



ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING  
Monday 14 September 2015  
6.30pm  
Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton

# Minutes

<b>Councillors in attendance</b>	
Cllr T Larkin	Royton North
Cllr M Bashforth	Royton South
Cllr B Judge	Royton North
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
Cllr S Bashforth	Royton South
<b>Partners in attendance</b>	
Liz Fryman	R, S&C District Coordinator
Carol Watterson	R, S&C District Caseworker
Lynda Winrow	Youth Development Officer
Jill Beaumont	Director of Community Services
PS Clem Jones	GMP
PCSO Sue Hoyle	GMP
Members of the public x 9	
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr H Roberts	Royton North
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

Cllr Tony Larkin opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting for approval:

Agreed

## 3. Action Updates from previous Royton Community Forum:

3.1 OCLL has agreed to return web can when new Leisure Centre opens.

## 4. Police Update:

More residents are using Facebook to inform Police – A recent success was a “missing from home” posted on Facebook and very quickly returned home. Keep up the good work.

### Regular Police Surgeries are held at:

Trinity Methodist Church, Radcliffe Street, Royton  
Thursday 10am-12pm

### E-WATCH JOINING DETAILS

E-Watch is a database created by the Oldham Borough Neighbourhood Policing Team It is a collation of email addresses submitted to us by residents and businesses so that Greater Manchester Police can contact you with our monthly newsletter, general information and incidents in your area that you should be aware of. You are also able to email us with any information you want to pass onto us.

If you wish to be part of the E-Watch database please send us an email titled E-Watch to:  
oldhamborough@gmp.police.uk

And include the following information.  
NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE

Crime statistics 28/07/15 to 11/09/15		
	2014	2015
Robbery	3	4
Theft from person	0	0
Burglary dwelling including aggravated	10	29
Burglary other than a dwelling	16	14
Theft of a motor vehicle	2	2
Theft from a motor vehicle	15	53
Theft of a pedal cycle	2	3

**Of note:**

Items stolen from vehicles include: MP3 players, various tools, football, bow and arrow, bags, Apple tablet, sunglasses, shoes, cash, ID cards, mobile phones, SAT NAV, wallet, laptop, medicines, pram, drinks and food. **Think! If you usually leave these types of goods in your vehicle you could be targeted.**

Thieves are entering vehicles and conducting a full search including the glove box, and boot – **Don't get caught out remove all items from the vehicle.**

6 Vehicles had their number plates stolen – Criminals then use the plates on their vehicles to commit further crime. **Anti-tamper screws are available FREE OF CHARGE from your Neighbourhood Police Team**

11 of the 29 burglaries occurred because the property was insecure – **PLEASE LOCK UP**

Thieves are now using hook and cane techniques to steal keys from open windows and letterboxes – **Please don't leave keys where they can be accessed**

ASB related statistics 28 <sup>th</sup> July to 14 <sup>th</sup> September			
	2014	2015	Reduction on last year
Royton	23	20	-3

As you can see when compared to the same period last year ASB in Royton has decreased slightly.

**REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY RINGING 101**

### **BE AWARE - Telephone Scam**

An unknown male phoned an elderly female claiming to be from the 'Senior Citizen Centre' in Woking. The male convinced the elderly victim that she is eligible for benefits that she hasn't been receiving, even transferring her to another 'department' to convince her. The male has then obtained the victims bank details and removed money from her account.

Our Fraud Department believe many more elderly people may be targeted.

*Anyone falling victim to the scam should report to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or **www.actionfraud.police.uk**.*

*Anyone with any information that may be useful in our investigations is asked to call Police on **101**.*

### **CADET UPDATE:**

August Bank Holiday weekend, the cadets went to summer camp at The Kingswood Centre, Colomendy, Loggerheads, NR Mold Flintshire. Chief Constable Sir Peter Fahey attended and presented Kathryn Hornby with a certificate for her outstanding personal commitment to the Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme.

Activities to promote problem solving and team building included wall climbing, zip wiring, Jacobs Ladder and canoeing. Other sports activities took place on the fields and there was a camp fire in the evening.

### **5. Councillor Updates:**

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

#### **Cllr Judge:**

- Met with NHS and Clinical Commissioning Group Devo Man Prevention. Need to invest in work on developing drugs in Greater Manchester.
- Met with Eon to discuss new street lights – no major problems. Also discussed Christmas lights on the Precinct.
- Park House – no refugees living there at the moment.
- Met with Churches Together to discuss what we can do to help.
- Music Awards – would like to help young people by offering some funding.
- GM Fire – more firemen taking early retirement, need to encourage more young people to join.
- Bethesda Chapel now has a food bank - helping people in the community.
- O & S Meeting – discussed 20mph zones. Need to raise awareness. Plans to introduce a trial in Oldham
- Constant problems with dog fouling. Next year compulsory micro chipping of dogs to be introduced. Following that, compulsory DNA testing will be introduced to help find dog owners and hopefully cut the problem.
- Full Council Meeting – discussed the closure of Oldham Magistrates and the impact it will have on police time having to travel further.

**Cllr S Bashforth, Cllr A Chadderton and Cllr M Bashforth:**

- St Phillips Drive – Residents’ parking has now been approved and signs and passes ordered. Should be ready in 4 weeks.
- Jamie Heaton’s Memorial Garden – very successful open day to launch the new play park in Bulcote Park – well worth a visit.
- White lines and road marking in Royton – still not quite finished but is a work in progress
- Park Street traffic issues – meetings still in progress – no updates yet.

**6. Royton Regeneration Projects:**

- The Leisure Centre will open on 28 September.
- Old swimming pool will close on 26 September. It will then be demolished and the site will become a car park.
- A temporary car park may be on Byron Street site until the new one is open
- Lidl – this is still on course and should open in spring next year

**7. Public Questions**

**Q: Firbank Road, The Mews – mail is still getting mixed up and an ambulance turned up at a resident’s house which should have gone to the Mews.**

**Action: Carol to contact Royal Mail again**

**Q: Bottom of High Barn Street – work has started on new housing development. Blue lines on floor, is this going to be an entrance?**

**A: No, they are for the utilities.**

**Q: Question re likelihood of an abattoir returning to Royton?**

**A: Very unlikely than an abattoir will be coming to Royton, there would be too much resistance**

**Q: OAN – very bad language coming from football players. Happens every week.**

**A: The Councillors will look into it once again although they have very little powers as the School is private.**

**Action: Cllrs to arrange a meeting with the School and invite the school governors. Cllr Chadderton will take it to the full Governors meeting in next few weeks.**

**Q: OAN - Residents said that some trees have been planted in the school grounds and want to know why.**

**A: Cllrs said they were planted in order to keep noise levels down but they will look into it.**

**Action: Cllrs to look into this**

**Q: It has recently come to light that there is £20m in unpaid Council Tax. Why was this not discussed at the last Full Council Meeting? How has it got to this state and why is it not collected?**

**A: It is to do with the changes in the way benefits are paid. Oldham is one of the better run councils.**

**Action: Cllr S Bashforth to find out details and if they are being chased for payment.**

**Q: Are we having more refugees?**

**A:** Cllrs expressed their concern that they did not know about the asylum seeker accommodation in the first place. The Council has nothing to do with accommodating asylum seekers as the Government employs private companies to house asylum seekers throughout the country. Serco is the company who are managing the Park Lane property on behalf of the government.

Although there are no Asylum Seekers living at Park Lane House at the moment, we cannot say what Serco's plans are for the building in the future. Serco are using other areas other than Oldham and Rochdale to place these people.

Cllr Judge said that Cllr McMahon, Leader of the Council, has stated that Oldham Council will do their bit as long as the rest of the country is doing theirs.

**Q: What will happen to the unaccompanied children coming into the area? Will normal Fostering and Adoption checks be overlooked?**

**A:** No, that won't happen and they will not be given priority over local children.

**Q: Why were residents not asked to vote for the new Mayor of Manchester?**

**A:** The Government wants to devolve powers to local councils so they can decide how to spend money locally. To do this, you need a Mayor but there wasn't enough time to go to the public to vote. Hence, the leaders of AGMA voted in Tony Lloyd rather than lose this opportunity. He is not being paid extra money and continues to carry out his Police Commissioning role.

**Q: Old Health Centre – Can boarding come down and make a car park?**

**A:** No, to clear the site and make safe for use would cost too much as it would then have to be marked out correctly. It will be marketed as a retail site in the future.

**Q: How is work on the Precinct progressing?**

- Old Co-op – still being negotiated between the Co-op and potential new retail company.
- Lidl – still on course

**8. Any Other Business**

None

**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

Date: Monday 12 October 2015

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Royton Town Hall