

**FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**  
**26/06/2014 at 7.00 pm**



**Present:** Councillor Garry (Chair)  
Councillors Ames (Vice-Chair), Bates, Briggs, Dawson, Fielding,  
McMahon, Stretton and Williams

Also in Attendance:

Emma Alexander	Executive Director Commercial Services
Carol Brown	Assistant Executive Director
John Norris	Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Caroline Walmsley	Constitutional Services

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Garry informed the District Executive that she had been advised by the Borough Solicitor that her husband's employment did not prevent her holding the position of Chair of the District Executive.

Councillors McMahon and Briggs declared a personal interest in Item 10 – Update on parking issues at Brierley Avenue, by virtue of their appointment as school governors.

4           **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Ames be elected Vice Chair of the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

5           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions had been received.

6           **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be approved as a correct record.

7           **NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED that:**

1. Councillors Stretton and Williams be appointed to Contour Housing;
2. Councillor Dawson be appointed to the Failsworth Old People's Welfare Association.

## PETITIONS

The District Executive received a report on the options to control dogs in Higher Memorial Park, Failsworth.

It was reported that contained within the new Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill 2014 were various powers available to the Council to address issues such as those described by the petitioners, specifically a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). These orders were intended to replace the existing specific orders that currently can be used such as Dog Control Orders. The PSPOs were more flexible and could be tailored to circumstances in an area. The order could prohibit certain activities such as the drinking of alcohol as well as placing requirements on individuals carrying out certain activities, for instance making sure that people walking their dog keep them on a lead.

The PSPO could be varied and have multiple restrictions and requirements in one order. It could also be prescriptive about the time certain activities could take place. The Government's intention was that PSPOs would replace and streamline all the other specific orders such as Dog Control Orders. PSPOs could be put in place for a maximum of 3 years before their ongoing need must be reviewed. They could be renewed so long as the Council was satisfied that there was an ongoing need for the restrictions. It was anticipated that the Bill would receive approval to be used by October 2014.

It was further reported that the District Executive could continue to progress with the consultation process for the Dog Control Order, but this order would then need to be amended into a PSPO within three years.

**RESOLVED** that a Public Spaces Protection Order be developed, specific for the Park, in conjunction with the lead petitioner, other partners and community representatives, with a view to it being advertised and implemented as soon as the bill is enacted later in the year.

## PETITIONS PROTOCOL

The District Executive was requested to note the amendments to the Petitions Protocol that had been agreed at Annual Council on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**RESOLVED** that the amendments to the petitions protocol be noted.

## UPDATE ON PARKING ISSUES AT BRIERLEY AVENUE

The District Executive gave consideration to a report which outlined the work that had begun in respect of car parking issues at Failsworth Soccer Centre and Brierley Avenue and informed

of further work which would commence prior to the new Mini Soccer League Season.



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It was reported that the Manchester Youth and Mini Soccer league was one of the largest central venue leagues in the North West and was hosted on a weekly basis at Failsworth Soccer centre. In recent months, there had been growing concern with regards the car parking for spectators and parents of the league.

The District Coordinator convened a Partnership Meeting in order to consider the problems that were faced and also to consider solutions and ways forward. The meeting was well attended and the Centre Manager advised partners of the work that she and colleagues had already undertaken. A number of actions were taken by Partners in order to resolve the issue in both the long and short term. The Action Plan listed a number of responses which were both medium and long term partnership strategies, envisaged would reduce the number of problems come the next season in September 2014.

The District Coordinator and Centre Manager visited the complainant and advised of the approach that was being taken to solve the issues and also of future plans to deal with the situations.

Councillor McMahon thanked Councillor Briggs and the District Co-ordinator for the work that had gone into this issue. It was suggested that a Community Forum needed to take place before the school term ended in order to feed back to local residents the action that had been taken and what further action was planned.

Concerns were raised regarding parking issues as a result of the driving school and it was requested that contact be made with the Driving Standards Agency regarding the relocation of the school.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. The report be noted.
2. A Community Forum be arranged before the end of school term.
3. A request be submitted to the Driving Standards Agency regarding the relocation of the driving school.

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**FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT BUDGET REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director, Economy Places and Skills and a verbal update provided by the District Co-ordinator which advised the District Executive of the breakdown of expenditure during 2014/15 and the funding available to spend during 2014/15. The report and update also sought consideration of funding for a number of projects and areas of work.

Councillor Bates requested a copy of the guidelines for the Councillors delegated budget which outlined the parameters on what the budget could be used for.



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**RESOLVED that:**

1. The funding allocations made by the District Partnership during 2014/15 be noted.
2. The funding available for 2014/15 be noted.
3. The allocation of £1,300 for the provision of a Christmas Tree in Failsworth be approved.
4. The allocation of £300 for the provision of a refreshments and materials in Hollinwood be approved.
5. The allocation of £600 for the provision of a refreshments and materials in Failsworth be approved.
6. The allocation of £400 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree in Hollinwood be approved.
7. The allocation of £400 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Tree in Failsworth be approved.
8. The allocation of £1,000 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights at Failsworth Pole be approved.
9. The allocation of £1,000 for the dressing and undressing of Christmas Lights at District Town Hall be approved.
10. The allocation of £2,000 to the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Team for event organisation and refreshments be approved.
11. The allocation of £3,000 for material costs for minor work programmes for Failsworth & Hollinwood be approved.
12. The allocation of £13,796 for the continuation of the Citizens Advice Bureau 'Make the most of your money' project be approved.
13. The allocation of £5,000 for supervision costs to support the work of Community Payback within the Failsworth & Hollinwood District be approved.
14. The allocation of £4,000 for the provision of greenings at various locations within the District to include Roman road, Lord Lane and Westminster Road be approved.
15. The allocation for £1500 for 'Hollinwood Together' be approved.
16. The allocation of £1035 for World War I commemorative boulder at Lower Memorial park be approved.
17. The allocation of £3835 for World War I commemorative boulder at Higher Memorial Park be approved.
18. The allocation of £750 for Roman Road summer planting be approved.
19. The allocation of £659.48 for tarmac and bollards on Elm Road be approved.
20. The allocation of up to £5,000 for dropped crossing, re-surfacing and installation of H-bar at Clough Gate be approved.
21. The allocation of £10,000 for Bowling Green fencing at Higher Memorial Park be approved.
22. The allocation of £5,000 for alley gating at Norman Street, Minor Street and Emily Close be approved.
23. The allocation of £500 for minor fence repairs at Higher Memorial Park be approved.

24. The request for Hollinwood Junction planting scheme to be funded separately be forwarded to the Council for consideration.
25. The guidelines for the Councillors delegated budget be circulated.

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## **DISTRICT UPDATES**

The District Executive received updates on the following:

a) Highways and Engineering Services – Issues discussed included:

- Tesco, Failsworth – A concern was raised over the length of time this was taking along with potential dangers the site currently posed. The importance of getting the scheme right was stressed and therefore couldn't be rushed. It was reported that Unity was now in the process of refining the design and the construction stage was planned for December 2014.
- Byrom Street Carriageway Resurfacing – To be completed in the school holidays 2014.

b) Accident Remediation Scheme – A62 Oldham Road, Failsworth – Wrigley Head to Wickentree Lane.

c) Citizens Advice Bureau – an update was given on money management and the fortnightly sessions being held at Failsworth Town Hall and Limehurst Library.

d) Community Safety – an update was given on community safety initiatives including alley gating projects.

e) Integrated Neighbourhood Policing – Inspectors Taylor and Troisi introduced themselves to the District Executive and gave an overview of their roles and neighbourhood policing background. It was highlighted that the content of the District Partnership report needed to be discussed to establish context of information and data and ensure openness and transparency.

It was also felt there was a clear need to improve the working relationship and communications between Greater Manchester Police and the District Executive, with attendance at District Executive meetings being part of those improvements. Furthermore, Ward Councillors would be invited to attend specific operations.

The success of the Cadets programme was highlighted in terms of not only providing additional resources but also providing opportunities for young people.

**RESOLVED** that the updates be noted.

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## **DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that the dates and times for future meetings be noted, subject to the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 meeting commencing at 7pm.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.18 pm



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