

LITTLE LEVER AND DARCY LEVER AREA FORUM

MEETING, 30th March 2009

Present – 31 members of the public attended the meeting.

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| Councillor Woodward
(Chair) | - Little Lever and Darcy Lever
Ward |
| Councillor Hornby | - Little Lever and Darcy Lever
Ward |

Also in attendance

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| Adrian Wolstenholme | - Area Co-ordinator |
| John Rowlands | - Chief Officer |
| David Spencer | - Area Working Support Officer |
| Jan Hutchinson | - Director of Public Health |
| John Green | - NHS Bolton |
| Debbie Ithell | - NHS Bolton |
| Esther Steel | - Royal Bolton Hospital |
| Eric Hyde | - Royal Bolton Hospital |
| Liz Dearden | - Children's Services |
| PC Westwell | - Greater Manchester Police |
| PCSO Garbett | - Greater Manchester Police |
| PCSO Pennington | - Greater Manchester Police |

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Connell and Dr B Iddon MP.

Councillor Woodward in the Chair.

23. INTRODUCTION

Councillor Woodward welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself, Councillor Hornby, Bolton Council officers and partners.

24. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2009 were accepted as a correct record, with the following amendment: The following question had been asked and not recorded:

“Could a representative from the Planning department attend the forum and apologise for the mistakes made in the handling of the mobile phone mast planning application?”

Further to this, the following response was given: following the Inspector’s decision on the appeal, The Council had dealt with a single complaint from a resident and had accepted that the systems needed to be tightened, which they have; following referral to the Ombudsman, she had accepted that there was no evidence of maladministration”.

25. BIG BOLTON HEALTH CHECK – NHS BOLTON

Bolton Council’s Director of Public Health, Jan Hutchinson gave a presentation on the Big Bolton Health Check. She informed residents that this was a free screening available to all residents of Bolton who were over the age of 45.

She went on to explain that this was part of a five year plan and that the people of Bolton lived on average 2 years less than the national average. She informed the meeting that the main causes of death were heart disease and strokes.

She advised that the health check was a chance to make lifestyle changes and live a healthier life and that a similar procedure had been undertaken in Sheffield and the area had increased the life expectancy by 3 years.

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Following this presentation the following questions and comments were asked:

1. Would Little Lever & Darcy Lever be getting a new health centre?
2. Would podiatry care be available at the new health centre?
3. The waiting time to see a doctor was extremely poor - had Little Lever and Darcy Lever got enough doctors?
4. This was the same presentation as last year and no further progression had been made.
5. What would the money be spent on as to what went into the new Health Centre?
6. Would the Spring View Surgery move into the new Health Centre?
7. Who currently assessed the quality of services from the GP's and the surgeries?
8. Were other Area Forums getting similar questions asked?

Resolved – That the questions be noted and the questions that have not been answered at the meeting be directed to the appropriate Council Department or external agency.

26. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

The following questions and comments were put forward at the meeting.

1. What was the update on the number 95 bus?
2. Police response times and call answering were disappointing.
3. Erosion of white road markings along Lancaster Drive and give way sign had not been replaced.
4. What were the tenancy conditions at the travel site at Crompton Lodge? Letter sent to Bolton News was edited.
5. What was being done about the trade waste in the alley at the back of the Co-op?
6. Did Little Lever & Darcy Lever have a dog warden?
7. Was it necessary to have double yellow lines down both sides of Market Street? This has removed on street parking.

Q4

8. Where was the sign informing of the yellow lines displayed?
9. What was the update on the Tong Road repairs?
10. Burger Van outside Crompton lodge did not remove litter after trading.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and the questions that have not been answered at the meeting be directed to the appropriate Council Department or external agency.

27. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Woodward concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and announced that the next Little Lever and Darcy Lever Area Forum would be held on 8th June 2009 at Mytham Primary School.

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.45pm)