

BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM

**Thursday 14 November 2019
Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way,
Rochdale OL11 4PZ**

MINUTES

Present: Seventeen members of the public

Councillors: Angela Smith and Pat Sullivan

Officers: Rochdale Borough Council: S. Hay (Townships) and GMP: PC 15748 Martin Giblin and PCSO 71119 Becky Renshaw

Apologies: Councillor Jane Howard and two members of the public

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Introductions were made and all were welcomed to the meeting.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair referred to the code of conduct and asked all to abide by the code for the duration of the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 22 August 2019 were agreed and the following updates were given.

Cotton Lane access

Environmental Management have cleared the overgrown nettles and shrubbery from Cotton Lane again. It was reported water is still pooling at the bottom end of the lane.

Roch Valley Way footpath

Environmental Management have cleared the overgrown vegetation from the footpath running from Roch Valley Way at the side of Brimrod Methodist Church to Marland Hill Community Primary School.

Edinburgh Way lay-bys

Rochdale Council's Enforcement Team have visited the commercial garages that have been parking, advertising and selling vehicles on the two lay-bys on either side of Edinburgh Way which are part of the adopted Highway. All vehicles were removed immediately and the garage owners advised not to use the lay-bys for this purpose. This issue has not reoccurred.

Manchester Road anti-social behaviour

Anti-social tenants at an address on Manchester Road who were causing problems in the area have been moved out and the premises put right.

4. POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

PCSO Sana Haider is being moved to another area in Rochdale and she was thanked for her hard work, efforts and high visibility whilst serving the Bamford area. Sana's replacement will be PCSO

71119 Becky Renshaw who is very experienced and she have several weeks to work with Sana and hand over.

PC Martin Giblin and PCSO Becky Renshaw presented the crime statistics from the date of the last forum on 22 August 2019 to today's date 14 November 2019 and presented the following information.

Crime figures are low with two burglary dwellings since the last forum to date, three criminal damages, one theft from motor vehicle and no thefts of motor vehicles.

OVERVIEW

Burglary

The Neighbourhood Team will continue with high visibility patrols in the areas of concern along with leaflet cocooning in areas of demand at peak times. In addition, the team have provided updates and crime prevention advice to the area Home Watch Coordinators, Whats App Groups and GMP social media.

Theft from motor vehicles

The Bamford Team together with colleagues from the Spotland area have been carrying out high visibility patrols in the Oulder Hill, Hudson Walk and Cemetery areas during the day as both areas had experienced a number of incidents. One suspected offender has been recalled back to prison for a non-related incident. Another group of males have been identified by area officers as carrying out similar incidents.

Pulse policing

Pulse policing is an operation where a mobile team on night shifts is formed comprising of Officers from other areas within Rochdale. The team patrol various different hot spot areas which may be having problems regarding issues such as anti-social behaviour or criminality, and they provide reassurance in the area.

GMP reminded residents that due to the nature of the burglaries consideration should be given to changing their routines. In addition, residents were asked to review their home security, in particularly access points, lighting, alarms and ensuring all keys are kept in a safe place.

Dark nights

With Christmas around the corner, safety is really important now the clocks have gone back as it gets dark around 6pm, so a reminder was given to close windows and doors and carry on with crime prevention activities. There will be an increase in high visibility patrols around hot spot areas, leaflet drop for properties in darkness and where appropriate crime prevention advice given.

Community Speed Watch

Speeding in the ward is a very serious concern and further Community Speed Watch initiatives will be set up and organised to take place in the evening when speeding is at its worst. PC Giblin will ask for scarce Force Traffic resources to be allocated to the area to conduct speeding enforcement, but there will be competition as there is high demand from all areas in the GMP area. Another high profile initiative Operation Considerate will be conducted using Automatic Number Plate Recognition to enforce document and driving offences and this presence will act as a deterrent against speeding. Given the long standing problem and the fact that the use of Force Resources is neither guaranteed or particularly under the control of the Rochdale Police Division, Councillor Sullivan has formally written to the Divisional Commander of the Rochdale Division about the issue. She informed him the forum and all Ward Councillors would be very grateful if the Divisional Commander could investigate the acquisition of calibrated speed enforcement gun(s) and training for PC Giblin and other eligible Officers in the use of that equipment to give the flexibility and responsiveness to combat speeding vehicles and when carried out to publicise results as a deterrent.

It was asked whether the registration number of vehicles where drivers displayed poor driving standards could be passed on to the Police. It was confirmed they can for information but there would be evidential requirements.

5. OPEN FORUM

Old Waggon and Horses Public House

Planning application number 19/00969/FUL to change the use of the old Waggon and Horses Public House into a seventeen bed house of multiple occupancy was discussed and a copy of the application form and plans were made available. Concerns was expressed about the disruption and traffic problems whilst any work was ongoing should the plan be approved and potential parking problems thereafter. The objections process was explained.

Holborn Street No Entry

A report of regular and persistent contravention of the No Entry Regulation into Holborn Street at Finsbury Street, adjacent to Brimrod Primary School particularly at dropping off and picking up times, was made and the Police will be informed and asked to enforce when Officers are available.

Holborn Street fly tipping

Extensive fly tipping on Holborn Street since the last forum had been reported and cleaned up, however, part of the fence securing the gap next to 13 Holborn Street, opposite Westminster Street, has been removed and the area has attracted considerable fly tipping. A clean-up will be arranged and a request made to replace the fence to prevent further fly tipping.

Mayfair Gardens and Finsbury Street rubbish

The rear gated alley between Mayfair Gardens and Finsbury Street still contains a substantial amount of rubbish and bins are overflowing with the wrong items. This situation has attracted rats and it is a health hazard. Environmental Management Enforcement are aware of the problem in this area and they will be chased up for a response on any action they can take.

Bertie Street fly tipping and footpath condition

Councillor Sullivan has requested fly tipping be removed from Bertie Street and reported the footpath to the Council's Highways Section for inspection.

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6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6 February 2020 at 6.30pm in Brimrod Methodist Church.