

## **HALLIWELL AREA FORUM**

MEETING, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

Present – 30 members of the public attended the meeting.

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

### Also in attendance

Jon Lord	- Chief Officer for Halliwell
John Shannon	- Area Working Manager
Stephen Rowson	- Area Working Support Officer
Nicole Buhagiar	- Area Working Support Officer
Shaheen Sameja	- Halliwell Neighbourhood Manager
John Sharrock	- Environmental Services
Malcolm Russell	- Environmental Services
John Moorhouse	- Greater Manchester Police
Julie Swift	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Thomas in the Chair.

## **6. INTRODUCTION**

Councillor Thomas introduced herself, Councillors and officers in attendance.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **8. BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr Shannon gave a short update regarding budgets and grants in the Halliwell Ward.

The allocated amount for the period April 2009 – March 2010 was as follows:

Highways Maintenance Budget	-	£10, 245
Area Forum Budget	-	£15,400
Area Based Grant	-	£26, 340
Voluntary Sector Grants	-	£ 2,886.39
Positive Contributions Budget	-	£10,000

A number of budget allocations were then submitted for approval by the councillors present.

Resolved – That the report be noted and the following budget allocations be approved.

Repair Back Glade Street	-	£15,000
Guard rails on field at rear of UCAN Centre	-	£2,442.50
Back Bertrand Road – Street lighting	-	£10,900
Support to St Luke's Drop-In Centre	-	£3,000

## **9. KEEPING HALLIWELL CLEAN AND TIDY**

John Sharrock, Business Performance and Planning Manager, Environmental Services gave a presentation on the subject of keeping Halliwell clean and tidy. He indicated that a new approach to keeping areas clean was being adopted; this was based on prevention rather than only responding to requests for clear ups. The emphasis was on changing behaviour to prevent the need for clean ups in the first instance. He stated that there were four ways to manage litter and waste:

### Q3

- Education and Community Development -
- Enforcement (such as fines) -
- Improvements to service delivery -
- Physical Improvements -

Following the presentation those present broke into three discussion groups; each group was facilitated by one of the officers present. The groups then fed back to the meeting as follows:

- Group 1
  - Fly tipping - especially around the City Pub should be dealt with using heavy fines.
  - Dog fouling – a number of suggestions for dealing with this; Education using signs and notices, officers patrolling out of hours when dog walking more prevalent.
  - Litter – especially in locations like Shelley Walk, smaller machines to get into these to sweep up litter and remove weeds.
- Group 2
  - Dog fouling – a number of current initiatives were noted by the group and suggested that these could be better publicised; Dog friendly zones, Disposal of bagged waste in normal bins and dog waste bags available from the council to all.
  - Litter – Could be tackled by enforcement, More bins, Education in schools and businesses.
- Group 3
  - Litter – address it by education, working with fast food outlets and arrangements with drivers to leave streets, parking free when sweepers are out.
  - Green inspectors – more members of the public needed to become green inspectors, if interested or want to know more contact Shaheen Sameja or John Shannon.

Resolved – That the report be noted

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Shaheen Sameja the Neighbourhood Manager for Halliwell gave an update on what was being done in the Halliwell area.

Ms Sameja reported that a series of environmental awareness days would be taking place in Halliwell in the next three weeks and that these events were linked to the “keeping Halliwell clean and tidy theme” Details of the time and locations of events were contained in a leaflet which was distributed to all at the meeting.

A written question was submitted asking for something to be done about broken glass around Davenport Street and the Jubilee Centre as it was a hazard to motorised scooter users.

- This would be passed to the relevant department for response.

A question was raised by a member of the public seeking an update on the repair of potholes in Park Road and asking how many repairs to potholes had been undertaken in Halliwell since the new financial year?

- A response would be provided at the next meeting.

Resolved – That the report be noted and responses to the questions provided at the next meeting.

## **11. CHAIR’S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Thomas concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. She announced that the next Halliwell Area Forum would be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 with a drop-in at 6pm and the main meeting starting at 6.30pm, the venue was still to be confirmed.

(The meeting started at 6.45pm and finished at 7.50pm)