

WESTHOUGHTON WITH CHEW MOOR AREA FORUM

MEETING, THURSDAY 23RD MARCH, 2017

Present – 12 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor David Chadwick	- Westhoughton South
Councillor Martyn Cox	- Westhoughton North and Chew Moor
Councillor Kevan Jones	- Westhoughton South
Councillor Zoe Kirk-Robinson	- Westhoughton North and Chew Moor
Councillor Anna-Marie Watters	- Westhoughton South
Councillor Christine Wild	- Westhoughton North and Chew Moor

Also in attendance

John Shannon	- Area Co-ordinator
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
Malcolm Fairhurst	- Department of Place
Adrian Crook	- Department of People
Ryan Calderbank	- Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
Amanda Hyland-Partington	- Early Intervention Lead, Bolton Council
PCSO M. Moore	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO V. Hardy	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Watters in the Chair

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME.

Councillor Watters welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced fellow Councillors and Council Officers.
Councillor Watters then asked everyone to stand for a minute silence in respect of all those affected by the recent incident at Westminster, London.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd March, 2016 were agreed and approved as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION – UPDATE ON WINIFRED KETTLE CENTRE

Councillor Watters introduced Adrian Crook, Assistant Director Health and Adult Social Care, Department of People, Ryan Calderbank, Manager Integrated Community Services, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and Amanda Hyland-Partington, Start Well Children's Centre, Early Intervention Lead, Bolton Council, who gave a presentation on the services now provided from Winifred Kettle Centre. The main points were as follows:

Clinic Based Services;

- Podiatry – General and High Risk Routine
- Midwifery – Antenatal and Postnatal
- Health Visitors – Assessments and Well Baby Clinic Drop-In
- Family Services – Supervised Contact
- Speech and Language – Children
- Consultant Clinic (once a month) – Paediatric

Services now available, but not previously delivered, in Westhoughton Clinic:

- Treatment Room
 - General (e.g. Injections and wound care)
 - Leg Ulcer Management
 - Ear Care Management
- Physio Clinics – General Physio
- Neuro Rehab – Occupational Therapy

Services Based in the Offices;

Integrated Neighbourhood Team

- Bolton's new partnership approach to delivering health and social care services for the borough's most frail and vulnerable residents.
- Care4Bolton is a partnership between Bolton Council, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Bolton Clinical

Commissioning Group (CCG) and Greater Manchester West NHS Foundation Trust who work together with local GPs to support people with complex health and care needs.

District Nursing Service

- The district nursing service is a 24 hours a day, seven day a week service providing nursing care to patients who are housebound, in the patient's usual place of residence. The nursing teams are based in local health centres, and work closely with GPs and a wide variety of other services and agencies. The team can coordinate care, which includes discharge planning for patients who have been in hospital and need care from the district nursing team when transferred home.

Health Visitors

- The Health Visiting team offers services to every family in Bolton with a child of pre-school age and supports parents with advice and practical guidance on all aspects of a child's development and family health. This includes developmental reviews, advice and guidance, immunisations and screening tests. The health visitors also work with families who have different levels of need including those with problems around domestic violence, mental health problems, alcohol and substance misuse and where there is a need to safeguard children.

Senior Solutions

- The charity was set up in 1997 by Jean Jones to combat isolation amongst older people (age 55 and above) and over the years has expanded from Westhoughton to also cover surrounding districts such as Over Hulton and Blackrod.
- As people grow old they can become socially isolated and lonely for a variety of reasons. We offer a visiting service that offers friendship, companionship and support to a growing number of older people who can benefit by feeling respected, valued and involved in their own community.

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

5. UPDATE ON BUDGETS AND PROJECTS

Councillor Watters introduced John Shannon, Area Co-ordinator, who gave an update on budgets and projects devolved to the Area Forum.

Westhoughton North and Chew Moor

Highways Maintenance Budget;

Allocation - £19,200 Balance - £6.351

Approvals to date;

- £12,849 for footway repairs at Bolton Road, off Snydale Way

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget;

Allocation - £13,750 Balance - £0

Approvals to date;

- £447 for pictorial meadow flower planting (2016)
- £2,000 for Great Bank Traffic Regulation Order and subsequent linings
- £1,000 for litter warning message on boundary signs
- £150 to support Westhoughton Royalty event
- £765 for remarking of Market Street/Wigan Road/School Street/Church Street box junction linings
- £156 for repainting of junction box linings at Park Road/Cricketers Way/Leigh Road

Westhoughton South

Highways Maintenance Budget;

Allocation - £19,200 Balance – £0

Approvals to date;

- £19,200 for Wearish Lane weight restriction measures

Area Forum Flat Rate budget;

Allocation - £13,750 Balance – £0 (pending projects not included)

Approvals to date;

- £447 for pictorial meadow flower planting (2016)
- £2,000 for Great Bank Traffic Regulation Order and subsequent linings
- £1,000 for litter warning message on boundary signs
- £150 for replacement tree at Diddy Bottle Park, off Church Street

Area Forum Budgets 2015/16 and 2016/17

Westhoughton North with Chew Moor;

Area Forum Flat Rate;

Allocation - £9,375 Balance £6,781

Approvals to date;

- £844 for repainting of junction box linings at Park Road/Cricketers Way/Leigh Road
- £1,750 for re-phasing of traffic lights at junction of Leigh Road/Washacre (introduction of two all red loops to extend inter-green period)

Highways Maintenance Budget;

Allocation - £19,200 Balance - £19,200

Targeted Budget (narrowing the gap);

Allocation - £2,900 Balance - £0

Westhoughton South;

Area Forum Flat Rate;

Allocation - £9,375 Balance - £5,710

Approvals to date;

- £150 for Support Westhoughton Royalty event
- £765 for remarking of Market Street/Wigan Road/School Street/Church Street box junction linings
- £1,000 for repainting of junction box linings at Park Road/Cricketers Way/Leigh Road
- £1,750 for re-phasing of traffic lights at junction of Leigh Road/Washacre (introduction of two all red loops to extend inter-green period)

Highways Maintenance Budget;

Allocation - £19,200 Balance - £19,200

Targeted Budget (narrowing the gap);

Allocation - £10,602 Balance - £0

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

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Councillor Watters 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 Westhoughton with Chew Moor area.

Q1 A resident asked, at what level of recycling would there be a negative impact on residents' Council tax bills?

A This question would be passed to the Chief Executive's Department for response

Q2 A resident would like to know;

a) Why did Bolton Council expand the Westhoughton Town Centre footprint in December 2014 when most secondary centres had an excess of retail space and were in decline?

b) Was it to facilitate easier planning for the two supermarkets, whilst two town centre sites were left derelict?

A This question would be passed to the Department of Place for response

Q3 Whilst a small portion of the overall Council tax bill, what was the justification for the 6.8% increase in the Westhoughton element of the bill? A rate of increase of 280% greater than the 1.8% for Bolton.

A This question would be passed to the Chief Executive's Department for response

Q4 A resident would like to know;

a) What was the cost of the 180 litre black bins?

b) How much did the Council receive for the returned 240 litre bins?

A This question would be passed to the Department of Place for response

Q5 A resident who asked a question at the last area forum re: Land at the top of Mill Street for use as a car park; said that whilst she understood the answer that was given, she was still of the opinion that it could be possible to arrange to speak with the owner, Mr Silcock, to see if any arrangement could be made to open up the car park.

Could this be considered?

A This question would be passed to the Department of Place for response

Q6 Following work carried out by United Utilities at Bamber Croft, Wingates, a bollard which had been in place for many years was removed and reinstated in a different place. This had led to people parking on a verge on a bend which prevents residents from accessing off road parking at their dwellings. Could the bollard please be reinstated in the correct position?

A This question would be passed to Bolton at Home and United Utilities for response

Q7 A resident stated that some sycamore trees at Wingates Grove and Bamber Croft had self-seeded and grown to maturity in locations dangerously close to dwellings. To date no action had been taken to remove these trees. Could the Council investigate and have the trees removed?

A This question would be passed to Bolton at Home for response

Q8 A resident was concerned that a bin waggon was dropping glass as it moves along Green Common Lane, off Platt Lane, on collection day, could this be reported and resolved?

A This question would be passed to the Department of Place for response

Q9 What was the planned provision of local policing teams and police stations for Westhoughton?

A This question would be passed to Greater Manchester Police for response

Q10 It is understood that KPMG will be carrying out the audit of the payment by the Council of £300,000 to Asons;
a) Is this an appropriate appointment for this audit given that KPMG are already employed by the Council to audit its budget?

b) Should not another firm have been appointed for this review?

A This question would be passed to the Chief Executive's

Department for response

Q11 Could a hatched yellow box junction be installed at the junction of Cricketers Way/Fairways/Wigan Road to prevent drivers blocking the junction?

A This question would be passed to the Department of Place for response

Q12 A resident asked how often was Bolton Scene delivered to residents? As there had not been a delivery at Hunger Hill for some time.

A This question would be passed to the Chief Executive's Department for response

Resolved – That the questions be noted and those that were not answered be directed to the appropriate departments.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

Councillor Watters updated attendees on the current position on planning issues in Westhoughton re the following; Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, Hulton Park, Bowlands Hey and Lee Hall.

Councillor Watters then thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised that the date of the next Westhoughton with Chew Moor Area Forum had not been decided. However, residents on the emailing list would receive invitations and the meeting would also be made available on the Councils website.

(Meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 8.50pm)