

WESTHOUGHTON WITH CHEW MOOR AREA FORUM

MEETING, THURSDAY 5TH MARCH, 2015

Present – 46 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor David Chadwick	- Westhoughton South
Councillor Martyn Cox	- Westhoughton North and Chew Moor
Councillor Kevan Jones	- Westhoughton South
Councillor Chris Peacock	- Westhoughton North and Chew Moor

Also in attendance

John Shannon	- Area Co-ordinator
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
Adrian Crook	- Children's and Adult Services
Malcolm Fairhurst	- Environmental Services
PCSO A. Hawkeswood	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO M. Moore	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Julie Hilling MP and Councillors Sean Harkin and Anna-Marie Watters.

Councillor Peacock in the Chair.

8. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME.

Councillor Peacock welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced fellow Councillors, Westhoughton Town Councillors and Bolton Council Officers.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor David Chadwick declared an interest in Westhoughton High School.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July, 2014 were agreed and approved as a correct record.

11. UPDATE ON WINIFRED KETTLE HOUSE

Councillor Peacock introduced Adrian Crook, Assistant Director of Health, Integration and Provider Services from Children's and Adult Services, who gave an overview of proposals for integrated care services at Winifred Kettle House. The main points were as follows:

Intermediate Tier Services:

The range of services is being re-focused to make sure that, where possible, people are supported to remain in their own homes rather than using bed-based services, including;

- Rapidly Responding Admissions Avoidance Service
- Home-based Intermediate Care & Reablement
- Bed-based Intermediate Care

- Rapidly Responding Service;
 - 124 referrals made in January
 - 77 of these came from GPs
 - 77% were provided a short term service
 - 8% had to go to hospital

- Bed-based Intermediate Care;
 - We have now removed the intermediate care beds from Firwood and Winifred Kettle and are focused on 2 bases

Integrated Neighbourhood Teams:

- Made up of nurses, social workers, pharmacists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and mental health staff and work closely with GPs
- Health and social care staff working much more closely together to support patients to remain well and independent
- Working with patients with complex health and care needs and a high risk of being admitted to hospital

Winifred Kettle Centre:

Older Adult Day Care;

- Day Care will continue to provide places for up to 235 people per week
- It will continue 7 days per week

Integrated Neighbourhood Services;

- Winifred Kettle Centre will be used as a base for one of our Integrated Neighbourhood Teams
- Space will be provided for Voluntary Sector Groups
- Space will be used by other community health teams

Community Health Services Clinic Space:

Clinic and Treatment Services provided by Bolton NHS Foundation Trust will operate out of Winifred Kettle Centre.

These will include;

- Health Visitors
- Family Services
- Community Midwives
- Therapies
- District Nursing

One question regarding the need to go to the Avondale Clinic in Halliwell for ear syringing at present would be passed to the CCG. A number of other questions were asked and answered on the night.

Councillor Peacock suggested that representatives from the CCG and Bolton Hospital Trust should be invited to attend a future meeting, when an update would be provided and they could answer any further queries from residents.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

12. UPDATE ON BUDGETS AND PROJECTS

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

Westhoughton North & Chew Moor:

Highways Maintenance Budget;

Allocation - £19,200 Balance - £6,351

Approvals to date;

- £12,849 for footway repairs at Bolton Road, off Snyderdale Way

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget;
Allocation - £13,750 Balance - £7,227

Approvals to date;

- £40 for nameplate on dwelling at Pocket Nook Road
- £313 for nameplate at Waters Nook Road
- £2,000 for Traffic Regulation Order
- £500 for wildflower meadow planting at Lostock Lane
- £250 for ginnel protection at Leigh Road
- £3,420 for awards to the community

Pending (not included in balance above);

- £2,000 for “keep Westhoughton tidy” signage at entry points
- £1,500 for upgrade of school crossing patrol signs (advisory 20MPH zone)

Westhoughton South:

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

Area Forum Flat Rate budget;
Allocation - £13,750 Balance – £6,540

Approvals to date;

- £130 for carriageway markings at Dobb Brow
- £160 for “no through road” sign at The Pewfist
- £2,000 for Traffic Regulation Order
- £750 for relocation of DFS to Wearish Lane
- £500 for wildflower meadow planting at Hart Common
- £250 for ginnel protection at Leigh Road
- £3,420 for awards to the community

Pending (not included in balance above);

- £2,000 for “keep Westhoughton tidy” signage at entry points
- £1,500 for upgrade of school crossing patrol signs (advisory 20MPH zone)

At a Participatory Budgeting Event, facilitated by GMP as part of an Operation Challenger pilot project held on 24th January, 2015, £15,000 was made available from the Proceeds of Crime Act fund to support groups making a positive contribution to the community in Westhoughton. In all, 23 groups made bids

totalling £29,728. After voting took place, groups were ranked from 1 to 23. The top 12 groups were successful and took up the available funding.

It was agreed to make awards to the unsuccessful groups from the Area Forum Flat Rate budget as follows;

- Westhoughton Local History Group - £500
- Westhoughton Rangers Under 7's Football Team - £500
- Westhoughton High School; Giant Games Learn As You Play - £1,000
- Wingates Band - £1,500
- Westhoughton High School; Try-Golf Festival - £1,000
- Westhoughton High School; Performing Arts - £1,000
- Get Active Westhoughton - £1,300
- Bolton Rugby Union FC; Westhoughton Juniors coaching sessions and tournament - £1,500
- Westhoughton High School Allotment Society - £1,000
- Westhoughton High School; Polytunnel - £1,000
- Extra-curricular activities in Westhoughton Primary Schools - £500 per primary school (total amount £4,000)

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

13. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Councillor Peacock 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	One written question was received prior to the meeting regarding a request for the introduction of a vehicle weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes on Wearish Lane.
A	Highways Services have been asked to provide further information on feasibility and costs.
Q2	A resident asked for an update on the planning application at the former Roscoes Farm on Bolton Road.
A	The consultation period has been extended until 10 th April. An opportunity to view the plans and speak to the developer would be possible at a meeting to be held on 24 th March at Carnegie Hall, Westhoughton between

	3.15pm – 7.15pm.
Q3	The same resident also asked about a proposed planning application at Lee Hall.
A	No plans have yet been submitted. However, the developers have indicated that they will submit a planning application for up to 300 homes with access from Platt Lane and Chequerbent roundabout within the next 4-6 weeks.
Q4	Another resident asked if it would be possible to have a box junction on Cricketers Way at the junction with Pavilion Square and Sainsburys Supermarket. As it is a very busy and dangerous spot with drivers not positioning their vehicles safely in the road before turning.
A	This would be referred to Highways.
Q5	A resident enquired if there are only two street cleaning vehicles in Bolton?
A	This query would be referred to Neighbourhood Services. Councillor Peacock requested an update on cleansing services at the next meeting
Q6	A resident asked about potential disruption on the Westhoughton rail line.
A	Councillor Chadwick stated that work was due to commence on electrification of the line running through Westhoughton including the recutting of Chorley tunnel. Further details of alterations to services could be obtained from Network Rail.
Q7	A resident asked if disabled access would be made available at Daisy Hill station.
A	A programme of improvements for disabled access to railway stations in Greater Manchester was being rolled out but progress was subject to limited funding, Daisy Hill station is currently 7 th in priority order.
Q8	Could anything be done about vehicles parking outside Daisy Hill station on Leigh Road blocking the flow of traffic?
A	This issue would be passed to Greater Manchester Police for investigation.

Q9	A resident raised concerns about drivers going through red lights at the junction of Market Street and Mill Lane/Bolton Road.
A	This issue would also be passed to Greater Manchester Police for investigation.

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

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Councillor Peacock thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised that the date and venue of the next Westhoughton with Chew Moor Area Forum was yet to be confirmed. However, residents on the emailing list would receive invitations and the meeting would also be advertised on the Councils website and in the Bolton News.

(Meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 7.56pm)