

## **BRIGHTMET AREA FORUM**

WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Present: 8 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Beverley Fletcher	- Brightmet Ward
Councillor Debbie Newall	- Brightmet Ward
Councillor Adele Warren	- Brightmet Ward

### Also in attendance

John Shannon	- Area Co-ordinator
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
David Hashdi	- Department of Place
Insp Nicola Williams	- Greater Manchester Police
Sgt David Butcher	- Greater Manchester Police
PC Lucy Quinn	- Greater Manchester Police
PC Zach Keneally	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Bolton at Home.

Councillor Adele Warren in the Chair

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

Councillor Warren welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Councillors Fletcher and Newall and the Officers in attendance.

### **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 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **4. UPDATE ON POLICING IN THE BRIGHTMET WARD**

Councillor Warren introduced Inspector Nicola Williams and team from GMP, who gave a brief update on policing in Breightmet.

Inspector Williams said the focus of the Bolton North Police team was to counteract the effect of crime in the area. She explained they were working with the community and were using social media to send updates on what was happening and how they were dealing with crime in 'Hot Spot' areas of Breightmet. The main issues were: drug dealing and taking, anti-social behaviour, gangs congregating near shops, litter, verbal abuse, off-road bikes, and people begging.

The Police were also working closely with Bolton Council's Pathway, to engage with the young people of Breightmet who are engaging in anti-social behaviour and committing crimes to try and divert them from this behaviour.

Insp Williams said they wanted to encourage local residents to ring the 101 number and report any incidents or crimes they were aware of, then these could be recorded and hopefully would lead to arrest and prosecution.

Following the brief presentation, a few questions were asked and answered.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

#### **5. UPDATE ON AREA FORUM BUDGETS**

Firstly, Councillor Warren gave a very brief update on the Outdoor Gym at Leverhulme Park, explaining that the gym had been approved and installation work was expected to begin in a couple of months.

Councillor Warren then introduced John Shannon, Area Co-ordinator, who gave an update on budgets devolved to the Area Forum as follows;

## **Area Forum Budget Allocations;**

**2015/17**

### **Area Forum Flat Rate Budget;**

Allocation - £9,375      Balance - £0

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Age Well in Brightmet Trip – August 2019	£150
St James Family Funday 2019	£150
Contribution to the cost of Remembrance Day poppies on lampposts 2019	£ 35

**2017/18**

### **Area Forum Flat Rate Budget;**

Allocation – £3,750 Balance - £3,248

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contribution to the cost of Christmas Trees & Decorations at Waggon Road & Leverhulme Centres for young people	£200
Contribution to cost of Remembrance Day poppies on lampposts 2019	£115
Cover cost of Remembrance Day artwork project in primary schools	£156

**2018/19**

### **Area Forum Flat Rate Budget;**

Allocation - £3,750      Balance - £3,750

### **Environmental Improvement Programme;**

Allocation - £148,487      Balance - £55,887

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Improve pedestrian link from Mendip Drive to Tarbet Drive	£26,000
Renew surface of children's play area in Dome Park	£13,100
Upgrade of footway to enable reinstatement of bus stop at Kentmere Road	£16,500
Brightmet Ward Traffic Regulation Order	£7,000
New outdoor gym in Leverhulme Park	£30,000

**Community Safety Budget;**

Allocation - £3,500      Balance - £2,250

**Project****Amount**

Contribution to the cost of road safety signage at the five Brightmet primary schools

£1,250

**2019/20****Area Forum Flat Rate Budget;**

Allocation - £15,000      Balance - £15,000

**Additional Highways Capital Funding;**

Allocation - £600,000      Balance - £0

**Project – Carriageway Resurface****Amount**

St Osmund's Drive/Blenheim Road/Brightmet Drive

£49,000

Roscow Avenue/Bury Road/Fairmount Avenue

£68,000

Brightmet Fold Lane, from Torver Drive to the top

£83,543

Brightmet Drive

£162,722

Carron Grove

£46,259

Stamworth Avenue

£100,000

**Footway Resurface**

Slaidburn Avenue

£118,401

**Repairs to speed bumps**

Blenheim Road

£35,000

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

**6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**

Councillor Warren introduced this item on the agenda and invited those in attendance to ask questions or put forward any comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Ward.

Q1 A resident was very concerned about the problems of traffic speeding and dangerous driving on Long Lane and he wanted to know if it was possible for the situation to be monitored?

A Insp Williams explained that this would be referred to the Traffic Police. She further updated that it was hoped a

Community Speed Watch project would be set up in Breightmet, if so, the reports from Long Lane would be noted.

- Q2 Another resident, who had started a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme said they were holding a meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February and traffic on Long Lane was one of the subjects to be discussed.  
He went on to ask the Police for verification re GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) when using CCTV/cameras on private homes etc.
- A PC Keneally explained that guidance was available from the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) website which advised that signage should be displayed to inform people there are cameras in the area.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and any not answered on the night be referred to the appropriate service for response.

## **7. CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Warren concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. She advised that the date of the next meeting had not yet been set, however residents would be notified through the usual channels.

(The meeting began at 7.02pm and ended at 7.51pm)