

## **HALLIWELL AREA FORUM**

MEETING 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011

Present – 20 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Thomas (Chair) - Halliwell Ward  
Councillor Morris - Halliwell Ward

### Also in attendance

John Shannon	-	Area Coordinator, Chief Executives Department
Elaine Dugdill	-	Halliwell Neighbourhood Support Officer , Chief Executives Department
Shaheen Sameja	-	Halliwell Neighbourhood Manager, Chief Executives Department
Malcolm Russell	-	Head of Service, Environmental Services
Lesley Doherty	-	Chief Executive Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Esther Steel	-	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Helen Clark	-	NHS Bolton
Chris De Sa	-	Office for National Statistics
PCSO Julie Swift	-	Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Thomas in the Chair

Apologies were submitted on behalf of David Crausby MP, Councillor Akhtar Zaman and Sue Johnston, Assistant Director, Corporate Services.

## **20. INTRODUCTION**

Councillor Thomas welcomed everyone and introduced her fellow Councillors and Officers in attendance.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **22. THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE IN HALLIWELL**

Lesley Doherty, Chief Executive, Royal Bolton Hospital, NHS Foundation Trust, gave a presentation on planned changes to the provision of community health care in Bolton, including;

- That Primary Care Trusts (PCT) would not employ/provide community care services beyond March 2011
- Following consultation, the preferred way forward was to transfer all PCT provided services to the Royal Bolton Hospital
- The change programme aimed to transfer these services and achieve benefits for the local community including:
  - co-ordinated community services
  - improved quality of service and patient experience
  - increased efficiency and cost effectiveness
- It would be an opportunity to further improve patient experiences

Ms Doherty also reported that infection rates and predicted mortality had reduced at Royal Bolton Hospital

A number of questions were raised regarding the presentation and were answered on the night.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

### **23. THE 2011 CENSUS**

Chris De Sa from the Office for National Statistics gave a presentation on the 2011 Census, including;

- The Census took place every 10 years
- It would take place this year on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- All residents in Halliwell should complete the Census
- Assistance would be available to complete the Census

A number of questions were raised regarding the presentation and were answered on the night.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

### **24. REVIEW OF PROJECTS DURING 2010, LOOKING FORWARD TO 2011**

Balances for budgets devolved to the Area Forum were as reported at the previous meeting:-

Area Based Grant (ABG)	-	£0.00
Area Forum Budget (AFB)	-	£0.00
Highways Maintenance (HM)	-	£0.00
Voluntary Sector Grant (VSG)	-	£1,906.00
New - Positive Contributions Budget (PCB)	-	£5,000.00

Proposals were being considered for the Positive Contributions Budget and everyone was made aware of the availability of Voluntary Sector Grants.

Short presentations by John Shannon, Rachel Owen, Neil Martin, Moira Frew and Shaheen Sameja detailed the projects funded by the Area Forum during 2010 and on projects facilitated by Neighbourhood Management, these included;

- Highways improvements at Back Sunlight Street, Back Norwood Grove, Back Elmwood Grove, Back Ernest Street and Back Park Road

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- The introduction of a ward wide ban on street drinking and successful policing operations
- Various successful environmental enforcement actions, plus clean up days and litter reduction events involving young people
- Projects involving young people including dance events, weekend outreach work and sessions on health awareness
- A “One Halliwell” festival event which attracted over 2,000 local people

Everyone was encouraged to participate in projects and networks operating through the Halliwell Neighbourhood Management Team based at the Halliwell UCAN.

Cllr Mrs Thomas thanked all for their input to projects, especially members of the public who represented groups or worked voluntarily on behalf of the community. All were encouraged to continue being part of projects in Halliwell during 2011.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **25. CHAIR’S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Thomas concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. She announced that the next Halliwell Area Forum would take place in late May/June, date to be confirmed

(The meeting started at 13.00pm and finished at 14.25pm)