

RUMWORTH AREA FORUM

MEETING, 21st May 2009

Present – 43 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Adia (Chair)	- Rumworth Ward
Councillor Kay	- Rumworth Ward

Also in attendance

John Shannon	- Area Working Manager
Stephen Rowson	- Area Working Support Officer
Shabir Fazal	- Assistant Director, Access and Inclusion
Kevan Roberts	- Environmental Services
John Sharrock	- Environmental Services
Lisa Cubbage	- Environmental Services
Caroline Horner	- Bolton At Home
Esther Steel	- Royal Bolton Hospital
Sergeant Rob Knight	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Mick Farrell	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Adia in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Ibrahim.

1. INTRODUCTION

Councillor Adia opened the meeting and introduced Councillor Kay and the various officers.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND FEEDBACK SHEET

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

From the Feedback sheet a resident noted that item 3 had not been resolved and the tree roots were raising the Tarmac. Mr Roberts from the Environmental Services department said he would take it back and raise it with Green Space Management.

Following on from the feedback Sgt Knight (Greater Manchester Police) gave an update on policing in the Rumworth Area. He noted that as well as delivering the police newsletter they were conducting door to door visits, area by area. Areas covered included Willows Lane and behind the Derby Labour club, they would then concentrate on Longfield Road. He added that Traffic PCSO's would be out in the area covering the parking problem areas including; Ellesmere Street, Nebo Street and Peace Street.

Resolved – That the feedback be noted

3. MAKING RUMWORTH CLEANER AND GREENER

On the options for dealing with improving the Rumworth environment, John Sharrock, Environmental Services, gave a presentation. 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 now 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:

- 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 the officers and Councillors present. The groups then fed back to the meeting as follows:

Group 1 -

The Council should use a combination of education, physical improvements and improved services.

- Group 2 - The Council should concentrate on fly tipping especially in back streets.
- Group 3 - The Council should use all the ways above except enforcement, the council should not employ graffiti artists as this sends out mixed messages.

Resolved – That the report be noted

4. HIGHWAYS ISSUES: AN UPDATE

The Area Working Manager gave a brief update on parking issues in the Ellesmere Street area and noted that a number of measures were proposed such as opening up Cannon Street and imposing waiting restrictions. A list of suggested highway improvement schemes, which could be funded by the Forum, would be brought to the next meeting for consideration. The improvements carried out at Queens Road were referred to as an example of what can be achieved.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

5. BUDGETS

The Area Working Manager gave a presentation on the subject of budgets and grants. He explained that balances unspent from the last financial year would be carried forward, the current budget balances were as follows:

Area Based Grant	-	£53,560
Area Forum Budget	-	£28,390
Highways Maintenance	-	£10,245
Voluntary Sector Grant	-	£2,669.70
New - Positive	-	£10,000
Contributions Grant		

From the above budgets two applications for Voluntary sector grants were put forward and approved, these were £500 to the Nixon Triangle group and £500 to the High Street and Derby Youth Group (HDYG).

Resolved – That the report be noted, that grants of £500 be awarded to the Nixon Triangle Group and the High Street and Derby Youth Group.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

The Chair invited attendees to ask questions and express any concerns they may have regarding the Rumworth area. The following questions were asked:

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| Salford publish photo's of fly tipping and litter to shame offenders and publish enforcement figures to deter offending. | - There had been over 3,000 enforcements in the last year, the Council had 13 enforcement staff of which 9 were out in the community. |
| What was happening about the proposed double yellow lines off Deane Road? | - These were mainly to go on corners, further details would be provided at the next meeting. |
| What was being done about Ellesmere Street? | - The current position was as stated during the highways update (see above). A further assessment would be carried out by Highways following the implementation of the current proposals. |
| When would the new car park be finished? | - A response would be provided by the Council's Economic Development Section. |

Would Council employees have free passes to use the car park? - A response would be provided by the Council's Economic Development Section.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and any not answered be reported back to the next meeting.

7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Adia closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and informed residents that the next Rumworth Area Forum would take place on Wednesday 22nd July 2009 at 5.30pm for the Drop in with the main meeting at 6pm; venue to be confirmed.

(The meeting started at 6.15pm and finished at 7.50pm)