



ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING
Monday 12 June 2017
6.00pm
Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton

Minutes

Councillors in attendance	
Cllr H Roberts	Royton North
Cllr J Larkin	Royton North
Cllr C Phythian	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
Jen Downing	R, S & C Case Worker
Sgt Stephen Hall	GMP
NBO Paul Rainsford	GMP
Members of the public x 14	

1. Welcome and Apologies:

- Cllr James Larkin welcomed everyone and advised that he will be the Chair of the District Executive and Community Forum for the next year
- Cllr Larkin requested that the attendees and Cllrs spend a moment in silence for those lost since the last meeting. Cllr Larkin introduced Cllr Phythian newly elected Royton North Cllr to the meeting

2. Minutes of the last meeting for approval:

- Noted and agreed

3. Action Updates from previous Royton Community Forum:

Item 4. – Increase in violent crime in latest Police report

- To be discussed under Item 4. Police report

Item 5. - Royton Regeneration Items

- Councillors have now met with the Regeneration Team with regards to the new owners of the precinct and future plans

Item 7.1. - St. Philip's Drive

- Cllr Chadderton has been liaising with Highways - the surface depth of the resurfacing is only 20mm thick which is causing the ongoing issues
- Quote has been given for £41k which can't be funded by Cllrs budget or ward budgets
- Cllr Chadderton has asked what can be done and is currently lobbying for works to be carried out

Item 7.2. – 402 Bus Route

- Cllr Larkin has contacted the TfGM about reinstating the Grasmere Road section of the route and is currently waiting for this request to be heard at the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee's Bus Network and Services Committee

Item 7.6. – High Barn Street Car Park

- Cllr Bashforth advised that works are being carried out around this area and improvements to this car park will be carried out

4. Police Update:

NBO Paul Rainsford and Sgt Stephen Hall attended the meeting to provide an update:

- Sgt Steve Hall introduced himself to the forum and provided a report on the rise in violent crime statistics in Royton
- As of May 2017 GMP went to a new working model with changes to staffing levels following an inspection carried out by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies which found that the whole GMP force needed to improve its accuracy in recording crime statistics
- Now Police must create a crime report from the moment of contact from a resident meaning that every call has a crime reference number which is allocated to the relevant officer
- On a monthly basis 12,000 more crimes are being reported monthly now due to the change in reporting
- Sgt Hall advised that malicious communications are included now under violent crime which can include unpleasant comments on Facebook
- This year the level of severity of violent crime is actually lower than in 2016
- GMP have considered whether there are any violent crime trends in the area but not found any hot spots

5. *Standing items:

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

- Cllr Larkin advised that Andy Burnham who has been elected as GM Mayor, wants to have a complete rewrite of the GMSF
- Cllr S Bashforth discussed the amount of land which Oldham Council must submit to the Government for housing and the Housing White Paper which has been published by Government is likely to increase this number

Royton Regeneration Projects

- Cllr Larkin advised that meetings are being held with Regeneration officers and that these will resume now that the election has taken place
- There was a discussion regarding the tree on the precinct that makes it difficult to see the clock face. There were views expressed for and against taking any action.

6. Councillor Updates:

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

Royton North:

Cllr Roberts:

- Cllr Roberts thanked the District Team for their support during the recent tragedy
- Through the election campaign a lot of casework has been picked up
- Advised that the planning application for Thorpe Road development by FCHO is going to be submitted next week
- Advised that Yorkshire Bank will be installing a new 24hour cash machine outside Wraggs Store and this is currently awaiting planning permission

Cllr J Larkin:

- Cllr Larkin has spoken with Royton Post Office to request that their cash point be put outside for easier access for residents, he is currently waiting for a response
- Advised that a lot of casework has been picked up through recent election campaign

Royton South:

Cllr S Bashforth:

- Cllr Bashforth has been meeting with residents and picking up casework
- Updated the forum on the work of the community hub at Royton Town Hall in the aftermath of the Manchester Arena tragedy
- Told the forum about upcoming events such as the Heyside Classic Car Show on the 15 July and the upcoming Royton Olympics

Cllr M Bashforth:

- Cllr Bashforth has been dealing with a lot of casework following the election campaign
- Met with residents of Runnymede Court to look into mobility issues which they are facing in the local area around Royton Town Hall

Cllr A Chadderton:

- Cllr Chadderton has also had more casework coming in during the election campaign
- Met with the Runnymede Court residents to discuss issues

7. Public Questions

7.1. – Streetbridge Closure

Residents queried when the closure was due to be finished. Cllrs responded that the press release, had an incorrect completion date on and the closure is due to be lifted in mid August 2017 ready for the beginning of the new school year

7.2. – Holden Fold and Netherhey

Residents complained about the surfacing issues on both streets. Cllrs responded that they will be working with the Utility Companies to deal with this issue after the works on Streetbridge have been completed.

9. Any Other Business

Nothing to note

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 17 July 2017, 6.00pm at Royton Town Hall