

## **RUMWORTH AREA FORUM**

MEETING, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Present – 12 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Adia (Chair)	- Rumworth Ward
Councillor Kay	- Rumworth Ward

### Also in attendance

Andrew Donaldson	- Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Partnerships, Chief Executives Department
John Shannon	- Area Coordinator, Chief Executives Department
Stephen Rowson	- Business Support Officer, Chief Executives Department
Shabir Fazal	- Forum Chief Officer, Assistant Director, Access and Inclusion
Kevan Roberts	- Head of Division, Environmental Services
Pauline Dixon	- Rumworth Neighbourhood Manager, Development and Regeneration
Karen Moss	- Neighbourhood Management, Development and Regeneration
Karen Johnston	- Consultation & Research Manager, Communications and Marketing Agency
Chris Holland	- Building Consultancy Manager, Corporate Property Services
Salma Mogradia	- Community Development Leadership Officer
Sergeant Rob Knight	- Greater Manchester Police
Mike Farrell	- Greater Manchester Police

Apologies for absence were submitted by Brian Iddon (M.P),  
Ruth Kelly (M.P), Councillor Ibrahim (Rumworth Ward) and

Shauna Morton (Bolton at Home).

Councillor Adia in the Chair.

## **23. INTRODUCTION**

Councillor Adia opened the meeting and introduced the other Councillors and Officers in attendance.

Cllr Adia introduced Andrew Donaldson who gave a short briefing on arrangements for the management of the proposed demonstration by the English Defence League in Bolton town centre on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

## **24. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **25. UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

Sgt Rob Knight introduced a short presentation on neighbourhood policing with encouraging statistics, in the past two years:

- Burglary dwelling - down 90%
- Burglary other - down 58%
- Theft from Motor Vehicle - down 88%
- Theft of Motor Vehicle - down 75%
- Robbery - down 60%
- Criminal Damage - down 57%
- Serious Violent Crime - down 75%

Councillor Adia thanked Sgt Knight and the neighbourhood policing team on behalf of the Area Forum for their efforts in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Rumworth.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **26. REVIEW OF 2009/10**

A round up of projects and proposals supported by the Rumworth area forum and the Neighbourhood management team was undertaken and the presentation covered the following points:

- The Area Forum's priorities
- The budgets available
- The number of meetings and themes over the year
- Some of the issues tackled
- Improving Highways
- Providing recreational opportunities
- Supporting community groups
- Rumworth neighbourhood management
- Intensifying neighbourhood renewal
- Local issues – Rumworth
- Neighbourhood management in Rumworth 2009 to continue to 2011 – continuing into 2010/11 covering the following:
  - Activities for young people
  - Clean Streets
  - Clean and Green
  - Safer – reducing the level of crime
  - Health
  - Strong and confident
  - Prosperous
  - Achieving

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **27. UPDATE ON BUDGETS DEVOLVED TO THE AREA FORUM**

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John Shannon, the Rumworth Area Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the subject of budgets and grants available to the Rumworth Ward for 2009/10. He explained that budget balances for the year, including funds carried forward from 2008/9, were as follows:

Area Based Grant (ABG)	-	£53,560.00
Area Forum Budget (AFB)	-	£28,390.00
Highways Maintenance (HM)	-	£10,245.00
Voluntary Sector Grant (VSG)	-	£3,169.70
New - Positive Contributions Budget (PCB)	-	£10,000.00

Budget balances following decisions made by members at the meeting, previous meetings in the year and under the council's scheme of delegation were as follows:

Area Based Grant (ABG)	-	£422.00
Area Forum Budget (AFB)	-	£93.00
Highways Maintenance (HM)	-	Fully allocated
Voluntary Sector Grant (VSG)	-	£336.70
New - Positive Contributions Budget (PCB)	-	Fully allocated

Resolved – That the report be noted, together with the following schemes which have been awarded under the council's scheme of delegation or at this meeting:

<b><u>Grant pot</u></b>	<b><u>Scheme's – Awarded under the council's Scheme of delegation</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
ABG	Support the cost of improved parking and traffic management at Emmanuel Place	£5,000
ABG	Contribute towards the cost of the carriageway overlay at High Street	£8,138
AFB	Support to Bolton Solidarity Project	£5,000
PCB	Contribution towards cost of establishment of Youth Involvement Team in Rumworth	£5,000

<u>Grant pot</u>	<u>Scheme's – Awarded at the Meeting</u>	<u>Award</u>
AFB	Cost of additional works at Brandwood Street and Mercia Street	£404

## **28. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**

The Chair invited attendees to ask questions and express any concerns they may have regarding the Rumworth area, no questions were raised.

## **29. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Adia closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and announced that the date of the next Rumworth Area Forum meeting was proposed to be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2010 and would be confirmed and a venue notified to residents in due course in the usual way.

(The meeting started at 6.10 pm and finished at 7.25 pm)