

HULTON AREA FORUM

MEETING – 18th June 2013

Present – 50 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Phil Ashcroft	Hulton Ward
Councillor Andrew Morgan	Hulton Ward
Councillor Alan Walsh	Hulton Ward

Also in attendance

John Shannon	-	Area Co-ordinator
Stephen Rowson	-	Chief Executives Department
Malcolm Russell	-	Environmental Services, Head of Service (Neighbourhood Services)
John Davies	-	Environmental Services Representative
PCSO Ian Garbett	-	Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted by Yasmin Qureshi MP.

Councillor Morgan in the Chair

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Morgan welcomed everyone and introduced the Officers in attendance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 March 2013 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to minute 20 being amended so as to read that the grant is £500 and not £300 as stated.

4. PROPOSALS FOR HULTON LANE PLAYING FIELDS

Malcolm Russell from Environmental Services gave a presentation on the proposals to improve the Hulton Lane playing fields.

The main points were:

- Background
- Key Elements
 - Playing pitches
 - Improved changing rooms
 - Car park and Access arrangements
 - Play equipment
 - Junior MUGA
 - Public toilets (during opening times only)
- Construction and drainage
- Changing accommodation
- Multi-use games area
- Equipped play area
- Budgets
- Provisional timetable for the project

A number of questions followed the presentation and were answered at the meeting. Councillor Morgan asked those present to indicate if they supported the proposals provided future updates were made at the appropriate time. The majority indicated that they supported the proposals.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

5. UPDATE ON BUDGETS AND PROJECTS

Area Co-ordinator John Shannon gave an update on current balances for budgets and grants devolved to the Area Forum for 2013-15 financial years as follows;

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£13,750.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£19,200.00
Targeted Budget – Neighbourhood Management Area (NMA)	£8,746.00

Budget based on deprivation in the ward (WW) £14,570.00

The following points were noted:-

- The Area Forum Budget was available to fund activities which provided a benefit to the ward
- The Highways Maintenance Budget was available to fund asset improvement work covering any of the following activities; Reconstruction, Refurbishment, Patching and Slurry seal works.
- The Neighbourhood Management Budgets were to fund activity in the deprived areas of the ward to help improve outcomes.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

Councillor Morgan introduced this item on the agenda and invited residents to ask any questions or put forward any comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Ward.

Q1 On 7th March Cllrs informed the Forum that work would be starting imminently on re-surfing footpaths for Thistleton Road. As of now this work has not begun and furthermore the Council Officer spoken to was unaware the work has been approved. Can you clarify the current situation?

A The Area Co-ordinator apologised for the delay on the implementation of this work. Highways stated that the works had been programmed and that based on current commitments was likely to commence within 3 Months.

Q2 Could something be done about the parking on double yellow lines near the junction of Manchester Road and Newland Drive? This was blocking vehicles views when pulling out.

A The matter would be referred to both the police and the Highways department to investigate.

Q3 When would the footway resurfacing work on Newbrook Road be done?

A No timescale had been set but the money had been set aside and the proposed works were being finalised.

Q4 A number of questions were asked regarding the Cutacre site relating to pending planning applications, consultation and job creation.

A A consultation exhibition had been held by the developer's agent and it was anticipated that planning applications would be submitted during July; these would be subject to the Council's planning consultation arrangements. If appropriate a further consultation meeting would be called to discuss the proposals.

Q5 The demolition phase of the development on the former Exide battery factory site appears to have taken longer than the 12 week period stated in the planning approval conditions?

A Members were not aware of the deadline; the planning department would be asked to clarify any specific conditions that may have been set.

Q6 What was happening on the vacant land at the junction of Manchester Road and Rutherford Drive?

A The land had been tidied up once; Environmental Services would be asked to investigate and request that the land be tidied again if necessary.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and the questions which were not answered be directed to the appropriate departments or partner agencies.

7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Morgan thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next meeting of the Hulton Area Forum had not been set yet but residents would be notified in the usual way.

(The meeting started at 7.04pm and finished at 8.58pm)