

## **RUMWORTH AREA FORUM**

MEETING – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Present – 10 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Rosa Kay	- Rumworth Ward
Councillor Ismail Ibrahim	- Rumworth Ward
Councillor Ebrahim Adia	- Rumworth Ward

### Also in attendance:

Pauline Dixon	- Rumworth Neighbourhood Manager
Andrew Bolan	- Environmental Education and Enforcement Manager, Environmental Services
Donna Ball	- Chief Officer, Environmental Services
PCSO Mick Farrell	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Kelly Pojunas	- Greater Manchester Police
Carole Elford	- Protectors and Trustees of Haslam Park Group
Shelly Williams	- Business Support Officer, Chief Executives Department

Councillor Ebrahim Adia in the Chair

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Yasmin Qureshi MP.

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

Councillor Adia welcomed everyone and introduced Councillors' Ibrahim and Kay. He also introduced Pauline Dixon, Neighbourhood Manager and other Council and partner officers present.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOOD ON THE GO CAMPAIGN**

Councillor Adia introduced Andy Bolan from Environmental Services, who gave a presentation in relation to the Food on the Go Campaign. The main points were:

- The aim of the campaign was to cut the amount of fast food litter on the streets of Bolton by encouraging people to think about the impact dropped litter had. Businesses were encouraged to be responsible for the food and packaging that was sold to customers
- Litter dropped and discarded impacted on the safety and cleanliness of the ward, on habitat and wildlife and often resulted in the attraction of vermin and pigeons.
- There were three main parties responsible for food related litter in Bolton, the businesses who sold food and its packaging, the public who dropped the litter and the Council who picked it up
- A Voluntary Code of Practice would be created which would be part of the Council's commitment for behaviour change
- The Voluntary Code of Practice set out a series of recommendations for all businesses that sold fast food
- The Code promoted joint cooperation and engagement
- Takeaways and food outlets would be encouraged to introduce additional bins outside their establishments
- Behaviour change posters would be displayed on all exit points and windows

- Takeaways and food outlets would be encouraged to sign a pledge for the reduction of packaging that was given away to customers
- Street Litter Control Notice procedures would be considered
- The Council were committed to working with businesses that sold fast food and aimed to help in the reduction of food related litter on the streets.

A number of questions were raised and answered on the night.

The Chair then introduced Donna Ball, Environmental Services who gave a short overview on the new fortnightly waste management system, Ms Ball explained:

- Central and Local Government commitment to increase recycling in Bolton was falling behind
- The Council's aim was for the reduction in the amount of waste in black bins and increased food waste in the green bins
- It was proposed that Rumworth ward would see an introduction of communal recycling facilities which were to be located in well- lit, well managed areas
- Initially, extra cleansing teams and additional resources would be designated to the Rumworth Ward
- Educational door to door promotion campaign over three days with translators available would take place in Rumworth
- There would be no waiting time for any new bins that were ordered

A number of questions were raised and answered on the night

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

## **5. PROTECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF HASLAM PARK (PATH)**

Councillor Adia introduced Carole Elford from the PATH group who gave an update on the work and achievements in relation to Haslam Park, the main points were:

- Haslam Park had experienced anti-social behaviour, vandalism and fly tipping issues
- PATH were looking to encourage and recruit more volunteers for the continuation and maintenance of the improvement work that had been carried out by the group
- Various litter picking sessions had been successful and further sessions were on-going from June through to October 2013
- PATH members held their meetings at the Café Vienna, Wigan Road
- Funding had been secured for Go Wild Outdoors events, a summer play scheme and the development of a wood sculpture group
- Carole Elford could be contacted on 01204 660356

A number of questions were raised and answered on the night

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

## **6. BUDGET UPDATE**

Neighbourhood Manager Pauline Dixon gave a brief update regarding the devolved budgets available for 2013-15.

Budgets for 2013/15 devolved to the Area Forum were:

Highways Maintenance Budget annual allocation - £19,200

The criteria for the budget was to spend on projects that extended the life of adopted highways and footways e.g. reconstruction, refurbishment, patching and slurry seal.

**Balance**

**£ 19,200**

A list of priorities were being developed which the fund could be spent against.

Area Forum Flat Rate allocation - £13,750 for 2013/15  
For activities that provided benefit to Rumworth Ward

**Balance**

**£13,750**

There was a small balance of £716.00 from the 2012/13 budget and Ward Members had agreed that this be used for the contribution towards repairs to the footway in Auburn Street.

If residents have any priorities that they wish Ward Members to consider then they should contact either the Ward Members or Pauline Dixon.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

## **8. FEEDBACK TO QUESTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

Pauline Dixon, Neighbourhood Manager reported on the feedback to outstanding questions from the last meeting.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

## **9. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**

Councillor Adia introduced the item on the agenda and invited residents to ask questions or put forward comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Ward.

- Q1 A resident asked who was responsible for the maintenance of Slackfold Lane as there were fly tipping and litter issues.
- A Andy Bolan from Environmental Services stated that the matter would be investigated and would report back to the resident directly.
- Q2 A resident asked what was to be done about the state of the land around the old Kwik Save supermarket carpark on Cannon Street as the site was unsecured and neglected?
- A Andy Bolan from Environmental Services stated that the matter would be investigated and would look to see if the community payback scheme could become involved to tidy up the area.
- Q3 A resident complained about pigeon droppings under the canopy at the Manchester Road Superstore and asked if anything could be done about this?
- A Andy Bolan said an assessment would be completed and Environmental Health would be requested to look into the matter if appropriate?

## **9. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Adia concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and informed the audience that as soon as the next round of dates had been set residents would be communicated to through the usual channels.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 7.20pm)