



ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING
Monday 26 November 2018
6.00pm
Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton

Minutes

Present	
Cllr C Phythian (Chair)	Royton North
Cllr H Roberts	Royton North
Cllr J Larkin	Royton North
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
Cllr M Bashforth	Royton South
Liz Fryman	R,S & C District Coordinator
Jennifer Downing	Caseworker
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer
Stuart Wilson	GMP
Lee Ingham	GMP
Paul Rainsford	GMP
Members of the public	10 members of the public (8 signed in)
Apologies	
Cllr S Bashforth (Vice-Chair)	Royton South

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Cllr Clint Phythian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting for approval:

Noted and agreed

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

3.1 Issue: *Tree issues at Elk Mill Retail Park* –Linda Cain emailed resident to advise that these are private trees on private land and there is nothing that we can enforce. Resident has regular contact with the management of Elk Mill.

3.2 Issue: *Fire escape arrangements at the flats at Bamford Street with FCHO* – FCHO report that he properties are constructed to provide one-hour fire compartmentation and therefore operate a stay put policy. Due to the height of the building, it is not a regulatory requirement to provide an alternative escape route from the premises. In accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 we have a duty of care Under Article 14, to ensure that “emergency routes and exits must lead as directly as possible to a place of safety” (14: 2: a). The flat doors from these properties, which themselves are self-closing fire doors, lead directly to a protected stair to the final exit via a protected corridor. A great deal of works have been completed within the protected corridor / exit routes providing sterile, protected routes from the properties including self-closing fire doors, tiles floors, and non-combustible wall coverings as well as directional signage and emergency lighting. The blocks also have caretaking to ensuring that the protected corridor / exit route from the premises are kept clear and clean. FCHO also complete a fire risk assessment annually in order to maintain and confirm compliance. Resident was still unhappy that there is no visible fire escape and he was advised to take this up with FCHO. Telephone number given for Sarah Crowe, FCHO Neighbourhood Manager.

3.3 Issue: *Bus stop box at John Hogan Close* – TFGM are undertaking consultation with residents to decide if the marked box or the actual bus stop sign should be moved.

3.4 Issue: *Wall sets at Radcliffe Street/ Hope and Anchor junction* – Loose sets have been taken into storage and Oldham Council (Corporate landlord) will make repairs.

4. Police Update:

- Police report provided and figures discussed
- Most figures are slightly down when compared to the same period in 2017
- Community Burglary and Theft of a motor vehicle are slightly higher than in 2017
- More GMP visibility around Elk Mill in the run up to Christmas. Businesses are being spoken with regarding their own store security and there is consideration being given to gate off the stores area, leaving the food sites free.
- Priorities: Vehicle Crime, Burglary Residential, Burglary Community and Night Time Economy

5. Royton Regeneration – Royton Town Hall & Library

A resident is unhappy with the materials on the planning documentation for the Town Hall and Library rear elevation.

Action 5.1: LF to arrange a meeting with Matt Gilray to discuss the plans for the rear of Royton Town Hall

6. Councillor Updates:

Councillors gave a flavour of the work they have been involved in since the last meeting

Royton North:

Cllr C Phythian:

- A wreath was laid at Remembrance Sunday
- Town Centre Challenge – question raised at Council
- Attended the Health and Wellbeing panel
- Attended Grasmere flooding meeting
- Attended a meeting regarding Rochdale Road speed watch – Should be running by March 2019

Cllr H Roberts:

- Been approached by an Observer journalist who wants to talk to people about bank closures. There are certain categories that they want to look at. Residents to advise Hannah if they would like to take part
- School place casework
- Annie Kenney statue to be unveiled 14th December at 2.15pm on the plinth of Oldham Town Hall. To meet up at Oldham Library 12.30pm where there will be music, a procession and a performance depicting Annie Kenney's life
- A bed for every night – beginning November – end of March 2019. Shelter on Lees Road, near to the old fire station. There is a security guard and an experienced worker to help move on to other services. There is also provision for women rough sleepers. Can book through FCHO

Cllr J Larkin:

- Attended Remembrance Sunday event
- Dealing with complex, personal casework
- Attended the Overview and Scrutiny board

Royton South:

Cllr M Bashforth:

- Busy with casework
- Attended meetings of the Adaptations panel and the Mio Care Board
- Meeting attended as Chair of Learning Disability panel

Cllr A Chadderton:k

- Looking into dropped kerbs in Royton– Some improvements are being made around Runnymede and a crossing has been requested. Highways are to look into costs and councillors will fund this.
- Royton Christmas Lights – 8th December 2018 at Royton precinct

7. Public Questions

7.1Q: Royton precinct car park – Can traders move their vehicles once unloaded.

A: LF said that the markets manager has spoken to traders previously and she will ask them again to remind traders to park elsewhere once unloaded.

Action 7.1: LF to contact markets manager to ask traders to park considerably once unloaded, but as was pointed out at the meeting wherever they park will take up parking spaces.

7.2 Q: Zebra crossing in Royton, could this be light controlled. Many near misses

A: LF told residents that the Highways department is looking into this

7.3 Q: Lloyds bank branch in Royton was closed down at the same time that the branch in Oldham was closed for a refurb – could this have been timed better?

A: No influence over the banks but Cllrs agreed that this was indeed bad timing. Residents were reminded that banking can be done at the post office.

7.4 Q: Who has the former health centre land been sold to

A: Cllr Chadderton said that the land has been disposed of as part of a land swap, but councillors have requested the site be tidied up and the 'sold' sign removed.

8. Any Other Business

Nothing to note

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 21 January 2019, 6.00pm at Royton Town Hall