

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

MEETING, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

Present, 23 members of the public attended the meeting.

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
Mark Hoban	- Neighbourhood Services Manager, Environmental Services
Sam Higham	- Neighbourhood Manager, Bolton at Home
Paula Rowson	- Community Development Officer, Bolton at Home
Andy Hulme	- Senior Project Manager, Bolton at Home
Sarah Taylor	- Project Officer, Bolton at Home
David Shuttleworth	- Environmental Education Officer, Environmental Services
Julie Spencer	- Head of Service, Adult and Community Services
Nicky Ingham	- Bolton Foundation Trust
Insp Wayne Readfern	- Greater Manchester Police
Graham Neil	- Greater Manchester Police
Barney Twist	- Greater Manchester Police
Paul Lally	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of David Crausby MP, Councillor Peel and Des Grogan the Forum's Chief Officer.

Councillor White in the Chair.

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

Councillor White welcomed everyone and stated that Councillor Sherrington was at another meeting but would arrive later. He introduced Idris Jeewa, Area Coordinator and other Council and partner officers present. No declarations of interest were given.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **11. BUDGET UPDATE**

Area Co-ordinator, Idris Jeewa, gave an update on current balances for budgets and grants devolved to the Area Forum remaining from last year.

Area Forum Budget (AFB) 2010-11	£1,811
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It was noted that the Area Forum had also been allocated some funds for the current financial year 2011-12, as and when projects were approved, these would be reported back to future area forum meetings.

Resolved – (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That it be noted that the following schemes have been awarded under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2010-11 budget:

<u>Grant pot</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
AFB	Our Backfield project – Removal of barbed wire and fencing on site	£495

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AFB	Our Backfield project – Provision of signage around the site	£1,234
AFB	Tonge Football Club – Help towards their Football league fee's	£200

## **12. PRESENTATION – LIBRARIES NEIGHBOURHOOD COLLECTIONS SERVICE**

Julie Spencer, Head of Library and Museum Services gave a presentation on Libraries and the Neighbourhood collection service.

The main points were:

- Most of the remaining libraries were to get extended opening hours
- Central Library would get Sunday opening
- Castle Hill Library was one of those to be closed
- Tonge UCAN Centre was the proposed location for the collections service, this was not intended as a substitute merely an access point to the wider library services
- What library services would be provided
- What partner organisations would do (in this case Bolton at Home)
- What the collection service link library would do
- Weekly deliveries of requested items
- Next steps – opportunity for members of community to apply to run a community service
- No gap in service, the collection service would start as the library service closed

Resolved – That the update be noted.

## **13. PRESENTATION – RE-CYCLING**

David Shuttleworth from Bolton Council's Environmental Services Department gave a presentation and demonstration on the new food recycling scheme and recycling in general.

The main points were:

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- Recycling was not only necessary for the environment but also for financial reasons as Council tax bills would rise more if targets were not met as the Council would be fined.
- It was cheaper to recycle waste than send it to landfill.
- Bolton was one of the lowest recyclers in Greater Manchester with around 30% of possible recycling being done.
- Attention needed to be given to correct recycling as if over 5% of a load taken for recycling was not correct the whole load would be rejected at a cost of £500 as well as the cost of then sending it to landfill.

A number of questions were then raised and answered.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

### **14. OUR BACKFIELD – UPDATE**

Sam Higham from Bolton at Home and Idris Jeewa the Area Coordinator gave an update on the project.

The main points were:

- Bolton at Home were currently working on developing an agreement with Veolia in terms of management of the site.
- Bolton at Home together with Living Streets were also developing an arts project working with local schools, part of which would include a sky scape viewing point.
- The Area Forum were funding four directional signs showing where footpaths lead too – residents were asked to state preferred colour combination for these.
- The Area Forum were also funding the addition of extra boulders around Hypatia Street and Bury Road to prevent access by off road bikes.

Resolved – (i) That the update be noted.

(ii) That the direction signs be yellow with black writing.

## **15. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Councillor White introduced the item 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 Was it planned for a low cost car, park and ride service for the new bus station?

A There was a free bus service around the town centre linking up most areas and car parks.

Q2 A question was raised with Environmental Services at the last Area Forum regarding pavement parking at the junction of Devon Street and Castle Street, had anything been done about this?

A The location had been inspected by highways engineers and a scheme had been suggested involving the placement of seven bollards. The forum would consider using some of its funding towards this, however consultation with local residents near the location would need to take place to ensure their support and that there were no objections.

Q3 The path at Starkie Road and Stott Lane, it had been suggested that this would be cleared as part of Community payback yet nothing had been done. Also the cap stones from the walls were being removed and thrown at the children's centre.

A It was believed that some work had been done, further details would be obtained. Regarding the cap stones this would be looked into to find a solution.

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

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

Councillor White concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and announced that the next Tonge with the Haulgh

## Q6

Area Forum would be held on Wednesday 18 January 2012, a venue had not been booked but that residents would be notified via the usual methods.

(The meeting started at 6.34pm and finished at 7.57pm.)