

**Minutes of:** **BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM**

**Date of Meeting:** 6 June 2013

**Venue:** Jubilee Centre, Mosley Avenue, Bury

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Councillors: D M Cassidy, M Connolly, S Haroon, T Holt, K Rothwell, J Smith, S Smith, T Tariq and S Walmsley

**Advisory Group Representatives:** Tim Boaden (Seedfield TRA), Ann Clayton (New Springs Community Project Group), Janet Edwards Harry Reed (Pimhole Residents' Association)

**Public attendance:** 10 members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies for absence:** Tan Ahmed (ADAB - Chair), Darren Durham (Freedom Church, Bury), Becky Mayo (Young Person Representative), Gemma Philburn (Streetwise 2000)

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**BETF.78      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made in relation to any items considered at the meeting.

**BETF.79      MINUTES**

**Delegated decision:**

That the Minutes of the Bury East Township Forum meeting held on 20 March 2013, be approved and signed as a correct record.

**BETF.80      MATTERS ARISING**

Janet Edwards referred to the recycling report that had been received at the last meeting of the Township Forum and asked that this information be publicised in the Bury Times as residents needed to be made aware of how successful the recycling initiative was and to promote more recycling.

Councillor Connolly confirmed that he recycling initiative was proving successful but also stated that the levels of recycling still needed to improve further and the current goal was to reach 50% and more.

**BETF. 81      NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Democratic Services Officer at the meeting asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Bury East Township Forum for the following two year period.

Tan Ahmed, Advisory Group Member was nominated for the position of Chair and Councillor Cassidy was nominated for the position of Vice Chair.

Following a vote of the elected Members present at the meeting;

**It was agreed:**

That Tan Ahmed be confirmed as Chair to the Forum and Councillor Cassidy be confirmed as Vice Chair.

**BETF.82      ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS**

The Democratic Services Officer at the meeting reported that following a ballot, the following representatives had been confirmed as Members of the Township Forum Advisory Group;

- Tan Ahmed - ADAB
- Anne Clayton - New Springs Community Project
- Darren Durham - Freedom Church
- Janet Edwards - Older Peoples' Forum
- Harry Reed - Pimhole Residents' Association
- Gemma Philburn - Streetwise 2000
- Lesley Wildeman - Topping Fold TRA
- Tim Boaden - Seedfield TRA

It was also reported that Becky Mayo did not need to reapply as an Advisory Group Member as she had not served the full two year term.

**It was agreed**

That the Advisory Group Members be welcomed to the Township Forum.

**BETF.83      FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING SITE AND COMMUNITY HUB**

The Township Forum received a presentation from Councillor David Acton, Chairman of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority and Ged Murphy, Director of Finance and Technical Services at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, on the new training site

that was to be developed in the Wellington Street area of the town

It was reported that the Fire and Rescue Service had been looking for a suitable site for a number of years across the whole of the Greater Manchester region.

The site that had been identified was an historic industrial site that had stood empty for 10 - 15 years. The service had drawn up plans to provide a training facility and community hub which would provide a greatly needed resource to both the fire service and the region as a whole.

The presentation set out the proposed layout of the site and gave information relating to access.

It was explained that the facility would cost around £8.5m to develop and it was anticipated that it would be used by the whole of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue and further afield as a training facility and community facility.

Ged explained that there would be concerns from residents but all of these would be addressed;

Disruption caused by building work:

It was explained that where possible works would be carried out on site with the building work expected to last around 18 months.

Smoke and fire issues:

Fire houses will be housed inside larger buildings and the smoke produced will be filtered and released as clean air.

Open air fires will not use chemicals and will smaller in scale.

Noise:

The noise will be no more than an ordinary industrial unit would produce.

It was also explained that that indoor and outdoor interactive activities would be provided for schools and community groups.

Questions were invited from those present at the meeting and the following points were raised:-

- Mrs Wildeman referred to the building work and asked if it could be included in the contracts that local firms would be used.

Ged explained that the Fire Authority were committed to ensuring that all firms involved in the project were responsible by paying the living wage and sourcing as local products as possible to meet environmental requirements and where possible local contractors and suppliers would be used.

- Mrs Edwards referred to the large vehicles that would be entering and exiting the site and asked whether this issue would cause any problems with both access and traffic build up.

Ged explained that the junction to the site had recently been upgraded to incorporate traffic lights which made access to the site much easier. It was also explained that the site had been used for industrial purposes previously and large vehicles regularly required access.

**It was agreed:**

1. That Councillor Acton and Ged Murphy be thanked for their presentation.
2. That the presentation be noted.

**BETF.84 BURY EAST TOWNSHIP ACTION PLAN**

All those present at the meeting split into groups to discuss the following issues:-

- Improved Employment & Training Opportunities
- Improved Community Safety
- Health & Wellbeing
- Community Cohesion & Integration
- New Priorities

It was explained that David Thomas would take away all of the comments raised and compile a report setting out the findings, this would then be used to feed into the Township Plan refresh. The report would be shared with all those present prior to the next meeting of the Township Forum.

**BETF.85 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Vice Chair, Councillor Cassidy, invited questions, comments and representations from members of the public present at the meeting. Questions were asked and comments made on the issues detailed below.

- Mr Tim Boaden referred to the recent job evaluation of lunch time supervisors that had taken place in schools across the borough. Mr Boaden explained that the evaluations had down graded the supervisors as they were not deemed to have the required level of interaction with the children to remain at the level they were at previously.
- Mr Boaden asked that this be reviewed as the supervisors were there to supervise the children and therefore had interaction with the children.

Councillor Holt explained that the pay and grading review had been carried out across the Council and Six Town Housing and was now being carried out in schools. He also explained that an appeals process was built into the scheme that should be used in circumstances where the post holder did not feel that their evaluation had been carried out properly.

**BETF.86**

**VENUE, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was reported that the next meeting of the Bury East Township Forum would be held on 9 July 2013 at the Metro Christian Centre at 7.00pm.

**Councillor D Cassidy**  
**Vice Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.30pm)