



ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING
Monday 14 March 2016
6.30pm
Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton

Minutes

Councillors in attendance	
Cllr H Roberts	Royton North
Cllr B Judge	Royton North
Cllr T Larkin	Royton North
Cllr M Bashforth	Royton South
Cllr S Bashforth	Royton South
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
Partners in attendance	
Liz Fryman	R, S & C District Coordinator
John Rooney	Head of Housing, Response Services and Districts
Anne Fleming	Community Development Officer
Eve Edwards	R, S & C District Caseworker
Karen Lord	GMP
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer
Members of the public x 15	
Apologies	

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 Meeting to be arranged to discuss car parking in Royton - Completed

3.2 To look into the unpaid Council Tax issue – No response to date. Cllr Bashforth is unhappy that he's hasn't received a response. Cllr Bashforth will ensure that residents get an update after the subject is raised at full council next week

3.3 Cllr S Bashforth to chase up the plaque from Royton pool re. Baths committee

4. Police Update:

Regular Police Surgeries are held at:

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

Home Watch Meeting

Oddfellow's Club, Union Street, Royton
Thursday 17 March, 7.00pm

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 the Police by residents and businesses so that Greater Manchester Police can contact you with the 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

Seasonal Threats

Information on staying safe on social media

Other Information

Residents were urged that if they saw a crime in action to call 999
If they see anything suspicious call 101

- A rise in burglary of shops in Royton since 12th March – No leads at present
- Young people appear to have moved from Royton, possibly to another part of Oldham
- Royton North – New neighbourhood officer in place
- Royton South – Mark leaves this week and a new officer, Paul, will come to the next Community Forum meeting
- A resident spoke of sending an email regarding ASB on Royton Park. He said that one 13 yr old did come and apologise saying some of the other lads were from Shaw and Oldham. Karen Lord advised to report when issues are happening
- Mazo circulating a picture on Facebook regarding a burglary. Police are to pick up CCTV and would depend on the quality of the image

Crime Statistics 01.04.15 to 09.03.16				
	Q1 Apr - Jun	Q2 July - Sept	Q3 Oct – Dec	Q4 Jan – Mar
Robbery	3	6	6	3
Burglary dwelling including aggravated	17	56	42	22
Burglary other than a dwelling	18	21	15	26
Theft of a motor vehicle	9	4	4	3
Theft from a motor vehicle	35	81	77	31

ASB related statistics (Cumulative YTD)			
	2014/15	2015/16	Inc/Red on last year
Royton North	408	437	29
Royton South	361	348	13

Hot spot Areas: Royton Park, Royton Precinct, Health Centre and Church Walk and Park Street

REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY RINGING 101

5. Councillor Updates:

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

Royton South:

- Dealing with ASB at Daniel Street opposite what used to be Meal Deal
- Looking at parking/drop off issues at St Anne's school
- Dealing with parking issues at Campania Street. As Royal Oldham hospital grows, there are increasing problems with car parking and this is now a priority issues.
- Royal British Legion in Royton now has approval to be a new branch
- New parking at the side of the health centre is to be 3 hour only, likewise the car park on Park Street, at the back of the NatWest bank.
- Lidl car park will have at least 120 spaces with a waiting time of 90 minutes.

Action: Residents reported that there is a sign on the car park at the side of the health centre that says 'Leisure'. Cllr Bashforth has emailed this evening to have this taken down/see why the sign has been up

Cllr Judge:

- Fourboys opening soon
- Dealing with mental health issues is an important area of work with the health authorities. Cllr Judge reported that a strategy is being drawn up.
- GMFR – Corporate plan – What plans are over the next couple of years. Less staff and engines due to cuts

Cllr Roberts:

- Cllr Roberts attended the Value for Money committee – Police budget for next year is better than expected. Can recruit new officers to replace leavers/retirees. Officers in neighbourhoods from this Summer, to be based at Royton Town Hall

Cllr Larkin:

- Cllr Larkin attended a meeting with local business and Lidl regarding access on Middleton Road.

6. Royton Regeneration Projects:

- Stonework being stored
- Plaque and wheel of life being stored at Alexander park for now
- Mounting steps from the precinct are to be stored at Downey House

7. Public Questions

7.1 Are Royton Hall school children coming to the new pool or going elsewhere (suggested Castleton pool). Resident said the children are not coming to Royton pool but children who went to Glodwick bath (now closed) come to Royton

A: Cllr Larkin suggested that yes they were unless contractually obligated to use other site.

Action: Liz to check where Royton Hall school children are going swimming. It was noted that Glodwick pool didn't close until Royton had opened

7.2 In the Chronicle, it says that there will be no new school at Royton and Crompton, just doing it up.

A: Cllr Chadderton has asked the question to be put to full council next week and will bring back the response to the next community forum. Cllr Bashforth suggested that it may be something to do with planning issues.

7.3 Ofstead critical of E-ACT

A: Governors disbanded at Oldham Academy North, no immediate concerns.

7.4 Anything going on at Park Lane House?

A: There has been planning application submitted to convert the property into a house of multiple occupancy, but the application has been withdrawn.

7.5 What is Oldham doing about London authorities sending asylum seekers to Oldham

A: This matter is between the government and the companies they commission to support asylum seekers. Properties are cheaper in the North which contributes to this issue.

7.6 What can Oldham people do about asylum seekers being moved from London to the North West

A: Councillors suggested that people write to the government.

8. Royton Community Chest

Royton community chest meeting took place on 29th February
Friends of Dogford Park, Heyside Cricket Club, Heyside Neighbourhood Council and Royton Historical Society were all awarded funding.

9. Any Other Business

Nothing to note

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 14 June 2016, 6.30pm at Royton Town Hall