

BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM
ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 3rd February 2015

	Raised by	ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM	Action by	Action
1	Lesley Wildeman	Stated that several issues she has raised in the past have not been resolved, including; flooding at the end of Nuttall Street, speed cushions disintegrating and no longer easily seen, parking on footpaths causing danger to pedestrians having to walk in the road and yellow box junctions no longer being marked up sufficiently due to the lack of maintenance.	Cllr Connolly/Township Coordinator	Councillor Connolly explained that all issues raised at Open Forum are recorded and actions required are tabled and the Township Co-ordinator passes these through to the relevant departments and Officers. However, due to funding constraints and loss of staff, which have not been replaced due to the budget cuts, all services have to be prioritised and unfortunately not every issue raised can now be addressed as there is no longer the staff or resources available.
2	Harry Reed	Raised the issue of the grid on Rochdale Road that always flooded asked when it would be resolved. Also asked if it was correct that there was £10 million available now towards road maintenance.	Township coordinator /Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly stated that £10 million is available, but over the next 7 years and this is in fact another Government cut. The Township Co-ordinator stated that he had met with the Highways engineers about this particular grid and it was to be sorted within the next 7 days.
3	Mr Iqbal	Reported further flooding at grids on Heywood Street and Fletcher Street which is a major health and safety concern as all the local children are leaving the Mosque and on these dark nights it is very dangerous.	Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly stated that he would look into this and feedback to the Township Forum.

4	Victor Hagan	Reported that 8,000 residents of Six Town Housing properties had received a letter explaining a change to the tenancy agreement which he felt was threatening. He stated that he had contacted Six Town Housing and was told to contact the Council.	Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly stated that the new tenancy agreement had been approved at Cabinet and this was designed to protect good tenants. There are tenants that can make others lives a misery and the new tenancy agreement is to remove anti social behaviour from areas where the majority of residents make excellent tenants.
5	Tim Boaden	Enquired regarding Bury's Rangers' Service which has depleted from 10 to 2 following the budget cuts and how would the volunteer Rangers manage if there was no longer the equipment, tools or storage available. Could a report and feedback be reported back to the Township Forum regarding this?	Cllr Connolly	<p>Councillor Connolly stated he would be happy to investigate and report back to the forum, however, the cuts to the Rangers are directly from the Council's budget cuts and unfortunately, as explained previously, services had to be prioritised. Councillor Connolly stated how much the volunteer Rangers were appreciated.</p> <p>Harry Reed explained that Tim should contact the Parks' Manager who was very helpful in relation to tools, equipment and storage which were still available.</p>