



ROYTON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING
Monday 10 October 2016
6.30pm
Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, Royton

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 T Larkin	Royton North
Partners in attendance	
Liz Fryman	R, S & C District Coordinator
Laura Nield	GMP
Arron Cooper	GMP
Craig Dickinson	GMP
Linda Cain	Business Support Officer
Members of the public x 20	
Apologies	
Cllr A Chadderton	Royton South
John Rooney	Head of Housing, Response Services and Districts

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Cllr T Larkin thanked everyone for attending and apologies were noted from Cllr Amanda Chadderton and John Rooney

2. Minutes of the last meeting for approval:

Noted

3. Action Updates from previous Royton Community Forum:

4.1 PC Dickinson to investigate if independent visitors scheme is still in place - that there was no definitive answer as yet. A colleague is visiting a prison tomorrow and he would ask him to ask the question

7.2 The tree opposite the Town Hall is getting too large and obscuring the clock - Nik Anderson, Senior Arboricultural and Countryside Officer, has advised that significant pruning would be required to allow view of the clock and of all species. Birch do not cope very well with this and would cause unnecessary injury to the tree, and so with this in mind, we will leave it as is.

7.4 The concrete pillars near Boyes store have all been knocked down and are in danger of causing injury to pedestrians – This has been reported to Highways and has now been made safe.

7.3 Is the road on Glenn View going to be widened - No, FCHO have no funds for road widening

7.7 District Team to invite member of Clinical Commissioning Service to next Community Forum meeting - Representation has requested and will be coming to the next meeting

4. Police Update:

PC Craig Dickinson attended the meeting to provide an update:

Crime statistics 24/05/16 to 05/07/16		
	06.07.16 – 01.10.16	06.07.15 – 01.10.15
Robbery	2	6
Burglary dwelling including aggravated	35	56
Burglary other than a dwelling	21	21
Theft of a motor vehicle	5	4
Theft from a motor vehicle	35	75

ASB related statistics (Cumulative YTD)			
	06.07.16 – 01.10.16	06.07.15 – 01.10.15	Inc/Red on last year
Royton North	81 includes under 18s	73 includes under 18's	8
Royton South	86 includes under 18s	86 includes under 18's	-

Hot spot Areas: Royton Park, Royton Precinct, Health Centre and Church Walk/ Park Street/ Bulcote Park/ Byron Street School (derelict)

REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY RINGING 101

- Crime prevention advice given in preparation of the winter months and darker nights
- Youth provision – PC Dickenson reported the Neighbourhood Team were working closely with Mahdlo and that ideas to increase and improve our youth offer are being discussed. PC Dickenson referenced the hire of a 'Youth Bus' and possible room at the Air Training Corps.
Action: Liz to liaise with youth providers and GMP regarding possible options.
- ASB around Church Walk/Church Street and Royton Park – PC Dickenson advised residents to call 0161 872 5050 to report issues to him PC13456 or call 101 Reminded residents to call 999 in an emergency.
- Church Walk/Church Street to be included in the Patrol Plan
- Considering changing the Police surgeries to enable more people to access these

Domestic Violence drop in at Royton Town Hall, Tuesday 11 October, 2.00-3.00pm
Community drop in at Royton and Crompton School, Monday 17 October, 6.00–7.00pm

5. Councillor Updates:

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

Royton North:

Cllr Roberts:

- Working with Cllr Amanda Chadderton regarding issues on Royton Precinct.

- Supported Royton Historical Society with their new Royton trail booklets. Attended a heritage open day, which was very interesting; reminded that there is lots of information and dates actually on buildings throughout Royton.

Cllr J Larkin:

- Noticed an increase in case work – examples is speeding at Oozewood and ASB issues
- Ongoing work regarding the no. 402 bus route

Cllr T Larkin:

- Had some health issues but has still been responding to residents
- Continuing to work on the Royton Town Hall regeneration plans

Royton South:

Cllr M Bashforth:

- Worked with Oldham Children's Holidays throughout the summer giving much needed respite for parents and children.

Cllr S Bashforth:

- Also reported an increase in case work – Parking problems.
- Steve spoke of Royton councillors contributing funds to our parks, memorials being updated, support to local events and community groups. Steve stated that some of these would not happen without councillor funding.

6. Public Questions

6.1. Resident raised the issue of the Town Hall steps full of pigeon mess and broken glass and litter on Royton precinct. Resident believed that if Royton was better looked after then the young people may be more inclined to keep it this way

Liz Fryman reported that a request has been made for the steps to be cleaned and the anti-pigeon measures to be improved.

Councillor Larkin responded that the town has had massive investment recently with the leisure centre and Lidl and that the Town Hall was due to have a refurbishment. Councillors are also working with the precinct owners to upgrade and reminded residents that this process does not happen overnight.

6.2 Resident asked if the bar on the precinct could use plastic glasses or sweep up themselves after their customers. It was asked if all businesses could sweep the fronts of their shops.

Councillor Tony Larkin stated that work is being done with Licensing and the Police to see what could be done to improve matters.

6.3 Grass cutting – Why is it not being picked up.

Liz Fryman explained that policy changed a number of years ago to move from 'cut and collect' to 'cut and drop' as a budget saving.

6.4 Traffic lights in the centre of Royton taking 20 minutes to turn right from Middleton Road.

Councillor Tony Larkin sympathised with the resident saying that these lights are in sequence with those at Broadway. Highways monitoring has previously shown that there is more traffic coming from High Barn Street than Middleton Road. These lights are being monitored to see how the new Lidl affects Royton traffic.

6.5 A resident who has just moved to Royton stated that Royton is a nice place; asked about Montrose Gardens and the brick wall that had been pulled down.

Councillor Steve Bashforth said that the wall belongs to Oldham Council and will be re-built

6.6 A cut through from Shaw Road to Balmoral is overgrown and needs cutting back.

Councillor Steve Bashforth will look into this issue

Action: Councillor Steve Bashforth to look at the overgrowth at the cut through from Shaw Road to Balmoral

6.7 Kings Gate Way/Edge Lane Street is very overgrown and needs cutting back.

Councillor Steve Bashforth will look into this issue

Action: Councillor Steve Bashforth to look at the overgrowth at Kings Gate Way/Edge Lane Street

6.8 Two redundancies in Tandle Hills, how is Oldham Council going to keep up standards.

Liz F responded that there are proposals to reduce staffing levels in the Countryside Service, but this is over the whole borough not just Tandle Hills.

Cllr Steve Bashforth stated that demand for services is increasing but local authority funding is dropping. Services will start to look different.

6.9 Resident at Hanover Housing reported that they had one bin for bottles for all the flats and is concerned over 3 weekly collections

Resident was asked to speak with Liz Fryman as this housing should still be on weekly collect.

Action: Liz Fryman to enquire about bin collection for Hanover Housing.

6.11 What are the comparative yearly figures for last 10 years showing the proportion of non-payers regarding Council Tax

Action: Liz Fryman to enquire on comparative yearly figures for last 10 years showing the proportion of non-payers regarding Council Tax

7. Any Other Business

Nothing to note

8. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 28 November 2016, 6.00pm at Royton Town Hall