

CENTRAL ROCHDALE AREA FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING Monday, 8 January 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Ali Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed and Sultan Ali, A. Razzaq, D. Upton, B. Lloyd (Chair), R. Hartley, H. Chaudhry, S. Quershi, N. Yasir and S M Miah.

OFFICERS: M. Reynolds (Public Realm Inspector), PCSO L. Palmer and G. Finch (Township & Engagement Officer)

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PACT MEETING - GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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PCSO Palmer attended the meeting for this item.

The forum was informed that the following incidents had been reported in the Ward in the last three months;

Residential Burglary 13 – same period last year 20

Community Burglary 9 – same period last year 16

Robbery 5 – same period last year 3

Theft from person 4 – same period last year 4

Theft from dwelling 3 – same period last year 6

Theft of pedal cycle 2 – same period last year 2

Theft from motor vehicle 8 – same period last year 10

Theft of motor vehicle 4 – same period last year 4

Criminal damage 39 – same period last year 36

Forum members were advised not to leave engines running on vehicles during the frosty mornings and ensure safeguards are taken because of the fact that the evenings are dark by 4.15pm.

PCSO Palmer advised the Forum to use 101 to report non-emergency incidents. Alternatively PCSO Palmer can be contacted on 07393 239782 / Leanne.Palmer@gmp.police.uk

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

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The minutes of the Central Rochdale Area Forum held on Monday 18th September 2017 were approved as a correct record with no matters arising.

An update was provided on the comments received at the last meeting criticising the lack of progress that had been made in the Ward to improve flooding management. A statement had been received from the Council which was circulated to Forum members. A link to this is attached below.

<http://democracy.rochdale.gov.uk/documents/s59381/Update%20-%20Flood%20Management.pdf>

OPEN FORUM

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Residents raised the following issues:

1. Misuse of bins at 126 Ramsay Street
2. Illegal tipping on the old railway cutting at Greenbank Road / Taylor Street
3. Vehicles being used on leisure centre car park in the evening which is causing a disturbance to residents.
4. Illegal tipping on Cook Street / Dean Street (Hamer) and Medley Street
5. Anti-social behaviour on the car park adjacent to Arrif Grocers.
6. The area around the Infirmary is in need of attention because of illegal tipping / littering.

It was acknowledged that the incidents on the leisure centre car park and the anti-social behaviour on the car park adjacent to Arrif Grocers had been reported previously and were being dealt with.

It was also confirmed that all the above would be reported.

Residents were encouraged to report incidents to the appropriate services as soon as possible and not wait until the Area Forum.

As a consequence of this discussion it was requested if a contact sheet identifying appropriate contact numbers be provided together with an understanding of the cleaning schedule for the Ward.

MEMBERS/WARD FUNDS

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The Forum was informed that the following funds were available:

Councillor Ali Ahmed - £495.69
Councillor Sultan Ali - £1020.68
Councillor Iftikhar Ahmed - £1183.27
Ward Funds - £8000

An application for funding support (£1220.88) had been received from the Ajnabi Community Association in connection with the final phase of the Community Garden.

Following discussion the Forum agreed in principle to support this application subject to a site visit by residents.

Other suggestions put forward for financial support included:

1. The installation of a bench / benches on the green space adjacent to Hector Avenue.
2. The installation of outdoor exercise equipment in the Ward. Location would need to be determined.
3. Improvement to drainage on the footpath that runs across the play area on South Street.
4. A request for speed humps to be installed on Howard Street. This request was supported with a residents' petition.

The Township and Engagement Officer agreed to progress the above proposals.

WARD NEWS

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Based on frequent discussions that are held at this Forum, residents were encouraged to keep the area as tidy as possible

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

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Wardleworth Community Centre

Monday 5th March 2018, commencing 6.30pm