

HEALEY AREA FORUM

Thursday 10 January 2019 at 6.30pm
Syke Community Base, Syke Methodist Church,
Syke Road, Rochdale

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and 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. Ward/Members Funds
5. Updates on issues raised at previous meetings
6. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2018 and minutes of Cronkeyshaw Common/Syke Pond Working Group held on 20 November 2018 (for information only)
7. Matters arising from those minutes not listed as agenda items
8. Councillors' News
9. Good News from people in the area and Syke Community Base
10. Date and time of the next meeting
14 March 2019 at 6.30pm

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

HEALEY AREA FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 18 October 2018

PRESENT: Councillors O'Neill and Wazir, M. Baldran, J. Wright, J. Modford, N. Dixon, K. Aspinall, T. Ayrton, A. Steroslylsky, G. Holmes, D. Holmes, Mr & Mrs Atkinson, L. Connely, H. Connely, E. Holland, I. Holland, G. O'Malley, D. Barnett, G. Walizak, R. Yasmeeer, M. Fraser, A. Freda, B. Lloyd, A. Evans, R. Lord, L. White, J. Murphy, C. Allders, S. Acton (Chair), S. Noven, J. Kennedy, G. Bowden-Witts and J. Briggs

OFFICERS: PC Jones, PC Havard, PCSO Vohra, L. Wardle (Public Realm Inspector) and G. Finch (Township & Engagement Officer)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Heakin, S. Dixon, V. Heather and E. Wood.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Township and Engagement Officer welcomed all 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 Chair and Vice-Chair for the next twelve months. Part two would be the ordinary meeting concentrating on the PACT, Open Forum and updates on previous actions. The Forum was reminded about the Code of Conduct and asked to comply with the code throughout the meeting

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

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Sheila Acton was appointed Chair and John Kennedy Vice-Chair of the Forum for the next twelve months.

The incoming Chair thanked John Kennedy (Chair) and Tricia Ayrton (Vice Chair) for their efforts and contribution over the past 12 months.

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE INCLUDING PACT MEETING

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PC Jones, PC Havard and PCSO Vohra attended the meeting for this item.

The Forum was informed of the following:

Burglary – this has become a problem in the Ward in recent months with New Street, Dewhirst Road and Shawclough Road experiencing repeat incidents. GMP are putting a significant amount of time and effort into trying to detain a suspect who is known to be a prolific offender. The Forum was reminded to be safety and security conscious over the coming months.

Motor Vehicle Theft – Seven vehicle thefts have occurred over the past three months – three of which have been recovered. Forum members were reminded to keep vehicle keys away from front doors and out of site. Residents with keyless entry systems were encouraged to be extra vigilant.

Off-Road Bikes – Although GMP accepted that this issue is still ongoing the number of reports to 101 for the Healey Ward are not particularly high therefore it is difficult to justify deploying a specialist team to deal with this issue.

Residents informed the Officers that this is a regular occurrence in the area. Syke Common being identified as particularly problematical.

It was accepted that this may be the case, however unless reported the deployment of resources will not happen. As a consequence residents were encouraged to report incidents of this nature to 101.

Drug Dealing – Forum members were informed that no reports of drug dealing had been received relating to the Syke area for the last three months. It was understood that this issue is raised regularly at the Forum which has resulted in the local PCSO spending more time patrolling the area. However as previously stated unless incidents are reported via 101 it is extremely difficult to justify allocating resources.

Speeding – Two targeted traffic operations were recently undertaken in the area with a number of drivers being issued with fixed penalty notices (FPN) for a range of offences, including no seatbelts and the use of a mobile phone whilst driving. Although a number of drivers were stopped for speeding, they did not meet the threshold for an FPN and received verbal advice.

The Forum was also advised that at a recent Council meeting the Chief Executive was requested to bring together a range of organisations and stakeholders to address the marked deterioration in the standard of driving that is witnessed on a daily basis across the Borough.

Residents raised the following issues:

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

GMP are aware of the problems being experienced by residents attempting to access the 101 service and are looking at ways of improving this.

The Forum was advised that GMP's website now provides a live chat facility.

- A resident raised concerns about the traffic chaos and general anti-social behaviour that occurs as a result of the bonfire celebrations that are held on the Common each year.

It was accepted that problems have occurred in the past and that GMP Officers and local authority marshalls would attempt to mitigate incidents of this nature at future events.

- A resident commented that the Healey, Shawclough and Syke Homewatch information is comprehensive however better co-ordination of the leaflet is required.
- A resident raised concerns about the organised high powered car events that take place in the borough.

OPEN FORUM - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO COMMENT ON ISSUES IN THE WARD

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Residents raised the following issues:

1. Bin – Shawclough Stores

A resident commented that the above bin had been removed some time ago and had not been replaced.

A Ward Councillor and the Township and Engagement Officer had been informed that all concrete bins in the Borough were to be removed and replaced with light weight plastic ones. The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to investigate this further.

2. Land to the rear of 8 Mill Nook

A resident stated that the above land was overgrown and infested with vermin. The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to investigate this further.

3. Travellers on the Common

It was commented that the injunction seems to be working as no travellers have been on the Common this year – well done to everyone.

4. Sale of white goods.

It was reported that a business on Shawclough Road is putting white goods outside their premises. Concerns were raised about the safety of this, particularly during bad weather. This will be reported.

5. The alleyway between One Ash Close and Mountside Close / Whitworth Road.

It was reported that the above is full of weeds although much of it is on private property. This will be reported.

6. Falinge Park Trees

It was commented that two red arrows have been nailed to trees in Falinge Park. It was asked if the Council have a policy on this / if not should one be created? Similar damage had also occurred to a tree at Horse Carrs. This will be reported.

7. Syke Road Bus Stop (near to Church)

It was asked if a shelter could be installed at the above bus stop. This request will be referred to Transport for Greater Manchester.

8. A resident asked for an update on the following projects;

- Mizzy Road Traffic Calming

It is understood work will commence on this project in November 2018.

- Bentley Street Traffic Calming

It is understood this project will commence in January 2019

- Shawclough Road Traffic Calming

No update available

- Outcome of Whitworth Road Traffic Survey

No update available

- Bus Stop Clearway – Falinge Road

Highways have been instructed to proceed with the work

- Talbot Head Bollards

No update available

- Fingerpost (Healey)

It is understood this work will be completed soon.

9. Drainage Problems on the Common (Greenbank Road)

A resident asked if the above could be revisited. Environmental Management will be contacted.

10. Whitworth Road Signage

It was asked if signage could be improved when approaching the mini roundabout at the Whitworth Road / Mizzy Road / Fieldhouse Road. This will be referred to Highways.

11. Bin Collection

Prior to the meeting a resident raised the issue of her brown bin being used by refuse collectors to empty brown caddies into. In addition she is concerned that emptied bins are left scattered along the footpath and not returned within a reasonable distance from where they have been collected from. This has been referred to Environmental Management.

12. Potholes

A resident raised concerns about potholes at the junction of Belmont Way / Ashmount Drive. This will be reported.

13. Syke Road Traffic Issues

This issue was raised again.

14. Road Markings – Junction of Ashmount Drive / Mizzy Road

It was commented that the road markings at the above junction had not been replaced since the carriageway was resurfaced some time ago. This will be reported.

WARD/MEMBERS FUNDS

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The Forum was informed that £4843 remained in Ward Funds for 2018/19. Financial support from Ward funds had been given to:

- Cronkeyshaw Common bollards and dropped kerb - £1463
- Cronkeyshaw Common footpath - £1694

Ward Councillors have supported the following projects / initiatives:

Councillor Heakin

- Cronkeyshaw Common Christmas Tree Lights - £270
- Healey Finger Post Sign - £178

£1554 remains in Councillor Heakin's Members Fund

Councillor O'Neill

- Cronkeyshaw Common Christmas Tree Lights - £750
- Healey Finger Post Sign - £1250

All Councillor O'Neill's Members Funds have been committed.

Councillor Wazir

- Cronkeyshaw Common Christmas Tree Lights £750

£1250 remains in Councillor Wazir's Members Funds.

UPDATES ON ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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No updates were provided in connection with items on the action sheet. However it was agreed that the following actions could be removed from the sheet.

Action 1 – Introduction of no parking signs on the Common.

Action 5 – Two signs on Mizzy Road are missing from their posts. Therefore the signs need replacing or the posts need removing.

Councillor O'Neill also agreed to pursue Action 3 - .Parking problems adjacent and opposite Syke Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 JUNE 2018, 16 AUGUST 2018 AND 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

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The minutes of the meetings held on the 7 June, 16 August and 13 September were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT LISTED AS AGENDA ITEMS

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Minutes - 16 August 2018

It was explained that the Syke Pond Project Plan referred to in the above minutes had been produced as promised and had been made available to the Forum.

In general the plan was received positively although concerns were raised about adequate funding being available for the project and the quality control mechanisms in place to monitor the project going forward.

Residents asked if more detailed information could be provided on the plan as soon as possible. It was suggested that a future meeting of The Common and Pond Working Group could be used as a platform for this. The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to investigate this further.

Minutes – 13 September 2018

The Forum was informed that the first meeting of The Common and Pond Working Group would be held on Tuesday 20 November 2018 – 11.30am until 1pm at Syke Community Base.

Site walkabout dates are – Tuesday 20 November 2018, Thursday 7 February 2019, Tuesday 14 May 2019 and Tuesday 20 August 2019. All will commence at 10am and finish by 11.30am.

COUNCILLORS' NEWS

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Ward Councillors informed the Forum of the following issues:

1. Arrangements are being made for the Christmas Tree lights to be switched on by the Deputy Mayor.

It was commented that an event around the tree was being planned for the 20 December, therefore the lights switch on would need to be before this date.

2. Road improvements on Dell Road have now been completed.
3. Travellers arrived on the Common recently, however they were quickly removed – the injunction is clearly working.
4. Positive feedback has been received from the Feel Good and Literature Festivals.
5. Town Centre regeneration is progressing and will hopefully have a positive impact on the economy.
6. The Council is looking at options for the indoor market due to the organisation who had the contract to develop the site failing in its obligations.
7. A positive reaction has been received following the upgrading of the path that runs across the Common from Cronkeyshaw Road to Heights Lane.
8. It has been suggested that the Healey Ward Polling District be realigned to include properties at the top of Heights Lane and Alicia Cottages.

9. A funding request for an additional bin at Healey Tea Rooms has been received.

GOOD NEWS FROM PEOPLE IN THE AREA AND SYKE COMMUNITY BASE
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The Forum was informed that Syke Base operates an Art Group which is well attended. It was also reported that the tutor of the art group had sadly died.

Concerns were also raised about the lack of publicity about the Forum on the Council's social media accounts.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

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10 January 2019, commencing 6.30pm at Syke Base

14 March 2019, commencing 6.30pm at Syke Base.

Cronkeyshaw Common / Syke Pond Working Group

November 2018

Present: Ian Trickett (RBC), Tricia Ayrton, Donald Barnett, Richard Lord, John Kennedy, Andrew Evans, Councillor Shaun O'Neill, Neil Dixon

Apologies: Jim Murphy, Councillor Kieran Heakin, Cllr Sha Wazir, Sheila Acton

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Purpose of the group / how we will work	<p>Improvements to Cronkeyshaw Common so that it is a well-cared for asset to the community.</p> <p>Regular meetings of Working group with attendance relevant Council Officers</p> <p>A long term 5 year management & action plan that everyone signs up to so we are working together to a common goal. Seeking some quick wins so that community can see progress</p> <p>Scope = whole of Cronkeyshaw Common</p> <p>Positive joint working where people contribute ideas and help, not complain and walk away. People and Council honour commitments</p> <p>There is no funding in place for improvements from EM Service so everyone will need to work together and obtain funding – Council via Township, external grants etc or achieve through volunteer effort</p>	
2. Update Actions Previous meetings	<p>Internal Environmental Management Service (EM) meeting notes handed out by IT. Actions involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IT has e-mailed Faith Crompton about finding out where Syke Overflow goes & checking it works – no response yet - IT has asked colleagues in maintenance for full schedule existing maintenance operations so can include in Management plan – awaiting - IT has asked colleagues in maintenance trial a jet washing round pond – awaiting implementation - IT asked colleagues in maintenance interim improvements. Actioned: heritage gardens area weed sprayed & overgrowth removed. Overgrown kerb edges weed ripped with machinery <p>Comment from group: Weed removal on kerb edges has made a big improvement. Much appreciated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping whole site. First phase completed with digital maps showing locations every tree, bin, bench etc. Next step is to add all the condition statements to the map - Paths: IT to get cost estimates different methodologies (not actioned yet) 	<p>IT: chase</p> <p>IT: chase</p> <p>IT: chase</p> <p>IT: include annual action in new maintenance schedule to be implemented</p> <p>IT to bring finished version maps to next meeting</p> <p>IT to ask Wayne</p>

	<p>IT notes made from the 13/9/18 meeting of community distributed and actions update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IT to arrange quarterly site maintenance tour to keep EM honest – DONE - Working group to be set up – DONE - Internal meeting EM staff – DONE - Paths option appraisal – future meeting topic for working group - Tree, benches & wildlife options appraisal – process started with mapping site - Benches - Syke Woods to be included in project assessment path network - Maintenance schedule - Overarching Management plan. Skeleton done by IT, needs filling out by IT colleagues in EM, community etc 	<p>IT: future meeting working group paths as sole item</p> <p>Low priority item for IT</p> <p>IT: Part of management plan process IT to continue work on Man. Plan through working Group</p>
3. Member contact details / areas of interest / roles	<p>Everyone filled in attendance sheet so IT will be able to send invites out to all. If anyone else wants to join this is an inclusive group and will welcome new members</p>	
4. Tree stock	<p>First stage complete – mapping location. Next step is condition / variety survey. Then we can look at creating a tree action plan which shows what the eventual tree stock will look like, land parcel by land parcel and we will know what tree we need to find funding for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps of site showing location of trees passed around and initial comments made Survey next summer the avenue of birch trees planted this year to see if they have survived and seek funding for replacements with Alder if they haven't - Some specimen weeping willow on boggy areas 	<p>IT to have as main topic future meeting of group to finalise plans</p>
5. Wildlife / differential mowing	<p>First stage complete – mapping the Common. Initial discussion held, maps of site looked at and initial location ideas suggested</p>	<p>IT to map formally and then consult with local residents then to meet with group and formalise plans</p>
6. Audit of basic infrastructure – bins / benches / paths	<p>First item discussed: Heritage Garden. All agreed landscape feature to be retained but needs attention. Agreed pink play area surface not in keeping and at end of lifespan so should be removed and replaced with turf. Cobble sets around trees to be retained & single type flower to be planted round base each tree</p>	<p>IT; Get quote for carrying out work via Wayne</p>
7. Future discussion items	<p>Agreed that next meeting needs to be a specific meeting with Nick Barton about the pond project.</p> <p>PROVISIONAL Dates for next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7th Feb (Walk-around then group meet) - 20th March (Group meet only) - 14th May (Walk-around then group meet) - 20th Aug (Walk-around then group meet) <p>Main topic Feb: Paths & heritage gardens</p>	<p>IT to email Gary Finch to arrange this with NB. IT to attend so he is up to date</p> <p>IT to confirm with Gary Finch availability community room and send invite e-mail with agenda for February meeting</p>

<p>- Working towards a Green Flag Award</p>	<p>Main topic March: Trees, wildlife Main topic May: Bins, benches, management plan Main topic Aug: Management Plan, Green Flag</p> <p>There will not be an additional meeting June due to peak season demand on time Ian Trickett</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Dog Fouling. Agreed this is an issue. IT explained section that deals with this is in flux at the moment, possibly looking into private sector company.</p> <p>Discussion about warning signs: Caution slippery surface. Concern may be invite for people to sue us but might be a useful tool. IT to investigate. Response for Insurance: Don't do it, leads to multiple false attempts at litigation</p> <p>Jim Murphy e-mail with apology for not being able to attend this specific meeting: access on to the Common Whitehall St where wet ground means access point for maintenance tractors gets churned up – request look at possible alternative entry points</p> <p>Additional hand written notes provided to IT by DB on the day, history of the site.</p> <p>For Information: Subsequent to meeting IT has emailed Council Estates department for copy of lease / license to Walton Angling and covenants and other information relating to Syke Common as this should be useful background information</p>	<p>IT to include Management Plan as action for next spring.</p> <p>IT to include as part of Working Group discussions each land parcel management.</p> <p>IT to use to start filling in parts of the Management Plan</p> <p>Everyone: If anyone has any interesting pictures or other info send to IT to include in Management Plan / folder of information about site as appropriate</p>