

HALLIWELL AREA FORUM

MEETING, 30th July 2016

Present – 24 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Cliff Morris	Halliwell Ward
Councillor Akhtar Zaman	Halliwell Ward
Councillor Linda Thomas	Halliwell Ward

Also in attendance

Shaheen Sameja	Halliwell and Crompton Neighbourhood Manager, Bolton Council
Malcolm Russell	Environmental Services, Bolton Council
Sergeant Seeds	Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Turner	Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Richardson	Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Taylor	Greater Manchester Police
Oboh Achioyamen	Bolton Community Development Partnership
Marion Griffin	Business Support Officer, Chief Executive's Department

Councillor Akhtar Zaman in the Chair

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Councillor Zaman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and Officers in attendance. Apologies were expressed on behalf of David Crausby MP Bolton North East.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. UPDAT E ON HALLIWELL'S COMMUNITY BASED ABDC PROJECT

Oboh Achioyamen gave a presentation on the ABDC principle which drew strength from existing community networks to build stronger more resilient communities.

Information was provided in relation to the following areas, viz:-

Key Assets within the community:

- Individual gifts and talents
- Associations
- Institutions
- Physical assets
- Connections

Anticipated Outcome:

- We hope communities and the local authority would work together to
- *Co- design* and *Co- produce* projects that will help improve the health and wellbeing of communities, leading to a *win-win* situation.

Current projects:

Walkabout event:

On 12th March 2016 a Halliwell Walkabout event was held which had been well attended by local residents. Each Ward Councillor led a group of residents around a specific part of Halliwell.

Steam Museum project: led by Councillor Thomas

This project is currently utilising the Old Mill near Morrisons Supermarket, Chorley Old Road. Residents on the Walkabout felt that the Steam Museum could be better promoted by improved signage. Recently, Councillors' have supported the Steam Museum by helping them fix their improved signage.

Friends of School Hill: led by Councillor Morris

Residents were keen to improve their environment around School Hill. As a result of the walkabout focus is being placed on a grassed area on Egyptian Street. A meeting will be held on October 19th with interested residents keen to help improve their environment and assist on the Egyptian Street project.

Gilnow Litter pick: led by Councillor Zaman

During the walkabout residents highlighted their concerns regarding litter. As a result of the walkabout some residents have agreed to volunteer and help litter pick on a regular basis. These litter picks are held on the first Monday of each month starting from 4th July 2016. Residents meet outside Morrisons, Chorley Old Road at a designated time.

Oboh Achioyamen asked the Forum members to contact him at boltoncdp.org should they require more information regarding the above groups' activities and with further suggestions for future projects.

A number of questions were raised and answered at the event.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

5. UPDATE FROM HALLIWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT

Shaheen Sameja, gave an update on the Neighbourhood Management activities in the area:

Budgets for 2015/17 devolved to the Area Forum are as follows:

£9,375.00 allocated. The project was on Road Safety improvements in Halliwell.

Highways monies total £19,200 had all been committed to various projects around the Chorley New Road area.

Halliwell UCAN Open day.

Shaheen Sameja welcomed everyone to the Open day starting at 12.00pm today and thanked Sergeant Seed and the Policing team for their involvement. Many projects and Community groups were at the Open day.

From June 2015 to June 2016 over 30,000 people visited the Halliwell UCAN centre.

A priority of the Halliwell UCAN is to assist people into work. To date 41 people have been supported into paid work.

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

6. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Councillor Zaman introduced this agenda item and invited all forum attendees to ask any questions that they may have regarding issues in the Halliwell Ward.

Q1. Vehicles are parked on garage areas off Russell Street.

A1. Councillor Morris explained that gates had been considered to assist with the issue. However, following consultation, they were rejected by the residents. The land is unadopted. Councillor Morris at the Forum stated that he would review the issue of Alleygating again.

Q2. The slim bins are not working. Fly tipping is a big issue.

A2. Councillor Morris explained that the new black slim bins appear to be working. Sixty thousand people across Bolton have now started to recycle, which would save over £1million. Where there are more than four children in the household, Environmental Services would undertake a waste audit with the resident and a larger black bin could then be considered. Councillor Morris explained that the fly tipping team would review the situation.

Q3. There are two cars, possibly not taxed and insured, in the Russell Street area. The Police need to look at this issue.

A3. The Police would take forward.

Q4. What is the Council policy on picking up extra black bin bags left at the side of the bin?

Q4. Councillor Zaman explained that during first week of change over to the new slim bins additional black bin bags would be collected. However, after this residents need to recycle.

Q5. Does the Council measure the progress in terms of economic or day to day living for residents and the effect of having to recycle more? The resident felt that the emphasis is placed more on the financial side than the needs of residents.

A5. Councillor Morris explained that the Council had consulted and worked with the residents and local schools leading up to and throughout the changeover and would continue to do so. We have good relationships with our residents and try to introduce financial security, consulting with them to find out what their requirements are, and how we can meet those requirements

However, it is financially led, but overall this would result in future savings for all residents in the Borough and an improved quality of life.

Q6. The street lighting in Aldbury Terrace had not been rectified. Also, cars are driving up and down Eskrick street, and there had been accidents as a result of the speeding cars.

Furthermore, the railings had not been replaced on the side of Aldbury Terrace and this is a Health and Safety issue to pedestrians.

A6. Councillor Zaman would take forward the street lighting issue in Aldbury Terrace.

Q7. Brownlow Way is a dangerous road, in particular to young people; could traffic lights or speed humps be installed?

A7. Councillor Morris will take forward.

Resolved – That the questions and answers be noted.

7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Zaman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

(The meeting started at 11.30am and finished at 12.10pm)