



ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING
Monday 15 January 2018
6.00pm
Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton

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
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
Liz Fryman	R,S & C District Coordinator
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer
Members of the public x 10	
Apologies	
PS Steve Hall	GMP

1. Welcome and Apologies:

- Cllr Hannah Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr James Larkin has been delayed in traffic.

2. Minutes of the last meeting for approval:

- Noted and agreed

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Action 4.3: *Cllr S Bashforth -Community meeting to discuss house burglary and car crime – Cllr Bashforth unable to confirm dates as yet.*

Action 3.1: LF and LC to confirm dates for the burglary/car crime meeting

Action 5.4: *Royton Town Hall front door to be a second entrance – This has been considered, but will decrease Library floor space. The doors will be kept as an original feature.*

Action 5.5: *Request for old clinic site could the land be top soiled and seeded – Site to be marketed in the next couple of months. Cllrs requested sight of the quotes for the top soil/seeding options.*

Action 3.2: LF to obtain the quotes given for top soil/seeding old clinic site

Action 7.7: *James is organising a speed survey at Middleton Road/High Barn St junction and will report back - Ongoing*

Action 7.9: *LF to request a stronger PA system for next year from the Mayors' office – Requested for next time*

Action 7.10: *LF to check progress regarding the Tandle Hill monument with Environmental Services - We now have competitive quotes and will action the following works: Replace railings around the memorial, Renew crushed stone surfacing around immediate vicinity of the memorial, Reinstatement to grass areas on completion of works.*

The plaque on the memorial to be looked at to see what can be done; in consultation with planning conservation officer Karen Heverin

Action 7.12: *LF to obtain Council Tax figures for the next meeting* – Completed and passed to resident. Printer is not working at this time and further copies will be available for the public at the next meeting.

4. Police Update:

No Police attended the meeting although a report was provided

- Increases in both violent crime and assault without injury compared to previous year
- Increases in robbery, burglary, theft of motor vehicle compared to previous year
- Decrease in residential burglary compared to previous year
- Decrease overall with ASB issues in Royton South and Royton North

5. Royton Regeneration – Royton Town Hall & Library

Q: MEN article about Royton Hall being improved? What is happening?

A: The article was referring to the Royton Masterplan, which sets out improvement ambitions for the town. There are many ideas in the document, but as yet, there is no budget available. It is a vision document so that if and when budgets become available we have a strong idea of what could be done.

Q: Is Wetherspoons coming to Royton?

A: Gossip and rumour

Q: How many books will there be in the Library

A: Design of the Library will be done by a specialist company. The Library is not just about books anymore, there is high demand for activities and ITC equipment too, which is being planned into the layout. As yet we do not have that level of detail available.

Q: Resident asked if Royton has been the beneficiary of any of the funding available to local authorities from landfill sites or development sites, for example.

A: Yes, we have benefitted a number of times from this type of funding, most recently for improvements at Shaw Rd end park and Royton Park.

Q: Residents asked if there were going to be any changes to the zebra crossing following the accident before Christmas?

A: We are waiting for accident report following which all options will be looked at again.

6. Councillor Updates:

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

Royton North:

Cllr H Roberts:

- Redevelopment of Royton Town Hall/Library
- Brownfield sites and register available online. Shows sites available for development within the next 5 years; some have planning permission but not all.
- Enforcement action taken at Thornham Mill regarding A boards and banners
- Warm Homes Oldham – Funds available for central heating in a home where there is none at present; by referral

Cllr J Larkin:

- Meetings are continuing with Regeneration regarding the library and town hall development.
- Enforcement action at Thornham Mill with Cllr Roberts
- Thorpe Road/ Holly Estate development
- 402 Bus route

Cllr C Phythian:

- Busy with case work
- Redevelopment of Royton Town Hall/Library
- Value for money and performance board meeting attended.

Royton South:

Cllr M Bashforth:

- Busy with casework
- Redevelopment of Royton Town Hall/Library
- Warm homes Oldham – referral
- Planning issues, Public Health and Get Oldham Working
- Urgent Care in Oldham - improvements

Cllr S Bashforth:

- Case work busy
- Redevelopment of Royton Town Hall/Library
- Plans for new homes in the town are looking good. Town houses with off road parking.

Cllr Chadderton:

- Redevelopment of Royton Town Hall/Library
- Licensing issues and Royton PSPO
- Plans for new homes at old Police station and Byron St area
- Casework is busy

7. Public Questions

7.1 Q: 412 bus being changed

A: Cllr Phythian is to send an email and find out what is happening

Action: 4 Cllr Phythian to find out information about change to 412 bus route

7.2 Q: What is being done about the bus shelters that are being kicked in. Can we get cameras.

A: These are being replaced as quickly as possible. Cameras are not cost effective and these people will destroy them even if a camera is there

7.3 Q: The Dog and Partridge pub is being vandalised. What is the future of this building

A: Don't know what is happening with this but can be checked.

Action 5: LF to check what is happening with the Dog and Partridge pub

7.4 Q: Fly tipping at the shops/supermarket at the bottom of Haggate. Who owns the spare land and what is being done about this.

A: Cllr Larkin requested we look into where this is and who owns the land

Action 6: LF to check who owns the land at the bottom of Haggate and the area where people are fly tipping. (Haggate OL2 5DU)

7.5 Q: Can we stop young people using gas canisters at Tandle Hill park

A: They are not illegal and can be bought from the internet.

7.6 Q: Hindle Drive flooded again today after heavy rain. This is a regular occurrence.

Gutters are cleared and UU comes now and again to look at this but just a short fix.

A: Cllr Larkin said this is the first he has heard about this problem (St Pauls School area) and this will be looked into.

Action 7: LF to look at the flooding issue at Hindle Drive and what is being done about this.

8. Any Other Business

Resident advised of a scheme for ex-service men – To have passes which will allow them priority with jobs, housing etc.

Cllr S Bashforth gave thanks to the District Team for the Christmas Lights switch on event saying what a fantastic day it turned out to be.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 05 March 2018, 6.00pm at Royton Town Hall