

HORWICH & BLAKCROD TWO TOWNS AREA FORUM

MEETING – TUESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

Present – 24 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Susan Baines	- Horwich and Blackrod
Councillor Stephen Pickup	- Horwich and Blackrod
Councillor Joyce Kellett	- Horwich North East
Councillor Kevin McKeon	- Horwich North East
Councillor Richard Silvester	- Horwich North East

Also in attendance

Idris Jeewa	- Area Coordinator
Stephen Rowson	- Business Support Officer
Michael Kane	- Chief Executives Department
Dr Anne Talbot	- NHS Bolton Community Practice
Declan Brady	- Turner and Townsend
Daniel Rostron	- AFL-Bolton Community Practice
PC Dave Heald	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Steve Howard	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Wendy Spencer	- Greater Manchester Police

Town Councillors

Councillor John Price	- Blackrod Town Council North Ward
Councillor Peter Wright	- Horwich Town Council Bridge Ward and Mayor of Horwich
Councillor Marie Brady	- Horwich Town Council Church Ward
Councillor Gordon Stone	- Horwich Town Council Church Ward
Councillor Steven Chadwick	- Horwich Town Council Lever Park Ward

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Ann Cunliffe and Chris Green MP.

Councillor Stephen Pickup in the Chair

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Pickup welcomed everyone and introduced himself, the other Councillors and Officers in attendance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2017 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION – BOLTON 2030

Councillor Pickup introduced Michael Kane, Corporate Policy and Partnerships Manager, Chief Executives Department, who delivered the presentation. The main points were as follows;

- What is Bolton 2030 – Principles, Places, People and Drivers of change.
- Bolton 2030 Outcomes – Improving Bolton for residents from children through to older people, for businesses & Investment, for the voluntary Sector & Community Groups, from improving the environment to building stronger communities.
- Progress since launch – From conferences & activity launches to cultural and sporting events to new and exciting community projects and approaches to name a few.
- Next Steps – Looking afresh at the partnership, focus on a 4-year delivery plan, looking at other ways to report progress, planning the next conference and encouraging others to get involved.

Several questions followed the presentations and were addressed at the meeting.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

5. PRESENTATION – UPDATE ON NEW HEALTH CENTRE

Councillor Pickup introduced Dr Anne Talbot, from Bolton Community Practice, who delivered the presentation. The main points were as follows;

- Horwich Health and Wellbeing Hub – A collaboration between health and care services in the Horwich neighbourhood.
- Plans & Progress to date – Details so far from the first bid in 2015 to the revised plans in August 2018
- Where are we now? – Details of the current health service sites and the population they serve.
- Future service model – Details on the aims of the project.
- Development Outcomes – What is expected when the build is complete.
- Next Steps – Up and coming steps through to the build going out to tender, proposed for February 2019.
- Designed to deliver healthcare for the future – Information on building design, a site plan showing how the building will sit in the community, floor plans for each of the three floors and artists impressions of the finished building.
- A Patient Questionnaire on the design of the facility were available at the meeting.

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Resolved – That the presentation be noted

6. BUDGET UPDATE

Area Coordinator, Idris Jeewa gave an update on current balances for budgets devolved to the Area Forum for 2015-17 financial years as follows;

Horwich and Blackrod

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£60.00
Plus, Adjustments received	<u>£718.00</u>
Current Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	<u>£778.00</u>

Horwich North East

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£95.00
Plus, Adjustments received	£1727.00
Less, spend listed Below	<u>£920.00</u>
Current Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	<u>£902.00</u>

He also gave an update on current balances for budgets devolved to the Area Forum for 2017-18 financial years after deductions listed below, as follows;

Horwich and Blackrod

Deprivation Budget (DB)	£0.00
Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£748.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£0.00

Horwich North East

Deprivation Budget (DB)	£0.00
Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£3,060.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£2,932.00

Resolved –

- i. That the report be noted;
- ii. That it be noted that the following schemes had been awarded a grant under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2015-17 budget:

Horwich North East 2015-17

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
<u>Pot</u>		
AFB	Contribution for the repair of Horwich 80 footpath.	£95.00
AFB	Towards the installation of barriers on Catherine Street East. Balance of cost from 2017-18 Budget see below.	£150.00
AFB	To relocate and install a new bench near Holy Trinity Church.	£675.00

- iii. That it be noted that the following schemes had been awarded a grant under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2017-18 budget:

Horwich and Blackrod 2017-18

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
<u>Pot</u>		
DB	To have 4 road safety transfers installed at Vicarage Road West and Greenstone Avenue.	£993.00
AFB	To complete the cost of having 4 road safety transfers installed at Vicarage Road West and Greenstone Avenue.	£47.00
AFB	For a Christmas treasure hunt.	£250.00
AFB	To Blackrod Sports and Community Centre to purchase kitchen equipment for their community café.	£500.00
AFB	To Blackrod Community Group for the purchase of poppies to display on lightening columns.	£500.00
AFB	To resolve flooding on Chorley New Road, at the entrance of Old Station Park.	£1,300.00
AFB	To install an additional arm on the 30mph sign on Manchester Road.	£285.00
HMB	For the resurfacing of High Street.	£9,600.00

Horwich North East 2017-18

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
<u>Pot</u>		
DB	Further addition to spend from last year for the installation of barriers on Catherine Street East.	£1,490.00
AFB	Balance of spend for the above installation of barriers on Catherine Street East.	£440.00
AFB	Grant given to Stocks Park RA to help them get started.	£250.00
HMB	To install parking bays on Makinson Avenue.	£4,398.00
HMB	To install a dropped kerb at Brazley CC car park.	£400.00
HMB	To reinstall white marking lines at various locations within the ward.	£800.00
HMB	To install street name and number plates at Owens Row.	£400.00

7. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

Councillor Pickup 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 Wards.

Q1 A resident asked if something could be done about the parking on Chorley Old Road on both sides of the junction with Stocks Park Drive, as cars coming out of Stocks Park Drive could not see in either direction and had to edge out risking a collision with traffic.

A The issue would be taken back and investigated.

Q2 Several people raised concerns regarding parking on double yellow lines particularly on Lea Lane and Winter Hey Lane. Could there be increased enforcement to stop this?

A This would be passed on to parking services.

Q3 A resident asked if a sign which was near Blackrod Church School, which had been missing, could be

replaced?

These would be taken back to Highways for investigation.

Q4 A resident asked if the newly installed dropped kerbs met current British Standards? He also suggested that all future dropped kerbs should meet the current Standard.

A This would be passed to Highways to address.

Q5 A resident stated that Mill Lane was due to be adopted by the Council. This would allow all vehicles to access the road, especially those visiting the football academy. As the road was narrow and there was no turning circle at the bottom, this could cause a danger to pedestrians. Could this be looked at as a matter of urgency.

A This would be taken back to Highways to investigate.

Q6 The new raised kerbs around Horwich, especially on Winter Hey Lane and Lea Lane, were causing water to flow on the footpaths rather than onto the road, especially when there was heavy rainfall. Could the design of the footpaths and the kerbs be looked at again to stop this?

A This would be passed to Highways to address.

Q7 A resident asked what was the total costs of building the new Leisure Centre?

A This information would be requested and reported back.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and those which were not answered be directed to the appropriate departments or partner agencies.

8. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Pickup thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next forum was still to be confirmed, but residents would be informed through the usual channels.

(The meeting started at 7.08pm and finished at 9.03pm)