## PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 3 FEBRUARY 2014

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1	Eamon O'Brian	Can we have an update when the bus shelters will be replaced?	Cllr Bayley TfGM	There are a number of bus stops in the Bury area which are currently to be upgraded with a raised platform using funding from the Better Bus Area Fund.
				Bus stop NC4152 on Butterstile Lane is due to be upgraded shortly and therefore to avoid a breakage of the panels within the shelter, we have arranged for the bus stop to be de-glazed. As soon as the works are completed by the contractors, we will promptly arrange for the shelter to be re-glazed.
				We understand that this may be an inconvenience to passengers, whilst stops are being upgraded and are temporarily out of service. The works at the different bus stops are staggered and temporary bus stops will be provided whilst the works are ongoing.  TfGM
			For Info	Bus stop/shelter enquiries can be sent to shelters@tfgm.com
2	CIIr O'Hanlon	Could the bus shelters be updated at the same time as the upgrade to include information to passengers when buses are due?	Cllr Bayley TfGM	Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) are currently approaching the end of a procurement process that is looking to deliver a new real-time passenger information system. We envisage that this will obtain data from across various parts of the transport network in Greater Manchester and make this available to travellers. This will primarily be delivered through electronic methods such as internet journey planners

and mobile phone applications. Additionally, we hope to make the same data available to be used on certain display screens where available, primarily in key transport interchanges.

The information being provided will look to include real-time data from the commercial bus operators in Greater Manchester, the Metrolink system, the road network (e.g. Highway journey times between key points) as well as from other sources.

Due to the deregulation of Greater Manchester's bus network and thus privately operated, it will involve the introduction of complex systems to manage and distribute all of the bus data to those who need it across Greater Manchester. Currently, there are over 50 bus operators in Greater Manchester who all use different systems to manage their individual operations. TfGM is working with them to try and bring this data together so that we can then provide the data to the travelling public. Initially, we expect to get data from all of the three largest operators in Greater Manchester: First Manchester, Stagecoach Manchester and Arriva. We also expect to obtain some real-time data from a limited number of smaller operators, who are yet to be confirmed.

We are also looking to use similar data to help give priority to late running buses at certain traffic signals in Greater Manchester. We hope that this will contribute towards better punctuality of bus services.

The new system will take time to design, build and test before the general public get to use it but we believe that it will provide great benefit to the travellers of

				Greater Manchester in the not too distant future. Current plans are to have a solution in place in early 2015, but we are still at the planning stages and this is therefore subject to change.  Joanne Hewitt TfGM
3	Jay Lieberman	Can we have an update on the construction of the retirement homes on park View/ Bury New Road.	Planning	McCarthy and Stone are looking to submit a new planning application which would involve amendments to the building within the next month. This will take up to 3 months to process and if approved, the applicant may start on site towards the end of the year.  Helen Longworth Senior Planning Officer
4	Jay Lieberman	There are sink hole and speeding problems on Butterstile Lane, can anything be done?	Highways	Regarding road collapse next to Street Light 10 on Butterstile Lane, I have been advised by our Highways Operations Department that the collapse is expected to be repaired this week (w/c 3 Feb 2014). Unfortunately due to flooding issues in the Borough which took priority the collapse could not be repaired immediately. Alison Dickinson PA to Neil Long, Assistant Director (Operations)  StreetSafe 20mph initiative: The Council are currently carrying out investigations to establish how best to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the residential streets within the Butterstile Lane area. The Council expects to be in a position to initiate a consultation exercise on proposals later this year with a view to implementing a scheme before the end of the next financial year (2014/15). Consultation documents will be delivered to all residents in the area once provisional proposals are ready. Unfortunately, there is no accurate timescale at this time as the programme

				will to a degree be dependant on the outcome of the consultation exercise.  Les Watts  Principal Engineer, Road Safety
5	Robert Atkins	Vibration issues on Butterstile Lane due to buses – road doesn't seem suitable for buses, and the road is never gritted. We also have issues with cars parked on both sides of the road causing obstructions.	Highways	We have recently carried out joint repair works to Butterstile Lane and the feedback I received from Cllr O'Hanlon was that this had eased the problem. Peter Stokes Principal Engineer Network Maintenance
6	Tony Carter	There was a leak at Prestwich Hills, as this area wasn't gritted it became dangerous. Something on the estate is causing the problem.  Church Lane grids are now full again.	Highways Engineers Highways	Following confirmation of location from Tony Carter, Highways confirm this is likely a land drainage issue rather than a highway drainage issue. Officers are looking at the feasibility of picking some more of this surface water up at the junction with either additional or larger grates or acos. Andy Southgate Principal Engineer (Structures/Drainage)  RS reported online Ref: 1766110
7.	Cllr Paddy Heneghan	Please note members of the public can report a problem online via the Council website homepage http://www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1667 by phone 0161 253 5353 or in writing/person - Bury Council, Town Hall, Knowsley Street, Bury, BL9 0SW	For Information only	Noted

8.	James H Reeves	Raised ParkLife concerns:		
		- Can the police cope with potentially an additional 10,000 people? Has been illegal alcohol/taxis & ASB in previous years.	Dealt with at Forum	Inspector Kenny stated GMP Bury South can cope with additional revellers, will have a physical presence and engaging with the public. If a crime is committed they will take positive robust action.
		- Parking was not dealt with last year, what measures are in place for this years event?	Highways	Neil Long (Asst Director) feeding into Heaton Park Management meeting 11 Feb with Highways & Licensing.
9.	Clir Jane Black	Has been asked by residents to raise the issue of dog mess in Prestwich – on the high street and in the Green spaces. Looking to build momentum to run a campaign – especially people with young children. Watch this space!	For information	Noted.
10.	David Stanley	Some dog bins in the parks are positioned at inappropriate locations, making it hard for them to be used and emptied. Would be better positioned at the entrances to parks to be used by park users and those walking past on the highway.	Waste Parks	Parks have already consulted the local community on the present positions of these bins, however if a new bin is ordered as a replacement for another then we will consider this action & consult David as to his preferred site, I do have to add that we are not currently replacing bins due to the cuts in budgets It is also fair to add that any bin can be used for depositing dog fouling bags  Mike Bent  Parks & Countryside Manager  The bins have been, in the main, in situ for some years now and this issue has never been raised before to my knowledge. That being said we don't have the funds available in revenue budgets to move the bins, nor is

				this likely to change for the foreseeable future.  Tom Buggie Facilities Manager (Parks and Countryside)  Regarding location being difficult to empty, I can confirm the team haven't complained.
				Mick Morris Cleansing Operations Manager
11.	Anne Hutchinson Rainsough Resident & David Stanley	Both wanted to official state Kim Griffiths was very helpful and give official thanks for her work over the past years.	For information	Noted

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