

MILNROW, NEWHEY AND FIRGROVE AREA FORUM

Thursday 21 September 2017
Milnrow Cricket Club, Harbour Lane,
Milnrow, Rochdale OL16 4HF

MINUTES

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

Councillors: Councillors Davidson and Kelly

Officers: Tracey Knight, (Townships) and Sgt Glyn Martin (GMP)

Apologies: Councillor Butterworth, S. Leach, D. Hannant and C. Houston

1. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

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

2. PACT - GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Updates were provided.

101

101 is a national number with an average call time of less than 4 minutes. Some calls made to this number should be redirected to other agencies which would speed up answering times during busy periods.

Indiscriminate parking

Parked vehicles causing an obstruction is a problem across the borough. If there is a persistent problem, GMP can send out warning letters if provided with the vehicle particulars and details of the issue and photographs.

Crime reduction

There has been a reduction in crime over the last quarter; people are more security conscious and are being more proactive which is having a positive effect on the number of reported incidents. The issues around the Metrolink have improved; no further issues have been raised.

Off Road Bikes

Incidents can now be reported via the GMP website found using this link [Greater Manchester Police](#) or searching GMP Off Road Bikes.

Water Lane

It was reported that gangs of youths are congregating, some of them in cars, on Water Lane and

possibly drinking alcohol. Glyn advised he will ask his officers to visit.

Action 1: GMP to visit to determine if any offences are being committed (Sgt Martin)

Broomfield Terrace parking issues

A resident reported that there are a number of cars that park on the pavements causing obstructions in this area. A discussion took place regarding this issue and residents were advised to send photos to Sgt Martin. They were also advised not to confront people and to be cautious in these situations.

Smoking drugs

It was reported that vehicles parked up on Heatley Road had a strong cannabis odour coming from them. Some details were provided to Sgt Martin. Other residents reported that this also happens at the back of Rochdale Road and Larchway, Firgrove. Residents were advised to email Sgt Martin with the full details including date, time, vehicle registrations, etc.

Crime Figures:

Milnrow & Newhey

	June 2017	July 2017	August 2017
Vehicle crime	1	0	1
Domestic burglary	8	5	3
Theft from person	0	0	0
Theft from dwelling	0	0	1
Theft cycles	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	8	2	3
Shoplifting	0	1	1
Arson	0	1	0
Criminal damage	7	7	10
ASB	12	7	15

Firgrove

	June 2017	July 2017	August 2017
Vehicle crime	2	0	1
Domestic burglary	1	2	2
Theft from person	0	0	1
Theft from dwelling	0	1	0
Theft cycles	0	1	1
Theft from vehicle	3	2	6
Shoplifting	1	1	1
Arson	0	0	0
Criminal damage	2	3	6
ASB	7	5	8

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record apart from the following correction, the issue regarding the ice cream van was clarified and Councillor Davidson will pass on the vendor's contact details to Sgt Martin.

The following action updates were given.

Road surface of Weir Road

It was reported that the road defects have been marked; the contractor has been a few times but only carries out one repair each time.

Action 2: Report this to Highways and request timescale for completion of repairs (Tracey Knight)

Motorway fencing

The missing fence at the rear of Water Lane has still not been replaced.

Action 3: Report again to Environmental Management Officers (Tracey Knight)

4. OPEN FORUM

Birchinley Farm plans

A resident expressed concern regarding possible plans for 140 dwellings. The resident was advised to raise his objections via the Rochdale Council website.

Local bus service

Manchester Community Transport now run the service and frequency may be increased if the demand is there.

Environment issues at rear of Rochdale Road

A resident reported a number of environmental issues still ongoing at this location.

Action 4: Arrange a site meeting with the resident and Environment Officers (Tracey Knight)

Councillor attendance at meetings

A discussion took place regarding the Smallbridge and Firgrove Councillors not attending these meetings.

Action 5: Pass on the concerns of the residents to the Smallbridge & Firgrove Ward Councillors (Tracey Knight)

Air pollution in Firgrove

A resident asked whether the Council ever took any action regarding a strong chemical smell in the Firgrove area.

Action 6: Request update from Public Protection (Tracey Knight)

Ragwort complaint

A resident made a complaint about the information he has been given previously from Rochdale Council Officers regarding Ragwort that is on Council land that is encroaching onto his grazing land.

Action 7: Report to Environmental Management and request an Officer contacts the resident (Tracey Knight)

5. MILNROW CLOCK UPDATE

Councillor Davidson advised that the Friends of Milnrow Clock are proposing that they come under the umbrella of MoorEnd Development Trust. This action will allow them to be part of their framework under their governance, which will mean they have more opportunities of accessing funding.

Action 8: Forward the Milnrow Clock proposal report to Tracey for circulation (Councillor Davidson)

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further business was raised.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

18 January 2018

26 April 2018

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