
FARNWORTH & KEARSLEY AREA FORUM

27 FEBRUARY 2006

Councillor LordCouncillor Mrs RothwellCouncillor
RothwellCouncillor CollisonCouncillor StonesCouncillor
Spencer

Liz Whitworth - Chief Executives Department
Altaf Ahmed - Chief Executives Department
Adrian Wolstenholme - Chief Executives Department
Greg Brooks - Children's Services Department
John Norris - Commercial Services Department
Paul Bridge - Commercial Services Department
Malcolm Russell - Commercial Services Department
Phil Lamb - Environmental Services Department
Chris Lord - Environmental Services Department
Katie Wilkinson - Development and Regeneration
Department
Mike Williamson - Legal and Democratic Services
Department

Councillor Councillor Lord in the Chair

37 INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIR

Councillor Lord introduced himself and other Ward
Councillors to the meeting.

38 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the
meeting of the Area Forum held on 9th January, 2006
were submitted and signed as a correct record

Attached Reports:

[Minutes of the previous meeting](#)

39 FEEDBACK BY AREA COORDINATOR

Mr. A. Wolstenholme tabled a schedule which provided
updated responses to the questions which were raised at
the last meeting of the Forum.

Resolved - That the position be noted.

40 OPEN SPACE PRESENTATION - KNIGHT, KAVANAGH AND PAGE

The Forum received a presentation from Ms. C. Fallon, a representative of Knight, Kavanagh and Page, Leisure Management Consultants.

It was explained that Bolton Council had commissioned Knight, Kavanagh and Page to undertake an open space assessment on all of its green spaces within the Borough. Ms. Fallon explained that there were nine different categories of open space's, including Parks and Gardens, Allotments, Civic Spaces and Cemeteries.

It was reported that the open space assessment would comprise five stages:-

- consultation;
- audit of provision;
- local standards;
- shortfall in provision; and
- policy options.

It was explained that in-depth consultation would take place, with over one hundred interviews being undertaken, with a variety of user groups, organisations and members of the public.

It was stated that following on from the consultation process, a detailed audit assessment would be produced based on the national Green Flag Assessment Standard. The information would be compiled into a comprehensive database with detailed recommendations for each type of green space along with an action and strategy plan for future developments.

Views from members of the public on how to improve local green space areas were welcomed. The Forum was informed that they could submit their opinions through a survey, which was available at the Forum, or members of the public could contact Knight, Kavanagh and Page on 0161 764 7040.

Following her presentation, Ms. Fallon invited and responded to questions from the Forum.

Resolved – That Ms. Fallon be thanked for her informative presentation.

FARNWORTH ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION - REGENERATION TEAM BMBC

42 OPEN FORUM

(a) A member of the public expressed his concern that a question asked at the previous meeting of the Forum was not minuted correctly?

It was explained that minutes of the Area Forum were not meant to be a verbatim note of the proceedings and that, as they acted as a consultative body with the public, they provided a general oversight of the discussions that had taken place, with appropriate recommendations/decisions if so required.

(b) Concern was expressed that four painted slow signs were not adequate enough on Frederick Street as they did not seem to have any effect on the speed of traffic travelling along the street?

The Area Coordinator would examine the issue and report back to the next meeting.

(c) Was there any plans to educate families on how to store waste in relation to the move of a fortnightly collection of household waste?

It was explained that anyone who required advice on storing waste should contact the Council for an information pack. If it was required a second waste bin would be provided.

(d) Who was responsible for repairing the faults to the road on Brackley Street?

The Area Coordinator would examine the issue and report back to the next meeting.

(e) Did the cut back in the extra funding from the Police now mean that Farnworth would not receive the two extra

Police Officers they had been promised?

The Area Coordinator agreed to pass the comments on to the Police Authority and report back to the next meeting.

(f) What could the Council do about the discarded HGV's on Buckley Lane by Charlterns?

It was explained that the Council would send out an Enforcement Officer to speak to Charlterns, however, as the land was privately owned, the Council could not enforce any action.

(g) Why had the crash barriers on the inner ring at Farnworth round-a-bout not been completed?

The Area Coordinator agreed to pass the comments on to the relevant department and report back to the next meeting.

(h) Could the traffic lights at the Black Horse junction be re-phased to alleviate traffic congestion?

The Area Coordinator agreed to pass the comments onto the relevant department and report back to the next meeting.

(i) Could Council Departments that were not represented at the meeting of the Forum be invited to future meetings?

It was stated that the issue would be resolved for the next meeting of the Forum.

(j) What were the results of the Council Tax survey members of the public were asked to complete?

It was explained that the results had been collated together from all of the Area Forum's. The results of the survey from residents in the Farnworth and Kearsley area would be brought back to the next meeting.

(k) Could anything be done about the speed humps on Presto Street as they did not seem to have an impact on the speed of traffic?

The Area Coordinator agreed to pass the comments onto the relevant department and report back to the next meeting.

Resolved - That the questions be noted and those questions which have not been answered at the meeting be directed to the appropriate Council Department or external agency.

43 CHAIRS CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Lord explained that the next meeting of the Forum would take place after the local elections in May, 2006. Councillor Lord then closed the meeting and thanked Council Members, Officers and members of the general public for their attendance.