

Farnworth and Kearsley Area Update

Newsletter for Farnworth and Kearsley

November 2007 Edition

What happened at the last meeting

The public were given a chance to have their say on crime at the last meeting of the forum.

Representatives from the Greater Manchester Police gave presentations about:

- the work undertaken by the Police Community Safety Officers, and
- the Safer Neighbourhoods Project.

Members of the Forum then split into workshop sessions to discuss what they felt were the main priorities in relation to crime and disorder.

The Environmental Health Department gave a presentation on the Clean Neighbourhood and Environmental Act 2005 with emphasis on educating people to keep Bolton's streets clean.

The presentation covered areas such as:

- litter
- dog fouling
- fly tipping
- domestic waste
- commercial waste
- graffiti and fly posting.

Highways Maintenance Partnership Budget

The forum has received £30,000 from the council's Highway Maintenance Partnership Budget for projects in the Farnworth and Kearsley wards for the current financial year to 31st March, 2008.

The forum approved work of:
£15,000 to resurface the footway at Barton Road and replacing the paving flags at Greenhill Avenue

£15,000 to resurface the footway at Calder Drive and Kearsley Precinct

Next meeting:

Monday 14 January 2008 at Trinity Church, Higher Market Street, Farnworth, Police drop-in at 6pm, council services and those of our partners drop-in at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

Councillors contact numbers:

Farnworth

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Voluntary Sector Grant

The forum approved a grant of £390 from Thomas Garnet and Philip Howard Court for replacement garden furniture.

Grants are available to voluntary, community or not-for-profit groups, to help make a difference in your area and enhance the life of the people of Bolton.

Up to £500 is available and can pay for equipment such as stationery, office consumables, sports equipment, trips out, equipment to complete a project, or an event. The Voluntary Sector Grants can't be used to fund commercial groups, public sector

departments or individuals, or to fund religious or political purposes. Groups can only hold one small grant at a time and can only apply for one grant annually.

Contact Stephen Rowson to request an application form on 01204 331252 or stephen.rowson@bolton.gov.uk or look at Bolton Council's website www.bolton.gov.uk for an application form. If you need help with the form, contact Eileen on the number above, or the Area Working Team on 01204 331252. Send in your completed application form, along with your group accounts and constitution, by the deadline.

Councillors at the next area forum meeting will decide if you have been successful and we will contact you. Your group then signs a legal agreement and the grant is paid. Your group will be asked to keep a record of your grant's progress, and to provide proof of payment, which could include sending paid invoices, receipts or your accounts or similar. You may be asked to provide feedback or photographs to demonstrate how the Voluntary Sector Grant was used.

We cannot reimburse money that has been spent, before the grant was approved, and representatives from your group signed a legal agreement.

Your questions answered

Concern was raised regarding which areas were consulted regarding parking arrangements on Market Street, Farnworth.

Response from Highways Consultation Team:

160 properties were consulted which fronted onto Market Street and any side street which did not have any other means of exit. 24 responses were received, of these almost three quarters of respondents supported the proposals.

Full details are available on the council website - www.bolton.gov.uk

Have taxi drivers been issued with fobs for the bollards at the bottom of Brackley Street?

Response from Highways Engineers:

No taxi companies have been issued with fobs. The bollards are programmed to descend on approach prior to 10.30am and after 4.30pm.

Concern regarding Japanese knotweed at the rear of properties on Grosvenor Street, Kearsley.

Response from Environmental Services:

If the problem is on Bolton Council land and is in danger of causing structural damage, it will be inspected and treated if necessary.

Residents raised concern over the mill on Cawdor Street.

Response from Environmental Services:

The mill was inspected in July, this year, and whilst not in the best condition, it was not considered dangerous. There is an ongoing mills strategy, and Bolton Council, Farnworth Neighbourhood Management and members of Campbell Street and Cawdor Street Resident Associations are working together to improve the situation.

Motorists raised concerns about the lack of safety features at the junction of Stoneclough Road and Bolton Road in Kearsley.

Response from Highways management:

There have been accidents at this spot, but the causes are varied. Filter lights for traffic coming on to Bolton Road would not have reduced these.

If you would like to ask a question at an area forum meeting, you can submit one in advance by contacting the area co-ordinator. These questions will be dealt with first at a meeting, and usually get a better response because they allow relevant departments to research the issues raised and provide an answer.

Please note that all questions should relate to an issue which affects the local area. Any general questions should be directed to the relevant department within the council.

If you require this information in another format or language, please contact the Area Working Team on 01204 331252 to discuss how we can help.

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