

## **RUMWORTH AREA FORUM**

MEETING, 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2008

Present – 17 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Ebrahim Adia - Rumworth Ward  
(Chairman)

Councillor Rosa Kay - Rumworth Ward

Councillor Ismail Ibrahim - Rumworth Ward

### Also in attendance

John Shannon - Area Working Manager

Shaheen Sameja - Area Co-ordinator

Joan Leonard - PCT

Kathryn Oddi - PCT

Shabil Fazal - BMBC

Kevan Roberts - Environmental Services

Louise Gardiner - BMBC

Steve Thompson - Bolton News

Cath Bowland - Youth Service

Phil Spurgeon - Greater Manchester Police

Rob Knight - Greater Manchester Police

Mark Harrison - Greater Manchester Police

Charlette Darby - Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of: All in attendance no apologies required

Councillor Ebrahim Adia in the Chair.

## **1 INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR**

Councillor Adia welcomed the residents to the event. He stated that the Forums would have a different format which hopefully would encourage greater participation by the local community and that there would be a specific presentation during the evening about this which would give more details.

## **2 UPDATE ON NEW APPROACH TO AREA WORKING**

Mr John Shannon, Area Working Manager, gave a brief presentation on the review of Area Working, stating that there were now 18 Area Forums, meeting 4 times per year, with a "drop in session" and workshop style format. He mentioned that the emphasis would be on local ward issues and engaging with the local residents in order to develop a Rumworth Big Issues Action Plan. To help address these issues each Forum would be allocated some funding.

Resolved – That the report be noted

## **3 BUDGETS UPDATE**

Shaheen Sameja, Area Co-ordinator gave an update on the allocation of grants (2008-2009) . They were as follows

- Voluntary Sector Grant – £2,169.70 – an application was received from the Pike's Lane Community Club for £500 to help organise a Community League Challenge Cup. The activities would be over a period of 6 weeks and would help engage with young people and promote greater community cohesion. The total cost of the project would be £1,700. This application was approved.
- Highways Maintenance – the ward had been allocated £10,245
- Area Based Grant – The ward had been allocated £42,280.00. The Councillors approved £6,000 to fund the Rumworth Together Fun day, to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008. This left £36,280.00

Resolved – That the update be noted and that the application from Pike's Lane Community Club for £500 was approved.

#### **4 DISCUSSION ON BIG ISSUES IN RUMWORTH**

This was undertaken through informal individual "round table" conversations between Councillor Adia, Councillor Kay, Councillor Ibrahim, residents and officers from the Council and the Police.

At the end of the round table discussions, the Area Co-ordinator informed the residents that the issues highlighted by them would help Councillors identify the priorities for the next several months. Ms Sameja also stated that the next Area Forum meeting would be at Haslam Park School, Wigan Road, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008, at 6pm. The Forum theme would be "Community Safety/Policing."

Resolved – That the issues raised be used to produce the draft Big Issues plan for Rumworth.

#### **5 CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Adia concluded the meeting by thanking residents for attending the event.

(The meeting started at 6:30p.m. and finished at 8:15 p.m.)