

# MILKSTONE AND DEEPLISH AREA FORUM

**Monday 26 February 2018 at 6.30pm**  
**Deeplish Community Centre, Hare Street,**  
**Rochdale OL11 1JT**

## AGENDA

1. Introductions and Apologies/Code of Conduct
2. Greater Manchester Police including PACT meeting
3. Open Forum  
An opportunity for local residents to comment on issues in the ward
4. Road Repairs
5. Update on Traffic Consultation Events
6. Minutes from previous meeting/Matters arising/Updates
7. Councillor Updates
8. Date and time of next meeting

### **Councillor Surgery Details**

#### First Saturday of each month

10.00am – 11.00am at Deeplish Community Centre, Hare Street, Rochdale  
11.00am – 12.00 noon at Sudden Community Centre, Cheltenham Street, Rochdale

#### Third Saturday of each month

10.00am – 11.00am at Castlemere Community Centre, Tweedale Street, Rochdale  
11.00am – 12.00 noon at Sparthbottom Community Centre, Norman Road, Rochdale

No appointments necessary, just drop in at any of the above centres during the surgery times

# Agenda Item 1

## Rochdale Township Area Forums Code of Conduct

It is established by and for the Rochdale Township Area Forums that the following code of conduct will govern the behaviour of their members. The code of conduct will be enforced by the Chair of this meeting.

### **Conduct at meetings**

Members will at all times observe accepted practice while taking part in discussions to:

- Be courteous to each other and support and assist other members in finding the best possible solution to problems being discussed
- Allow each other the opportunity to speak and comment
- Attempt as far as possible to stick to the agenda and assist each other to reach effective conclusions
- Operate within the constitution where applicable
- Aggression, violence, threats, harassment, intimidation and other disruptive behaviour in the forum will not be tolerated
- The term 'members' applies to all those present at the meeting

### **Confidentiality**

- Members will refrain from mentioning specific individual cases which may cause embarrassment or identification of an individual
- Any information or item shared that is of a confidential nature will not be disclosed to anyone else apart from members of the Forum in order to allow the business of the meeting to proceed.

### **Dignity at meetings**

- All those who attend Forum meetings have the right to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their race, colour, ethnic or national origin, nationality, gender, marital status, age, sexuality, religion or any other matter which causes people to be discriminated against
- The meeting will do all that is in its power to oppose all forms of harassment and bullying

### **Individual Members**

- Should disclose any personal interest that they consider may affect or influence their approach to the matter being discussed
- Must show respect in all their dealings by observing reasonable standards and courtesy, and by not seeking to take unfair advantage by virtue of their position

### **Political Affiliation**

- Even though individual members may be affiliated to/or be members of a political party, they may not represent a political party in their role as individual members of this Forum
- Elected Members attending meetings outside the ward they represent may be allowed to speak, at the discretion of the Chair.

### **Breach of Code of Conduct**

- If anyone attending the Forum meeting does not abide by the code of conduct, the Chair will have the discretion to decide on an appropriate course of action. The Chair may either issue a warning, ask the person to withdraw from a particular agenda item or exclude that person from the meeting.
- Where a person is asked to leave a meeting, the Chair will have the discretion to decide whether or not that person is welcome to attend future meetings.
- The Chair at his/her discretion, may close the meeting if he/she deems it necessary

# Agenda Item 6

## MILKSTONE AND DEEPLISH AREA FORUM

### MINUTES OF MEETING Monday, 4 December 2017

**PRESENT:** ; Councillors Zaheer and Zaman, M. Javed Masood, Dr, M. Salim, H. Abdulmalik, M. Sajid, M. A. Khan, S. Ahmad, Y. Younas, A Nawaz and S. Mohammed (Chair)

**OFFICERS:** Sgt D. Shirazi, PC Ahmed, PCSO M. Beaver, PCSO M. Nasir, M. Reynolds (Public Realm Inspector) and G. Finch (Township & Engagement Officer)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Brett and A. Beasley

#### INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES/CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Chair welcomed all and asked that everyone respect the Code of Conduct for the duration of the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Brett and Ann Beasley.

#### GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE INCLUDING PACT MEETING

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Sgt D. Shirazi and PC Ahmed attended the meeting for this item.

GMP reported that drug dealing is a major issue in the Ward at present. Two warrants had been executed recently with an amount of drugs being seized. It was also reported that a number of individuals arrested had received custodial sentences.

Operations had also taken place on Lincoln Street to combat prostitution. Two individuals were due to appear in Court on prostitution charges in the coming months. Work was also being undertaken with other agencies to combat this type of activity.

Residential burglaries have also increased over recent months. Although no specific pattern has been identified in terms of residential areas being targeted, Friday's and Monday's between 4pm and 11pm are when most incidents occur. Residents were encouraged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity.

Residents were also encouraged to make any CCTV images available to the police.

It was also reported that car theft has also seen an increase and there have been reports of a tow truck being used to steal cars. Investigations are ongoing.

GMP also commented that they had received reports of a scrap yard in the Ward being involved in shipping cars overseas. Investigations are ongoing.

Residents raised the following issues;

- Concerns were raised about the ineffectiveness of the 101 number.

GMP acknowledged that they were aware of the problem. It was stated that the average time to answer a 101 call was 7 minutes whereas 999 was answered in 30 seconds. Work was ongoing to improve the situation.

- A resident commented that he did not believe that the area received fair treatment from GMP in terms of how they responded to incidents.

Following discussion it was agreed that the resident was referring to a personal issue which the police and other agencies had been involved in. It was recommended that further conversations on this issue be conducted in private.

- A resident raised concerns about the behaviour (at times drunken) of a number of individual who gather close to the corner of Church Stile and Drake Street.

GMP stated they are aware of this nuisance and do observe the situation. They also commented that they had spoken to licensed premises in the area not to sell alcohol to individuals who appear to be intoxicated.

GMP were thanked for attending the Forum meeting and the work they undertake in the Ward.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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The following issues were raised;

1. A discussion took place about the poor attendance at recent Area Forum meetings.

It was agreed that more should be done to promote the Forum meetings. Mosque's, social media, Community Centre's and Crescent Radio being identified as possible options for raising the profile of the Area Forum.

2. The Forum was informed that five listening events have been organised to provide residents with the opportunity to inform the Council of areas in the Ward that suffer from highway related problems.

These sessions follow on from and support the recent traffic survey that was undertaken in the Ward.

The dates and times of the sessions are as follows;

- Deeplish Community Centre – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 6.15pm – 7.15pm
- Deeplish Community Centre – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 10am – 12noon
- Deeplish Community Centre – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – 6pm – 7pm
- Castlemere Community Centre – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 6pm – 7pm
- Rochdale Town Hall – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 6pm – 7pm

A resident provided suggestions for road layout changes in the area. These will be passed to Highways for consideration as part of this exercise.

3. Residents raised concerns about the number of homeless people that appear in the Ward and the procedures that exist in the area to help these individuals. Several concerns were raised about the welfare of these individuals.

It was suggested that someone from the Homelessness Team at Rochdale Borough Council and / or PETRUS be invited to a future meeting to discuss this issue.

4. A resident expressed his concerns about the number of cars being sold by traders in the area around Castlemere Street which aggravated the congestion and parking problems in the area.

The Public Realm Inspector outlined the legal process that applies to cars being sold on the highway. Action can only be taken if cars displaying 'for sale' signs, and the same contact numbers are being sold within a distance of 50 metres. Residents were encouraged to provide as much information as possible if they were aware of incidents where the illegal selling of cars was occurring.

5. A resident reported littering is occurring on Leicester Street.
6. A resident reported that Kent Street Car Park is in need of repair as many of the concrete blocks are loose and potentially dangerous.
7. It was commented that the double yellow lines on Milkstone Place required reinstating.
8. A concern was raised about the same issues being discussed at successive Area Forums and there was a need to restrict the same issue being raised time and time again. For example Rochdale Township Committee's Governance Procedures state that a question on the same or similar topic cannot be submitted to the Open Forum of the Committee within a six month period.

Although the reasons for this suggestion was fully understood, the practicalities of managing this proposal in an Area Forum setting would be difficult.

## **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/MATTERS ARISING/UPDATES**

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The minutes of the Milkstone and Deeplish Area Forum held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were approved as a correct record.

The following updates were provided:

- Travellers on Durham Street and Drake Street

Travellers have now vacated both sites.

- Medina Cash and Carry Cash Machine.

Legal are still dealing with this issue. Residents again raised concerns about the congestion being caused by cars parking (on double yellow lines) to use the cash machine. It was accepted that greater enforcement of cars parking illegally is required.

## **MEMBERS/WARD FUNDS**

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The Forum was informed that Ward and Members Funds are still available and that anyone who is seeking financial support for a project should speak to a Ward Councillor or contact the Township Officer.

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## **COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

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The Forum was reminded of surgery times:

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(No appointments necessary)

## **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6.30pm.

Deelish Community Centre