

LITTLE LEVER AND DARCY LEVER AREA FORUM

MEETING – 28th September 2016

Present – 51 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Rees Gibbon	- Little Lever and Darcy Lever Ward
Councillor Sean Hornby	- Little Lever and Darcy Lever Ward
Councillor Paul Richardson	- Little Lever and Darcy Lever Ward

Also in attendance

Yasmin Qureshi	- MP Bolton South East
Idris Jeewa	- Area Coordinator
Stephen Rowson	- Business Support Officer
Marie Grady	- Bolton at Home
Nick Maher	- Department of Place
Sgt Alex Metcalfe	- Greater Manchester Police
PC Gary Howard	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Maurice Pennington	- Greater Manchester Police
Eric Hyde	- Royal Bolton Hospital

Councillor Paul Richardson in the Chair

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Richardson welcomed everyone and introduced himself, the other ward Councillors and 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 14th March 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON AREA FORUM BUDGETS

Area Coordinator, Idris Jeewa gave an update on current balances for budgets and grants devolved to the Area Forum for 2015-17 financial years as follows;

Deprivation Budget (DB)	£2,747.00
Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£2,301.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£11,600.00

Resolved –

- i. That the report be noted;
- ii. That it be noted that the following schemes had been awarded a grant under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2015-17 budget:

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
<u>Pot</u>		
DB	'No Entry' markings on Kershaw Avenue	£200.00
DB	Christ Church for youth activities	£300.00
DB	Hardy Hall to buy equipment for their Friday evening sessions and hopefully for them to add an additional night.	£1,000.00
AFB	To move a pedestrian guard rail at Christ Church Hall	£375.00
AFB	Cost of the Christmas Lights for 2015 and 2016	£4,000.00
AFB	Little Lever & Darcy Lever Brownies for summer activities	£300.00
AFB	To install fencing and gates on Whiteoak View to stop off road bikes accessing.	£1,800.00
AFB	St Matthews Church for their Christmas party.	£250.00
HMB	The repair of the junction of Lancaster Drive and Marsh Road	£7,600.00

Councillor Richardson also advised residents about current plans for use of funding from the District Centre fund and the

Tesco Section 106 funds noting that this funding was for use in Little Lever village only.

- £3,275 for a Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines this was for various locations in the ward. If residents wanted other locations to be considered could they let the Chair know as quickly as possible.
- £1,400 for a waist high locking gate at the canal basin
- £2,700 for a ramp at the Cenotaph
- £2,955 for signage and the Coat of Arms for Little Lever
- £15,000-£20,000 for fencing around Hill Top field.

5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

Councillor Richardson 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 A number of questions were asked in relation to Travellers encampments on Hill Top field, Little Lever.

A Members have agreed to use some of their District Centre funds to install fencing around this site.

Q2 When will repairs to the roads in Darcy Lever be addressed? Especially Hacken Lane, Radcliffe Road and Bembridge Drive.

A The Highways Department were already aware of these roads, we will contact them again to enquire about timescales for the repairs to be undertaken.

Q3 What were Member's views on the plans to close the Children's Centres?

A Ward Members stated that they valued the role of Children's Centres and reiterated their support to keep them open.

Q4 Was there any update on the railway cutting?

A Not as yet, as no planning application had been submitted. As and when it is, a public meeting would be arranged.

Q5 A number of questions were raised around the old Tesco site in the village.

A Although it had been mentioned that the Council was interested in acquiring the building, nothing had been finalised as yet.

Q6 With regards the new cycle track being proposed for Leverhulme Park, is there an existing Covenant on the Park that would allow this use?

A This would need to be enquired through the Borough Solicitor.

Q7 What had the Section 106 money for Radcliffe Road area been spent on?

A This would be looked into and reported back.

Q8 With the proposed planning application to build housing on the Cream Mill site, would this have a detrimental effect on the environment and wildlife in the area?

A As the site was mainly brownfield the application had been approved. If there are any Section 106 funds coming from the development this could be used to enhance the local environment and promote wildlife.

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

6. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Richardson thanked everyone for attending and stated that as the date of the next meeting had not been set, people would be informed through the usual channels.

(The meeting started at 7.05pm and finished at 8.28pm)