

LITTLE LEVER AND DARCY LEVER AREA FORUM

MEETING, MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2008

Present – 33 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Sean Hornby (Chairman)	- Little Lever and Darcy Lever Ward
Councillor Mary Woodward	- Little Lever and Darcy Lever Ward
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Also in attendance

John Shannon	- Area Working
Adrian Wolstenholme	- Area Working
Helen Longworth	- Area Working
Stephen Rowson	- Area Working
John Rowlands	- Corporate Resources
Chris Lloyd	- Environmental Services
Jannett Sheddon	- Adult Services
Howard Barritt	- Development and Regeneration
C Burrows	- Bolton At Home
W Clewson	- c/o Greater Manchester Police
Sgt Frank Hall	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Ian Garbett	- Greater Manchester Police
B Howley	- Bolton News (Camera Man)
C Thomas	Bolton News (Reporter)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Anthony Connell, who will not be attending the area forum during his Mayoral year.

Councillor Hornby in the Chair.

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR

Councillor Hornby welcomed the residents to the event. He stated that the Forums would have a different format which hopefully would encourage greater participation by the local community and that there would be a specific presentation during the evening about this which would give more details.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared

3. UPDATE ON THE NEW APPROACH TO AREA WORKING

Mr Shannon, Area Working Manager, gave a brief presentation on the review of Area Working, stating that there are now 18 Area Forums, meeting 4 times per year, with a "drop in session" and workshop style format. He mentioned that the emphasis will be on local ward issues and engaging with the local residents in order to develop a Little Lever and Darcy Lever Big Issues Action Plan. To help address these issues each Forum will be allocated some funding.

4. MOBILE PHONE MAST

Mr Barritt, Head of Planning Control, gave a presentation on the planning and legal issues surrounding the installation of a mobile telephone mast by T-mobile. Mr Barritt advised the forum that the council challenged the installation and a public inquiry would be held in the town hall on Wednesday 11th June with the planning inspectorate.

5. DISCUSSION ON BIG ISSUES IN LITTLE LEVER AND DARCY LEVER

This was undertaken through informal individual "round table" conversations between elected members, residents and officers from the Council and the Police.

There followed a discussion regarding the speeding traffic issue on Stopes Road Little Lever and the concern of many residents was highlighted. Officers, Police and elected members discussed potential solutions and agreed to meet on site with all interested parties to take the matter forward.

6. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The next Area Forum meeting will be on Thursday 11th September at 6:30pm.

(The meeting started at 6.30pm. and finished at 8.15pm.)