



Minutes

Councillors in attendance	
Cllr H Roberts	Royton North
Cllr J Larkin	Royton North
Cllr M Bashforth	Royton South
Cllr S Bashforth	Royton South
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
Partners in attendance	
Bruce Penhale	Head of Service
Eve Edwards	R, S & C District Caseworker
Craig Dickinson	GMP
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer
Members of the public x 20	
Apologies	
Liz Fryman	R, S & C District Coordinator
John Rooney	Head of Housing, Response Services and Districts
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:

3.2 To look into the unpaid Council Tax issue – Response from Anne Ryans (Director of Finance):

The total level of outstanding Council Tax debt at February 2016 is £18.7m and when costs associated with pursuing the debt of £4.6m are added, the total outstanding from Council Tax payers increases to £23.3m. This may seem high but there is always some short term debt that will be addressed once reminder letters are issued. In addition, there are payment arrangements in place for some of the debt and so this will be dealt with over time.

The figures also cover many financial years and reflect the Councils determination to collect the debt and pursue those that owe Council Tax as long and as hard as possible and to minimise any debt write off. All outstanding debt will be subject to the full range of recovery procedures including follow up/ reminder letters, summons to the Magistrates Court, payment arrangements and attachment of earnings.

It is difficult to be precise about the number of households that have Council Tax arrears as the debt follows an individual and there is considerable movement into and out of households and also around, into and out of the borough and some taxpayers have arrears at more than one address. Our systems cannot extract the information to answer the question asked.

3.3 Cllr S Bashforth to chase up the plaque from Royton pool re. Baths committee – The plaque has been found, Cllr Bashforth to acquire as soon as possible

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 – Response from Neil Consterdine (Head of Service Public Health and Leisure):

Royton Hall have been attending sessions out of the borough for the last 2 yrs. They chose not to buy from the Council and use OCL facilities. However, I can confirm that they are buying into our service again from Sept. This was confirmed earlier this week

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 16 June, 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

On May 9th 2016 a new policing model came into operation. Response Officers will no longer exist instead they will be Neighbourhood Police Officers and will be allocated to an area. This means that when they are not dealing with emergencies they will default to their areas. This should mean more Officers in Royton

Craig spoke with residents about ASB issues in general and this started a conversation about the youth having nothing to do in Royton. Councillors said that there were many things going on for the youth to get involved in and that local councillors had funded local sessions for young people including very popular free swims and gym sessions at half term. Craig volunteered to stay after the meeting so that residents could speak with him about any issues they have.

Crime statistics 01/04/15 to 9/3/16		
	14.3.16 – 24.05.16	14.3.15 – 24.05.15
Robbery	3	3
Burglary dwelling including aggravated	32	13
Burglary other than a dwelling	15	17
Theft of a motor vehicle	8	6
Theft from a motor vehicle	38	16

ASB related statistics (Cumulative YTD)			
	14.3.16 – 24.05.16	14.3.15 – 24.05.15	Inc/Red on last year
Royton North	73 includes under 18s	82 includes under 18's	9
Royton South	70 includes under 18s	80 includes under 18's	10

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.

Cllr S Bashforth:

- Planning application for 106 Rochdale Road to become a takeaway has been refused. Another application has been put in since this refusal by a different party.
- Mature trees at Netherhey/Elk Mill cut down but councillors don't know who has done this as it is not Council land. This is being looked into.
- Travellers at Edge Lane Street have now gone, this is private land. No issues this visit.
- Speeding – Any issues are still being looked at. Vehicle Activated Signs to be placed at Fir Lane, funded by Shaw and Crompton District Executive and Royton councillors.
- After a petition was received regarding speeding on Blackshaw Lane/Broadway speed monitoring survey has been completed showing average speeds recorded on a daily basis are close to 20 mph. On the basis of the recent speed data and the fact that during the last three years there have been no injury or accidents recorded on Blackshaw Lane and Water Street there are no further road safety proposals that could be considered; however, the Speed Data information has been sent to the Police Liaison officer who may wish to investigate further the maximum speeds that have been recorded.

Cllr M Bashforth:

- Saturday 11th June – Fun Day at Bullcote Park, 1.00 – 3.00pm
- Thursday 30th June – Royal British Legion meeting at Royton Cricket Club, 7.30pm
- Sunday 16th July – Heyside Classic Car Show, Bullcote Park, 1.00 – 3.00pm
- Marie is now represents Oldham Council on ‘Holidays for Children’

Cllr J Larkin:

- Had a meeting with First Choice Homes to try and promote a community forum for residents
- James has been appointed to represent Oldham Council on TfGM

6. Royton Regeneration Projects:

A consultation is underway in Royton Library showing options of landscaping to include the old Royton baths stonework to be sited close to the leisure centre car park. This will be in the Library until 13th June. Residents were encouraged to voice their opinions. Councillors asked if the consultation could be extended for a week.

Action: LC to ask if the stone work consultation in Royton Library can be extended

7. Public Questions

7.1 Why is Middleton Road being closed for 7 weeks from 6th June. Why couldn't it wait until the school holidays so there would be less disruption. This is causing very bad queues of traffic at the temporary lights and has disrupted the bus service which has been diverted.

Action: James to check alternative bus routes during the diversion

A: Would suggest that Lidl is working to specific timelines and this had to be done now. It is only a part of Middleton Road which is not closed but has temporary traffic lights installed and some inconvenience is to be expected.

7.2 Cars speeding on Cecil Street/Church Street

A: This has been noted and will be looked into

7.3 Will the 428 bus be coming back

A: Probably not. Cllr Roberts has taken this issue up previously and a local resident has also raised the issue with Jim McMahon MP who has spoken to the Chief Executive of TfGM on her behalf.

7.4 There have been tractors all over hauling trailers with mounds of earth, these are going very fast and are very wobbly. Exceeding 35mph and have been seen late at night.

A: Councillors are unaware of this issue but will try to find out what this relates to.

Action: Eve will try to find out from partners what the tractor issue is about

7.5 The old health centre land has been vacant for over 3 years and has yet to be developed. Given that it was reported that a local builder had had another piece of land repossessed by the council after not developing it within 3 years, why has nothing been done about the health centre land in the same timeframe?

A: The builder had many chances but broke conditions each time. Oldham Council used their side of the legal agreement and took back the land. As far as the Health Centre is concerned, we are waiting to get a business on here that we in Royton are all happy with. It

is anticipated that the land will be a more desirable development opportunity once LIDL is operational and work has been done to smarten up the Precinct.

7.6 A resident from Haggate spoke of a siren in her garden that was wanted for a museum.

A: There was an attendee at tonight's meeting from Royton Historical Society and he said that he would speak with the resident after the meeting to see if he could help at all

8. Any Other Business

A resident asked what the money would be spent on after the youth centre had been sold off. Councillors explained that funds would be returned to the central capital pot where it could be used for possible refurbishment of Royton Town Hall amongst other projects.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 18 July 2016, 6.30pm at Royton Town Hall