

## **AGENDA FOR**

## **PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM**

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**To: All Members of Prestwich Township Forum**

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

**Co-opted Members:** E Finch - (Patients Council)  
F Adam - (Manchester and District  
Jewish Representative Council)  
P Gresty (Churches Together Prestwich  
and Kersal)  
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:-

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 12 November 2015
<b>Place:</b>	Longfield Suite, Prestwich
<b>Time:</b>	6.30 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	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.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **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*)

Minutes of the last meeting, held on 17 September 2015, are attached.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING** (*Pages 5 - 12*)

A copy of the Township Co-ordinator's Action Checklist is attached.

### **5 PRESTWICH HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Update and plans for consultation.

### **6 POLICE UPDATE**

### **7 TOWN PLAN UPDATE**

The Township Co-ordinator will report at the meeting

### **8 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.

### **9 FUNDING REPORT - UPDATE** (*Pages 13 - 16*)

Report attached for information.

### **10 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:** 17 September 2015
- Venue:** Longfield Suite, Prestwich
- Present:**  
**Councillors:** Councillors: N Bayley, J Black, 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 P Gresty - Churches Together Prestwich and Kersal  
Mr E Finch - Patients Cabinet
- Public attendance:** 12 members of the public were in attendance
- Apologies for absence:** Councillor M James, Councillor T Pickstone and Mr S Hughes (SVCA)
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### **JACK BARRETT**

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair, Councillor Black, reported the sad news that Advisory Group Member Jack Barrett had recently passed away. Councillor Black, Councillor Bayley and Mr David Stanley paid tribute to Jack.

Members of the Forum and the public present stood in silence as a mark of respect for Jack Barrett.

### **PTF.321 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

### **PTF.322 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

#### **It was agreed:**

That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 30 July 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **PTF.323 MATTERS ARISING**

In respect of item 2 on the Action Checklist, it was reported that a complete re-surfacing of the Longfield car park walkway would be completed in October. Eddy Finch expressed concerns in relation to the tactile paving and highlighted the potential dangers for partially sighted people walking onto the damaged walkway.

The Forum requested a formal note of regret be sent to the appropriate Officer, highlighting the concern over the length of time that had elapsed since the issue was originally raised in March 2015.

In respect of item 7 on the Action Checklist, Councillor Quinn reported that he had been in contact with the tree officer to ensure trees were pruned in order to prevent CCTV images being obscured.

In respect of item 12 on the Action Checklist, Councillor Heneghan reported that the Evac chair had been removed on the advice of Health and safety Officers as a result of nobody being trained to operate. Negotiations are ongoing to ensure people are trained and Councillor Heneghan undertook to ensure the matter was followed up in order to ensure disabled access is provided.

In respect of item 13 of the Action Checklist a request was made to ascertain if there is a policy relating to when the car park at St Mary's park is open.

## **PTF.324 POLICE UPDATE**

Inspector Cottam, Sergeant Wightman-Love and Neighbourhood Officer Neil Cheslett provided an update on policing matters in respect of Prestwich.

Statistical information relating to crimes in the area were outlined and it was reported that the figures were available on the GMP Website.

It was reported that PACT meetings had resumed with the following priorities identified at a recent St Mary's meeting:

- Burglaries – importance of securing windows and property
- Off Road Motorcycles
- Anti Social Behaviour (Longfield area and Bury New Road)

During discussion of Policing matters an update was given on the recent Bowker Vale attack that had resulted in two people being charged.

Mr David Stanley raised concerns about youths congregating at Prestwich Flower Park and highlighted possible drug related crimes.

In response to a question from Councillor Quinn, Inspector Cottam reported on "Operation Ironside" which is underway during the Jewish holiday period.

## **PTF.325 PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT (ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS)**

Following roundtable discussions at the June meeting of this Forum the following key thematic priorities had been identified:

- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Improved Community Safety
- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities
- Town Centre Regeneration
- Community Pride and Involvement

An updated Plan was submitted for 2015-2018 setting out the measurable actions required to deliver outcomes on specific issues relating to the key priorities of the Plan. The Township Co-ordinator explained that the Plan was a fluid document which is subject to change as issues arise.

**It was agreed:**

That the Township Plan be adopted.

**PTF.326 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.

- Anne Devereaux reported that the bins in St Mary's park were too small and not emptied regularly enough. Councillor Black suggested that the recycle bin in the car park would be better sited at the top end of the park. Councillor Quinn undertook to look into the matter.
- In response to concerns about the toilets in St Mary's Park not being open at the weekend, Councillor O'Brien explained that discussions were ongoing between the Council and the Phoenix Centre on the issue.
- Peter Thompson expressed regret at the proposals to close Bury Magistrates Court. The Chair, Councillor Black, referred to a recent Council Motion which had been passed asking for the decision to be re-examined.
- A resident of Kingswood Road raised the issue of strong food smells emanating from the new KFC restaurant. The Chair requested that the issue be highlighted with Environmental Health and also stressed the importance of monitoring parking issues on the site.
- Autumn Depoe-Hughes requested a bin be provided at the entrance to Rainsough Park on Buttersitle Lane. In response to a question concerning the closure of the Skate Park in Drinkwater Park, Councillor O'Brien explained that this was a result of the park being underused along with health and safety issues
- A member of the public reported a fallen tree in St Mary's Park. Councillor Quinn undertook to report the issue.
- Sian Crosby referred to the Breastfeeding Support Group at Butterstile Children's centre and sought re-assurances about future funding and provision. Councillor Simpson undertook to look into the matter and report back.
- David Stanley reported a dangerous hole on the Prestwich Forest Park Cycleway and undertook to pass on the details to the Township Co-ordinator.

## **PTF.327 FUNDING UPDATE**

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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.

The Township Co-ordinator submitted details of application for the August round of funding.

### **It was agreed:**

That the report be noted.

**COUNCILLOR BLACK**  
Chair

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

# Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 17/09/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Cllr Black	Further to items previously raised regarding the surfacing of Longfield car park walkway, we confirm the resurfacing will be completed at the end of October 2015. It will be completely resurfaced, not repaired.		Noted.
2	Cllr Heneghan	Removal of tactile paving has been raised previously. Partially sighted persons find it difficult. Residents have fallen (although not reported). Issues raised for a while, unacceptable taken so long for something to be done. The current state of the walkway is unacceptable. I think a formal letter from the Township Forum on the responses needs to be addressed.	Democratic Services	Letter sent 30 Sept to David Fowler. <b>Leigh Webb</b> <b>Democratic Services Manager</b>
3	Cllr Heneghan	Further to item 12 of the previous issues raised, the use of the 1 <sup>st</sup> floor library is adult education who removed evac chair as no one is trained to use it. Doubt if necessary. No definite answer as yet as requires discussion with adult education. Ongoing discussions with senior officers with the aim of getting equal access.	Cllr Heneghan	Noted.
4	Resident	Further to item 13 of the previous	Parks	There is no policy on locking and unlocking park barriers,

		<p>issues raised, the car park being locked on Sunday, 2pm at St. Mary's was not a one-off not being open.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>What is the policy? Who is supposed to open/close? Should it be open 7am-7pm?</p>		<p>there are no budgets left to carry out this task &amp; no one person is responsible for it.</p> <p>We have tried to resolve by giving keys to neighbours and PADOS to either be able to use the car park out of hours or when there is a problem.</p> <p>The Phoenix centre have a key as well.</p> <p>It can be left open but there are sometimes issues with cars parked with loud music playing late at night hence the keys to neighbours.</p> <p>It is an issue across the borough.</p> <p><b>Mike Bent</b> <b>Parks &amp; Countryside Manager</b></p>
5	Ann Deveraux	There are boys and girls smoking near the Phoenix Centre, St. Mary's Park.	Phoenix Centre GMP	<p>Local officers have been made aware of the situation are liaising with the Centre and give the area attention.</p> <p><b>Inspector Ben Cottam</b> <b>GM Police, Bury South</b></p>
6	Ann Deveraux	Toilets at St. Mary's Park are open 7-6 weekdays but not at weekends.	Phoenix Centre Management	<p>Council own the toilets. Commercial committee given money to open. Phoenix Centre provides toilet paper etc., and the caretaker at the centre opens them. Weekends not always opened. Will feed back at future meetings. Working closely with Mike Bent.</p> <p><b>Cllr O'Brien</b></p> <p>The toilets at the Phoenix Centre are, I believe, in the process or have been handed over to the Phoenix Centre Management, who will open them. Unfortunately they may not (or cannot) be opened during the weekends due to when the centre is open. Due to budget cuts the Council does not have the resource to carry out this task.</p> <p><b>Mike Bent</b> <b>Parks &amp; Countryside Manager</b></p>



7	Ann Deveraux	The bin in the park is very small. Other parks have larger bins. They are not emptied regularly.	Parks Dept	Plans for larger bin at Flower Park through S106 money. <b>David Stanley</b> <b>Prestwich Clough Centenary Group</b>  Information passed onto Malc Grundy, Operations Officer
8	Cllr Black	Large recycle bin in car park at St. Mary's. It was put there without any consultation and in my opinion in the wrong place.	Cllr Quinn	Cllr Quinn agreed to action.
9	Peter Thompson, Bury Magistrates	Bury is losing its magistrates court. All those attending are transferred to Manchester. What do people think about losing the magistrates and local justice?		Bury Council opposed the motion. 26% magistrates said had enough. 25% will reach 70 years old in 5 years. Under utilized at Bury. Unfortunately a foregone conclusion, not ideal. <b>Cllr Quinn</b>  Wider consultation required. Chief exec writing to Chief Justice. <b>Cllr Black</b>
10	Kingswood Road resident	We can smell the KFC in our lounge and garden. 60 objections and the smell was to be addressed. In 3 days of opening the smell is terrible.	Planning Dept Environmental Health	Suggest they possibly have an inadequate filter fitted. <b>David Stanley</b> <b>Prestwich Clough Centenary Group</b>  In relation to smells, condition 12 of the planning application (no. 58043) stated:  No development shall commence unless and until a scheme for treating, diluting and dispersing fumes and odours has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, which shall include:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a written statement from a suitably qualified person that is a member of the Heating and Ventilation Contractors Association (HVCA), which demonstrates</li> </ul>

				<p>compliance with the measures proposed in the Guidance on the Control of Odour and Noise from Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Systems :DEFRA 2005 (or if applicable such superseding guidance as shall prevail at the time of commencement of the development); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the relevant manufacturer and installer instructions for any associated equipment with details of maintenance requirements .</li> </ul> <p>The scheme as approved shall be implemented, available for use and maintained in accordance with the approved scheme whilst it shall serve the development.</p> <p>Reason. To protect the residential amenities of nearby residential property from impact upon from fumes and odour pursuant to UDP Policy S2/6 - Food and Drink.</p> <p>The scheme has been part discharged as it requires to be implemented. This will need to be considered by Env Health and we can pass on.</p> <p><b>David Marno</b> <b>Head of Development Management</b></p>
11	Autumn De-Foe	Needs a bin at Park entrance – Rainsough, Butterstile Lane near Hilton Lane.	Forestry Commission	<p>This request needs to made to the Forestry Commission for a bin &amp; emptying as this is part of their lease agreement. Unfortunately, Bury Council are not installing new bins as there is no funding to carry out regular empties.</p> <p><b>Mike Bent</b> <b>Parks &amp; Countryside Manager</b></p> <p>The Forestry Commission policy is not to have bins on our woodland sites, and we only tend to have them near visitor centres and car parks. This is down to the cost of emptying and ethos that people should take home their litter, we find that responsible people who use a bin will</p>

				<p>take home their litter when there is no bin, but the irresponsible visitors will not use a bin, even if one is provided. If litter is an issue, we can increase litter collection in the hot spots.</p> <p>On other sites LAs have placed bins at entrances to our woodlands and empty them and often we help with the cost of the initial installation.</p> <p><b>Richard Topley</b> <b>Beat Manager</b> <b>Delamere &amp; Community Forestry Commission</b></p>
12	Autumn De-Foe	Why has the skate park been removed?	Parks Dept	<p>During the play area review, decision was made to take less used out of commission.</p> <p><b>Cllr Heneghan</b></p> <p>The skate park was underused. There is also the difficult of replacing, insurance, health and safety issues.</p> <p><b>Cllr O'Brien</b></p> <p>£250,000 is being spent across Parks in Bury.</p> <p><b>Cllr Black</b></p> <p>Parks form a large part of the Health and Sport Strategy to keep people well and the majority are very well used, especially the outdoor exercise gyms etc.</p> <p>Information passed onto Tom Buggie, Principal Physical Activity Development Officer</p>
13	Resident	There is damaged equipment in Ostrich Lane park	Parks Dept	Information passed onto Kevin Dickinson, Buildings and Facilities Officer
14	Cllr Bayley	Trying to get a bin on Kersal Road for years but told there is one across the Road. People just throw their litter in		Noted.

		the hedge. Bins cost hundreds of pounds and people don't appreciate this.		
15	Resident	A big tree has fallen at the weekend in St. Mary's children's play area (swing area)	Parks Dept	Tree has been removed <b>Les Beardwood Trees &amp; Woodland Management</b>
16	Breast feeding support group	Breast feeding support group at Prestwich Hub 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. Is the only one in the area, the nearest is in Ramsbottom. We are worried about the future as other groups have gone. Would like reassurance and support especially as the others have gone.  How commissioned? CCG?  We are Pennine Care and on the Council's Health Visitors clinic as volunteers	Cllr Simpson	Cllr Simpson agreed to look into this
17	Cllr Hankey	Netting of Bridge required Fairfax Road due to Pigeon faeces. Is this a Metrolink issue? Needs addressing and netting.	Metrolink	Metrolink's contractors have now had the netting repaired.  If members of the public have issues regarding Metrolink please contact their Customer Services on <a href="mailto:customerservices@metrolink.co.uk">customerservices@metrolink.co.uk</a> 0161 205 2000  <b>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</b>
18	David Stanley	There is a large dangerous hole on the No. 6 Cycle path in Prestwich Forest Park. It has been repaired before. Is this United Utilities? Is Managed by Forestry Commission.	Forestry Commission	This land is managed by the Forestry Commission and has been reported on numerous occasions.  <b>Mike Bent Parks &amp; Countryside Manager</b>

				<p>Work has started on a fix of the hole.</p> <p><b>Richard Topley</b>  <b>Beat Manager</b>  <b>Delamere &amp; Community Forestry Commission</b></p>
19	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 children/prams. Prefer to see pedestrian crossing at that point.</p>	Highways	<p>McCarthy &amp; Stone are going to deliver the traffic calming scheme, although it does involve some additional waiting restrictions to ensure their access is kept clear.</p> <p>Re the crossing, we have looked at it before and we had an LSS on the stocks to provide a ped. refuge in this area. The cost was the problem as it involved the widening of Bury New Road to fit the refuge in. We have aspirations to deliver a scheme when resources permit.</p> <p><b>Ian Lord</b>  <b>Service Manager, Traffic &amp; Asset</b></p>

**Ruth Shedwick, Township Coordinator**

**30 September 2015**

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# Bury Council Township Forum Report



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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**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
	<b>Allocated</b>	-		

**Bury West**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
	<b>Allocated</b>	-		

**Prestwich**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Seaforth Explorer Unit	New Equipment	£250	£250	17/08/2015
St Margarets Bowling Club	To purchase fridge	£250	£250	17/08/2015
Simister Village Community	To put on a Social event 18/08/2015	£250	£250	17/08/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£750</b>	



**Radcliffe**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Withins Community Association	Purchase wooden raised bed planters and compost	£250	£250	16/09/2015
Radcliffe Heritage Society	Promote historic places in Calendar	£250	£250	16/09/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£500</b>	

**Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
			<b>£ -</b>	

**Whitefield and Unsworth**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
North Manchester Ladies Jewish Drama Group	To put on a bespoke play written for the ladies	£250	£250	08/09/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£250</b>	

**Cross Township**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Bury & District Homewatch	Annual Bury Homewatch Conference	£500	£200	15/09/2015
Unsworth Cricket Club	New removable goal post	£500	£500	15/09/2015
Little Britain Anglers	Purchase lawn mower	£450	deferred	
Bury Carers Centre	Activities for young carer's	£500	Declined	15/09/2015
Buddy's for Children with Autism	Shop fixtures & fittings	£500	Declined.	15/09/2015
Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Organised trip for Bury's	£500	£500	15/09/2015
Bury Diabetic Support Group	Publicity material	£500	Declined	15/09/2015
Prestwich, Radcliffe & Whitefield Scout District.	To provide security lighting and cameras	£500	£500	15/09/2015
SupportiveStem Community Growth	Marketing cost to raise awareness	£500	declined	15/09/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£1,700</b>	