

KINGSWAY AREA FORUM

Thursday 14 March 2019
Newbold Baptist Church, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

MINUTES

Present: Chair and approximately 12 members of the public

Councillors: Councillors Shakil Ahmed and Daalat Ali

Officers: R. Hudson and N. Hussain (Rochdale Borough Council) and Sgt B. Walsh (GMP)

Apologies: Councillor Brosnan

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES/CODE OF CONDUCT

All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were noted. Attention was drawn to the code of conduct, a summary of which was read out. All attendees were asked to abide by the code for the duration of the meeting.

2. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING/UPDATES

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and the following updates were provided.

Bins on pavements

The area has been leafleted. Residents were advised to report issues direct at the time they notice them to the Environmental Management Contact Centre on 0300 303 8884.

Eon lighting issue

An additional lighting column has now been installed commissioned by Eon. Residents reported that they were very happy with the result and thanked the forum.

Car wash at the bottom of Moss Street

Works to resolve the pooling water issue by the Council's Highways' contractor start week commencing 18 March 2019.

Dog Fouling

'No Dog Fouling' stickers were delivered to the Chair for local distribution and they have been displayed in the area.

Newbold Moss – Off road bikes

The kissing gate has been installed after the Council met on site with residents.

Newbold Moss and Milnrow Road potholes

Residents advised that although potholes have been filled, the road is still in a bad state of repair and it needs addressing. Townships and Councillors advised that the road has already been added to Highway's surfacing programme.

Speeding/Driving offences

Residents requested a survey be taken in an area to the side of The Fox Inn.

Action 1: Sgt Walsh will pursue PC Hoque for an update.

Broad Lane/Weston Avenue yellow lines request

Councillor Brosnan was not present to provide an update/response from Highways.

Action 2: Councillor Ali will enquire with Councillor Brosnan or Township Officer will chase up a response from Highways.

Witley Road drainage

Flooding on the dropped kerb is still outstanding.

Action 3: Township Officer to obtain an update from Highways Maintenance

HGVs accessing Croxton Street

Concerns about the increasing amount of HGVs accessing Croxton Street and turning onto Newbold Moss, presumably directed by GPS and actually trying to get to Chichester Street/Klondike and the associated safety concerns this raises in the residential area.

Action 4: Township Officer to request Highways' advice regarding suitable signage possibly sited at the bottom of Croxton Street or on Belfield Road to prevent the situation.

3. GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - PACT MEETING

The following statistics are for this quarter (previous quarter in brackets).

Crime Statistics

Burglary dwelling:	36	(32)
Burglary other:	17	(8)
Taking of Motor Vehicle:	10	(13)
Taking from Motor Vehicle:	40	(20)
Robbery:	11	(6)
Anti-Social Behaviour:	42	(40)
Damage:	76	(38)

Updates

- 1 x arrest and charge for burglary and recall to prison of a prolific offender.
- 1 x wanted for burglary and recall regarding the same incident as above.
- Several youths arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and burglary offences in the past week resulting in charges and court hearings in due course.
- A vehicle on false plates recovered and male arrested.
- Number plates being stolen and placed on stolen vehicles – 'Safe Plate' events held at Morrison's and Springfield Hospice were well attended. GMP will arrange and advertise further events.
- Series of robberies are being investigated; update to be given at the next forum.
- GMP's website has a reporting feature that can be used by the general public to log lower level crimes/issues as an alternative to ringing their national call centre 101 number.
- A previous request to repair Rochdale Council's community speed watch equipment was actioned and it is now in use across the borough.

Action 5: PC Walsh will contact the relevant officer in GMP who arranges the operations and enquire further.

4. OPEN FORUM

Woodbine Street Bench

A resident advised the newly installed bench is causing anti-social behaviour activities; drinking, smoking and congregating. Councillor Ahmed advised that the Council's Community Safety Officer and also GMP is monitoring the situation which may just be a certain group of people that they are already aware of.

Milnrow Road indiscriminate parking

The matter was raised again. A resident stated that in the evenings the Barbers premises are trading/operating and between 6-9pm some evenings there can be around 40 cars parked along the stretch of road.

Action 6: Township Officer to pass this issue to Planning Enforcement concerning the

operating hours and possible breach.

Newbold Moss boat storage

A resident complained of a boat being stored in neighbour's garden (rented house) for the past 9-12 years. There are feral cats living in it now and it's causing problems.

Action 7: Township Officer to pass this issue to Environmental Health to assess the situation.

Belfield Lane pond drainage

Residents reported concerns about the possible unauthorised works to drain ponds in the Belfield Lane area stating there is muddy water cascading down from the hillside and on the other side of the pond there are lots of branches being cut.

Action 8: Township Officer to obtain an update from Planning Enforcement.

Woodbine Street 'No through Road' sign

Residents advised that wagons enter Woodbine Street and do not realise it is a dead end road. Signage needs to be put up stating 'No Through Road'.

Action 9: Township Officer to request Highways' advice regarding suitable signage possibly sited opposite the shop on Woodbine Street.

Woodbine Street East traffic calming signs

Residents requested 20mph signs to speeding traffic.

Action 10: Township Officer to request Highways' advice regarding suitable signage.

Belfield Lane kissing gate

The gate located on Belfield Lane (situated near the Fox Public House, under the railway bridge, just past the traffic lights) is now a redundant feature. Residents feel it could be removed now.

Action 11: Township Officer to enquire whether this gate could be removed.

Parking Contravention Notices

Query raised whether members of the public can issue PCNs to parked cars.

Action 12: Township Officer to enquire with Parking Services.

5. WARD NEWS

Robinsons Common

Works on the pitch are nearly complete. The outdoor gym works are planned to take place in April 2019 after full completion of the kick about area.

Lowerplace Outdoor Gym

The outdoor gym works are planned to take place in approx. April/May 2019.

Councillor Brosnan

Councillors Ali and Ahmed gave thanks to their fellow Councillor Brosnan for her service to the ward of Kingsway and wished her well after stepping down as Councillor for the next local elections in May 2019.

Kingsway Business Park

Councillors reported that 80% of its start-up units are now occupied.

Crawford Street double yellow lines

Speed measures are now installed and they have been seen as an improvement on the road.

6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 May 2019 at 6.30pm

Newbold Baptist Church, Milnrow Road, Rochdale