

## **WESTHOUGHTON WITH CHEW MOOR AREA FORUM**

MEETING, THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017

Present – 14 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor David Chadwick	- Westhoughton South
Councillor Kevan Jones	- Westhoughton South
Councillor Zoe Kirk-Robinson	- Westhoughton North and Chew Moor
Councillor Christine Wild	- Westhoughton North and Chew Moor

### Also in attendance

John Shannon	- Area Co-ordinator
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
Malcolm Fairhurst	- Department of Place
Phil Green	- Department of Place
Mark Webster	- Westhoughton High School

Councillor Kirk-Robinson in the Chair

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME.**

Councillor Kirk-Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced fellow Councillors and Council Officers. Apologies for absence were submitted by Chris Green MP, Councillor Martin Cox and Councillor Anna-Marie Watters.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor Jones declared an interest in item 5 on the agenda, as he is on the Planning Committee.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 were agreed and approved as a correct record.

#### **4. PRESENTATION – HEARTSTART2020 PROJECT**

Councillor Kirk-Robinson introduced Mark Webster from Westhoughton High School who gave an update on the Heartstart2020 Project. The main points were as follows:

Mr Webster began by thanking the Westhoughton Councillors who had agreed to provide funding for a community defibrillator from the Area Forum budget, which had been installed on the Westhoughton Business Hub building.

Background to the campaign;

- Response to Julie Hilling's campaign in 2011
- Importance of quick bystander response and early CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and defibrillation in chain of survival
- Poor survival rates in the UK (8%)
- Need for a generation of lifesavers
- Schools should be at the heart of this
- Westhoughton High School accredited by the British Heart Foundation to deliver Heartstart
- Over 1200 students trained in last 6 years
- Assess a casualty - recovery position - CPR
- Three Automated External Defibrillators
- 2 members of staff and at least 1 student have administered CPR since being trained

Student Voice – Make Your Mark & HeartBeats2020;

- October 2016 students voted in the annual 'Make Your Mark' ballot
- Highest ranking issue was 'Emergency First Aid For All'
- Through GCSE Citizenship the HeartBeats2020 campaign was born

Student Voice and Campaigning;

- Over 40 presentations to students, parents and the community
- 3788 signatures from across all corners of the local community
- Student led Roundtable Discussion with local representatives
- Student impact - confidence, presentation skills, be the change

- How to participate in your shared values not just learn about them

From Student Voice to Community Action;

- Building on Community Cohesion – visiting schools and community centres in the area

The legacy for Westhoughton;

- Improving survival rates
- Instilling the skills and attitudes required to protect communities

Student Mandate;

- Community support
- Effect change
- Improve wellbeing

No questions were asked following the presentation.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **5. PRESENTATION – PLANNING POSITION STATEMENT MAJOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Councillor Kirk-Robinson introduced Phil Green, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Regeneration, Department of Place, who gave a short update on the status of current and recent planning applications for residential development in Westhoughton as follows;

- 00579/17 – Hartley's Farm (live)
- 96689/16 & 01088/17 – Dixon Street (live appeal)
- 97377/16 – Bowlands Hey
- 94696/15 – Platt Lane/Park Road
- 00997/17 & 00998/17 – Hulton Park (live)

A number of comments were received following the presentation.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **6. UPDATE ON BUDGETS AND PROJECTS DEVOLVED TO THE AREA FORUM 2015-2017**

Councillor Kirk-Robinson introduced John Shannon, Area Co-ordinator, who gave an update on budgets and projects devolved to the Area Forum.

### **Area Forum Budgets 2015/16 and 2016/17**

#### **Westhoughton North with Chew Moor;**

Area Forum Flat Rate; Allocation - £9,375 Balance £5,701

- £150 to support the WACO – “It’s a Knockout” Event
- £250 to support Friends of Eatock Lodge Family Fun Day
- £250 to cover cost of relocation of a bin to end of footpath onto Bolton Road
- £120 to cover cost of APM linings at Brook Street
- £60 to cover cost of amendment to sign at John Holt Centre
- £250 to support cost of relocation of community defibrillator

Highways Maintenance Budget; Allocation - £19,200 Balance - £11,700

- £1,575 cover cost of dropped kerbs at Nos 524 to 560 Chorley Road
- £5,925 to cover cost of resurface of Aireworth Drive footway

Targeted Budget (narrowing the gap); Allocation - £2,900 Balance - £0

#### **Westhoughton South;**

Area Forum Flat Rate; Allocation - £9,375 Balance - £4,828

- £150 to support the WACO – “It’s a Knockout” Event
- £250 to support Friends of Eatock Lodge Family Funday
- £172 to cover cost of repair of kissing gate at next to Casson Fold Nursery
- £60 to cover cost of amendment to sign at John Holt Centre
- £250 to support cost of relocation of community defibrillator

Highways Maintenance Budget; Allocation - £19,200 Balance - £19,200

Targeted Budget (narrowing the gap); Allocation - £10,602  
Balance - £0

### **Area Forum Budgets 2017/18**

#### **Westhoughton North with Chew Moor Ward;**

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget; Allocation - £3,750 Balance -  
£3,750

Highways Maintenance Budget - £9,600 Balance - £9,600

Targeted Budget (narrowing the gap); Allocation - £1,134  
Balance - £1,134

#### **Westhoughton South Ward;**

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget; Allocation - £3,750 Balance -  
£3,750

Highways Maintenance Budget - £9,600 Balance - £9,600

Targeted Budget (narrowing the gap); Allocation - £4,266  
Balance - £4,266

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

## **7. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Councillor Kirk-Robinson 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  
Westhoughton with Chew Moor area.

Q1 A resident asked if the Pretoria Pit disaster memorial,  
which was currently under restoration, could be relocated  
to Westhoughton Library?

A This would be passed to Library Services for a response

Q2 A resident would like to know if a cross hatched box  
junction could be painted on Cricketers Way at the  
junction with Sainsbury's supermarket to help traffic flow?

A This question would be passed to Highways

- Q3 Another resident asked if the Area Forum meeting could be more widely publicised by leaflets and posters?
- A John Shannon explained that the Area Forum was publicised on the Council website, through the Area Forum contact emailing list and in the Bolton News. It was no longer possible to use leaflets and posters as savings on printing and distribution costs had to be made.
- Q4 Have the “HEART” protest posters been removed from lampposts?
- A Councillor Chadwick said he had noticed that these had now been removed.
- Q5 Could something be done about the accumulation of litter in streets beyond the town centre? As the resident felt that the current cleansing teams seemed to concentrate on the centre only.
- A The frequency of cleansing schedules had had to be reduced to make savings as a result of the Councils reduced budgets. The question would be passed to Neighbourhood Services.
- Q6 Could the phasing of the traffic lights (filter signal) at the junction of Wigan Road and Wearish Lane be amended to help traffic flow, or possibly a filter lane be introduced?
- A Councillor Chadwick explained that both options would incur significant costs, however the question would be passed to Highways for assessment.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and those that were not answered be directed to the appropriate departments.

## **8. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Councillor Kirk-Robinson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised that the date of the next Westhoughton with Chew Moor Area Forum had not been decided. However, residents on the emailing list would receive invitations and the meeting would also be made available on the Councils website.

(Meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 7.52pm)