

MILNROW, NEWHEY AND FIRGROVE AREA FORUM

Thursday 22 June 2017
Milnrow Cricket Club, Harbour Lane, Milnrow OL16 4HF

MINUTES

Present: S. Lowe (Chair), C. Craven, B. Greenwood, M. Thompson, G. Grundy, C. Bagshaw, J. Edge, D. Greenhalgh, J. Sampson, J. Ashley, A. Turner, D. Cranny, Z. Cranny, C. Barber, B. Leach, M. Harrison, S. Knight and C. Baron

Councillors: Councillor Butterworth, Davidson and Kelly

Officers: Tracey Knight (Townships), Sgt Glyn Martin (GMP) and Heather Mellalieu (Youth Service)

Apologies: Councillors Blundell, Hussain, Mir (RBC), Tony Lloyd (MP), S. Leach, D. Hannant, D. Dawai and I. Bland

1. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. PACT - GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

The following updates were provided.

101 phone calls

This is a national number and a national issue. GMP have no control over this and residents are advised to pass on their concerns to their MP, Tony Lloyd.

HGV parking on Station Road

At the time of inspection, the vehicles were parking on the Metrolink car park where there are no restrictions. Residents can email photos of parking issues to the Police. The information will not be used to issue fines but warning letters may be issued.

Huddersfield Road obstructive parking

PCSOs have visited the area but not witnessed any incidents.

Ice cream van in Milnrow Memorial Park

Sgt Martin advised that investigations are ongoing and as such updates are not available for the public domain. If anyone has intelligence relating to drug dealing please report it straight away.

Crime Figures:

Milnrow	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017
Vehicle crime	6	5	4
Domestic burglary	6	0	15
Theft from person	0	0	0
Theft from dwelling	1	0	0
Theft cycles	1	0	2
Theft from vehicle	12	8	21
Shoplifting	7	3	3
Arson	0	0	1
Criminal damage	9	9	9
ASB	8	11	22

The majority of theft from vehicle incidents has been because of insecurities. Residents were reminded to always lock their doors both in the car and at home.

Smallbridge	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017
Vehicle crime	2	5	2
Domestic burglary	18	4	7
Theft from person	1	0	0
Theft from dwelling	1	2	1
Theft cycles	1	3	0
Theft from vehicle	11	3	2
Shoplifting	1	3	1
Arson	2	1	2
Criminal damage	20	11	13
ASB	28	21	12

Mini Moto's

A resident reported a number of mini moto's are being driven at speed and without helmets around The Cray, Willows Lane and Daltron Close. Sgt Martin advised that this is common across the Borough in the summer months. GMP has a specialist off road bike unit which is a force wide resource. In order for the resource to be used locally there needs to be evidence of the issues. If people don't report it, there is no evidence.

Kiln Lane speed survey

Pennines Township has funded a speed survey on Kiln Lane; awaiting the results. Residents confirmed they perceive that vehicles continue to speed along this route.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record. The following action updates were given.

Kiln Lane anti-skid surfacing

Highways have advised that they are waiting for the results of the recent speed survey so that they have a better picture of what is happening. There are school warning signs with flashing amber lights in place on Kiln Lane to warn of the school and the lollipop person.

Highways Contract

A resident advised that the pothole on Rochdale Road had been filled.

Elizabethan Way speed limits

Update received from Highways - A check of the Police accident database has shown that in the last 3 years there have been 5 Personal Injury Accidents (P.I.A's) within the 40mph section of Elizabethan Way (from the Roundabout to Buckley Hill Lane). The last P.I.A within the 40mph section of Elizabethan Way was in September 2016 and was the result of a pedestrian stepping into the path of a vehicle; there was no suggestion that the speed of the vehicle was a contributing factor to this collision. The other recorded incidents were due to driver inattention and speed was not a contributing factor. It should be noted that damage only incidents are not recorded. The majority of Elizabethan Way has segregated footways/cycles ways and adequate pedestrian crossing facilities which are all preventive measures for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. There is clear visibility of the pedestrian crossing in both directions which is well lit and has anti-skid surfacing. The current speed limit (40mph) is appropriate for this type of road and its function (A- Classification link road to the motorway network). There is no evidence to indicate that the speed limit of Elizabethan Way is in need of speed reduction.

Road surface on Weir Road

Update from Highways - On initial inspection of Weir Road carriageway defects were identified and have now been patched. Overall the carriageway structure is good, however, the surface does suffer from aggregate loss from a previous surface dressing. It is my intention to include Weir Road in our 3 year forward works programme for a future full length micro asphalt overlay. All works are subject to Township approval.

Rear of Rochdale Road, Firgrove

The Public Realm Officer has visited with the residents and agreed a number of actions.

Motorway fencing

The issue has been reported via Environmental Management to Highways England. The resident confirmed the work is still outstanding.

Action 1: Chase Highways England for progress (Tracey Knight)

4. OPEN FORUM

Litter bin on Kiln Lane

Residents were informed that a litter bin has been approved for outside Crossgates School; we are waiting for Environmental Management to install it.

Bogus Callers

Due to a recent spike in incidents, residents were given the following advice on how to deal with bogus callers:

- Keep front/back doors locked.
- Before answering check you have locked the back door and taken the key out. Look through spy hole or window to see who it is.
- If you decide to open the door put a chain on the door before answering. Keep the chain on whilst speaking to the person on the doorstep.
- Even if they have an appointment check the ID carefully. Close the door whilst you do this. If you are still unsure look up the phone number in a phone book and ring to verify their identity. Do not use the number on the ID as this may be false.
- You should never agree to have work undertaken by anyone just passing by.
- If you think a bogus caller has called on you report it to the police.
- If in doubt keep them out!

Milnrow Shopping Precinct

A discussion took place regarding the future of the precinct and the local rumours that the shops are all closing. The current position is that Tesco are leaving and the empty properties are being marketed for let by the private land owner.

Rochdale Road potholes

Some of the previously reported potholes have been marked for attention but some of them have been left.

Action 2: Request the area is re-inspected (Tracey Knight)

Dale Mill

It was confirmed that Dale Mill has been sold; no further details are currently available.

5. MILNROW CLOCK UPDATE

A meeting has taken place with the NW Development Manager for Heritage Lottery (HLF) to discuss the following projects:

- **Milnrow Clock** – the group is continuing to pursue the legal ownership of the clock; this is a requirement of HFL in order to attract grant funding. There is an offer of free legal advice from a community rep to assist the group in the clock transfer, this is ongoing. It is hoped that there will be some positive news by the end of this year. It was clarified that the owner has no interest in the clock.
- **Ellenroad** are pursuing a Resilience Grant to improve its current structure and to attract more volunteers and larger grants.
- **Milnrow Memorial Park** are planning a natural heritage project involving junior rangers, wildlife and eco-friendly schemes.
- **Bridleways** – HLF are currently unable to offer funding for the bridleways.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further business was raised.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 September 2017

18 January 2018

26 April 2018

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