

AGENDA FOR

PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Prestwich Township Forum

Councillors : N Bayley, J Black (Chair), D'Albert,
P Heneghan, M James, O'Brien, T Pickstone, A Quinn,
A Simpson

Advisory Group Representatives:

Mr D Stanley – Prestwich Clough Centenary Committee
Mr J Barrett – Prestwich Heritage Society
Mr P Gresty– Churches Together Prestwich & Kersal
Mr F Adam – Manchester and District Jewish
Representative Council
Mr E Finch – Patients Cabinet
Mr S Hughes – Simister Village Community Assoc.

Dear Member/Colleague

Prestwich Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Prestwich Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 17 September 2015
Place:	Longfield Suite, Prestwich
Time:	6.30 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Prestwich Township Forum are asked to consider if they have an interest in any matters on the agenda and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 MINUTES (*Pages 1 - 4*)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 July 2015

4 MATTERS ARISING (*Pages 5 - 10*)

A copy of the Action Checklist is attached.

5 POLICE UPDATE

6 TOWN PLAN UPDATE

The Township Co-ordinator will report at the meeting.

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services.

8 FUNDING UPDATE (*Pages 11 - 14*)

A report is attached.

9 URGENT BUSINESS

Any other business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

- Minutes of:** PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM
- Date of Meeting:** 30 July 2015
- Venue:** Longfield Suite, Prestwich
- Present:**
Councillors: Councillors Councillor N Bayley, J Black (in the Chair), P Heneghan, E O'Brien, M D'Albert, A Simpson, and A Quinn
- Advisory Group**
Representatives: Mr D Stanley - Prestwich Clough Centenary Group
Mr F Adam - Manchester and District Jewish Representative Council
Mr J Barrett - Prestwich and Whitefield Heritage Society
Mr E Finch - Patients Council
Mr S Hughes - Simister Village Community Association
- Public attendance:** 9 members of the public were in attendance
- Apologies for absence:** Councillor M James and T Pickstone
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PTF.241 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair, Councillor Black, declared a personal interest in respect of Minute PTF.245 below, Town Plan Update, in relation to cross township funding as a member of the Prestwich Book Festival Committee.

PTF.242 ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Delegated decision:

That the following Advisory Group Members be appointed to serve on the Forum for a 2 year period:

Mr E Finch - Patients Council
Mr S Hughes - Simister Village Community Association

PTF.243 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 12 March 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PTF.244 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ACTION CHECKLIST

In respect of Action Point 3 it was reported that 5 people had been hospitalised as a result of legal highs during the Parklife Festival

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Members of the forum and the public present at the meeting stressed the need for young people to be educated on the issue. Mark Jones, Phoenix Centre Manager, referred to the work done by the Centre and explained that they were looking for funding to carry out outreach work in this area.

In respect of Action Point 4, Mr Finch highlighted the lack of progress with regard to pot holes along the pedestrian walkway through to the car park in the Longfield Centre. The Township Forum placed on record its concern over the lack of action on this matter and requested a date for the works to be undertaken.

In respect of Action Point 1 Mr Stanley reported that there had been no response from Legal concerning the Barn Countryside Centre.

In respect of Action Point 1 Councillor Heneghan reported that midwife services would resume at Children's Centres from September.

In respect of Action Point 6 an update was requested on the Old Plough public house.

In respect of Action Point 7, Councillor O'Brien referred to the £40,000 spent on Kershaw Park. It was reported that there were broken swings within St Mary's Park which required repair.

PTF.245 PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP PLAN UPDATE

Ruth Shedwick, Township Co-ordinator, referred to the outcome of the consultation process on the Township Forums and highlighted the new arrangements in terms of funding awards and the planned reduction in formal meetings.

It was reported that a Community Funding Sub Group had been formed comprising the following Members:

Councillor D'Albert
Councillor Heneghan
Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Quinn
Mr P Gresty

A report was submitted setting out details of funding applications for the June round of funding that had been approved by the Small Grants Panel. The Panel had considered the applications as there had not been time to form a the Sub Group of the Township Forum before the applications required approval. During discussion of this item, a request was made for the membership of the Council's Small Grants Panel.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

PTF.246 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair 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. The Township Forum Co-ordinator undertook to obtain a reply to matters which could not be dealt with at the meeting.

- Sarah Goodwin whether there had been any progress in improving the lighting on the Longfield Centre. Councillor Quinn undertook to refer the matter to the Group Engineer for Lighting.
- Jay Lieberman referred to the resurfacing of Butterstile Lane and highlighted that more was needed. Councillor Heneghan highlighted the reduction in the Council's highways budget. Councillor O'Brien suggested that pot holes in the road could be looked at as work progresses on the 20mph zone.
- Mark Jones requested a Police presence at St Mary's park to prevent anti social behaviour.
- Sarah Goodwin expressed concern over a shop in the precinct selling spray paint and it was reported that Trading Standards had been made aware of the matter.
- With regard to encouraging young people to participate in Forum meetings, Mark Jones highlighted the need to look at the format of the meetings.
- Eddie Finch highlighted that the lift in the Library was not accessible due to a lack of trained staff. Councillor Heneghan undertook to raise the issue with Head of the Library Service.
- Sian Crosby reported that on occasion the car park at St Mary's park had been locked. An undertaking was given to look into the matter.

COUNCILLOR BLACK

Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 8.20pm)

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Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 30/07/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	David Stanley	Who sits on the small grants panel?	Township Coordinator	Small Grants Panel members are Cllr Dorothy Gunther, Cllr Judith Kelly, Cllr Jane Lewis, and Cllr Rishi Shori. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
2	Eddy Finch	Further to item 4 of the previous issues raised it states an inspection of the Longfield car park walkway was done in March 2015, but nothing further has happened. Is there an update as the pot holes are very dangerous	Property Services	I'm advised that the DSO has now placed the work within the depot's next fortnightly programme and so the works should be completed by the end of August. Alex Holland Head of Property & Asset Management
3	David Stanley	Further to item 1 of the previous issues raised, can we have an update on the Barn Countryside Centre, Philips Park as still chasing the Council. Date? How long? etc.	Property Services	Emailed Alex Holland
4	Resident	Climbing frame at St. Mary's park is broken. Will this be fixed?	Parks Dept	Emailed Mike Bent
5	Resident	What is the update on The Old Plough PH site?	Building Control	Emailed Rob Thorpe
6	Resident	Has lighting in the Longfield area been addressed? It is very poor	Cllr Quinn Street lighting	The lighting in the area is a mixture of lights on columns and also under canopy lighting, which I seem to recall may be the responsibility of the management company for the properties. Our Property Services section are trying to locate the

				<p>owner for me, at which point I will contact them.</p> <p>With regards to the high mast light, this turned out to be the time switch. This has now been re-set, and the lighting should now come on at the correct time.</p> <p>I had a walk around the Longfield Centre on 10 August 2015, and couldn't really see anything different from when the scheme was originally installed.</p> <p>The tunnel could do with the lights upgrading to LED, and this shouldn't be too much trouble.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I can't find the original drawings for the scheme, and will have to obtain these from the Engineering Consultancy for reference.</p> <p>However, there does appear to be an imbalance in the lighting around the fountain and the hanging basket poles.</p> <p>Whilst I am not sure there ever was a lighting column in this position, the hanging basket pole does seem to stand out as being a bit odd. Once I obtain the as built drawings I can cross reference what is on the drawing to what is actually on site.</p> <p>Philip Hewitt Group Engineer (Street Lighting and Operations)</p>
7	Mark Jones, Phoenix Centre	St. Mary's Park has had various ASB issues at times, including people trying to get into the Phoenix Centre. Police presence not been available. Recently a young Asian man was seen taking pictures of young Jewish boys playing basketball. This is a serious issue. Very keen to open communications with GMP on a regular basis.	GMP	<p>Neighbourhood Beat Officer PC Andy Ferguson and PCSOs Mike Norbury and Sophia Khatoon has been instructed to liaise with Mark Jones.</p> <p>Inspector Ben Cottam GM Police</p>

8	Resident	Shop selling spray paint in Longfield Centre. Concerns of existing problems with graffiti in the area. 10-12 yr olds can purchase, phoned trading standards. The shop is also selling lazer pens. Not much faith in police, not turned up tonight.	Trading Standards	<p>Trading Standards do underage test purchases</p> <p>Cllr Quinn</p> <p>Sgt Steve Wightman-Love was due to attend, and has confirmed he will be attending the September meeting.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>We need to be aware that GMP presence at the Township Forums is when they are available. There are instances when issues arise on the night and we need to be mindful of this.</p> <p>Cllr Jane Black</p>
9	Mark Jones, Phoenix Centre	Need more young people to attend the Forum. Maybe change the format and have a special youth meeting.	Township Forum Chair & Coordinator	<p>A Township Forum at the Phoenix Centre would make it more informal and encourage more youths to attend.</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien</p> <p>Noted. Will look into this with possibly all Forums doing the same across the Borough.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p>
10	Cllr Quinn	We are building better relations with ParkLife etc., and want to rival Glastonbury. Surcharges on each ticket could mean money earmarked to be spend in Prestwich		Noted.
11	David Stanley	<p>Any demands for archaeological assessment on the Cussons site?</p> <p>If they reapply can there be a requirement?</p>	Development Control	<p>Need to dig further. No further progress on the site. Lapses after 3 years.</p> <p>Cllr Black</p> <p>Emailed David Marno for comment</p>

12	Eddy Finch	I signed up to do a course which was located on the 1 st floor. If you use a wheelchair, you cannot access the 1 st floor. Discriminating against people who want to do courses.	Library Services	<p>On the advice of Des Baker (H&S adviser) we have removed the evacuation chair from Prestwich Library as we cannot guarantee to have sufficient number of trained staff on site to use them in case of an emergency. Adult Learning do not have any trained staff to assist their users.</p> <p>All students who enrol on courses who have mobility problems are asked to complete a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan in order to determine their ability to get themselves out of building (implementing this would be the responsibility of the department running the activity – in this case Adult Learning).</p> <p>Members of the public who enquire at Prestwich Library are informed that the course are run on the first floor. Adult Learning offer provision in other locations for those students who are unable to attend courses at Prestwich. We have, on occasion, run workshops on the ground floor of the library though these can only run when the library is closed.</p> <p>Elizabeth Binns Head of Libraries</p>
13	Resident	Car park at St. Mary's was locked on Sunday at 2pm	Parks	Emailed Mike Bent
14	David Stanley	<p>Yellow lines on Park View Road. 2 entrances to the schools zigzag lines either side of the crossing on Park View Road. McCarthy Development entrance will be double yellow lines. Will reduce parking on Park View Road.</p> <p>St. Mary's Park car park/Flower Park and Clough dangerous to cross for</p>	Highways	Emailed Ian Lord

		children/prams. Prefer to see pedestrian crossing at that point.		
15	Resident Jack Barrett	Clarks Hill has yellow lines at Oakhurst Gardens corners they park – you can't see past the parked cars when they park on corners like Clarks Hill. Enforcement is what matters and the areas are not enforced.	Highways Parking	This information has been forwarded to the NSL supervisors. John Foudy Car Parking Manager The 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions were introduced to improve visibility for traffic pulling out of Clark's Hill. Observations were carried out in the area on various occasions, and it became apparent that vehicles were in fact parking very close to the junction therefore restricting visibility. As Rectory Lane is a busy road and Clark's Hill is a residential area the restrictions were deemed necessary to improve safety for those pulling out of the junction. Joshua Thompson Technician, Highways

Ruth Shedwick, Township Coordinator
11 August 2015

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Bury Council Township Forum Report



The Council has allocated £8,000 to each Township Forum to be allocated through a sub group of the Township forum four times a year in June, September, November and March. A maximum of £250 individual grant is available for formally constituted organisations.

Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £8,000 is available for "cross-ward" applications for activity that takes place across more than one ward. The "cross-ward" applications are determined by the Council's Small Grants Panel.

Organisations applying for funding should be running projects which address at least one of the following priorities or one of those detailed in the Township plans:

- Improved employment opportunities
- Improved Community and Safety
- Improved Health and Well being
- Learning Opportunities for local residents
- Community Cohesion, Community Pride and belonging
- Environmental improvements

This report details the applications for the August round of funding. The first round of applications was approved by the Small Grants Panel as there was insufficient time to form sub group of the Township Forums before the applications had to be approved. .

Bury East

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
	Allocated	-		

Bury West

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
	Allocated	-		

Prestwich

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
Seaforth Explorer Unit	New Equipment	£250		
St Margarets Bowling Club	To purchase fridge	£250		
Simister Village Community	To put on a Social event 18/08/2015	£250	£250	17/08/2015
	Allocated		£250	

Radcliffe

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
Withins Community Association	Purchase wooden raised bed planters and compost	£250		
Radcliffe Heritage Society	Promote historic places in Calender	£250		
	Allocated			

Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
			£ -	

Whitefield and Unsworth

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
North Manchester Ladies Jewish Drama Group	To put on a bespoke play written for the ladies	£250	£ -	

	Allocated			
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Cross Township

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
Bury & District Homewatch	Annual Bury Homewatch Conference	£500		
Unsworth Cricket Club	New removable goal post	£500		
Little Britain Anglers	Purchase lawn mower	£500		
Bury Carers Centre	Activities for young carer's	£ -	Declined supported by larger organisation.	
Buddy's for Children with Autism	Shop fixtures & fittings	£500		
Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Organised trip for Bury's	£500	£500	
Bury Diabetic Support Group	Publicity material	£500		
Prestwich ,Radcliffe & Whitefield Scout District. Giants Seat Campsite	To provide security lighting and cameras	£500		
	Allocated		£500	