

HULTON AREA FORUM

MEETING – 18th March 2016

Present – 17 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Shafaqat Shaikh - Hulton Ward
Councillor Diane Parkinson - Hulton Ward

Also in attendance

Pauline Dixon	- Neighbourhood Manager/Area Working Lead
Marion Griffin	- Chief Executives Department
Joe Fox	- Environmental Services
Mark Hoban	- Environmental Services
PCSO Blakeley	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Gary 69337	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Shafaqat Shaikh in the Chair

9. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

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

A minute silence was observed for Councillor Alan Walsh who passed away on 20th January this year.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th October 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

12. INTRODUCING SLIMMER GREY BINS – PRESENTATION MARK HOBAN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mark Hoban, Environmental Services gave the following presentation on the Introduction of the Slimmer Grey Bins. The main points were as follows:

- Bolton Council need to save £43m during 2015-17 and Environmental Services need to achieve £5.3 to £6.3m of this saving
- On Monday 6 July a report was presented to Cabinet members proposing that all 240 litre grey bins in Bolton are replaced with a slimmer 140 litre grey bin to save £1.25 million per year in waste disposal costs.
- The proposal was approved and the exchange programme will take place between June 2016 and November 2016.
- There would be no other changes to the collection service. The grey bin will continue to be collected every 2 weeks.
- Big savings can be achieved by diverting waste from the grey bin into the recycling bins
- To dispose of waste in the grey bin, it costs Bolton Council around £66k per day
- All residents will have new bins which will have stickers with addresses on to improve reporting and Customer service.
- A great deal of work is being done in the lead up to the changes to ensure that residents know what will be happening. Residents would have all the recycling facilities they need.
- The exchange programme will take place from June – November 2016
- Households would be informed in the weeks leading up to the exchange in their area
- Residents can request a waste audit if they need help and support to manage their waste or if they meet the criteria to apply for additional waste capacity.

To request a waste audit, order recycling bins or find out more information visit:

www.bolton.gov.uk/loverecycling

- If the resident chooses the old grey bin can be converted to a Water Butt
- Residents can order a water butt kit online at:
www.bolton.gov.uk/loverecycling
- The water butt kit would be delivered when the resident receives the new slim 140 litre grey bin.

A number of questions followed the presentation and were answered at the meeting. Those that were not would be taken forward to the appropriate department and answers would be given to the residents and available on the feedback sheet at the next Area Forum.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

13. UPDATE ON BUDGETS AND PROJECTS

Neighbourhood Manager, Pauline Dixon gave an update on current balances for budgets and grants devolved to the Area Forum as follows:

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB) 2015/17
Budget was £9,375 Balance £9,175

Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB) 2015/17
Budget £19,200 Balance £19,200

The Highways budget is allocated for spend on footpath and carriageway improvements. At the moment some priorities are being costed up and Ward Councillors would decide on which priorities to choose once this has been done.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

Councillor Shaikh 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 Ward.

One written question had been received from a resident on 10th March 2016 which was read out at the meeting:

Could you please ask the Executive Committee for highways and report and feedback at our Forum meeting on Thursday 17.03.2016?

Q1. Why they believe that the A6 (Salford Road) is a dangerous place for parked vehicles, as recommended by other persons. Also, why is 1 metre after the clearway sign for approximately 1000 meters on the A6 safe for vehicles to park. After all, it is the same highway with the same speed limit and a similar accident occurrence.

A1. The implementation of the no stopping clearway restriction was promoted to address a road safety issue in which a cluster of accidents had occurred in close proximity to the roundabout junction of the A6 Salford Road and Watergate Lane. In the last 5 years there have been 3 collisions, which have resulted in 1 fatality, 1 seriously injured and 1 slightly injured casualty, within which it was highlighted that parked vehicles on the highway were contributory factors. It was, therefore, proposed to prohibit stopping of the highway within the lengths of carriageway leading up to the junction in question.

Furthermore, a number of written questions had been submitted which were read out and agreed that the answers would be provided on the feedback sheet. The questions were as follows:-

Q2. We are desperate for one or two litter bins and a mobile CCTV camera on low Green with Newbrook Road and Broadway with Newbrook Road. Dog fouling is a big problem.

A2. This would be forwarded to Environmental Services

Q3 A sub-committee of the Over Hulton Community Group – Hulton Responsible Dog Owners, had been set up by residents concerned with dog fouling in the area. We are designing a leaflet to encourage responsible dog ownership to hand out by dog walkers. However can we request contact and assistance from Bolton Council to further progress the campaign.

A3. This will be forwarded to Environmental Services

The following questions were also asked on the night as follows:

Q4. What is the Council and Police doing about the issue of vehicles continually parking on the clearway on Watergate Lane?

A4. The Police stated that they could only advise motorists to move their vehicle. Sanctioning and Ticketing is the responsibility of the Council's Traffic Warden.

Q5. Is it compulsory to have warning lights on roadworks and skips at night? The skip on Newton Road has no warning lights.

A5. The Council's Highways Officer will investigate and report back to resident.

Q6. Could the Police investigate the possible drug dealing on the Community Centre car park on the Sutton Estate. The drug dealing and playing of loud music is ongoing day and night. Could CCTV cameras or a CCTV warning sign or extra lighting be erected?

A6. The Police would investigate and speak to the Housing Officer to find whether they have CCTV cameras which could be used temporarily.

The Police stated that an ASB Dispersal order could be used.

The Neighbourhood Manager explained that a CCTV warning sign could not be erected if there is no CCTV camera installed. The Neighbourhood Manager would:

- Find out the ownership of the land and whether this belonged to Affinity Sutton.
- Would refer to the Council's Community Safety Officer to raise at the next Local Area Policing meeting.

The Police asked the Residents to phone 101 their non-emergency reporting line if they consider that the same people are returning to the car park.

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

15. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Shaikh thanked everyone for their attendance. The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course and advertised on the Bolton Council website and in the Bolton News.

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.25pm)