

BROMLEY CROSS AREA FORUM

MEETING – Wednesday 4th March 2015

Present – 43 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 Coordinator
Stephen Rowson	- Chief Executives Department
Nick Maher	- Environmental Services
Andy Bolan	- Environmental Services
PCSO Daniel Worthington	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted by David Crausby MP.

Councillor David Greenhalgh in the Chair

8. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

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

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2014 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

11. CLEANER, GREENER AND ENFORCEMENT

Councillor Greenhalgh introduced Andy Bolan from Environmental Services who gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Services.

The main points were:

- Front line services – frequency
- Impact of reduction in funding/resources
- Dog fouling
- Waste, litter and fly tipping
- Community payback
- Supporting volunteers
- The BIG Bolton Tidy-up

A number of questions followed the presentation and were answered at the meeting.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

12. BUDGET UPDATE

Area Coordinator, Idris Jeewa gave an update on current balances for budgets and grants devolved to the Area Forum for 2013-15 financial years as follows;

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£3335.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£0.00

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 2013-15 budget:

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
<u>Pot</u>		
AFB	Land Registry search.	£10.00
AFB	Egerton Park weed control.	£73.00
AFB	Bromley Cross Young at Heart Group - for an afternoon tea at Easter.	£100.00
AFB	Friends of Bromley Cross - to pay towards the Christmas Lights and the Remembrance Day events.	£273.00
HMB	Allocated to carriageway works on Turton Rd and Darwen Rd and for potholes in the area.	£17,450.00

13. 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.

The questions were as follows:

Q1 A number of residents had some concerns about the new Indian Diner at 510 Darwen Road. The main concerns include:-

-The overall size of the dining area on 2 floors. If its 150sq meters or more is Full Planning permission required?

- Industrial level extraction equipment will be required.

This will be both unsightly and noisy for neighbouring residential properties. Would the proximity of this equipment to residential homes contravene current planning regulations?

- There are highways concerns as the diner will attract more traffic. Is there no requirement for parking provision?

A As per the Town and Country Use Order the change in use of the premises is permitted, subject to a number of conditions and limitations, one of which is that the floor space of the restaurant does not exceed 150m², if neighbouring residents think this may have been exceeded the Local Planning Authority can check this out.

If it is exceeded then full planning permission would be required.

If any operational development is erected on the building. i.e. extraction/air conditioning units then these would require planning permission and an application would need to be submitted. Obviously, if an extraction unit is erected, the main issues in respect of these do typically revolve around visual amenity and also potential impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents.

As planning permission is not required for the temporary change in use of the premises less than 150m² then any potential increase in the levels of traffic would not fall within the jurisdiction of the Local Planning Authority.

They had recently had an alcohol licence refused so this could affect their decision whether to open or not. The development was within the law. Members had spoken to them and they were aware of local public feeling.

Members would keep an eye on any development and ensure all requirements such as disabled access, waste removal etc. were being adhered to.

Q2 A number of questions and comments were made regarding the Holland's Nursery Development, including what was happening with the land, over fill of the landfill, issues of traffic and possible use of greenbelt land for train station car park.

A No applications had been submitted, for the land use at present, it was believed that the land fill had exceeded set limits, the land had now gone into receivership so was closed. Opinions had been invited from residents and a good response had come back, with the majority expressing their objection to any development. Sacrificing greenbelt land should be considered very carefully as once it has become undesignated greenbelt, it can't be reinstated in the future. Any development would be monitored closely by the Council and the Environment Agency. Any traffic issues would be addressed if and when an application came forward.

Q3 Surveyors had been seen on Tonge Field, what could be done to oppose any proposed developments?

A This field is Greenbelt land and is unlikely to get any

approval as it had been turned down in the past due to its greenbelt status.

Q4 Little Brow Playground – a couple of issues were raised:

- The pathway into the area was just grassed, could stones be put down to improve this?
- The lighting near the ground at the back of Clay Street was not working.

A Members would look into having stones put down and the lighting would be addressed also.

Q5 With the reduction of GPs and the move into the community of health services would Members press for the walk-in centre be re-opened in the town centre?

A There was a great deal of reconfiguration on the horizon within health and Members would be in favour of the re-opening of the walk-in centre.

Q6 How would the issue of the gas main installation be handled without closing Windy Harbour Lane?

A No agreement had been made with the Local Authority by the gas company and until it had, they could not make a start. If and when agreement is reached, then consultation with local residents would take place.

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

14. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Greenhalgh thanked everyone for attending and stated that the date, time and venue of the next Area Forum Meeting was to be confirmed. As and when it was people would be informed through the usual channels.

He also advised that the Bromley Cross Summer Fayre would now take place on 20th June 2015, local groups involved would be contacted nearer the time.

(The meeting started at 7.02pm and finished at 8.40pm)