



ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING
Monday 23 November 2015
6.30pm
Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton

Minutes

Councillors in attendance	
Cllr H Roberts	Royton North
Cllr B Judge	Royton North
Cllr M Bashforth	Royton South
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
Cllr S Bashforth	Royton South
Partners in attendance	
Liz Fryman	R, S&C District Coordinator
John Rooney	Head of Housing, Response Services and Districts
Carol Watterson	R, S&C District Caseworker
Lynda Winrow	Youth Development Officer
Mark Dyer-Turk	GMP
Karen Lord	GMP
Joe Brownridge	The Oldham Academy North
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer
Members of the public x 14	
Apologies	
Cllr T Larkin	Royton North

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Cllr Hannah Roberts 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 OAN – Noise and very bad language coming from football players - The school is a separate body and complaints should go to them directly. Cllr Chadderton said that a representative from OAN was here tonight and he would speak to anyone about their concerns after the meeting.

4. Police Update:

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

Other Information

Residents were urged that if they saw a crime in action to call 999

If they see anything suspicious call 101

Issues of concern were raised regarding the reducing Police workforce due to cuts and Cllrs reassured residents that they are campaigning tirelessly on this issue at every opportunity.

Action: Information be sought regarding how many officers are in Oldham

Crime Analysis 14.09.15 – 07.10.15				
	Q1 Jan - Mar	Q2 Apr - Jun	Q3 July - Sept	Q4 Oct – To date
Robbery	4	3	6	3
Burglary dwelling including aggravated	20	17	56	26
Burglary other than a dwelling	27	18	21	4
Theft of a motor vehicle	12	9	4	2
Theft from a motor vehicle	51	35	81	40

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 (Cumulative YTD)			
	2014	2015	Reduction on last year
Royton North	266	252	-14
Royton South	248	257	9

Hot spot Areas: Royton Park, Royton Precinct and the Health Centre

REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY RINGING 101

5. Councillor Updates:

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

Royton South:

- Set up a Royton branch of The Royal British Legion at the Cricket Club.
- The area secretary of RBL is coming to the Cricket Club Wednesday 25 November to give his blessing and launch Royton's Royal British Legion branch.

- Royton's Christmas Lights Switch On – Thursday 26 November from 6.00pm
- Christmas at Heyside in Bullcote park Saturday 05 December from 3.00pm
- St Philips Drive parking scheme is now up and running
- Lidl – Be aware that there will be some parking issues for a while, which is to be expected, for approximately 6 months
- Pool being demolished – There will be a new 60 space car park which will be limited up to 3 hours, hope the car park behind Natwest will be the same times.
- Cllr Bashforth stressed that we cannot provide car parking space for workers at the Health Centre

Cllr Judge:

- Highways re-surfacing – Looking to do the side roads. Utility companies are now doing a better job as we are checking their standard of work
- Attended 'A day in the life of a Police Officer' to better understand how GMP prioritise work.
- Holly Estate walkabout
- Visit to the Civic Centre where key services are based to collaborate on safeguarding issues to deal with concerns more quickly and effectively.
- GMFRS – Drive safe, stay safe event at Middleton arena to raise awareness
- 40-70 year olds Health MOT's to be extended to work places and more
- Membership at new Royton leisure centre is very high, not just people from Royton
- Royton sick and needy – Grants still available – Leaflets available at Royton Town Hall

6. Royton Regeneration Projects:

- Old swimming pool will be demolished and the site will become a car park. Demolition could take several months
- Lidl – this is still on course and should open in spring next year

7. Public Questions

Q: What's happening with the Haldanes

A:. We understand talks are at an advanced stage, but we have not been part of the process. It is a private matter between the Co-op and any potential new business – it is not that we are keeping any secrets!

Q: Who owns the garages at Dogford park? They have been broken into and are being used. Resident reported that although they don't think anyone is sleeping in there, there maybe other activities are going on here.

A: This issue has also recently been raised by 'Friends of Dogford park' and is being investigated.

Q: What's the old petrol station at Elk Mill going to be

A: Cllr Bashforth Googled this question – Centre management suites, Child's play area and 3 food outlets

8. Royton Community Chest

Royton community chest officially launched – Application forms available from Royton Town Hall via Linda Cain

9. Any Other Business

Nothing noted

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 18 January 2016, 6.30pm at Royton Town Hall