

SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM

**Thursday 8 February 2018 at 6.30pm
Spotland Methodist Church, Rooley Moor Road,
Rochdale OL12 7ES**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Code of Conduct
2. Locality Plan
3. Greater Manchester Police including PACT meeting
4. Minutes of last meeting/Matters arising/Updates
5. Members/Ward Funds
6. Councillor Updates/News
7. Open Forum - An opportunity for local residents to comment on issues in the ward
8. Date and time of next meeting

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

SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM

Thursday, 16 November 2017
Spotland Methodist Church, Rooley Moor Road,
Rochdale

MINUTES

Present: P. Massey (Chair), B. Holden, M. Rashid, J. Moss, B. Penty, A. Foster, A. Meek, A. Thomas, J. Brierley, F. Healey, P. Knowles, Mr & Mrs Forden, C. Faulkner, T. Powers, J. Killour, M. Coats, Mr & Mrs Somerville, R. Down, N. Morrell, R. Heap, N. Wild, A. Rawsterne and D. O'Brien.

Officers: PC P. Jones, PC S. Firth, PCSO D. Smout, G. Finch (Township & Engagement Officer) and I. Trickett (Environmental Management).

Councillors: Cocks, S. Biant and C. Biant

Apologies: S. Ashworth, J. Addy, T. Lloyd MP and M. Oliver

93 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Township and Engagement Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was explained that the meeting would be in two parts; part one would be the Annual General Meeting which would see the election of the Area Forum's Chair and Vice Chair for the next twelve months. Part two would be the ordinary meeting, concentrating upon the PACT and Open Forum.

The Forum was reminded about the Code of Conduct and asked to comply with the code for the duration of the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Steve Ashworth, Jason Addy, Tony Lloyd MP and Monica Oliver.

94 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND AREA FORUM SUB GROUP

Following nominations and voting the following residents were appointed Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Forum for the next twelve months:

Chair – Philip Massey

Vice Chair – Mohammed Rashid

95 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

This item was withdrawn as the minutes had been previously agreed.

96 GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE INCLUDING PACT MEETING

PC Phil Jones, PC Sarah Firth and PCSO Dan Smout attended the meeting for this item.

The Forum was informed that there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour, criminal behaviour, burglary and off-road biking incidents. It was explained that there was no specific pattern to the anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, however Rooley Moor had been identified as a hot spot for off-road biking.

It was also commented that GMP are working in partnership with Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum (RMNF) to address this problem and that RMNF were attempting to develop a working relationship with the Lord of the Manor to deal with incidents of this nature. It was commented that

attempts were also being made to obtain more support from GMP's Off-Road Bike Team and residents were reminded to use the off-road bike log sheets for recording incidents.

Anti-social behaviour incidents had recently been dealt with on Martin Lane, Ravendale Close and Meadowview.

The Forum was informed that GMP would be holding a surgery at Spotland Library on Monday 27th November 2017, 5pm – 7pm.

Residents were also informed of Operation Dark Nights which aims to target hot spot burglary areas.

Residents raised the following issues:

1. Concerns were raised about the anti-social behaviour that was occurring in Falinge Park – fires, vandalism, drug dealing, burglary – and asked when GMP patrols would commence in the park.

GMP commented that they were aware of anti-social behaviour issues in the park, however patrols / responses are data lead. GMP agreed to re-visit this.

2. It was stated that the 101 service is ineffective and if it was possible to speak to someone to discuss these concerns.

GMP were aware of the problems being experienced but unsure who could be contacted to discuss these concerns in more detail. A Ward Councillor also commented that this had been reported via the Greater Manchester Mayor's Office.

3. A resident asked what other contact numbers / addresses could be used to report incidents because of the ineffectiveness of the 101 service.

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rochdalenorth@gmp.police.uk
 gmp.police.uk/rochdale
01403@gmp.police.uk

4. A resident asked how many Police Officers were on duty after 6pm in Rochdale.

Although this was difficult to quantify precisely as numbers can vary depending upon demand it has been known that six Officers have had to cover the Borough.

97 MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM MEETINGS HELD ON 24 AUGUST 2017 AND 2 OCTOBER 2017, MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

Minutes of the Area Forum meeting held on Thursday 24th August 2017 were approved as a correct record. Updates with regards to the actions requested at this meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and are as follows:

Action	Update
Clarification sought on which residents' representatives have been involved in the development of the emergency response plan for the TBA site.	Response sent to resident. Please see below: <i>A multi-agency site incident plan was developed in 2014 after the fire on site in Jan 2014. At that time the Council involved the TBA Working Party Members and a draft</i>

	<i>plan was circulated. The plan was amended and incorporated the information and local knowledge provided by the group members. The final version of the incident plan was provided to the group.</i>
The resident who is proposing to restore the Meanwood School fencing asked if it would be possible to obtain a fence panel to undertake restoration work.	Resident informed this would be possible.
Cutgate Road – traffic calming and 20mph zone	Scheme advertised
It was asked if it would be possible to circulate notification of Traffic Regulation Orders and Planning Applications relevant to the Spotland and Falinge Ward via the Forum database.	Council policy is to advertise in press, on website and lamp posts.
Additional meeting for TBA	Meeting arranged
Overgrown hedges / trees – Beaufort Street / Woodland Road	Reported
A resident asked why the ornate roof tiles had not been replaced on Meanwood School following the completion on the building work.	Informed that these tiles will be used during phase two of the building work.
Safety concerns were raised about the junction at Spotland Bridge and if stop signs could be introduced at the roundabout.	Stop signs cannot be used at roundabouts.
A resident asked if the barrier between Bridgefold Road and Pits Farm Avenue could be removed.	Highways fear that if the road was re-opened it may become a rat run.
A resident asked if gates could be installed within the perimeter fences that divide Innes Close and the open space on Ings Lane.	Being considered by residents
A resident asked why alleygates could not be installed on land adjacent to his property on Rupert Street.	Installation of gates does not meet alleygating criteria. The resident has been informed of this.
It was requested that copies of the footway maintenance programme be provided.	Please refer to additional attachment on email distributed to Spotland & Falinge database.
It was reported that the potholes on Cutgate Precinct Car Park had not been repaired.	Work completed

A resident asked if monies had been received from the building contractor who used the land on Ings Lane as a site compound.	£3200 was received. Investigations ongoing regarding current position regarding the income.
A resident asked if a representative from the TBA land owners could attend the meeting that is to be organised once the perimeter air sampling survey results are known.	Representative invited

Minutes of the Area Forum meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2017 were approved as a correct record.

Updates regarding the action points raised on the 2nd October were circulated to residents at the meeting and can be accessed via the link below.

[Action Points – TBA Meeting](#)

A number of comments were made by residents about the responses received, these included:

- 'Cannot understand why the land is not designated as contaminated land'
- 'Great shame that the responses have been circulated at this meeting – not enough notice given for everyone to comment on the responses'
- 'It is clear that no Government money is available to develop the site'
- 'Only one way forward – development'
- 'The Council is between a rock and hard place'
- 'Evident that the Council will use the planning process to develop the site'
- 'Contingency plan is not good enough'
- 'What would happen if the owners decided to walk away'
- 'Obviously a risk has been identified – no contingency plan'
- 'Set up working group'
- 'What documents does the Council have in connection with the TBA site'

Following further discussion the Forum supported the idea of re-establishing the TBA Working Group. A resident commented that if this group was to be set up it may be beneficial for the Working Group to be constituted. The same resident offered to help with developing a constitution if this was the desired way forward.

It was advised that in order for the Working Group to be re-established it would be necessary for Rochdale Township Committee (RTC) to be asked if they were willing to support this. A resident commented that he would attend the next meeting of RTC to ask the question.

The Forum also requested that Nicola Rogers, Service Manager attend the next meeting of the Area Forum to clarify some aspects of the responses given to the action points raised from the meeting on the 2nd October.

98 MEMBERS/WARD FUNDS

The Forum was informed that £6000 was available in Ward Funds. £2000 had been committed to Ward 'In Bloom' projects.

Financial support had been allocated to the following projects from 2017/18 Members Funds:

Councillor Cecile Biant

Rochdale Sports Club – Cricket Clock - £499
Making Memories Group – Fridge/Freezer - £379.99
Making Memories Group – Sound System - £243.97

Funds remaining - £877.04

Councillor Surinder Biant

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum Consultation Event - £937

Funds remaining - £1063

Councillor Wendy Cocks

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum Display Equipment - £1000
Denehurst Park – Benches and Bins - £750

Funds remaining - £250

A resident stated that the footpath opposite Preston Street was in poor condition and asked if Ward Funds could be used to improve the area. The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to investigate this request.

99 COUNCILLOR UPDATES/NEWS

Each of the Ward Councillors provided a written update regarding current work issues. A link to these updates is provided below.

[Councillors' Report](#)

A Ward Councillor informed the Forum that the road layout near to College Bank / Falinge flats may need to change if work on the flats commences. Information will be provided when available.

100 OPEN FORUM

Ian Trickett, Environmental Management attended the Forum meeting to discuss 'in bloom' projects and the proposals for the development of Ings Lane play area.

The Forum was informed that Rochdale Township had been very successful in this year's 'In Bloom' competition and plans were already gathering pace for next year's event. It was explained that Spotland and Faling Ward had expressed interest in being more involved in next year's competition and discussions had already taken place concerning appropriate projects.

It was explained that the 'In Bloom' competition was community driven and not the Councils. The 'In Bloom' Committee were thanked for all their hard work and support.

Information was presented to the Forum which outlined the proposals for developing Ings Lane Play Area. A link to the plan can be accessed below.

Plan – Ings Lane Play Area

Generally the Forum was supportive of the proposals outlined however it was asked / suggested;

- If fencing could be erected around the whole site?

Additional funding would be applied for.

- Part of the land suffers from waterlogging and that this would need to be addressed.

Environmental Management are aware of this and will investigate further.

- Could a climbing frame be included on the site?

This will be considered.

- Could CCTV be considered?

Cost prohibitive, however local PCSO could be asked to increase patrols once the work has been completed.

- Other funding may be available as the site is looking to develop an all- inclusive play area.

- How much is the project costing?

£62500

- It would not be possible to insure the new development because insurance costs are prohibitive.

Residents raised the following issues:

1. A resident asked what would be happening now that the Dellar Street traffic survey has been completed.

It was explained that the findings of the survey recommended that no further action is taken, as there is no evidence to support that vehicles are speeding along Dellar Street.

A resident commented that he thought the traffic survey was conducted in the incorrect place.

2. A resident raised concerns about traffic problems / congestion on Handley Street and that more enforcement was required.

The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to report this.

3. A resident asked where the £3200 that was accumulated from the building contractor using part of Ings Lane as a site compound would be spent.

It was advised that investigations are still ongoing regarding the current position of this income.

4. A resident asked if there had been any developments with the piece of land at the corner of Edenfield Road and Ings Lane.

This would be investigated further.

5. A resident asked if there was any update on the Cutgate Road traffic calming measures.

The Forum was advised that the Traffic Regulation Order had been advertised and it was understood that no objections had been received. As a consequence the work will be progressing.

6. A resident raised concerns about developers having the opportunity to apply for Section 106 contributions to be reduced. The Mellor Street development was cited as an example.

It was explained that the Government had changed the legislation in respect of Section 106 contributions and developers were within their rights to do this. It was suggested that the Section 106 Officer be invited to a future meeting of the Forum to fully explain the current situation with regards to Section 106 contributions.

7. A resident stated that the Environment Agency had been spotted near to the TBA site.
8. A representative from Vintage Worx attended the meeting to inform the Forum of the work that is undertaken by this organisation in the Ward and the classes that are available to residents. A link to the winter timetable is available below.

[Falinge Park Winter Timetable](#)

It was also explained that an application had been submitted seeking a community asset transfer of the Falinge Park building.

The Forum was also informed that Vintage Worx has access to gardening equipment and tools should 'in bloom' representatives want to borrow them.

Environmental Management and the Ward Councillors were thanked for the support they offer the organisation.

9. The Forum was informed that the next meeting of the Friends of Denehurst Park is on Thursday 30th November 2017, commencing 6.30pm.

101 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8th February 2018 at 6.30pm
Spotland Methodist Church

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Response to questions and action points from the meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2017 about the air sampling report in the Turner Brothers site

1. Information regarding the weather conditions when the airborne sample was detected should be made available

This information is held by Bureau Veritas and has been requested by Rochdale Borough Council (RBC)

2. The raw data from the survey be made available

This information is held by Bureau Veritas and has been requested by RBC

3. The draft report compiled in 2005 be forwarded to Nicola Rogers

A hard copy report from the Greater Manchester Hazards Centre was handed in on the night and this is the copy that has been received to date.

4. Investigate the Emergency Plan 'trigger points' and provide details to the Forum

A site specific plan was developed with partner agencies following fires at the site to provide information and guidance to responding officers within Rochdale Council. The plan provides an overview of the site, information on contaminants, partner agencies roles and responsibilities and key contacts for response to emergency incidents. This plan does not replace the response plans each agency has in place to deal with emergencies and incidents but provides additional information about the site.

The trigger points for activating any emergency plan would be judged by appropriate staff trained to make such judgements.

Attached is the public version of the plan (contact telephone numbers redacted)

5. Investigate if the TBA Working Party could be re-established and the outcome be forwarded to the Forum

The Council Constitution summarises the rights of the public to attend meetings and to participate in the formal meetings of the Council and its Committees.

The Council Constitution does not include reference to meetings of the TBA Working Party or the Save Spodden Valley Group. The TBA Working Party was not a formal Committee. It was not serviced by the Council (ie the Council did not chair the meetings and did not take minutes). The Council did support the group by providing a venue for the group to meet and officers did attend meetings.

With regards to the request for re-establishment; The Council's Township Committees may establish informal arrangements in their areas. Whilst there are a number of area based forum meetings within Rochdale, it is suggested that residents make a formal request to Rochdale Township Committee if they wish to establish an ongoing group.

6. The concerns raised regarding the TBA site not being determined as contaminated land be reported

Residents' concerns that the site is not formally declared a contaminated land have been reported to the Director of Public Health and Well-being and senior elected members (Cabinet members).

7. A request that the legal advice received by the Council in relation to responsibilities for the site be made available to the public be investigated and findings reported back to the Forum

Rochdale BC has sought legal advice regarding the former TBA site. This advice is

classed as legal professional privilege (LPP). LPP protects confidential communications between lawyers and clients and is a fundamental principle of English law.

Section 42 provides an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act for information protected by LPP. Disclosure of the Council's legal advice regarding this site has not been provided for this reason

8. A request that Central Government be contacted to ascertain if they are willing to assist in progressing issues relevant to the TBA site be passed on and any response be made available to the Forum.

This request has been raised with senior elected members and senior Council officers.

Steve Rumbelow, the Council's Chief Executive has already met with Mr Rory Stewart, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) accompanied by Councillor Richard Farnell (Leader of Rochdale Borough Council). Mr Stewart explained that there was no government funding available at that time to assist in dealing with the issues on site.

9. Rochdale Council's enforcement powers in relation to the site should be investigated and findings reported back to the Forum.

The table below provides a summary of enforcement powers;

Enforcement	Applicability of legislation	Process
Building Act 1984 Section 77 Dangerous Buildings	Applicable when the buildings present risk of danger to the public	The Council applies to the Magistrates' Court, for an order which requires the owner to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Execute work to remove the danger, or 2) Demolish the building and remove the demolition materials <p>This order will be set within a time limit deemed reasonable by the Council / Court.</p>
Building Act 1084 Section 78 Dangerous Building – Emergency Measures	Applicable when the buildings present imminent risk of danger to the public	The Council may take immediate direct action considered necessary to remove the imminent danger without the need for application to the Magistrate's Court.
Building Act 1984 Section 79 Ruinous and Dilapidated buildings and neglected sites	Applicable when it appears to the council that the building or site is, by means of its ruinous or dilapidated or neglected condition, seriously detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood	If the Council may require by notice, the owner of such a building / site to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Execute such works of repair or restoration or: 2) Demolish the building <p>NB any demolition would need to be in accordance with section 80 of the Act.</p>
Health and Safety at Work Act Section 3	Applicable to employers and self-employed persons to protect any person from being exposed to risk by the work activity	No current work activity on site
Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 Section 3	Applicable to employer, employee and self-employed persons to protect any person affected by the work activity	No current work activity on site

Enforcement	Applicability of legislation	Process
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part 2 A Contaminated Land	Applicable when there is an evidenced source of contamination, evidenced pathway /route and evidenced effect on receptor – person, flora / fauna or resource such as groundwater	After sufficient and satisfactory evidence is gathered and assessed, the Council may formally determine a site as contaminated land. Remediation can be required by the service of remediation notice(s)

10. RSK Group to be asked if they have completed the intrusive site survey and findings be reported back to the Forum.

RSK have been contacted.

A response has been received by the site owners representatives confirming that the information is voluminous and largely digitally based. They have confirmed that they want to carefully consider the information received. They wish to discuss the report with the Council before giving access to the public. They have not provided a timeframe when these discussions will take place with the Council.

Supplementary questions confirmed in writing by the Chair of Norden Forum;

Who in the Council authorised the expenditure of funds for the perimeter air sampling and why?

Nicola Rogers discussed the specification and negotiated the price with the contractor and placed the order. The order was approved by Mark Widdup, Director of Economy and Environment at that time.

Approval was given as perimeter sampling could be used as background data for the Council which could be used as a comparator should any future fires take place on site. It would also provide evidence of the likely impact or effect the site was having on the immediate vicinity of the site which would enable an indication of risk posed. This was hitherto unknown and thought to be value to the Council and local residents.

Can you clarify the terms of reference for the report and key deliverables?

Attached is the specification for the sampling works undertaken. Personal details and commercially confidential information has been redacted out.

Can residents have confidence in the report?

Yes, Bureau Veritas is a renowned and experienced Company with suitably qualified, competent and experienced staff to undertake such works.

The sampling methods do not represent best practice and the most up to date rigorous science available. Why is this?

The sampling methodology used was line with recognised standards. There are a range of analytical methods using a variety of microscopy available. The methods used during this sampling were appropriate and enabled a sufficiently low enough limit of detection to draw conclusions from the sampling undertaken.

Queries around the wisdom of using the former JW Roberts factory in Armley as a standard for comparison?

The Council is satisfied with the inclusion and comparison of the sampling at the former JW Roberts site as that survey looked for asbestos fibres in the air around a former asbestos manufacturing site. The Council viewed that there were sufficient similarities in that survey and the Council's survey to include it as a comparator.

How did information around the types of asbestos processed at the TBA factory get missed by Bureau Veritas?

Information about the types of asbestos manufactured at the former TBA site did not get missed by Bureau Veritas. The report states the principal asbestos utilised on site was chrysotile (white asbestos) but the report also recognises amosite and crocidolite (brown and blue asbestos) were also used.

Why have the GMFRS monitoring results during the two significant fires on site never been released to the public?

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service did not undertake air sampling during the fires on site.

Why are Council officers not aware of information about the site? Does the Council have an archive of information? If no why not?

Documents were mentioned during the meeting which the Council did not appear to know to know about? How has this happened?

The Council does have a record of all information held by the Council about the site.

There was only one report which the Council officer Nicola Rogers was not aware of; the report by the GM Hazards Centre said to be from 2005. A hard copy has been passed to her and the record has been updated to include this document.

Was a deal done in 2004 between the Council and the land owners to allow development of the site?

No deal has been done between the Council and the site owner (current or past).

A planning application (reference 04/D44701) submitted by the site's former owner was refused by the Council on 13 January 2011.

Four quotes were read out from Council officers about the site, do these represent the Council's view about the site?

The source of the quotes read out was unknown. The quotes as stated do not represent the views of the Council.

Why has the site never been classified as contaminated land?

A draft determination document was produced in 2004 by the Council's Contaminated Land Officer at that time; Paul Bradford.

The draft determination has been reviewed by current officers. There is insufficient confirmed evidence of the pathway links between contamination on site and the receptors (ie residents or groundwater). The draft determination relies on hypothetical assumptions. This explains why the draft determination was never progressed to determination of the site.

Why is the Council not insisting the site is secure?

The Council has brought residents' concerns about site security repeatedly to the attention of the site owners representatives. Improvements in security, repairs to fencing and improved signage have all been completed by the site owners representatives.

How can anyone have confidence in the owner's ability to fully resource safe remediation?

The Council cannot comment on the financial standing of the site owner.

Remediation works on site would require appropriate planning consent. The planning process would enable the Council to place conditions on the remediation to ensure it was suitable and sufficient for the intended end use of the site.

Does the Council have a contingency plan if the site owners walk away from the site?

There is no written contingency plan but the Council has considered the risks.

If the Council is to make decisions where public health is paramount, why does it consider that development is the only way forward?

The Council is not in control of the site as it remains in private ownership.

There is no local authority budget, public money, Central Government or EU funding available at this time to deal with issues on site.

The only available option appears to be funding remediation through the redevelopment of the site by the land owner. The Council wishes to encourage acceptable proposals for redevelopment of the site which will appropriately deal with the issues on site.

Has the Council examined the possibility of using a similar solution to that found for the former Cape Works, Hebden Bridge?

The Council will consider any proposal for remediation proposed by the site owner and will determine the suitability of any such proposal through the planning process.

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Councillors' Report to Spotland and Falinge Area Forum

16 November 2017

Cecile Biant

Your three Councillors have been working hard since the last Spotland and Falinge Area Forum meeting, although Surinder and I did have a week away to celebrate our golden wedding anniversary (50 years!) in September.

I have been continuing to attend the meetings listed in my last report. In addition, I attended a Cabinet meeting and Planning and Licensing meeting to represent our ward, a briefing on Health and Social Care, Medical Professionals Community Support Organisation, two Prince's Trust events, six meetings relating to the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum, two meetings of the Board of Vintageworx, and a Clinical Commissioning group meeting. I have attended a session of 'Reclaim', an organisation which encourages confidence and enterprise for young people, and a Groundwork presentation by young volunteers on work they had done at the Scout Hut at Spotland Bridge.

I attended two meetings of the Greater Manchester Economy, Business growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee where I was able to raise issues on behalf of Rochdale Council and questioned Andy Burnham on aspects of his priorities for devolved funding, putting the case for Rochdale. Both meetings were televised.

I have been in discussions on the re-roofing of Meanwood School which will cost £200k to complete, with Highways on various schemes, and have dealt with about 200 requests from individuals and organisations. Surinder and I attended the first meeting of Spotland and Falinge in Bloom Group. It was a successful meeting which augers well for our increased contributions and involvement with the Rochdale In Bloom offer next year. Rochdale did outstandingly well, winning a large proportion of the awards for the Region.

Surinder Biant

As well as my involvement in some events mentioned by Cecile, I have dealt with several more items of 'casework'. As Chair of the Norman Barnes Group, I have overseen grants made to needy older people. I have also researched Planning and Licensing issues in relation to applications. I shall be 80 in January, so shall be stepping down from being a Councillor from May next year. I want to thank all those people who have supported me over 9 years I have been a Councillor, in Healey and in Spotland and Falinge. It has been a privilege to serve the community I have lived in for about 45 years, and the Town I made my home nearly 48 years ago. However, I am still 'in business' until May! We are looking for ideas for capital projects in the ward, and welcome suggestions if they fit the funding criteria.

I am sure that most people will be very relieved following the results of the air sampling activity around the TBA site. The results of the intrusive survey when they are released may well be a different story.

Wendy Cocks

Following on from successes in the Rochdale In Bloom competition and the efforts of some committed folk, I have worked with them to expand community involvement across the ward for next year. As a representative on an RBH board, I have held discussions around Independent Living and support services and the plans for Lower Falinge and College bank flats, which may have an impact on our ward. As a member of the Ambition for Ageing Strategic Board, I have been working with partners to tackle social isolation for older people. As a member of the Community and Engagement and Clean and Green sub groups of the Rochdale Township, I am looking for more suggestions from local groups for projects in the ward.

Some examples of the kind of casework I have been doing since the last meeting include dropped kerbs issues, hate crime, trees and footpaths, and vulnerable adults and housing.

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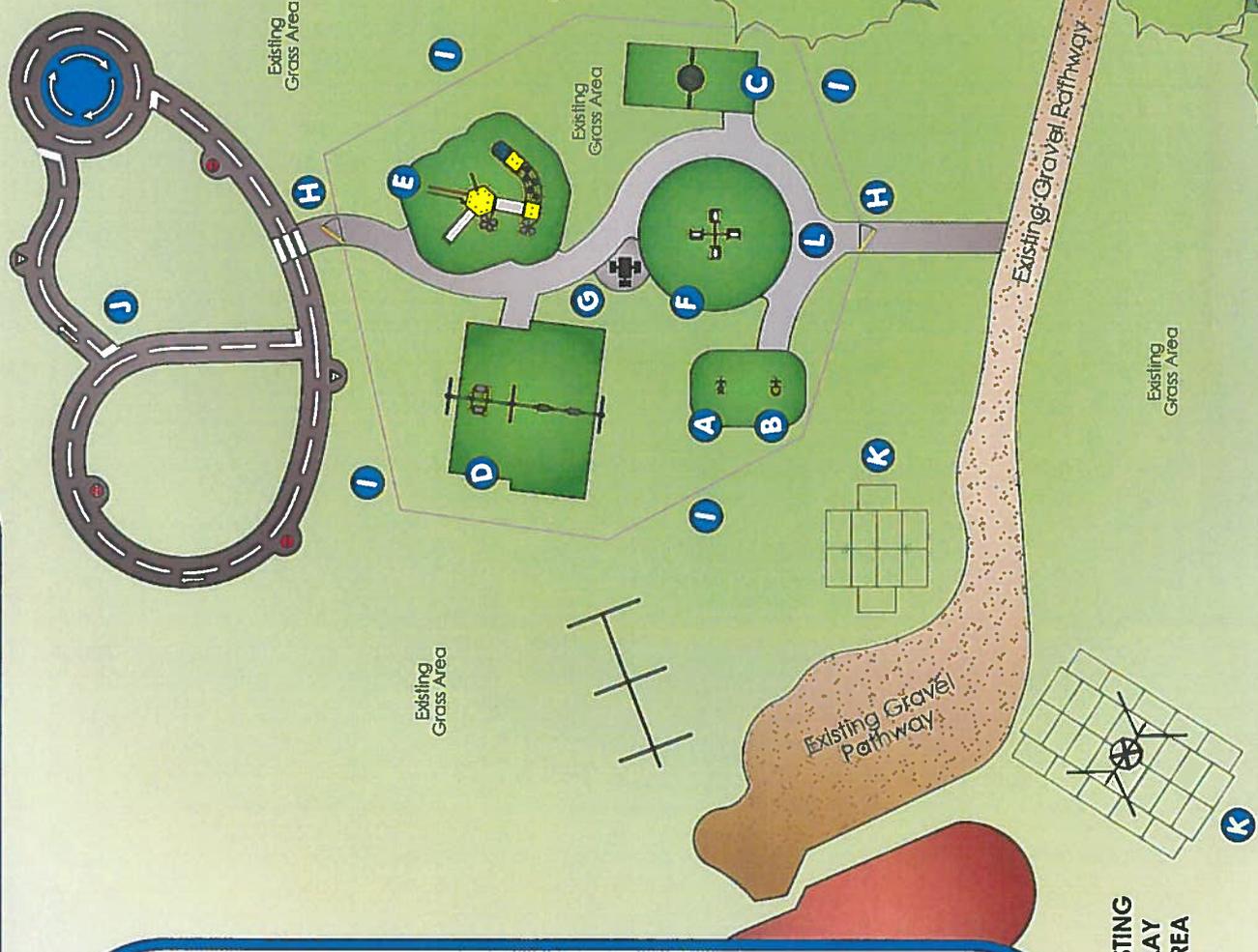


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 - C** Mini Basket Swing
 - D** Viking Swing with x1 Memory Seat and x2 Flat Seats
 - E** Mystical World 'Forbidden City' Multi-play Structure
 - F** Whirlybird Roundabout with x2 Flat & x2 Cradle Seats
 - G** Windsor Metal Picnic Table with x3 Seats & Wheelchair Access
 - H** x2 Self-Closing Pedestrian Gates
 - J** 1m High Bow Top Fence
 - J** Tarmac Roadway with Various Linemarkings and Signs
 - K** New Safety Grass Surface Areas to two existing play items on site

EXISTING PLAY AREA





Falinge Park Winter Timetable

All Classes Free unless otherwise stated

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>10am-12 Craft Club Knit & Natter Cardmaking Drop In</p>	<p>5:45pm - 6:45pm Zumba Class With Laura</p>	<p>5pm - 6pm Gentle Exercise With Janice</p>	<p>1pm-3pm How to use a Tablet Basic IT use Course</p>	<p>Closed For Park Development</p>	<p>10am-4pm Tea Rooms Open to the Public</p>	<p>Closed During Winter</p>
<p>10.30 - 11.30 Textile Workshop Contact Tracie 07760354 698</p>	<p>6pm-8pm Sweet Making Beginners class in confectionary</p>	<p>6pm-7pm Pathweighs SlimFit Club Nutrition Advice & guidance</p>	<p>Rolling Program Contact Tracie 07760354 698</p>	<p>Closed For Park Development</p>	<p>10am—10.30am Pathweighs Healthy Walk Meets at the Tea Room</p>	
<p>1.30pm - 3.30pm Craft Club Glass Painting Ceramic Art Drop In</p>	<p>6pm-8pm Art Workshop Beginners class in Art (Mixed Mediums)</p>	<p>Free Weigh In & One to one health session Contact Tracie 07760354 698</p>	<p>6pm Adult Theatre Classes £40 per month With Footlight Theatre Productions</p>	<p>Closed For Park Development</p>	<p>10.30am - 11.30am Zumba Class Contact Tracie 07760354 698</p>	
<p>12.30pm - 1.30pm Upcycling Contact Tracie 07760354 698</p>	<p>Rolling Program contact Sam 07783 413 911 to Book</p>	<p>7pm - 8pm Rebound Fitness Class Trampoline Class Contact Tracie 07760354 698</p>		<p>Closed For Park Development</p>	<p>10.30pm - 12.30pm Upcycling Contact Tracie 07760354 698</p>	