

RUMWORTH AREA FORUM

MEETING, 16th MARCH 2011

Present – 17 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Kay	- Rumworth Ward
Councillor Ibrahim	- Rumworth Ward

Also in attendance

Andrew Donaldson	- Forum Chief Officer and Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Partnerships, Chief Executives Department
Pauline Dixon	- Rumworth Neighbourhood Manager, Chief Executives Department
John Shannon	- Area Coordinator, Chief Executives Department
Prax Mayoua	- Rumworth Neighbourhood Management Support Officer, Chief Executives Department
Ritesh Parmar	- Rumworth Neighbourhood Management Support Officer, Chief Executives Department
Kirsty Kenyon	- Assistant Neighbourhood Renewal Food Worker
Kevan Roberts	- Head of Division, Environmental Services
Alix Foster	- Office of National Statistics
Beverley Andrew	- Bolton Royal Hospital
Sergeant Rob Knight	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Adia and Yasmin Qureshi M.P.

Councillor Kay in the Chair

1. INTRODUCTION

Councillor Kay opened the meeting and introduced the other Councillors and Officers in attendance.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th November 2010 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Further to the minutes of the previous meeting an update was requested on a request for yellow lines at the Callis Road/Wigan Road junction.

John Shannon stated that the requested yellow lines would not be funded this financial year but would be considered in the next financial year.

3. THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE IN RUMWORTH

Beverley Andrew gave a presentation on the changes that would be happening in the provision of health care services mainly around the integration of Royal Bolton Hospital with NHS Bolton Provider Services. She reiterated that these changes would be happening at a national level not just in Bolton.

The discussion was mainly around:

- Why things were changing
- What were Primary Care Trust (PCT) Provider Services
- How was the integration decided
- What would this mean for the people of Bolton
- New Style Organisation

Q3

Ms Andrew also reported that significant progress had been made at Royal Bolton Hospital in the reduction of deaths due to infection by MRSA and Clostridium Difficile.

A resident stated that it was hard for him to ring and get an appointment with his local GP surgery

Beverley Andrew responded that this issue would be examined and that a response would be made available to the next meeting.

A number of questions were raised regarding the planned changes to health care services and were answered on the night.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

4. The 2011 CENSUS

Alix Foster from the Office of National Statistics gave a brief presentation on the 2011 Census taking place on 27th March and focussed on:

- Why the Census was important
- Who uses census data
- The Census process
- Key messages
- How the local community would benefit
- That the Census information was secure
- Completing the Census was required by law
- Help and support was available

She also reminded everyone to remember to complete and return their own Census form.

A number of questions were raised regarding the 2011 Census and were answered on the night.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

5. REVIEW OF PROJECTS DURING 2009 AND 2010

John Shannon (Area Coordinator) and Pauline Dixon (Rumworth Neighbourhood Manager) gave a presentation on issues tackled in Rumworth during 2009 and 2010. This review focussed on a wide range of activities to deal with local issues such as:

- Highways issues, improvements and proposed projects
- Alley gating projects, protective barriers and drainage works
- Cleaner Greener; increasing recycling rates, community beat sweep, enforcement to reduce litter and flytipping, working with private landlords and landowners
- Strong and Confident; community fun days, activities on Willows Park, financial inclusion event, youth groups consultation, support to local groups
- Health; health needs assessment survey

Sgt Rob Knight from Greater Manchester Police gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Policing in Rumworth during 2009 and 2010. He presented graphs showing a downward trend in anti social behaviour (ASB) and criminal damage in Rumworth from 2008 to 2010.

The presentation focused on:

- Reduction in number of ASB incidents between 2008 – 2010
- Reduction in number of incidents of criminal damage between 2008 - 2010
- Reduction in number of incidents in ASB and criminal damage in Rumworth in 2010
- ASB hotspots tackled
- ASB offenders apprehended
- Operation Gabriel which had provided support to those reporting incidents of ASB and criminal damage

- Current issues included a recent increase in domestic burglaries especially during daytime.

Sgt Knight urged people to ensure their doors and windows were locked to prevent these burglaries from happening and also asked people to speak to him if they were concerned with locks.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

7. UPDATE ON BUDGETS DEVOLVED TO THE AREA FORUM

John Shannon Area Coordinator updated the Forum on devolved budgets and approved allocations and that the current balances were as follows:-

Area Based Grant (ABG)	-	£1,515.00
Area Forum Budget (AFB)	-	£6,749.00
Highways Maintenance (HM)	-	£0.00
Voluntary Sector Grant (VSG)	-	£1,500.67
Positive Contributions Budget (PCB)	-	£0.00

Resolved – That it be noted that the following schemes have been approved under the Council's scheme of delegation:

<u>Grant pot</u>	<u>Scheme – Scheme of Delegation</u>	<u>Award</u>
ABG	Alley gating scheme in Emmanuel Place area	£6,600.00
	Proposed permit parking scheme in Ellesmere Street area	£10,000.00
	Ward wide Traffic Regulation Orders	£6,178.00
	Drainage work on land off Quebec Street	£20,000.00

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AFB	Barrier at Rasbottom Street	£3,810.00
	Support cost of resurface of Park View	£1,826.00
	Repair of back Street at Melbourne Street	£575.00
	Provision of sign at Rutland Street	£250.00
	Reinstating of Haslam Park wall	£500.00
	Repair and replace floodlights on MUGAs off Quebec Street	£790.00
	Drainage work on land off Quebec Street	£10,497.00
	Cost of community sign for MUGA at Pikes Lane Primary School	£500.00
Highways Maintenance	Resurfacing Lanchester Drive	£8,295.00
	Resurfacing of Park View	£2,379.00
Positive Contributions	Support community use of refurbished MUGA at Pikes Lane Primary School	£5,000.00

7. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

The Chair invited attendees to ask questions and express any concerns they may have regarding the Rumworth area;

Q1 Could anything be done regarding car parking problems in the Ellesmere Street area?

A Environmental Services staff would be encouraged to use areas other than Ellesmere Street to park and a service gate at the Randolph Street end of the Mayor Street depot would be opened to facilitate this. Consultation on a proposal to introduce a permit parking scheme would be carried out if the above action did not alleviate current issues.

Q2 The Councillors were asked about their view regarding the 'Save our library' campaign at High Street Library?

A Councillor Kay responded that the Council was currently carrying out a consultation exercise on the need to identify savings across the Library Service and was awaiting the outcome of this review.

Q3 Could the tree causing damage to the Haslam Park boundary wall at Beresford Avenue/Whiteland Avenue be cut down?

A This would be passed to Environmental Services for a response

Q4 Could security cameras be installed around Pikes Lane School due to people hanging around this area?

A This would be passed to Childrens Services for a response

Q5 Could anything be done to improve street lighting at Beresford Avenue/Whiteland Avenue off Callis Road?

A This would be passed to Environmental Services for a response

- Q6 Could something be done to stop people visiting Manchester Superstore from parking around Cannon Street and blocking footways and could litter left at the rear of the former Kwik Save building be cleared?
- A This would be passed to Environmental Services for a response

Resolved – That the questions and responses provided be noted and that those not answered at the meeting be directed to the appropriate Council Department.

8. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Kay thanked everyone for attending and announced that the date of the next Rumworth Area Forum meeting would take place after the May elections, the date would be confirmed.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 7.40pm)