

HALLIWELL AREA FORUM

MEETING, 23rd January, 2010

Present – 18 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Thomas (Chair)	- Halliwell Ward
Councillor Morris	- Halliwell Ward
Councillor Zaman	- Halliwell Ward

Also in attendance

Jon Lord	- Area Forum Chief Officer, Development and Regeneration Department
John Shannon	- Area Coordinator, Chief Executives Department
Stephen Rowson	- Business Support, Chief Executives Department
Shaheen Sameja	- Halliwell Neighbourhood Manager, Development and Regeneration Department
Malcolm Russell	- Head of Service, Environmental Services
Rafael Martinez	- Safer Communities Officer, Community Safety Services
Ian Platt	- Community Housing Manager, Bolton at Home
Anne Burns	- West Neighbourhood Manager, Bolton at Home
Andy Walker	- Head of Service, Development and Regeneration Department
Beverley Andrew	- Royal Bolton Hospital
Lesley Jones	- NHS Bolton
Neil Kenyon	- Contour Homes
Insp Phil Spurgeon	- Greater Manchester Police
Insp Shane O'Neill	- Greater Manchester Police
John Moorhouse	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Thomas in the Chair.

Apologies were submitted on behalf of David Crausby MP

19. INTRODUCTION

Councillor Thomas welcomed everyone and introduced her fellow Councillors and officers in attendance.

20. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October, 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following, that with respect to minute 15 'update on Queens park' the number of tree's to be removed was in the region of 400 and not 1,000 as stated in the minutes.

21. GROUP DISCUSSIONS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOL HILL

A short presentation was given by Shaheen Sameja, the Halliwell Neighbourhood Manager. This was followed by group discussions and then a recap on key tasks and next steps.

The key themes were:

Health	-	Improving health and well being
Safer	-	Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
Cleaner, Greener	-	Improving cleanliness and the use of parks and green spaces
Achieving	-	Raising educational attainment and training and opportunities
Prosperous	-	Improving skills, advice and access to jobs
Strong and confident	-	Providing support to increase community engagement and volunteering

Residents commented that the main problems were around bins, dog fouling, litter and anti-social behaviour connected with drink and drugs. They had noted that things had improved over the last five years. It was further noted that there was an interest and willingness among residents to get involved in initiatives.

Shaheen informed the meeting that a Strategic Partnership meeting was due to take place on the 2nd of February 2010, lead by Cllr Linda Thomas and that this would look at the points of concern raised. She also invited residents to attend a Coffee morning at Gaskell Street at 9am on the 28th of January 2010

Resolved – That the presentation and comments be noted.

22. UPDATE ON AREA FORUM BUDGETS

John Shannon, the Halliwell Area Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the subject of budgets and grants available to the Halliwell Ward for 2009/10. He explained that budget balances following decisions made by members at the meeting and under the scheme of delegation were as follows:

Area Based Grant (ABG)	-	Fully allocated
Area Forum Budget (AFB)	-	Fully allocated
Highways Maintenance (HM)	-	Fully allocated
Voluntary Sector Grant (VSG)	-	£2,656.39
New - Positive Contributions Budget (PCB)	-	Fully allocated

Resolved – That the report be noted, together with the following schemes which have been funded through the devolved budgets:

1. Back Glade Street carriageway and footway resurface (£17,495)
2. Back Elmwood Grove carriageway and footway resurface (£13,454)

3. Back Bertrand Road street lighting (£16,642) [£5,742 from 2010/11]
4. Hatfield Road playing field guard rail; 50% contribution (£2,443)
5. St Lukes Drop-in; support for new charity shop (£3,000)
6. "Walk on the wild side" arts based project for young people (£5,000)
7. "Friday night sports club" activities for young people (£5,000)
8. Halfway Project, support for activities (£5,000)

23. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Thomas concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. She announced that the next Halliwell Area Forum would be in late May or early June and that those in attendance and on the Halliwell mailing lists would be informed in advance of the meeting.

(The meeting started at 12.00pm and finished at 1.10pm)