

MILNROW, NEWHEY AND FIRGROVE AREA FORUM

Thursday 29 March 2018
Milnrow Cricket Club, Harbour Lane,
Milnrow OL16 4HF

MINUTES

Present: Stephen Lowe (Chair), C. Barber, M. Corbally, A. Turner, C. Craven, K. Cunliffe, N. Cunliffe, A. Lord, S. Lord, M. Harrison, J. Edge, H. Mellalieu, J. Mooney, A. Mooney, E. Kelly, B. Greenwood, D. Bamford, M. Thompson, B. Morris, M. Greenhalgh, P. Greenhalgh, D. Cranny, Z. Cranny, P. Butler and E. Charnock

Councillors: Butterworth, Davidson and Kelly

Officers: Tracey Knight (Townships, Rochdale Council), PS Richard Price (GMP), H. Mellalieu (Youth Service, Rochdale Council) and Carlo Schroder (Rochdale Council)

Apologies: Councillor Hussain, Glyn Broady (Public Realm Inspector), D. Dawai and I. Bland

1. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the code of conduct was referred to. As we are in Purdah (pre-election period), the Chair read out the Political Affiliation section from the Code of Conduct.

2. PACT - GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Updates

- The outstanding GMP actions from the last meeting are complete
- There is a pledge by Andy Burnham to improve the 101 response times
- Crimes need to be reported using the official channels, GMP don't monitor social media sites. Residents are urged to use 101 or the interactive service on GMP website
- A discussion took place regarding the Highway Code and parking issues

Crime Figures

Milnrow & Newhey

	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
Vehicle crime	2	5	2
Domestic burglary	11	4	3
Business burglary	2	2	4
Theft from person	0	0	0
Theft from dwelling	1	0	0
Theft from vehicle	7	11	4
Shoplifting	1	5	5
Arson	3	0	0
Criminal damage	5	10	9
ASB	12	15	14

Smallbridge & Firgrove

	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
Vehicle crime	8	2	3
Domestic burglary	10	8	9
Business burglary	2	0	1
Theft from person	0	1	0
Theft from dwelling	1	1	2
Theft from vehicle	7	11	6
Shoplifting	2	7	4
Arson	0	1	0
Criminal damage	11	19	13
ASB	24	21	14

The agreed priorities are vehicles thefts, burglaries and anti-social behaviour.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record. It was noted that Mr Turner had submitted his apologies for the meeting but they were not recorded.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

The 2018 Street Cleaning Services Satisfaction Survey is the first of a series of three; the Street Services Survey and The Parks and Horticultural Surveys will be carried out over the next nine months. These surveys will help the Council's Environmental Management Service to identify what is important to residents and help them to understand how they are performing. The survey will measure the effectiveness of the service and identify areas for improvement. Forms can be returned to any Council office or library.

5. OPEN FORUM

Promoting Social Cohesion

Carlo Schroder, Rochdale Borough Council Community Coordinator, outlined his Home Office funded role to positively bring communities together and counter extremism and he raised awareness of hate crime reporting.

Resurfacing Schemes

A resident has been advised that Weir Road narrowly missed out on being included on the list for resurfacing. The resident questioned why it has been reported that Bentgate Street is on the list when the surface is in much better condition than Weir Road. Councillor Butterworth advised that Bentgate Street is being funded from a different funding stream.

Ladybarn Development

Residents raised the following issues:

- Concern for residents' safety as contractors' vehicles are driving and parking on the footpaths on Bramhall Close.
- The contractors' vehicles are accessing the site from Bramhall Close and driving over and churning up the grass (which is private land).
- Request for a barrier to be installed to prevent the above happening?
- Residents state that it has only been two weeks since the planning decision and they are under the impression work on the site should not commence for a period of six weeks following the decision in case there will be a judicial review.
- Councillor Davidson has already reported the issues to Planning.

Action 1: Request advice from Planning Officers regarding the above issues (Tracey Knight)

Pot Holes

A number of residents attended the forum to raise the following concerns:

- The work carried out by Balfour Beatty filling in pot holes is substandard and unacceptable; the repairs don't last.
- Is the Council taking action against Balfour Beatty for not fulfilling their contract (in relation to substandard repairs)?
- Does the Council do quality checks on the highways repairs/work carried out by Balfour Beatty?
- Where will the additional £12 million funding for road repairs be spent?
- The resurfacing works on Rochdale Road, Firgrove has already started to deteriorate, a number of potholes have already formed, is the Council addressing this with Balfour Beatty?
- A large pot hole on Kiln Lane, near Pennine Drive, has been reported a number of times. The area has been marked with white paint which has now worn away. When will this be filled?

The following pot holes were reported – Pennine Drive, Sandringham Drive (described as dangerous), Ladyhouse Close (over the bridge), bottom of Kiln Lane, Sir Isaac Newton Way, New Street, Ladyhouse Lane and Buckley Hill Lane.

Action 2: Report the above issues to Highways (Tracey Knight)

6. EXTERNAL FUNDING UPDATE

Milnrow Clock

A discussion took place regarding the funding and programme of works to restore Milnrow Clock. Councillors differed in their understanding of the amount of funds secured for the work. A request has been made to senior officers that the Friends of Milnrow Clock are consulted during the project.

Action 3: Circulate email confirming amount of Rochdale Borough Council funding allocated for the project (Councillor Kelly)

Ellenroad

No further updates.

St James War Memorial

The Heritage Lottery Fund bid has been submitted; there is a wait of eight or nine weeks before a decision is made. A mapping exercise is in progress to identify all the war graves and plans are in place to celebrate the 100 year anniversary.

Milnrow Memorial Park

No further updates.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

8. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Thursday 7 June 2018

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