

HULTON AREA FORUM

INFORMAL MEETING – 7th MARCH 2013

Present – 11 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Phil Ashcroft

Hulton Ward

Also in attendance

Stephen Young	-	Area Forum Chief Officer
John Shannon	-	Area Co-ordinator
Stephen Rowson	-	Business Support Officer
Janet Pollard	-	Environmental Services
Shauna Morton	-	Bolton at Home
Ian Snellin	-	Affinity Sutton Trust
PCSO Ian Garbett	-	Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Paul Dootson	-	Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Chris Knott	-	Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted by Yasmin Qureshi MP, Councillor Alan Walsh and Councillor Andrew Morgan.

Councillor Ashcroft in the Chair

15. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Ashcroft welcomed everyone and introduced the Officers in attendance.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 October 2012 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

18. Neighbourhood Management Projects in Hulton

Shauna Morton from Bolton at Home gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Management projects in the Hulton Ward and the latest priorities.

The main points were:

- The program of work around priorities:
 - Health
 - Environment
 - Youth and community safety
 - Community cohesion
 - Economic activity
- Some of the events planned to take place were:
 - Welfare Reforms information event – 13 March 2013
 - Mayday Fun-day and Barbeque 6 May 2013
 - Hulton Challenge Cup final – 27 July 2013
- Contacts for the neighbourhood management team:
 - Shauna Morton – Neighbourhood Manager – Tel 333890 shauna.morton2@boltonathome.org.uk
 - Hannah Barrett – Administration Officer – Tel 338967 hannah.barrett@boltonathome.org.uk

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

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

19. Update from Affinity Sutton Trust

Ian Snellin from the Affinity Sutton Trust gave an update on planned improvements on the Affinity Sutton Estate and ran through the planned investment schedule.

The main points were:

- 2012/13 – External decoration had been undertaken, covering fencing and the property's wooden fascia's
- 2013/14 – No planned works as the company's estates were done on an a rota of investment

- 2014/15 – Subject to surveys of the estates areas and properties the following works were planned:
 - Replacing Kitchens
 - Entrance doors
 - Doors in communal areas in flats
 - Fencing and internal pathways
 - Boiler Replacement
- Councillor Ashcroft informed the meeting that the Area Forum had approved funding to resurface footpaths at Thistleton Road.

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

Resolved – That the presentation be noted

20. UPDATE ON BUDGETS AND PROJECTS

Area Co-ordinator John Shannon gave an update on current balances for budgets and grants devolved to the Area Forum for 2011-13 financial years as follows;

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£4,954.00
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£0.00
Targeted Budget – Neighbourhood Management (NMB)	£0.00

The following points were noted:-

- The Area Forum Budget was available to fund activities which provided a benefit to the ward
- The Highways Maintenance Budget was available to fund any of the following activities; road and footway repairs, reconstruction of roads and footways, enhancement, repair and provision of street lighting, repairs to adopted back streets, repairs to highway drains, provision of new highway drains, maintenance of road markings, traffic calming, repairs to street furniture - benches, street name plates, highway fences, guard rails and bollards, weed control, overgrown hedgerows, removal of graffiti and works to aid the disabled.

Resolved –

- i. That the report be noted;
- ii. That it be noted that the following schemes has been awarded a grant under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2011-13 budget:

<u>Grant pot</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Award</u>
AFB	Support cost of policing car during 2013	£5,000
AFB	Set aside for resurface of footpath at Newbrook Road	£4,000
AFB	To cover cost of replacement tyres for police cycles	£300
AFB	To support activities at Wallys Clubrooms	£2,000
AFB	To cover cost of barrier planting at Winterfield Drive	£185
AFB	To cover cost of new team kit and disco sessions at Wallys	£1,000
HMB	Resurface of footway at Thistleton Road	£7,995
HMB	Set aside for pothole repairs at Umberton Road	£1,000

21. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

Councillor Ashcroft 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.

- Q1 A number of questions were asked around cyclists using footpaths, the width of paths and parking in cycle lanes especially along the route of the A6.
- A Cyclists were not allowed on footpaths and should use the road unless a marked cycle lane was on the path or roadway, a £30 fine was applicable if warranted, the police agreed to monitor the section of the A6 when they could and when in the area. Highways would be asked to clarify the regulations regarding parking in cycle lanes.

Q2 Could the Highways Inspector be asked to confirm that the recently constructed footway at Watergate Lane had been made to the required specification?

A This would be taken back to Highways for investigation.

Q3 Could Salford Road be looked at around the former Chloride factory and up to the Hulton boundary as there were issues with Litter, overgrown footpaths and broken/missing fencing?

A Cllr Ashcroft informed the meeting that he would request that the area be litter picked through the Community Payback scheme. Any repairs or cyclical maintenance would be subject to budget availability.

Q4 Snydale Way was also in need of repair.

A This fell into the Westhoughton North and Chew Moor ward so would be passed on the appropriate Area Forum to take up.

Q5 How was Thistleton Road selected for Area Forum funding support to resurface pavements, Hawkshead Drive pavements had deteriorated over the winter?

A A walk round survey of the estate was undertaken and Councillor Ashcroft attended this, so he understood the problems. Three roads were selected as in most need of repair but Thistleton Road was highlighted as the priority at that time, it was also the only one that could be done in its entirety so was decided upon on that basis.

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

22. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Ashcroft thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next meeting of the Hulton Area Forum would most likely take place during June 2013 and residents would be notified in the usual way.

(The meeting started at 6.56pm and finished at 7.45pm)