

**Minutes of: RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH  
MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM**

**Date of Meeting:** 27 March 2014

**Present:** Councillor (in the Chair)  
Councillors I Bevan, S Carter, J Daly, L Fitzwalter,  
I Gartside, D Gunther, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain and  
Y Wright

Dr F Binns – The Holcombe Society/BRIF  
A Waddell – Greenmount Village Community Group

**Also in attendance:** Nicola Harrison - Programme Manager, Public  
Health  
Sharon Martin – Bury CCG  
Dr Kiran Patel – Bury CCG

**Public Attendance:** 12 Members of the public were present at the  
meeting.

**Apologies for Absence:** K Conley – Rotary Club of Ramsbottom  
Rev S Openshaw – Ramsbottom & Edenfield Team  
Ministry/Churches Together in Ramsbottom

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**RTNM.923 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gartside declared a personal interest in any item relating to funding applications as he had supported some recent applications.

Councillor Gunther declared a personal interest in any item relating to funding applications as she had also supported some recent applications.

**RTNM.924 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**It was agreed:**

That the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Township Forum held on 16 January 2014 be approved as a correct record.

**RTNM.925 MATTERS ARISING**

Mr Graham referred to Minute RTNM.681, Police Update from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and explained that he had spoken with Inspector Crossman about the parking issues adjacent to the double white lines on Chapel Street in Tottington. Mr Graham explained that he had been in talks with a highways officer who had stated that he should take the issue up

with the Police. The Highways Officer would not even consider changing from double white lines to double yellow lines or extending them further down the road.

Mr Graham asked that the issue be looked at by the Police and the Highways officers again because he felt that if it was allowed to continue there would be a serious accident before long.

Councillor Wright referred to the attendance of the Advisory Group members at the previous Township Forum Meetings and the fact that some of the members had not attended for a long time. Councillor Wright asked that they be contacted and if not attending anymore be removed as a member

**It was agreed:**

1. That a site visit to Chapel Street with local Councillors, Highways Officers, the Police and Mr Graham be arranged for as soon as possible.
2. That Dave Thomas contacts the Advisory Group Members who had missed 3 or more meetings and not sent apologies to advise them that they will be taken off as a member.

**RTNM.926 WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR HODKINSON**

Councillor Bevan explained that the former Councillor, Joanne Columbine had tendered her resignation as a Councillor on 17 January 2014. This meant that there had been the need for a by-election in Ramsbottom.

The by-election had taken place on March 6 and Councillor Rob Hodkinson had been the successful candidate elected to the post.

Councillor Hodkinson introduced himself to those present and explained that he had been a resident of Ramsbottom for the previous 26 years. Councillor Hodkinson and his wife ran a family clothing business in the town on Bridge Street and both his daughters had attended Ramsbottom schools throughout their education.

Councillor Hodkinson explained that he was proud of the strong community links that existed in Ramsbottom and he was looking forward to serving the town.

**It was agreed:**

That Councillor Hodkinson be welcomed to the Township Forum.

## **RTNM.927 HEALTHIER TOGETHER**

Dr Kiran Patel, Chair of NHS Bury Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) attended the meeting in order to give a presentation on the Healthier Together initiative aimed at transforming health and care services in Bury. Sharon Martin, Head of Commissioning at NHS Bury's CCG was also in attendance to answer any questions from members of the Township Forum and from members of the public present.

The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Provided background information on Bury CCG
- Detailed the Healthier Together initiative's aims and objectives
- Detailed the different organisations responsible for the governance of the Healthier Together initiative
- Provided information on the In-Hospital Reconfiguration Programme
- Explained why the changes in managing and delivering health and care services in Bury needed to be introduced
- Explained the future vision for local and specialised health care services
- Detailed the future model of care for single services
- Explained how the changes would be achieved via a two year operating and five year strategic planning programme

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments and the following points were raised:-

- Councillor Fitzwalter referred to Ramsbottom Health Centre and the fact that the Group Practice was currently under a lot of pressure. This was due to the fact that the practice was funded £30 less per patient than the national average and was extremely busy. Councillor Fitzwalter stated that there had been discussions about the possibility of closing the practice to new patients and asked how the CCG could support them.

Dr Patel explained that the CCG were aware of the issues at Ramsbottom Health Centre. He had visited the surgery along with Stuart North the Chief Executive of Bury CCG to facilitate a meeting with NHS England to look at solutions and options available. Dr Patel stated that he would be more than happy to meet with Councillor Fitzwalter separately to discuss the issues.

- Councillor Gunther referred to treatments being provided at specialist centres which may be in different towns across Greater Manchester and asked that transport issues were considered.

Dr Patel explained that issues around transport had been learned during previous service reconfigurations and work was being carried out to make sure that transport was available and accessible.

It was also reported that a sub group of the Health Scrutiny Committee had met with a representative from the Healthier Futures programme who was leading on transport issues relating to service provision across Greater Manchester.

- Councillor Daly referred the Turning Point facility for mental health in Summerseat and the excellent work that was carried out there. Councillor Daly asked how something like this could be replicated across the borough to ensure that as many people as possible could access it.

Sharon explained that Community Services Commissioning Team had arranged for a specialist day where smaller providers could meet larger providers and talk through the commissioning process and other options available.

- Alistair Waddell asked how the success of the Radcliffe Demonstrator would be measured.

Dr Patel explained that results would show with a reduction in admissions and presentations to A & E.

- Councillor Daly referred to the 'I Will if You Will' initiative that Bury had received funding for which promoted an active lifestyle. Councillor Daly explained that he was aware that take up of the activities was quite low and asked how this would be promoted further.

It was explained that the scheme was promoted as much as possible through the council and public health as well as referrals from GPs. It was hoped that outcomes would show an increase in physical activity.

## **RTNM.928 BURY'S JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Nicola Harrison Programme Manager – Public Health gave a presentation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) being undertaken by NHS Bury CCG which is intended to provide an assessment of local health and social care needs now and in to the future. It is hoped that the JSNA will be used to inform and guide commissioning of health, well-being and social care services within Bury. The presentation provided detailed statistical analysis of the health and wellbeing status of Bury communities on a ward by ward basis. The data showed where the inequalities in Bury exist and it was explained that this information would help to highlight key findings, identify changes that have occurred and what these changes mean to Bury and help to identify areas for further analysis and exploration.

Some of the priorities identified following the local needs assessment exercise were detailed as follows:-

- Tackling alcohol related health problems
- Promoting independence at home for older people where possible
- Reducing levels of smoking and smoking prevention
- Promoting physical activity
- Better understanding of the needs of vulnerable people
- Halting the increasing rates of childhood obesity and reducing obesity in adults
- Understanding and addressing health inequalities
- Tackling cancer and circulatory disease
- Anticipating rising demand and need
- Focus on most deprived areas
- Focus on mental and emotional wellbeing

The meeting was informed that the Consultation for the JSNA had run from 18 February and was due to end on 31 March, 2014. The key questions forming the consultation ask local residents if the priorities identified are the right ones?, if there are other issues that would benefit from further exploration and if so, why are these important? Residents were asked to respond via Bury Council's website at [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) or via the leaflets being distributed throughout the community. At the end of the Consultation process, a report would be compiled of all responses received and the Health & Wellbeing Board would consider the findings and implications for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and relevant commissioning plans.

The Chair invited questions, comments and representations from members of the public present at the meeting:-

- Councillor Gunther referred to the figures relating to children and stated that North Manor had the least children than any other ward in the Borough.

Nicola explained that the assessments were carried out on 1000 eligible participants per ward.

- Councillor Gunther also referred to the figures relating to women smoking whilst pregnant and asked how you would stop someone from smoking.

Nicola explained that engagement and understanding would be used to find out why women smoked whilst pregnant and educate on the effects to both the mother and the unborn child.

- Inspector Eddison queried the statistics given in relation to fuel poverty across the borough and asked whether the figures were correct.

Nicola stated that she would double check the figures set out and report back to the Forum.

- Councillor Wright explained that she was encouraged by the statistics relating to children and young people undertaking exercise but was concerned that there was still an issue with obesity. Councillor Wright asked how you can influence what people feed their children.

Nicola explained that education and policy change were required to get the messages across but by working with producers on packaging issues and implementing a borough wide weight strategy the message would start to filter through.

- Councillor Fitzwalter asked how public health were working with schools to promote healthier living and deal with issues such as teenage pregnancy. Councillor Fitzwalter explained that Woodhey High School had set up a drop in centre which had helped with some issues.

Nicola explained that there used to be a healthy schools programme that was rolled out across the borough and it was hoped that this would be reinstated in the near future.

- Janet Smith stated that the food industry should do more to promote healthy limits and educate.
- A member of the public also stated that children lead less active lives than they used to.
- A question was asked in relation to the Public Health budget and whether this was ringfenced.

It was explained that the budget for Public Health was ringfenced. Any movement of monies into different services would have to be related to health and wellbeing and was monitored by the Director of Public Health.

- Mr Cooper referred to some of the health inequalities that had been highlighted and stated that not all of them were linked with deprivation levels and could be due to drug and alcohol abuse and high levels of pressure in life leading to mental health issues.

Nicola explained that mental health had been recognised as an issue within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and work would be carried out in this area.

**It was agreed:**

That Nicola be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.

**RTNM.929 INTRODUCTION FROM INSPECTOR JASON EDDISON**

Police Inspector Jason Eddison attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new Inspector for Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor.

Inspector Eddison explained that Lorraine Crossman had been the interim inspector following Inspector Bryn Williams moving from the area. Inspector Eddison had now been appointed as inspector for the area and would be working to help as many people as possible and solve the issues that affect the community.

Inspector Eddison reported that he could be contacted over the phone and via e-mail. His contact details were available on the police website.

Those present were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions and the following points were raised:-

- Mr Graham referred to the issue that he had spoken about earlier with the cars parking illegally on Chapel Street in Tottington and asked whether Inspector Crossman had passed the information on.

Inspector Eddison explained that he hadn't received any information regarding this issue and it sounded like more of an issue for the Council. Inspector Eddison reported that he would be happy to attend a site visit to view the issue first hand.

- Dr Binns reported that there had been a number of shopkeepers bothered by people coming into their shops asking for change and then dealing cannabis in the town.

Inspector Eddison asked that the shopkeepers report this directly to him in order that he can follow it up.

- A member of the public representing Holcombe Brook Methodist Church referred to Woodhey Road which was unadopted and the double yellow lines that had been painted there. The church congregation had in the past parked on this road and it had never been an issue. This was now causing issues as people attending the church for services as well as events were having to park miles away.

Councillor Gunther explained that work was being done to try to find out who owned the road so that they could be contacted. Councillor Bevan stated that he would report back at a future meeting.

### **RTNM.930 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- Alistair Waddell explained that 20mph road markings had been installed at the top of Denedin Road. Mr Waddell stated that he had not been consulted on this and asked how this could be done without the residents' knowledge.
- Brenda Headley reported that there was an issue with dogs fouling in the Peel Brow area of Ramsbottom.
- Mr Brian Fowler referred to the fact that there were two MPs representing the borough, one in the north and one in the south. Mr fowler asked whether there should be two planning committees in the borough also.

It was explained that the number of MPs that a town had was linked to the number of residents within the town. The Planning Committee was constituted by the Council and therefore only 1 committee was required.

**COUNCILLOR I BEVAN**  
**Chair**

**(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.05 pm)**