

## **BROMLEY CROSS AREA FORUM**

MEETING – WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Present – 22 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Norman Critchley	- Bromley Cross Ward
Councillor David Greenhalgh	- Bromley Cross Ward
Councillor Alan Wilkinson	- Bromley Cross Ward

### **Also in attendance**

Idris Jeewa	- Area Co-ordinator
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer
Nick Maher	- Department of Place
PC Nicola Holt	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Daniel Worthington	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Greenhalgh in the Chair

Apologies for absence were submitted by David Crausby MP.

### **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Greenhalgh welcomed everyone and introduced himself, Councillors Critchley and Wilkinson and other Officers in attendance.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

All the Councillors declared an interest in item 5 on the agenda, as they are members of the Friends of Bromley Cross.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 were submitted and agreed as a correct record.

#### **4. PRESENTATION – POLICING IN BROMLEY CROSS**

Councillor Greenhalgh introduced PC Nicola Holt and PCSO Daniel Worthington who gave an update on policing in the Bromley Cross area. The main points were;

- There had been a number of burglaries in the Bromley Cross and Egerton area
- Mainly houses being broken into through insecure doors/patio doors (referred to by Police as “sneak in burglaries”) to take the keys for high spec cars, then stealing the cars
- Many incidents were going unreported, but it was stressed that all crimes need to be reported to the Police to enable them to record what was occurring in the area

A number of questions and comments followed the presentation;

Q1 A resident said that three cars had recently been taken from Willow Hey (off Grange Park Road) where he lived and he said he had been told that the thieves could download information from the internet to enable them to steal keyless cars without damage to the car. Was this true?

A PC Holt said she had not heard of this, but would enquire about it.

Q2 A resident, who used to be a member of a local Home Watch group, commented that he believed a lot of people were not reporting crimes because it was so difficult to get through on the 101 number and they do not know where else to turn.

A PC Holt said she understood this and she suggested residents could email herself or PCSO Worthington or go on the GMP website and report it that way.

Q3 A resident's car was involved in a recent incident on Blackburn Road, Egerton, when a car traveling at speed through a chicane crashed and set on fire causing damage to several other vehicles. The resident said they were told by the police in attendance that the person involved would not be prosecuted and when they asked for a crime number were told they couldn't have one.

They also said they thought the speed camera in the area was not currently in the best position.

A PC Holt explained that road traffic accidents were dealt with by the traffic police and they did not give crime numbers, but she stressed again about the importance of reporting all incidents and getting as much information, evidence, CCTV footage etc as possible to the Police.

Q4 A discussion followed about where speed cameras etc are currently situated in the Ward and that they are probably not in the most effective places and the need for more.

A The Councillors explained that new traffic management measures are to be introduced in the area, such as new signs to be put up on Cox Green Road and Chapeltown Road to detect and log traffic speed and Zebra Crossings near St John's Primary School and Turton High School. They have also requested that all housing estates have 20mph signs and Councillor Critchley informed the residents that hopefully in early 2018 the speed limit would be reduced to 20mph on Darwen Road and Bradshaw Road. The Councillors had also requested that a proposed Zebra Crossing near the Cross Guns/Egerton Primary School could be upgraded to a Pedestrian Crossing. Councillors also gave an undertaking that they would hold a public meeting with the residents regarding Blackburn Road and residents would be informed when this had been arranged.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **5. BUDGET UPDATE**

Councillor Greenhalgh introduced Idris Jeewa, Area Co-ordinator, who gave a brief overview on budgets available for 2017-18 and the schemes supported through the previous year's budget as follows:

After the last meeting, the following amounts remained in the budgets:

- Flat Rate - £5,675
- Highways - £19,200

Since then, Members had approved the following projects;  
Flat Rate budget:

- £500 to the Friends of Bromley Cross for the Christmas Lights Switch On 2016
- £2,600 for children's play provision to continue throughout 2017/18
- £175 to fund the replacement of pads and batteries for a defibrillator situated at Windsor Road Community Centre.
- £500 for dugouts at Bromley Cross Football Club.
- £200 towards Bromley Cross Remembrance Sunday event.

Therefore, the balance remaining was £1,700.

With regards to the Highways Budget, this was still to be allocated.

In relation to the budgets for 2017-18, the area forum was allocated the following amounts:

Flat Rate - £3,750

Highways - £9,600

In relation to the Highways budgets, Members had recently approved the following schemes:

- £23,500 for resurfacing work on Old Quarry Lane
- £22,320 for resurfacing work on Hospital Rd.
- The total cost of both schemes is £45,820, with the area forum paying £28,800 and Highways paying the rest, £17,020.

Therefore this budget is now spent up.

As and when decisions are made on these funds, this will be reported back to future area forums.

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

## **6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**

Councillor Greenhalgh 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, starting with any written questions.

Q1 A resident referred to Q9 on the previous forum's minutes and asked if this had been resolved?

Q9: Whose responsibility it is to repair the pavement outside Sainsbury's?

A It was the responsibility of the developer and as they had not yet done anything about it, legal action is being taken.

Q2 A resident who frequently uses the new interchange in Bolton town centre said the Bromley Cross bus stops at Bay B, but sometimes a school bus used this bay causing problems for the Bromley Cross passengers. Could this be looked into?

A Councillor Greenhalgh asked the resident to forward his concerns to him and said he would pass them onto the relevant department.

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

## **7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Greenhalgh thanked everyone for attending and said that the date of the next meeting had not been yet been scheduled, but residents would be informed through the usual channels. He also informed the residents that the Bromley Cross Ward Christmas Lights Switch On would be on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Dunscar War Memorial, followed by mulled wine and minced pies in Walmsley Church Parish Hall.

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.00pm)