

## **HALLIWELL AREA FORUM**

MEETING, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

Present – 18 members of the public attended the meeting.

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

### Also in attendance

Jon Lord	- Area Forum Chief Officer, Development and Regeneration Department
Idris Jeewa	- Area Coordinator, Chief Executives Department
Stephen Rowson	- Business Support, Chief Executives Department
Shaheen Sameja	- Halliwell Neighbourhood Manager, Development and Regeneration Department
Malcolm Russell	- Head of Service, Environmental Services
Julia Sellars	- Chartered Landscape Architect, Environmental Services
Rafael Martinez	- Safer Communities Officer, Community Safety Services
Eric Grindle	- Operations Manager, Children's Services
Susan Sollazzi	- Manager, Children's Services
Katy Kellett	- Assistant Manager, Starting Point, Children's Services
Angela Lohan	- Asset Management Support Officer, Children's Services
Ciara Steele	- Play Officer, Children's Services
Simon Conchie	- Bolton Wise
Sgt Kevin Lister	- Greater Manchester Police
Julie Swift	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Zaman in the Chair.

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Cliff Morris and the Halliwell Coordinator John Shannon

## **12. INTRODUCTION**

Councillor Zaman welcomed everyone and introduced his fellow Councillor and officers in attendance.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **14. PRESENTATION: “PROPOSALS DEVELOPED BY THE HALLIWELL YOUNG STAKEHOLDERS GROUP”**

Two proposals were put forward by two members of the stakeholder group, Marcus and Kanza as follows:

(i) A community arts project providing among other things; dance, drama, DJ'ing and music taster sessions, this would be facilitated by Bolton Octagon.

(ii) “Smithills School based Friday night sports club” providing sessions, among other things; football, street soccer, gym work, wrestling, cheerleading and badminton, this would be facilitated by Smithills School, Oxford Grove AFC and Unity in Diversity.

Following these proposals members were asked if the proposals outlined would be supported by the Forum.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted and that Members approved both schemes.

## 15. UPDATE ON QUEENS PARK

Malcolm Russell from Environmental Services gave an update on the proposals for Queens Park following the successful bid for lottery funding.

He noted that £4.3million had come from joint funding between the Heritage Lottery fund and the Big Lottery fund, the local authority were also proposing to add a further £3million made up of staff time and financial support. The plans proposed were as follows:

- Work to renovate Dobson Bridge – This had already begun and would have been funded irrespective of the success of the lottery bid.
- To conserve statues and the lodge.
- To dredge all the lakes and ponds.
- To remove some tree's, although the number to be removed was around 1,000 that represented less than 10% of the trees in the park.
- Improvements to the children's play ground, the work planned was to be similar in scale to work done recently at Moses Gate park.
- Due to the listed status of the Lodge it was proposed that a separate building be provided to house a café and facilities for community use, along with partner use such as police.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

## 16. UPDATE ON AREA FORUM BUDGETS

Idris Jeewa, Area Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the subject of budgets and grants available to the Halliwell Ward. He explained that budget balances following decisions made by members at the meeting and under the scheme of delegation were as follows:

Area Based Grant (ABG)	-	£9,987.50
Area Forum Budget (AFB)	-	£8,457

## Q4

Highways Maintenance (HM)	-	Fully allocated
Voluntary Sector Grant (VSG)	-	£2,656.39
New - Positive Contributions Budget (PCB)	-	Fully allocated

Resolved – That the report be noted, together with the following schemes which have been awarded under the Scheme of Delegation:

<u>Grant</u> <u>pot</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
VSG	North Bolton Support Group	£230

## 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Shaheen Sameja the Neighbourhood Manager for Halliwell gave an update on what was being done in the Halliwell area and noted the following:

- The excellent work and commitment shown by the young people in formulating and submitting the bids for the Positive Contributions Budget
- The work done around Spa Road where residents had highlighted issues, the police had taken action and Bolton Council were looking at improving back streets
- Residents were committed to trying to set up a Residents Association in the area
- Recent work had been undertaken with Health regarding access to services, healthy walks etc. It was proposed that signposts and printed leaflets be used to direct walkers.
- Bolton School were keen to get more involved in Halliwell and that Gilnow Youth Group had already been given access to facilities at the school.

She also drew the resident's attention to an event to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 called "Respect Me, Respect You" this was to be an intergenerational, multi cultural event about food and

music, it would also showcase the Positive Contributions Budget project that had been presented earlier in the meeting.

Resolved – That the report be noted

## **18. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Zaman concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He announced that the next Halliwell Area Forum would be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010 with a drop-in at 11.30am and the main meeting starting at 12.00noon, the venue was still to be confirmed.

(The meeting started at 6.35pm and finished at 7.10pm)