

CENTRAL ROCHDALE AREA FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING Monday, 18 September 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Sultan Ali, Nataalka, S. Quershi, N. Quershi, M. Sheraz (Chair) and M. Miah.

OFFICERS: PCSO Palmer, PCSO Smout and G. Finch (Township & Engagement Officer)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Ahmed and Martin Burke

INTRODUCTIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

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The meeting was chaired by Mohammad Sheraz.

Everyone was welcomed to the Forum and reminded to observe and respect the code of conduct for the duration of the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Ali Ahmed and Martin Burke.

PACT MEETING - GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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PCSO Palmer and Smout attended the meeting for this item.

The Forum was informed that the following incidents had been reported in the Ward from 18th June until the 18th September 2017.

Residential Burglary – 25
Aggravated Residential Burglary – 1
Community Burglary – 12
Robbery – 13
Theft of Motor Vehicle – 6
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 19

Residents commented that there was an abandoned car on Back Oswald Street and that ASB relating to speeding cars was still a problem on The Pass.

GMP representatives informed the Forum that they were hopeful that a traffic operation would be undertaken in the Ward soon.

Residents were encouraged to report non-emergency incidents to the 101 number.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

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The minutes of the Central Rochdale Area Forum meeting held on Monday 24th July 2017 were approved as a correct record subject to the following changes:

Residential Burglary should have read 34 not 48
Community Burglary should have read 21 not 27
Robbery should have read 5 not 8
Theft of motor vehicle should have read 11 not 15
Theft from motor vehicle should have read 13 not 20

The following updates were provided;

1. Heybrook Playing Fields

The Township and Engagement Officer informed the Forum that he was aware a conversation had taken place between the school and the resident who raised the concern about the playing fields not being cut as regularly as required. It is understood that better communication between the resident and school is required so that the field is cut at the appropriate time to enable football training / tournaments to take place.

2. Youth Provision

Information regarding youth provision in the Ward was circulated to Forum members. However it was pointed out that the majority of the provision listed were not in Central Ward. The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to investigate this further.

It was also commented that the Third Sector / Voluntary Sector are providing support to young people, however the Council should do more.

In addition to the above, dog fouling on Cronkeyshaw Common and flooding issues on Selby Street had been reported to the appropriate services..

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Residents raised the following issues:

1. A lengthy discussion took place about littering problems in certain parts of the Ward. Illegal tipping into the river, Oswald Street, Norreys Street and Ball Street were identified as problematical areas.

It was explained that any areas in the Ward that are in need of attention should be reported to the Township and Engagement Officer who would refer the information to the Clean and Green Team. However some residents were of the opinion that education in relation to recycling was the best way forward.

2. Residents raised concerns about flooding in the area and that very little had been done to improve the situation. It was also commented that Strategic Housing should consider these concerns when new developments in the Ward are being considered.

The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to pass this information onto the appropriate Officer.

3. Anti-social behaviour (drug dealing, quad bikes, youth annoyance) was identified as being a problem on Gower Street, Roach Place and Norreys Street

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Residents were informed that the summer play schemes held at Wardleworth Community Centre were well attended.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

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Monday 8th January 2018, commencing 6.30pm
Wardleworth Community Centre