



# Minutes

Present	
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
Liz Fryman	R, S & C District Coordinator
Members of the public x 12	
Apologies	
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

- Cllr James Larkin welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting for approval:

- Noted and agreed

## 3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

## 4. Police Update:

NBO Craig Dickenson attended the meeting to provide an update:

- Introduced student police officer Jack
- Craig praised behaviour of young people who attended the memorial event at Tandle Hills
- Craig advised residents that there is a scam at present around pin machines being sent in the post. Residents were advised that if they received these, to check with their bank to ensure they are real.
- Be aware of keeping keys away from front door and check cars are locked by checking the door, especially if it is a keyless ignition. Devices have been found to override these.
- Craig shared 'Report my Loss' forms and the Borough Police number for residents to contact as well as 101 number
- Parking issues at Bamford Street: a resident asked Craig if double yellow lines could be put in.

## Action 4a: LF to ask Highways to investigate possible actions at the junction of Bamford Street and Shaw St.

- Resident also reported that the exit of Lidl car park is a danger as you cannot see traffic coming over the hill – Councillors are aware of this issue.
- Cars doing spins at Latics car park late at night – Craig will speak with Latics about this.

## Action 4b: Craig to speak with Latics regarding cars doing spins in car park late at night.

- GMP are starting a monthly surgery at the Summit Inn from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August' 1-2pm. Invited Cllrs to also attend.

## Action 4c: Craig requested to pass on details to LF

## **5. Councillor Updates:**

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

### **Royton North:**

#### **Cllr Roberts:**

- Thornham Mill –Owner issued with an order to clear the area but has ignored this. Oldham Council has since cleared up the area and is billing the owner
- Royton precinct PSPO – Going through the legal process.
- Duke of Edinburgh – Licence has been reviewed.
- Children’s Centres District Advisory Board – Right Start strategy is now in place which is providing sustained contact for families most in need.
- 30 hours childcare offer for all children of working parents aged 3 /4yrs starts in September – please contact your local Children’s Centre for more information.

#### **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. Unfortunately, the post office is not looking to make this change.
- Advised that a lot of casework around speeding issues at Rochdale Lane and Rochdale Road. James to meet with case worker to look at Firbank Estate which really needs to be a 20mph zone.
- The 402 bus will now go down Grasmere again to Rochdale Road

#### **Cllr C Phythian:**

Clint reported that he has been attending council meetings and has also started to pick up case work from residents.

### **Royton South:**

#### **Cllr S and M Bashforth:**

- Both councillors have been meeting with residents and picking up casework
- Personal/delicate case work like benefits and housing issues is increasing and being dealt with by Marie
- Street Bridge is now open – Councillors have not been informed formally
- Meeting been had with residents at Runnymede Court. Pot holes are now sorted and work continues creating a route for mobility scooters into the District Centre.

## **6. Christmas Lights 2017**

- Christmas lights event has outgrown itself. Santa was threatened and abused last year.
- Christmas Lights Association disbanded last year and despite strenuous efforts, no other residents or business have got involved with planning and managing the event.
- Option have the lights switch on alone this year was discussed due to the timescales. This would allow time to try once again to engage residents and businesses to plan and manage the event. Agreed that this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

## 7. Public Questions

Q: Is the bank opposite The Railway going to be Gin & Juice2. Concerns regarding overspill of customers due to the position of the building.

A: JL – Barclays own the lease. Several businesses are interested in Royton but councillors do not have any say in this. Better to have a business than the building be empty.

Q: With all the banks closing in Royton, the elderly are keeping their savings at home which is a worry.

A: Councillors have no influence over the banks. Advised that Wraggs have applied to install a 24 hour cash machine outside their store, but there is no sign of this as yet.

Q: Zebra crossing – Can lights be put in here

A: This has been investigated many times. Advice and evidence suggests the zebra is a safer crossing.

Q: Changes at The Summit Pub – Resident asked about the refurbishment works and talked about how any extension to opening hours will cause nuisance to local residents.

A: This is a private company and they do not need to consult or advise residents. Craig has requested that the pub block their wifi connection in some way to avoid young people hanging around. Resident requested to leave details

**Action 7a. LF will find out if the council has any information about the works and plan to extend hours at the Summit Pub**

Q: A flat that was set on fire at Bamford Street has been boarded up by First Choice, but still glass left around.

A: This will be raised with First Choice.

Q: Royton Regeneration Master Plan – resident asked what is happening with this following public engagement?

A: There is a meeting on Wednesday 19 July to discuss, following which information will be shared.

Q: Residents asked if the field at the back Cecil/Thorpe and farm could be tidied up?

A: Ownership of the land needs to be checked.

**Action 7b: District Team (Jen Downing) will check if land at bottom of Cecil Street belongs to Oldham Council.**

## 8. Any Other Business

Oldham Council is reviewing the Oldham Plan which sets out the planning needs of the community going forward. This is a borough wide initiative and information was shared regarding how to participate and give your views.

## 9. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 16 October 2017, 6.00pm at Royton Town Hall