

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	
Liz Fryman	R, S & C District Coordinator
John Rooney	Head of Housing, Response Services and Districts
Eve Edwards	Community Development Officer
Jen Downing	R, S & C District Caseworker
PC Craig Dickinson	GMP
Members of the public x 11	
Apologies	
Cllr T Larkin	Royton North

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Cllr Roberts thanked everyone for attending and provided apologies from Cllr T Larkin

2. Minutes of the last meeting for approval:

The Chair requested a number of amendments be made to the minutes of the previous meeting, as follows:

Cllr M Bashforth update: The previous minutes state that Marie is now a representative of Holidays for Children. This is incorrect; Marie is representing the Council on the Board of Holidays for Children.

Cllr J Larkin update: The previous minutes state that James is now a representative of TfGM. This is incorrect and should state that James is a representative of the Council on the TfGM Board.

Public Questions:

7.5 The previous minutes do not provide an accurate representation of the situation. There has been some confusion around the issue which has been raised in the local press. Councillor Bashforth clarified that the site of the Old Health Centre is waiting for developer interest.

7.6 The previous minutes stated that a resident from Haggate had some tiling in her garden which was needed for a museum. It was confirmed that rather than tiling it was actually an air raid siren in the resident's garden.

Subject to the above updates the minutes were agreed as accurate by all.

3. Action Updates from previous Royton Community Forum:

6.1 LC to ask if the stonework consultation in Royton Library can be extended.

A request was placed asking for the consultation to be extended for a further week; ending on 17 June.

7.1 Cllr J Larkin to check alternative bus routes during the closure of Middleton Road

Cllr J Larkin confirmed that no alternative route was possible during the closure and that Middleton Road is now back open with no further disruption.

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

LF confirmed that partners and police have both been asked about any issues being flagged and have heard nothing further.

LF requested that residents need to advise the Council of times and dates when tractors are observed. Resident advised that a tractor loaded with mud was observed last week on Dogford Road and that the tractors are moving at a high speed and so residents are finding it difficult to get details such as registration numbers.

4. Police Update:

PC Craig Dickinson attended the meeting to provide an update:

Speeding motorists have been a problem on Cecil Street and so police attention has been increased in this area with a motorbike recently being confiscated from a youth.

Police patrols have been taking place around Church Walk to deter ASB next to the old Youth Centre. Youths are sheltering under the overhanging roof during bad weather. Guinness Housing are looking into what can be done.

PC Dickinson advised that the Police are running a "A day in the life of a Sergeant" sessions where members of the public can visit the police station and will be provided with various scenarios to work through. The sessions are open to all residents and members of the Community Forum.

PC Dickinson requested that names and contact numbers be provided by those wishing to attend.

Resident asked if the Police still have lay visitors who check on people in custody. PC Dickinson confirmed yes and that anyone in custody is now also videoed. The resident advised that previously reports from lay visitors were provided by the Police and queried whether this still happens.

Action: PC Dickinson to investigate if visitors are still in place and if a report to the Community Forum can be given.

5. Councillor Updates:

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

Royton North:

Cllr Roberts:

Cllr Roberts confirmed that with regards to the vehicle activated signs: the poles have arrived and the signs should be installed and running soon.

Speeding complaints have been received from residents of Oozewood Road and councillors have agreed that a speed survey will be carried out.

Cllr Larkin:

Cllr Larkin confirmed that due to work commitments, he has had to step down from the Board of TfGM and confirmed that the Council's spokesperson on the Board now is Cllr Norman Briggs while Cllr Howard Sykes represents the minority party.

Royton South:

Cllr Chadderton:

Cllr Chadderton advised of action taken on the issue of parking around Royal Oldham Hospital. Question was asked at last week's Full Council meeting and Cllr Chadderton confirmed that the Council is working with the hospital since it will expand to become a super hospital for Greater Manchester and the problem will potentially get worse.

Meetings are to be arranged to discuss parking especially with the football season starting soon.

With regards to Royton & Crompton School: a report is being written by Council officers and a meeting is scheduled with the Education Funding Agency and the Department for Education to look into the funding for a full rebuild of the school.

The greenspace on Park St was discussed with complaints about congregating youths and ASB near the leisure centre being received. Cllr Chadderton confirmed that a meeting took place recently and have consulted with residents for the wooden fencing is to be moved back to stop the youths sitting on the fence and causing a nuisance.

A query was raised by a resident about what constitutes ASB and PC Dickinson advised that when congregations are in excess of 15/20 individuals that can be intimidating but is not necessarily ASB but if property is being damaged that then becomes ASB and should be reported to the Police.

Regular visits are taking place to concerned residents by police.

LF highlighted the amount of work being done with partner agencies with regards to ASB and that the level of problems within the District has dropped. Priorities around ASB were discussed and residents were encouraged to report ASB.

Residents can report ASB by calling 0161 856 50 50.

Cllr M Bashforth:

Cllr Bashforth provided an update on the lane where the furniture store burned down. Cllr Bashforth has asked a question at Full Council to see what can be done in regards to the owner since it is classed as a dangerous building and it was confirmed that OMBC is now looking into prosecution.

Cllr Bashforth thanked LF for all of her work on arranging swimming passes for Royton children over the summer holiday period, funded from the DE budget. Different

organisations that are working with children will provide passes for swimming. Sports activities will also be ran in the park.

Cllr S Bashforth:

Cllr Bashforth provided an update on the demolition of Bryon Street School, advising that this is imminent. The building has been on the market since 2009 for conversion, but no developer has come forward.

Demolition is urgently needed as it has become dilapidated and unsafe but Cllr Bashforth advised that artefacts can be rescued for safekeeping and that demolition should make the site better to sell.

Residents from Broadway have been complaining about speeding lorries but a speed survey has confirmed that they are not going over the speed limit. A 2nd survey to take place in a slightly different place to confirm this outcome. Cllr Bashforth felt it was important to look at getting the whole of Broadway down to 30mph to reduce the noise in early hours of the morning.

It has been asked if speed camera can be moved but this is not possible at the moment without further evidence.

Cllr Bashforth also advised that wagon drivers have taken to sleeping overnight at bottom of Edge Lane and Milton Street causing issues for the residents. Permanent measures are being looked into.

A resident asked about speed limit and signage coming off the motorway near Elk Mill and the signage. Cllr Bashforth agreed that 30mph is the limit.

6. Royton Regeneration Projects:

A resident queried the time limit for parking around the Health Centre. Cllr Bashforth confirmed that objections were received for the proposed 3 hour parking with a 3 hour non return proposal, which means that it needs to be reviewed; but that he was hopeful that this would happen soon.

Resident queried what had happened to the Wheel of Life artwork. LF confirmed it is in storage at Alexandra Park until a final decision is made where to put it.

7. Public Questions

7.1 What is going to happen to the Lidl entrance and exit on Sandy Lane on the bend?

Cllr Bashforth confirmed that Highways engineers have confirmed it is safe where it is.

7.2 The tree opposite the Town Hall is getting too large and obscuring the clock

Cllr Roberts confirmed that a conversation would be had around the possibility of pruning the tree but advised that this sometimes isn't possible due to the impact of pruning on certain species.

Action: Cllr Roberts to ask for the tree to be assessed.

7.3 Is the road on Glenn View going to be widened? A 2-3ft trench has been dug out on the left hand side.

Cllr Larkin will email FCHO to investigate.

Action: Cllr J Larkin to email FCHO to investigate

7.4 The concrete pillars near Boyes store have all been knocked down and are in danger of causing injury to pedestrians

District Team to investigate

Action: District team to investigate

7.5 Resident thanked the Councillors and officers for sorting out the potholes at the back of Garden Terrace

7.6 Where are the stones from the Baths going to be placed?

Following consultation, maintenance costs are now being considered.

Cllr Bashforth advised that much thought needs to go into the maintenance and security of the final position and the stones are going to be securely anchored in concrete.

7.7 When the Health Centre was built it was on basis that all health services were to be co-located in the building. Now District Nurses have been moved out and the service is deteriorating. Nurses are now based in Glodwick and the travel is causing some appointments to be missed.

Residents requested that Cllrs raise this issue with the Clinical Commissioning Group which was confirmed by Councillors.

Cllr Roberts requested that someone from the Clinical Commissioning Service attend the next CF meeting.

Action: District Team to invite member of Clinical Commissioning Service to next Community Forum meeting

8. Any Other Business

The old youth club has been bought by the Doctors Surgery. It was confirmed that the Doctors in the precinct will move into the old youth club building when it has been refurbished.

Medical Centre is privately owned so not known what is happening with the old surgery location.

Police asked about what is happening with the Kick Pitch? Cllrs confirmed that was not possible to relocate the pitch and the site has now been sold.

Resident advised that he had watched the Full Council meeting last week and said it was disappointing with not much time being spent speaking about issues which directly affect Oldhamers. Cllr Bashforth agreed that sometimes Council can seem out of touch.

Cllr Roberts provided a brief explanation about the three weekly bin collection and highlighted that leaflets had been sent out with information in them about the changes to the service. If residents had any further questions (e.g. about getting larger bins) they were asked to get in touch with their local councillors who will follow up the issue as needed.

A resident questioned why don't politicians listen to the residents?

Cllr Bashforth responded to this saying sometimes information is not provided quick enough which can be a problem.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 10 October 2016, 6.00pm at Royton Town Hall