

LITTLE LEVER AND DARCY LEVER AREA FORUM

Meeting – 6th March 2012

Present – 32 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Anthony Connell
Councillor Mary Woodward

Little Lever and Darcy Lever Ward
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Also in attendance

Dawn Hampton
Claire Atkinson
Sue Vickers
John Rowlands
Chris Lloyd
Dave Bowyer

Area Co-ordinator
Area Working Support Officer
Area Working Support Officer
Area Forum Chief Officer
Environmental Services
Probation Services

Apologies were received from Councillor Maureen Connell and
Yasmin Qureshi MP

Councillor Anthony Connell in the Chair

24. INTRODUCTION

Councillor Anthony Connell welcomed everyone to the meeting and carried out introductions. The Forum was asked to support the Council's efficiency agenda by providing email addresses for future Area Forum meetings.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers.

26. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, 13 December were submitted and approved as a correct record.

27. BOLTON 2012

Dawn Hampton, Area Coordinator noted that 2012 had been dedicated as the Year of Sport and details of what was to happen in and around Bolton were available.

A packed programme of activities were planned including:

- Competitions for elite athletes.
- Taster sessions for beginners.
- Talent development and schools events.
- As well as a cultural programme, including Bolton's Food and Drink Festival.

There would also be a national programme of events including:

- Olympic torch route and evening celebrations as the torch would stay in Bolton overnight before progressing on its route.
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, including; street parties, beacon celebrations and civic celebrations.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

28. COMMUNITY PAYBACK PROJECTS

David Bowyer from Probation Services advised the Forum on the Community Payback Scheme and the projects which had been undertaken by offenders in the local area. The Forum was also advised of future work scheduled for the Community Payback service

The Forum was asked to submit further areas where work could be undertaken by offenders by use of a suggestion form.

A number of questions and comments were made which were answered on the night.

Resolved – That the report be noted and a further update on the projects undertaken in the local area be provided to a future Forum meeting

29. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UPDATE

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Dawn Hampton, Area Co-ordinator gave an update on the progress made by the Area Forum on projects related to environmental issues. The projects discussed were:

- Community Litter Picks
- 'Travelling' dog waste bag dispenser
- Tri-signs including information and advice on dog fouling, littering and anti-social behaviour
- Bedding plants
- Footpath and highways improvements

A number of questions and comments were made which were answered on the night.

Resolved – That the report be noted and further updates on the projects be provided to future Forum meetings

30. BUDGET UPDATE

Dawn Hampton, Area Co-ordinator gave an update on the Area Forum Budget for 2011-2012 and the projects which had received funding.

Area Forum Budget (AFB)	£11,509
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A number of questions and comments were made that were answered on the night; one issue would be carried forward to the next Forum meeting:

Could advertising on litter bins be considered to increase revenue and number of bins?

Resolved – (i) That the report be noted and the question which was not answered be forwarded to the relevant department.

(ii) That it be noted that the following schemes have been awarded funding under the Council's Scheme of Delegation:

<u>Grant Pot</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
AFB	Kershaw residents event	£300
AFB	Little Lever West residents	£300

AFB	Bedding plants	£338
AFB	Victory Road Traffic Regulation Order	£3,000
AFB	Additional dog bins and signage	£750
AFB	Tri-signs	£1,500

31. QUESTIONS

There was a lack of street signs on the Cricketers View Estate

The highways in this development had not been adopted. The issue of the signage would be raised with the developer as part of this process

Could a public meeting be arranged to discuss the impact of the proposed Highways changes to Lever Street?

A response had been received stating further investigation was underway to determine the impact of the proposed one way system for the surrounding roads. A proposal for additional consultation had already been raised with the Planning Officers. The Councillors agreed that a public meeting would be arranged and all the attendees at the Forum would receive notification of the date.

The library did not have a copy of the Little Lever 15 year plan or consultation forms as advised at a previous meeting.

This matter would be reported to the appropriate department for investigation and an apology was given for any inconvenience caused

Could the large pothole on the bridge at Fall Lane be inspected?

This matter would be reported to the appropriate department for investigation.

Could a litter bin be placed on the area between the Village

This matter would be reported to the appropriate department

Q5

and Stopes Road, near to the bench?

The road between Lomax Street and Church Street had been patched up, but was still in a bad condition

This matter had been raised at the Farnworth Area Forum as it came under Farnworth ward. An update would be provided for the next Forum meeting.

The new seat on the land between the Centre and Stopes Road had been finished with loose stone not hard standing. Could this be investigated?

This matter would be raised with the appropriate department.

The flowers near to the seat had been cutback – was this permanent?

This work had been undertaken in October as part of winter land preparation work. The flowers would grow again in the spring.

Had the Council made a decision regarding Tesco?

The Forum was advised that no planning application had been decided upon yet.

There was a significant amount of high speed traffic on Aintree Road and Redcar Road. Could traffic calming measures be considered?

This matter would be raised with the appropriate department

There was a large amount of graffiti behind the Old Three Crowns public house and to the rear of Mytham Road. Could this be investigated and stopped?

This matter would be raised with the local police officers.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and the questions which were not answered be directed to the appropriate

departments or partner agencies.

32. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Anthony Connell thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next meeting of the Little Lever and Darcy Lever Area Forum would be after the election on a date and venue to be confirmed

(The meeting started at 7pm and finished at 8.25pm)