

## **TONGE WITH THE HAULGH AREA FORUM**

MEETING, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Present, 25 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Peel	- Tonge with the Haulgh Ward
Councillor Sherrington	- Tonge with the Haulgh Ward
Councillor White	- Tonge with the Haulgh Ward

### Also in attendance

Idris Jeewa	- Area Coordinator, Chief Executive's Department
Stephen Rowson	- Business Support Officer, Chief Executive's Department
Sam Higham	- Neighbourhood Manager, Bolton at Home
Mark Hoban	- Neighbourhood Services Manager, Environmental Services
Paula Rowson	- Community Development Officer, Bolton at Home
Charlie Barlow	- Lancashire Wildlife Trust
James Hall	- Lancashire Wildlife Trust
Insp Wayne Readfern	- Greater Manchester Police
Graham Neil	- Greater Manchester Police
Barley Twist	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of David Crausby MP and Des Grogan (Forum Chief Officer)

Councillor Peel in the Chair.

## **1. INTRODUCTION, WELCOME AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor Peel welcomed everyone and introduced Councillors Sherrington and White. He also introduced Idris Jeewa, Area Coordinator and other Council and partner officers present. No declarations of interest were given.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **3. BUDGET UPDATE**

Area Co-ordinator, Idris Jeewa, updated residents on the subject of budgets and grants delegated to the Area Forum. He gave an update on the current position on funds available to the Area Forum as follows;

Area Based Grants (ABG)	£0.00
Area Forum Budget (AFB)	£3,740.00
Highways Maintenance budget (HMB)	£0.00
Positive Contributions Budget (PCB) For your people's projects	£0.00
Voluntary Sector Grant Scheme (VSG)	£0.00

Councillor White spoke about the plaque in remembrance of Elizabeth Ashmore that was to be placed on the play area off Kestor Street, which had been funded from the area forum budget. He explained to the forum who she was and spoke of the work she had done in Bolton and also advised that there would be a park opening ceremony on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.

A resident had asked when the forum received its new funds would it consider resurfacing repair work to Radcliffe Road. This

was noted and the road would be assessed.

Resolved –

- (i) That the report be noted
- (ii) That information regarding the 2011-12 budgets would be reported to a future meeting and
- (iii) That it be noted that the following schemes have been awarded grants under the Council's Scheme of Delegation:

<u>Grant pot</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
ABG	Two community safety projects (1) Additional DPPO (Drinking in Public Places Order) signage in the Haulgh £300 and (2) Off road biking warning signs at various locations £2,625	£1,910.00
AFB	Balance of the funding for the two community safety projects as above	£1,015.00
AFB	Additional allocation for installation of bollards and pedestrian guard rails on Tonge Moor Road	£1,895.00
AFB	A plaque in remembrance of Elizabeth Ashmore to be placed on the play area off Kestor Street	£350.00
VSG	A Trip to take 50 elderly residents to the Lowry Theatre in Salford, organised by Eldon Street Residents Association	£200.00

#### **4. TONGE MOOR UCAN BRING RECYCLING CENTRE - UPDATE**

Mark Hoban the Neighbourhood Services Manager from Environmental Services gave an update on the Bring Re-cycling Centre. Information was provided in relation to the following issues:-

- The site near the UCAN opened in 2008
- Complaints had been received in 2010 and 2011 mainly;
  - Unsightly near residential properties
  - Unpleasant smells
  - Attracting anti social behaviour

## Q4

- Three suggested sites had been put forward but all were unsuitable for one reason or another
- Another option was to close the site but it was a long way to the next available recycle points
- Open to suggestions for alternative sites

A suggestion of a site in Harwood near the old toilet block near Bradshaw Cricket Club was suggested and would be considered.

Resolved – That the update be noted

## 5. PRESENTATION – LANCASHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Charlie Barlow and James Hall from Lancashire Wildlife Trust gave a presentation on the Wildlife Trust focusing on work in Brightmet and Tonge. Information was provided in relation to the following issues:

- What the Trust did – noting it was one of 48 Trusts across the UK
- How it was funded
- Work the Trust had done in Bolton
- Work the Trust had done in Brightmet and Tonge
- Volunteering – noting work done at Seven Acres
- A heritage project with Withins (now St Catherine's Academy)
- Education sessions – Inspiring young people and providing curriculum linked sessions
- Food growing at Tonge Moor – community allotment plot
- The importance of the Trust – landscape Vision
- The Environmental Resource Centre
- The Activize Project – A new 3 year project
  - Its importance to the community
  - What had been done so far
  - Recent outcomes
  - What next?

A number of questions were asked and responded to.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

## **6. TONGE CARNIVAL - UPDATE**

Paula Rowson, Community Development Officer from Bolton at Home gave an update on the forthcoming Tonge Carnival, which would involve the following attractions:

- Assorted stalls – Tombola, raffles, arts & crafts etc
- Various activities – Jewellery making, climbing wall, Go carts etc
- Community groups
- Residents groups
- Lancashire Wildlife Trust

The Carnival was due to take place between 1-3pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of July on the Castle Hill Centre car park. A resident stated that another community event was due to take place on the afternoon of August 14<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeman Park.

Resolved – That the update be noted

## **26. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Councillor Peel introduced this item on the agenda and invited all forum attendees to ask any questions or voice any concerns they may have regarding issues in the Tonge with the Haulgh Ward.

Q1 What was happening with the Castle Hill Library?

A The consultation period had closed at the end of June, the findings were being evaluated and outcomes were expected around the 28<sup>th</sup> of July when a further consultation would take place. It was noted though that the ward members supported keeping the library open.

Q2 The majority of pot holes and depressions seemed to be around utility company channels and grids. Were these no longer inspected by the council and could the companies not put something towards future resurfacing of roads when their works reduced the lifespan of the road?

## Q6

A The council did still inspect works but were limited by the fact that they had to inspect prior to work commencing as well as when completed and the sheer volume of utilities works across the borough. Regarding the contribution issues this would be looked at and reported back to a future forum.

Q3 The new block paving on Thicketford Road near the church, had been displaced and it appeared the workmen had also caused the grid near by to be blocked causing a flooding hazard in wet weather.

A Members were aware of this area and it was being investigated.

Q4 Could something be done about the footpath from Starkie Road to the School as it was overgrown with weeds and full of litter. A grid was also blocked causing flooding and a hazard to pupils using the path?

A It was believed that the path was a right of way and un-adopted, but options would be looked at to clean it up, possibly under the community payback scheme.

Q5 When would the patch of land near St Augustine's Church be developed as it would be ideal for social housing?

A The land had been purchased by a private developer who had been granted planning permission for housing but due to the current financial conditions was waiting for the market to pick up before commencing works.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and that any not answered on the night be brought back to the next meeting.

## 27. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Peel concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and announced that the next Tonge with the Haulgh Area Forum had not been scheduled as yet but that residents would be notified via the usual methods.

Q7

(The meeting started at 6.32pm and finished at 8.05pm.)