

KEARSLEY AREA FORUM

MEETING MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2012

Present – 23 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor C Burrows	- Kearsley Ward
Councillor D Burrows	- Kearsley Ward
Councillor Irving	- Kearsley Ward

Also in attendance

Angela Lunt	- Environmental Services
Daniela Dixon	- Recycling Officer, Environmental Services
Karl Bircher	- Neighbourhood Services Team Leader, Environmental Services
Denise Kehoe	- Bolton at Home
Sgt Martin Kirby	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Paul Cusick	- Greater Manchester Police
Idris Jeewa	- Area Co-ordinator, Chief Executive's Department
Jane Bickerstaffe	- Business Support Officer, Chief Executive's Department

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Yasmin Qureshi MP.

Councillor Carol Burrows in the Chair

9. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Carol Burrows welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself, Councillors Derek Burrows and Liam Irving and the other Council Officers and partners present.

Councillor Carol Burrows informed the meeting that as Andrew Donaldson had recently left the Authority, there was currently no Chief Officer for the Kearsley Area Forum. Councillor

Burrows then said she would like to thank Andrew on behalf of the Forum and wished him well for the future.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th July 2012 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to minute 6 being amended so it reads; the amount given to the Schoenstatt Movement was £1,500 and not £1,000.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PUBLIC CONSULTATION PRESENTATION ON MANAGED WEEKLY REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Councillor Carol Burrows introduced Daniela Dixon and Karl Bircher from Environmental Services who gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the Council's weekly waste collection and recycling services and the consultation arrangements for the proposed changes. The main points were:

- The Council had to save £35.6 million between 2013-2015
- Central and Local Government commitment to increase recycling in Bolton was falling behind
- Larger aim was for zero waste to landfill and more recycling through all the newly built facilities
- Transformation of services would ease the burden of budget cuts on vulnerable adults and children

- Significant rise in costs for the disposal of residual waste from £15.8m – £24.6m
- Public consultation and returned questionnaires by 16th November 2012
- All responses to the public consultation considered between November and December 2012
- Final decision – January/February 2013
- If approved, managed weekly collections would commence May 2013
- If approved, food only collections would commence April 2013

A number of questions were asked and answered at the meeting.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

13. BUDGET UPDATE

Councillor Carol Burrows introduced Idris Jeewa, Area Co-ordinator, who gave an update on the budgets devolved to the Forum for 2012-13:

- Since the last area forum in July, the following schemes had been approved under the Council's Scheme of Delegation:
 - £20 was used for Land Registry searches.
 - £125 given to the Police Cadets for a residential weekend for young people.
 - £450 was approved for the repair work on the Ringley Village Stocks.

- £2,500 has been given to ZACs to purchase a van to undertake outreach work. This was jointly funded by Harper Green and Little Lever & Darcy Lever Area Forums.
- £500 has been given to Kearsley Cricket Club to help them purchase equipment for some of the junior members who cannot afford to buy their own.
- There is now £3,398 remaining in this budget.
- Highways Maintenance Budget, this currently stands at £9,600.

When decisions are made on the remaining budgets, these will be reported back to future Area Forum meetings.

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

14. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

Councillor Carol Burrows invited those present to ask questions or put forward comments they had regarding issues and concerns in the Kearsley Ward.

The following questions and comments were raised:

- Q1 A resident asked who now owns Kearsley Town Hall and was it correct that they intend to demolish the building.
- A The Area Co-ordinator explained that a Land Registry search had been carried out which identified the owner of the Town Hall as a Mrs Khanam of Rawson Street, Farnworth.

With regards to demolishing the building, an application had been submitted to demolish it. This is an application for Prior Notification. The only issues that the Council has control over are means of demolition

and means of site restoration. This application is not open to public consultation and therefore, normal planning grounds for objection are not valid in this case.

If in the future the developer decides to build on the site, planning permission will be required on which there would be public consultation.

Q2 A lady, who is a member of the Women's Institute (WI), asked if it would be possible for the WI to take ownership of the public stocks at Ringley.

A This would be referred to Corporate Property.

Q3 Residents commented on the poor state of the road surfaces on Darley Street and Church Road. They said the roads had been repaired a few months ago, but that they had not been done to a good standard and now needed doing again.

A This would be passed to Highways to investigate.

Q4 A resident asked if it would be possible to have new gates on Church Road and for the railings to be painted.

A Councillor Carol Burrows said this would be discussed and a response brought back to the next meeting.

Q5 Two attendees commented that the 20 mile an hour speed limit on Pilkington Road was seldom adhered to and they were concerned about public safety. Would it be possible to have speed cameras erected in the affected areas?

A The Area Co-ordinator explained that the Forum was currently looking into a scheme where large stickers could be displayed on resident's wheelie-bins signposting drivers to reduce their speed and adhere to the 20 mile an hour zone.

Q6 Another resident asked if it would be possible to change the speed limit on Lord Street and Church Road from 30 to 20 miles an hour.

A This would be referred to Highways.

Q7 A request was also made to look at speeding cars on Market Street, Ringley and whether something could be done.

A This would also be referred to Highways.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

Councillor Carol Burrows thanked everyone for attending and she announced that the date and venue for the next Kearsley Area Forum would be Monday 11th March 2013 at St Saviour Ringley CE Primary School, with the drop in at 6.30pm and main meeting at 7.00pm.

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.19pm)