

AGENDA FOR

**RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH
MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM**

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**To: All Members of Ramsbottom, Tottington and North
Manor Township Forum**

Councillors : I Bevan, S Carter, J Daly, L Fitzwalter,
I Gartside, D Gunther, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain and
Y Wright

Dear Member/Colleague

Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Ramsbottom, Tottington
and North Manor Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 2 July 2015
Place:	Main Church - Tottington Methodist Church
Time:	7.00 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:	

The Agenda is attached.

Reports are enclosed only for those attending the meeting and for
those without access to the Council's Intranet or Website.

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Councillors and Officers and also on the Council's Website at
www.bury.gov.uk – Agendas, Minutes and Forward Plan.

Copies of printed reports can also be obtained on request by contacting Democratic Services on 0161 253 5133.

AGENDA

1 NOMINATIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Forum are invited at this meeting.

Any person nominated needs to be present and seconded in order for the nomination to stand.

If there is more than one nomination then the matter will be determined by vote.

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair may be filled by either a Core Member or an Advisory Group Member.

If the position of Chair is taken by an Advisory Group Member, the position of Vice Chair must be taken by a Core Member.

A Core Member may take the position of Chair or Vice Chair.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 6)*

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Township Forum held on 3 June 2015 are attached.

6 MATTERS ARISING

7 SAFE 4 SUMMER INITIATIVE *(Pages 7 - 8)*

A presentation will be given at the meeting.
A promotion booklet is attached

8 RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP PLAN 2015/16

Feedback from the round table discussions will be reported at the meeting.

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public present are invited to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services.

10 URGENT BUSINESS

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

Minutes of: RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR
TOWNSHIP FORUM

Date of Meeting: 3 June 2015

Venue: Ramsbottom Civic Hall

Present: Councillor Y Wright (in the Chair)
Councillors I Bevan, J Daly, I Gartside, R Hodgkinson,
K Hussain and Y Wright

Also in attendance: Reverend S Openshaw, RETM/CTIR

Public Attendance: There were 20 members of the public present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor S Carter, Councillor L Fitzwalter and
Councillor D Gunther
Mr A Waddell Greenmount Village Community Group

RTNM.32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

RTNM.33 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

It was agreed:

That nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum would be deferred to the next meeting of the Forum being held in July.

RTNM.34 WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor Wright thanked all those present for attending and welcomed them to the meeting.

Councillor Wright also congratulated Councillors Hodgkinson and Hussain on their recent re-election at the local elections which had been held in May.

RTNM.35 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the last Meeting of the Township Forum held on 5 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

RTNM.36 MATTERS ARISING

Mr Noel Booth referred to the question that he had raised in relation to the Summerseat PLC and asked for confirmation on who owned the building as he had been told that it had been sold.

Mr Alex Holland, Head of Property and Asset Management reported that the building was owned by the council and would remain to do so. The PLC would be relocating to the old Coney Green School site and the Summerseat building would be used as a training facility.

Further to Minute RTNM.789 of the last meeting Interim Chief Executive, Mike Owen and the Head of Property and Asset Management, Alex Holland attended the meeting to update those present on the work that had been carried out in relation to the issues around the Ramsbottom Markets.

It was reported that the Cabinet Member had been tasked with looking at the issues and she had been working closely with Alex to discuss the options.

No decisions had yet been made but the following suggestions had been put forward:-

The old toilet facilities should be removed and market traders would be able to use the facilities at the Morrison's supermarket.

The market site to be permanently shrunk to open up around 25 extra parking spaces.

The containers to be replaced with new ones and reduced in number.

Union Street to be opened to traffic and double yellow lines installed along the right hand side going up the street.

A 12 month trial of a weekly farmers market at the Urn to be carried out which would be run on a franchise basis along with the monthly market.

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

Councillor Hodkinson asked what day the farmers market would be held and it was reported that this would be held on a Saturday.

Gregg Fletcher asked whether any of the current market traders had expressed an interest in moving up to the Urn site. It was explained that one trader had but this was before the franchise option had been discussed.

Councillor Wright asked what the hire charge would be at the Urn site. Alex explained that this would be up to the operator but the Council would be consulted.

Councillor Hodkinson referred to the area where the recycling bins used to be positioned and asked what the plans were for this site. Alex reported that this would be reviewed but possible extra parking spaces could be an option.

It was reported that parking issues across Ramsbottom generally would be reviewed separately.

A member of the public referred to the lack of PACT meetings recently and asked if these would be reinstated in the future.

Dave Thomas, the Township Co-ordinator explained that work was being carried out around the structure of the Township Forum Meetings and one option being considered was to incorporate the PACT meetings into the Forum meetings.

Dr Binns referred to a question that had been raised at the last meeting concerning the legality of the signs at the entrance to Holcombe Village and whether this had been followed up.

Dave Thomas explained that the concerns had been noted and he was awaiting a response from Highways.

Councillor Bevan explained that the planning review in relation to the proposed Anaerobic Digester in Ramsbottom had finished. A report was expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State in September and a decision would be likely at the end of November.

RTNM.37 ADVISORY GROUP NOMINATIONS

Dave Thomas, Township co-ordinator explained the role of the Advisory Group Members and asked that if anybody present at the meeting was interested in becoming a member they contact him for more information and an application form.

It was explained that Councillor Members of the Forum would be contacted to ask if they supported any new application received or requests for current members to continue.

RTNM.38 TOWNSHIP PLAN REFRESH/ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

David Thomas, Township Forum Manager, gave a presentation setting out the 2014/105 Township Plan and how work had been carried across Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor to meet the ambitions within the Plan.

The Plan contained the following key themes :-

- Employment / Worklessness / Training
- Crime & Perceptions of Crime
- Health & Wellbeing
- Rural Issues / Promoting Outlying Areas
- Community Cohesion & Integration

- New Priorities

Current issues relating to each theme were highlighted and those present were asked to split into groups to discuss further work required to achieve the ambitions set out and any other areas of concern that should be included within the Plan.

Dave explained that he would take away the information that was gathered from the discussions to assess the data. The previous years' action plan would be reviewed and any outstanding priorities would be carried forward. New priorities from the session will be identified and Members of the Township Forum will meet to discuss those priorities and identify key themes.

The 2015/2016 Plan will be presented to the Forum at its next meeting in July 2015.

RTNM.39 FUTURE PUBLIC MEETING ON POTENTIAL SCOUT MOOR DEVELOPMENT

Tom Whitehead representing the Holcombe Society attended the meeting to inform those present two planning applications that had been submitted to Rossendale and Rochdale Councils.

The applications were in relation to the windfarm site at Scout Moor which overlooked the town.

It was reported that if approved, the applications could see the number of turbines increase from 26 currently, to 54.

Tom reported that Bury Council had been consulted but no objection had been submitted.

There were due to be 2 events in relation to the applications;

A public picnic was due to be held on 14 July at Holcombe Hill - Peel Tower to promote awareness of the proposals and a public meeting would be taking place from 7pm on 18 June at Ramsbottom Civic Hall.

RTNM.40 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair, Councillor Wright invited those present to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services:-

Mr. Schwarz, Chairman of Tottington District Civic Society, reported that last November a representative of the Society had attended a Bury Rural Inequality meeting to complain about the bus services between Bury and Greenmount, to be passed on to ROSSO. When two months later no reply had been received the civic society sent an appropriate e-mail to ROSSO which so far has also remained unanswered.

The civic society wished to make the following points -

(1) The withdrawal of the 479 service unduly lengthens the journey time between Bury and Greenmount.

(2) There is no service to Bury between 0730 hrs and 0850 hrs and from Bury between 1445 hrs and 1615 hrs – a far too long gap.

(3) The Society suggested a long-term solution: a circular route: Bury-Tottington-Greenmount - Holcombe Brook-Bury and vice versa.

The Area Partnership agreed to invite a representative from ROSSO to its next meeting.

A member of the public explained that a Farm Watch website had been set up by the Police a number of years ago. The officer responsible had since moved on and the updates to the website had stopped. It was explained that this had been a very useful tool in keeping the local farmers updated with information and advice, particularly in relation to thefts from farms. There had recently been a number of thefts from farms in the area and it was suggested that use of the website should be re-established.

RTNM.41 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was reported that the next meeting of the Township Forum would be held on 2 July at Tottington Methodist Church.

COUNCILLOR Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.50 pm)

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Event/Activity	When	Where	Cost	Information
Roller rink Bury		Above JJB, Angeloume Way, Bury		www.buryrollerrink.com 0161 765 2440
Radcliffe roller disco	Wednesdays 5-7pm	Radcliffe Civic Suite, Thomas Street	£4	Skate hire £1 or bring your own. Suitable for all ages. 0161 253 7812
Burrs Activity Centre		Burrs Country Park, Woodhill Road, Bury		archery, canoeing / kayaking, climbing and raft building www.burrs.org.uk/index.php
Heaton Park sports pitches rowing boats, fitness classes and events	Park is open dawn to Dusk		Varies	For more information contact 0161 773 1085 http://heatonpark.org.uk/HeatonPark/What_To_See_Do/Activities/Default.aspx
Ride Segway		Heaton Park	£30-£38	40-50 minutes. For more information & booking go to www.ridesegway.co.uk
Bury Parks Page 7		Various across Bury, Ramsbottom, Whitefield and Prestwich	Free	For more information go to www.bury.gov.uk/parks
FCUM Community Radio Course	Wednesday from 6 May to 22 July	North City Library, Rochdale Road	Free	For more information contact Ben Hughes on 273 8950 or email ben.hughes@fcumradio.co.uk
Manchester Indie Film Makers	Wednesdays 6-7.30pm	Central Library Media Lounge	Free	Have a go at film making, screen writing, acting or editing
Walking Rainbow	Sunday 12th July.	Walk from Town Hall 12.30. Stalls in Kay Gardens	FREE	Event to celebrate diversity and promote tolerance and equality

DO SOMETHING EXCITING THIS SUMMER!



Agenda Item

Event/Activity	When	Where	Cost	Information
Bury Agricultural Show	28 June 9am–5pm	Burrs Country Park	£7 per adult, U12s free	Funfair, vintage vehicles, model flying club, gun display, animals www.buryagricultural.co.uk
Tottington Big Day Out	5th July	Crompton Meadows, Tottington	£1 (U11s FREE)	Bands, stalls and activities. For more information see http://www.tottingtonbigdayout.co.uk/2015/info.shtml
Beasties Breakfast Club	Monday 9–10.30am 27 July 3 August 10 August	Topping Fold Centre		Contact PCSO Andy Bigland Andrew.Bigland@gmp.police.uk
ROC Football	Fridays 6pm–9pm	Radcliffe Borough Football Club	FREE	6-7 for juniors and 7-9 for 11-16 yr olds
ROC Youth Club	Thursdays 7pm–9pm	ROC Centre, Westminster Avenue, Radcliffe	FREE	https://www.facebook.com/pages/ROC-Cafe-Radcliffe/103865159729888
Summer Club	11–1pm 27 July 30 July 6 August 3 Aug 10 Aug	Openshaw Park Topping Fold Centre Hoyles Park Fairfield Park		Sports Activities / Excursions. Contact PCSO Andy Bigland Andrew.Bigland@gmp.police.uk
Zumba	Mondays 9.45–10.45 6–7pm Tuesdays 8.15–9.15pm Thursdays 6–7pm Fridays 10–11am	Longfield Centre, Prestwich Town Centre	£3.50	For more information 0161 253 7227

Event/Activity	When	Where	Cost	Information
Party in the Park	9th August 2015	Openshaw Park	FREE	Details still being confirmed. See local press for more details
Armed Forces Day	27th June 11am–3pm	Lancashire Fusiliers Museum	FREE	http://www.buryfamilylife.co.uk/free-entry-to-the-fusilier-museum-on-armed-forces-day/
Swim sessions including new pool at Radcliffe and 'The Juggernaut' sessions at Ramsbottom	All summer	Radcliffe, Ramsbottom pools and Castle Leisure Centre	Varies	For more information www.bury.gov.uk/leisure
I Will If You Will activities for women and girls including Kettlercise, Piloxing, metafit	Various	Various	£3-£4	To find an activity go to www.iwillifyouwill.co.uk/find-an-activity
Community Sports Centres		Broadoak, Castlebrook and Parrenthorn Schools	Varies	Floodlit Astroturf pitches, sports halls, trampolining etc. Broadoak (0161 765 3501) Castlebrook (07824 478512) Parrenthorn (0161 253 5434)
Radcliffe Sports Hall		Spring Lane, Radcliffe	Varies	Badminton, table tennis trampolining, martial arts and fitness classes For more information see www.bury.gov.uk/leisure
S.C.R.A.P football and multisports for 12–18 yr olds	Fridays 8–9pm	Castlebrook High School	FREE	For more information contact Sian Godwyn sian.godwyn@buryfc.co.uk 07810794964
Elton and Walshaw Junior Football Club soccer training	Sundays 10.30 – 12.00	Play Football, Bury College, Market Street	£2	For more information contact Ged McGee 07775642673 www.ewjfc.co.uk/TheClub.htm