinwood

2.11 Limehurst Estate

Regenda in partnership with the Council are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the estate. Regenda have produced an area analysis and design guide which shows a total capacity of circa 122 dwellings. A report is currently being prepared to proceed to market for an appropriate development partner via open tender followed by a further report to advise of final offers received prior to proceeding. The report is due to go to the Corporate Property Board on 17 July 2013.

2.12 Playing Fields at Higher Lime Road

The scheme at the Lancaster Club includes for relocation of the playing fields to the site at Higher Lime Road. The Site Investigations have been undertaken and an agreed scheme prepared.

2.13 Medical Centre, Clive Street.

The Planning application for the proposed new medical centre was approved on the 10th April 2013. The Housing Office is awaiting demolition and then proceeding to contract to develop the site as a Doctors Surgery. This is being managed by the Asset Team.

2.14 Merton Avenue Playing Fields

Working in partnership through the One Future Group and with Hulme Grammar School to bring forward proposals to improve the existing recreational facilities and create an Olympic Legacy for the Borough. Lease terms have been agreed with Hulme Grammar School for the playing fields at Merton Avenue. The completion of the lease is subject to the necessary legal process to advertise the disposal of Public Open Space. A report has been completed and an advertisement is to go out shortly. This disposal is being managed by the Asset Team at Unity.

2.15 Hawthorn Road/Cardiff Close

An offer was accepted from Mansell to develop 13 houses. Mansell are working with Regenda on this who are looking at a revised scheme in light of comments from Planning.

The revised scheme could potentially involve an alternation to the adopted highway.

3 Land Disposal Programme

- 3.1 Partington Street, Failsworth. An offer has been accepted from Miller Homes Limited for the land to be sold by way of a 250 year lease. Legal have been instructed on the sale. This disposal is being managed by the Asset Team.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the report.

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District Partnership Report.

Borough INPT - Hollinwood and Failsworth

July 2013

ASB

Your neighbourhood team have been busy building up for the School summer holidays by ensuring that all our school age community have been given the 'Safer For Summer' input. This Council/Police partnership has been very successful in the past and is very popular with our schools and students. The initiative involves your PCSO's and ASB Officer Antony Hynes visiting the schools and talking about activities on offer over the summer period arranged by the partnership and general crime prevention advice tailored to that specific age group. This advice ranges from 'Stranger Danger' for primary school ages to how not to become a street robbery victim for the older students.

Here are some of the inputs undertaken so far:

- Woodhouses Infants School
- St Johns Jnr school – 155 pupils
- Failsworth Air Cadets
- Failsworth Army Cadets
- Stansfield Rd Jnr school – 30 pupils
- Literature handed out at Oasis Academy annual medals presentation
- Literature handed to parents reaching 1300 pupils.

The partnership work does not end with the end of the school term. Your PCSO's in conjunction with key partner agencies such as OMBC and Housing are in the process of arranging diversionary sporting activities for young people.

Your neighbourhood team have also been focusing on those individuals that are known to have caused ASB in the recent past. This information has been gathered by PCSO's responding to reports of ASB. The informant is then passed onto the ASB Officer Antony Hynes who then, if appropriate writes to their parents / appropriate adult warning them about the consequences of behaviour. This prevention tactic has been very successful in the past.

Crime

Again your neighbourhood team has been busy with pursuing our key target offenders and ensuring that they are effectively targeted and whenever necessary brought to justice swiftly.

Following an excellent investigation we now have a key prolific offender charged with a business robbery at a jewellery store on Hollins Rd. We also have two key vehicle crime offenders on bail pending the forensic examination of recovered property and of vehicles from the Failsworth West area. Following the initial investigation we were able to identify and arrest a third male for handling stolen goods.

Not all our crime focus is generated by reports from the general public. We have also effectively dealt with concerns raised by our key partners. A key example is the work we have been doing with the public transport providers such as the bus companies and Metrolink. Operation Gateway has been effective in stopping those travelling without paying from using the transport networks for committing crime and driving up costs from legitimate users.

We have also had a swift partnership response to concerns raised by Councillor Stretton over potentially illegal activity at a premise on Hollins Rd. Key partners from HMRC, the Benefits Agency, The UKBA and the Police executed a warrant observed by Councillor Gary.

CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

The Borough INPT is based at:

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Divisional HQ,
Barn St,
Oldham.
OL1 1LR

Direct line : 0161 856 8825

INPT : Oldhamborough@gmp.police.uk

Neighbourhoods

July 2013

Markets Service (on behalf of John Norris, DC ,
Failsworth)
Producers markets.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide information with regard to operation of a producers market in Failsworth..

2. Background

- 2.1 This briefing paper has been prepared following a request from John Norris and Cllr. Feilding
- 2.2 Last year a request was received to explore the possibility of holding a 1x monthly producers market in Failsworth.
- 2.3 2 sites were considered. The car park directly in front of the NHS building and the far corner of the car park , both on the Tesco site.
- 2.4 On each occasion the owners/managing agents of the property were contacted. Both refused. I was instructed from the landlord to contact Tesco Failsworth direct , and was refused.

3. Finance

- 3.1 Costs to be considered,:
- 3.2 Erection and dismantling of 30+ stalls £209
- 3.3 Transport= labour £125.00
- 3.4 Advertising: Average £500.00 per month, including initial marketing campaign.

- 3.5 Total outgoings = £834 per month
Income : 30 stalls x 15 = £450 .
Deficit £384 per month

4. Pressures

- 4.1. The first Royton Real Food market was held in September. Until Christmas the market was a success with traders remarking that it was their best market. In the New Year the 'novelty' factor wore off and footfall was noticeably down. 5 traders have left the market. A few have remarked that due to the fact there are now so many of this type of market, a saturation point has been reached and they prefer to rent at festivals where there is a guaranteed footfall.
- 4.2 It is proving difficult to recruit new traders to the market.
- 4.3 At present, the market service holds only a small data base of traders.
- 4.4 The future of Royton Real food market is under review.
- 4.5 This type of market demands a disproportionate of officer time in relation to forecast revenue.
- 4.6 The markets break even point would be 55.6 stalls. Royton averages 28.
- 4.7 Finding a site where footfall already exists and is free of charge.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That members note the information in the report.

BRIEFING TO THE FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

Make the Most of your Money Event at Mather Street School

Portfolio Holder:

Report Author: John Norris

1st August 2013

Purpose of Briefing

To provide the District Partnership with an update on the Make the most of your money event held at Mather Street School on 11th July 2013

Executive Summary

Cllr Sean Fielding asked the District Team to hold an event at Mather Street School in Failsworth West which would bring together a number of partners who would give residents information that would help them make the most of their incomes. In addition to this we were aware that there had previously been complaints about anti-social behaviour and fly tipping which allegedly emanated for some of the residents of private rented properties in the vicinity of the school

Recommendations

That the DE notes the report and considers how it wishes the District Partnership to carry out further consultation and advice projects around this theme.

5 BACKGROUND

5.1 Due to the austerity measures and changes to the benefit system many families in Oldham have had their incomes reduced as well as in some cases there outgoings

have increased. Oldham Council and its partners have been extremely proactive in helping residents to make the most of their incomes and to ensure that they are receiving the correct amount of benefits they are entitled to as well as lending money from ethical sources such as the Credit Union. As well as supporting a number of Borough wide initiatives the District Team have been proactively involved in awareness setting projects at our local superstores and at all the summer events which have taken place across Failsworth and Hollinwood. This particular event took place on Thursday 11 July 2013 from 2.45pm to 4.30pm. The venue was the large hall in Mather Street School which can be accessed from the junior playground by parents collecting children from the school.

Two members of the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership team also made themselves available at the two front gates of the school, encouraging parents and residents passing by, to go into to the school to see what was on offer.

Lollipops and balloons were used as an incentive to get the children to go into the hall, thus encouraging parents to follow.

Services available on the day included:

- Environmental Health
- Benefit Advice
- Oldham Credit Union
- Private Landlord Team
- Trading Standards
- First Choice Homes
- Lifelong Learning
- Warm Homes
- Community Safety
- Supported by Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership Team.

Marketing

Leaflets were produced using the Oldham Council corporate 'Make the most of your money' template. These were circulated to 196 children at Mather Street Primary and a further 250 leaflets were circulated to adjoining streets; Mather Street, Dalton Street, Ward Street, Dean Street, Hardman Lane, Old Road.

Posters were placed in Failsworth Library, Tesco, Morrisons and the Medical Centre at Failsworth.

Both Failsworth Love Where You Live and Forward with Failsworth facebook pages posted notification of the event.

Approximately 25 residents approached services for general information. 3 residents asked for specific support from FCHO and 2 residents were given Credit Union start up packs. A number of residents expressed interest in Lifelong Learning and said they would contact the service for a copy of the prospectus which will be available from mid August.

6 CURRENT POSITION

The District Team will continue to champion this cause at future events such as the Norman, Wesley and Minor Street launch on 20th July 2013. This will remain a priority for as long as it is necessary for the District Team

6. OPTIONS/ ALTERNATIVES

6.1 The District Executive may be minded to suggest other ways of engaging with residents that may assist.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This would depend very much on the event. So far the events have been run at minimal cost .

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 To follow

9. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMENTS

9.1 N/A

10. RISK ASSESSMENTS

10.1 N/A

11. IT IMPLICATIONS

11.1 N/A

12. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 N/A

13. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

13.1 N/A

14. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

14.1 N/A

15. COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE ACT) AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

15.1 N/A

16. FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE

16.1 N/A

17. KEY DECISION

17.1 N/A

18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

18.1 NONE

19. APPENDICES