

HARPER GREEN AREA FORUM

MEETING – Monday 27th January, 2014

Present – 11 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Francis	- Harper Green Ward
Councillor Mistry	- Harper Green Ward
Councillor A. Ismail	- Harper Green Ward

Also in attendance

Pauline Dixon	- Neighbourhood Manager
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
Andy Hurst	- Environmental Services
Sgt Jon Seeds	- Greater Manchester Police
PC Dave Hyland	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were received from Yasmin Qureshi MP and John Pye, Neighbourhood Manager.

Councillor Mistry in the Chair

9. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Councillor Mistry welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced Councillors Francis and Ismail and other Council officers and partners present. The Forum was also informed of the recent death of Mr Eddie Sandiford.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2013 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to minute 6 being amended to read, Flat Rate Budget remaining £1,122 not £1,112.

12. PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY SAFETY

Councillor Mistry introduced Sgt Jon Seeds and PC Dave Hyland from GMP and Andy Hurst from Environmental Services, who gave a presentation on Community Safety. The main points were:

Police Restructure:

- Integrated CID / Neighbourhood
- Information Sharing (PCSO / CID)
- Daily Tasking Meeting
- Greater Coverage

Priorities we have addressed:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Making the Harper Green a safer environment
- Burglaries
- Vehicle Crimes

Anti-Social Behaviour:

- Joined up work with positive activities for young people providers
- ASB Pathway for those that will not engage
- Working with Neighbourhood Manager and developing links with key stakeholders
- Targeted Youth Support

The Future:

- Future of station secured
- Double the number of staff deploying from the station
- CID now localised for Farnworth and working from location
- New energised team

Contacting Your Team:

P.A.C.T MEETING 11th February 2014, St Catherine's at 7.30pm

Bi Monthly Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month

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A number of questions were asked and answered on the night.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

13. COMMUNITY INTEREST UPDATE

Councillor Mistry invited residents to share and provide updates on their respective groups and organisations.

The Flower Estate Residents Association reported they'd had a very enjoyable and successful Christmas Party, which had been well attended and supported by local residents.

They also said the Quid a Kid Scheme was still running well.

Resolved – That the updates be noted.

14. BUDGET UPDATE

Councillor Mistry introduced Pauline Dixon, Neighbourhood Manager, who gave a brief update on the budgets for 2013-2015.

Area Forum Budget 2011-13:

Balance carried forward	£1,122
Sunnyside Tenants and Residents Summer Event	£125
Balance	£997

Area Forum Budget 2013-15:

Amount remaining 1 April 2013	£13,750
Balance to carry forward	£13,750

Area Forum Highways Maintenance Budget:

Amount remaining as at 1 April 2013	£19,200
Balance to carry forward	£19,200

Resolved – That the report, together with the project approved under the Council's Scheme of Delegation be noted.

15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION

Councillor Mistry invited residents to ask any questions or put forward any comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Harper Green ward.

Q1 A resident asked why the Area Forums had been cut down to two a year?

A Pauline Dixon explained that there was a full consultation exercise undertaken last summer which proposed to reduce the Forums as part of the ongoing savings review. A link to the report will be provided on the feedback sheet.

Q2 A resident asked why the recent election results had not been put up outside the Town Hall?

A Councillor Mistry said he will enquire about this.

Q3 A resident asked how could those who do not have internet access find out when and where the Forums would be, as invitations are now not sent through the post?

He also suggested that someone could send a text message a few days before a Forum to inform those who used to receive the information by post, would this be possible?

A Pauline Dixon explained that the information about Forum dates and venues is advertised in The Bolton News and on the Council website, which residents could access by using the computers in the library if they do not have their own. Pauline also said she would look into the suggestion about text messages and an answer will be provided on the feedback sheet.

Q4 A resident commented that there used to be street lighting at the back of Rishton Avenue, but that it had been removed. Could the lighting be replaced, as it was very dark and there had been several incidents in the back street?

A This would be passed to Highways.

Q5 A resident asked if a salt box could be put on Glenside Drive, as it is very bad in icy weather because it is a steep road.

A This would be passed onto John Pye to look into.

Resolved – That the questions and comments be noted and the questions that were not answered be forwarded to the appropriate department.

16. CHAIRS CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Mistry concluded the meeting by thanking residents for their attendance and contributions and advised that the date, time and venue of the next Area Forum Meeting would be confirmed through the usual channels nearer the time.

(The meeting started at 7.01pm and finished at 8.08pm)