

**ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING**  
**Monday 04 June 2018**  
**6.00pm**  
**Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton**

# Minutes

<b>Present</b>	
Cllr H Roberts	Royton North
Cllr J Larkin	Royton North
Cllr C Phythian	Royton North
Cllr S Bashforth	Royton South
Cllr M Bashforth	Royton South
Liz Fryman	R,S & C District Coordinator
Linda Cain	Case worker
Members of the public	13 signed in
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
Cllr J Larkin	Royton North
Stewart Wilson	GMP

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

- Cllr Clint Phythian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

- Noted and agreed

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

*Action: Request Police attend the next Royton Community Forum to discuss how Police priorities are set.* – Apologies noted – Deferred until the next meeting

*Issue: Royton zebra crossing -*

There is a proposal to upgrade the zebra crossing in Royton Town Centre to a puffin in year 2 of the capital programme (2019/20)

*Issue: Could trees could be removed at Cemetery Road* – Nik Anderson would want to avoid removing the trees, mainly due to cost, but also due to the fact that the trees are Ash and are healthy. The costs would be in the region of around £50k to remove the trees and reinstate the pavement and the highway.

*Issue: Create a pack regarding useful reporting information E.g. Potholes for next Community Forum* – Completed, Councillors are happy with this. To be available at next Community Forum meeting

*Issue: Investigate the pavement issue at Haggate* – A highways inspector has assessed this enquiry and at this time it does not meet the criteria for repair. We will continue to monitor Haggate on our routine safety inspections.

*Issue: Investigate where the grit bin has gone from the top of Charles Street* - Unsure who this grit bin did belong to. Not Oldham Council and FCHO use Oldham Council for their grit bins. Could have been put in by a resident.

*Issue: Fly-tipping at side of Old Grey Mare pub to be investigated. – Green bin removed.*

**Further action:** LC to request further litter removal

*Issue: Check premises licence at Rumours - Licence is to serve alcohol from 9am.*

*Issue: Report slippery path near to granite footpath marker to Countryside Service - Andy Moorhouse - The path isn't surfaced and is normally a grass slope with a desire line up it, unfortunately anything remotely resembling a slope up here has been heavily used by people sledging which has resulted in muddy slopes in numerous places. Hopefully these areas will recover when the grass starts growing again. We may have to look at formalising this track with the laying of a stone path and possibly some steps if it doesn't heal over*

*Action: Request gates at Royton Cemetery be painted - Request received positively, hopefully will be completed by end of this week.*

Resident went on to report that the newly laid footpath from the War Memorial to the top of the steps is graveled and is very difficult underfoot.

**Action:** Liz to feedback to Countryside services.

#### **4. Police Update:**

No Police attended the meeting although a report was provided.

- Violent crime is down. Assault without injury is up slightly compared to last year's figures
- Serious acquisitive crime (Robbery, Burglary, Motor vehicle theft of and from) is up compared to last year's figures
- ASB is down in Royton, compared to last year's figures
- Royton and Crompton School – Some issues with damage to motor vehicle and assault in 2018

#### **5. Royton Regeneration – Royton Town Hall & Library**

Cllrs gave an update on progress with the Town Hall and Library.

#### **6. Councillor Updates:**

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

##### **Royton North:**

##### **Cllr H Roberts:**

- Various casework including support for residents accessing social care
- Cherry Grove – Planning application refused
- Dogford park – Trees were planted to try and combat the boggy ground but these have been chopped down, with a saw. Will be trying again after speaking with residents.
- Dogford park garages – The asbestos has been dealt with.

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

- Various casework
- Organising a Community litter pick on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Royton precinct from 11.00am. All welcome to join in

##### **Royton South:**

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

- Issues around the car park at Latics. A meeting took place on 4<sup>th</sup> June with residents, Latics representative and GMP, where we hope to be on the way with a resolution to these problems
- Flooding issues.
- Heyside Homewatch/Neighbourhood watch meeting – 14 June. GMP will be attending.

**7. Public Questions**

7.1 Q: Potholes all over Royton

*A: These have not been forgotten and those that are reported will be repaired eventually*

7.2 Q: The baby weigh in clinic has moved from Royton Health Centre to Royton Children's Centre on Blackshaw Lane. Residents feel this is too far to go, very little parking and difficult to get buggies or prams in and out or even on the bus.

*A: Right Start service (which includes baby weigh in) as part of the integrated services offer for under 5's. Hannah Roberts is happy to raise this issue at the advisory board in June*

**Action 7.2:** Request that a representative from the decision making body attend the next Community Forum to explain the moving of the Health visitors

7.3 Q: Hebron Street, are there going to be more than 80 houses?

A: The Government is telling local councils to increase land for housing, this is a government demand. Brownfield register still does not free up enough land. Beal Valley area has been identified but this does not mean that anything will happen there. Spatial Framework is still being looked at and the next version might be out around August. Consultation will follow.

7.4 Q: Royton and Crompton School to be run by EACT, resident believes that they are already responsible for schools that are failing. Is EACT capable of running a school?

What is Oldham's progress against the actions identified by the report of the Education and Skills Commission in 2016?

A: The decision has been taken by the regional schools commissioner and not Oldham Council. The Ofsted inspection rates this as a good school.

**Action 7.4: To request an update on the actions recommended in the 2016 Education and Skills Commission Report.**

7.5 Q: Stonework from Royton Pool – the grass/weeds are now growing through. Can these be tidied up?

**Action 7.5: To request weeding and tidy up of Royton baths stonework**

*To note: Resident praised the re-setting of the stonework from Byron St school in its new home at Royton Hall School.*

7.6 Q: What is happening with the old doctor's surgery land

A: The land is on the market now

**8. Any Other Business**

Nothing to note

**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 16 July 2018, 6.00pm at Royton Town Hall