

BALDERSTONE AND KIRKHOLT COMMUNITY MEETING

**Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 6.30pm
St Mary's (Balderstone) Church, Oldham Road,
Rochdale OL11 2HB**

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Apologies/Code of Conduct
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. PACT Meeting - Greater Manchester Police
4. Ward Fund
5. Open Forum
6. Councillor Update
7. Presentations/Updates
 - Kirkholt Million
 - Rochdale Boroughwide Housing
8. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 16 September 2019 at 6.30pm
Kirkholt Community Church, Daventry Road, Rochdale

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 2

BALDERSTONE AND KIRKHOLT COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday 19 March 2019
Kirkholt Community Church, Daventry Road
Rochdale

MINUTES

Present: C. Mottershead (Chair) and 16 members of the public

Councillors: None in attendance

Officers: R. Hudson (Rochdale Council Townships & Engagement Officer)
PCSO N. McNeill and PCSO S. Senior (GMP)

Apologies: Y. Pickering (Rochdale Council Community Safety Officer), Councillors Farnell, Meredith and Nickson

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES/CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. 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. PACT MEETING - GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Crime statistics for the ward (past six months and comparative six months of last year)

Anti-social behaviour	70	47
Criminal damage	88	76
Burglary dwelling	53	61
Theft from motor vehicle	51	40
Theft of motor vehicle	16	14

PACT priorities

ASB issues around The Strand

Drug dealing

Illegal parking

Safe plate event

A safe plate event was held recently on 9 February 2019 and it proved popular with a good turnout. More dates will be arranged and advertised on social media in future.

Speeding

GMP updated the forum that following previous concerns raised by residents regarding speeding from Castleton via Queensway, the divisional 'Operation Considerate' will be carried out in the next month or two. A resident requested that the areas of Queens Drive and Hartley Lane be added to the operation.

GMP website incident reporting

Residents were informed of a new tool on GMP's website for reporting non-emergency crimes which can prove quicker than ringing the 101 line. The Chair of the forum urged residents to report crimes

each time they witness them as this assists GMP assigning the correct resources and also helps assist intelligence.

Caesar Street parked cars

Residents expressed their anger at cars obstructing their driveways on Caesar Street. GMP PCSOs said they would attend to assess the situation.

3. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

No Councillors were present to provide an update.

4. PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES

Kirkholt Million

- Newsletter circulated and AGM held recently. Plans unveiled regarding an educational woodland trail leading down to Balderstone Park and if any members of the public wishes to view them to see Kelly at the Hub.
- Internet Communities Event to be held at Kirkholt Community Church on 13 April 2019 featuring dancers, African drumming and food.
- Kirkholt Millions have been working alongside Groundwork to provide information on apprenticeships and also employment support.
- Balderstone Park has recently had a set of four baby swings installed.
- A heritage project set up to look at the history of Kirkholt from its first beginnings has held one meeting so far and residents are welcome to attend to submit their stories.
- Grants are always available for up to £1,000 to community groups – speak to Kelly Dawson at the Hub for more information.

Rochdale Boroughwide Housing

No one present to provide an update. Residents requested clarification on who covers the area now as the previous manager is no longer in post.

Action 1: Councillor Meredith to contact Rochdale Boroughwide Housing for the name of their new officer for the area.

Medical Centre and Hub

Leases will be agreed by the end of March and the build will commence in April.

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Rochdale in Bloom

Councillor Meredith has made links with the Rochdale in Bloom steering group along with Rochdale Boroughwide Housing and he will attempt to bring together community groups to create an 'Urban' entry in next year's competition.

Hill Top Drive overhanging branches

Councillor Meredith raised the matter with Rochdale Boroughwide Housing but they advised that they cannot proceed with enforcement action.

Broad Lane and Shaw Road speed surveys

No results are compiled yet.

Action 2: Councillor Meredith to chase up the results with the Highways Department to bring to the next forum.

Springhill Playing Fields

Representatives of the Springhill Playing Fields Residents Action Group attended to obtain an update on their previous request to Councillor Meredith for signage in relation to the ACV status that had not progressed due to the lack of clarification from the Council's Legal Department.

Action 3: Councillor Meredith to chase up the Legal Department for a formal response.

The group also wanted noting that Councillor Meredith had posted an advisory leaflet through residents' doors regarding Springhill Playing Fields. The leaflet stated a planning report had been submitted to Rochdale Council's Cabinet meeting approximately three years ago about a possible sale of the fields for £3/4million to build housing. Local Councillors decided it should be removed from the report at the time, as they did not wish to see the land sold for housing but rather see the land open to walkers by introducing a path within the area to connect Crompton Avenue with Broad Lane, Broad Lane Woods and the Hospice.

6. OPEN FORUM

Location of future forum meetings

The Chair consulted attendees on whether to combine both forum locations of the Kirkholt Community Church and St Mary's Church in Balderstone into one meeting place at the new Hub building at The Strand, Kirkholt. It was agreed by the forum to keep the meetings as they are going forward.

Publicising the forum

Residents enquired by what means the forum is publicised. It was advised that the Council email all members of the mailing list and the meeting is advertised locally by way of posters in the church, the Hub, community centres, etc. It is also displayed on the Council's website and Twitter and Facebook pages and GMP also do the same on their social media sites. All residents were encouraged to spread the word amongst their neighbours and local friends to attend.

Hartley Lane

Residents discussed problems with rat-running up Queens Drive due to the fact it is only a left-turn at the bottom of Hartley Lane.

Grit bins

A resident enquired if the criteria for grit bins have now changed due to the recent media coverage by the Council/Councillors.

Action 4:Township Office to enquire with the Highways Department

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 6.30pm

Venue: St. Mary's (Balderstone) Church, Oldham Road, Rochdale.

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www.rochdale.gov.uk/councilmeetings under the heading of 'Councillors and Committees' and then 'Agendas, reports and minutes'.