

Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 12/03/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Vintage Haul	<p>We have been organising vintage fairs in Prestwich over the last two years and have been informed by Bury Council that they have granted an exclusive franchise for vintage markets in Prestwich (& Ramsbottom) to one organisation, with the result that nobody else will be granted a licence to hold vintage fairs in these areas for the duration of the tender. Further details at www.facebook.com/thevillagehaul</p> <p>We have set up a petition (which has received nearly 500 signatures). https://www.change.org/p/bury-council-save-the-village-haul-stop-the-vintage-fair-franchise-in-prestwich</p> <p>I am sure community members welcome the diverse opportunities and outcomes that would arise from promoting and supporting community groups and businesses such as The Village Haul. Please help our organisation to remain part of the fabric of the Prestwich community.</p>	Markets Management	<p>Currently speaking with officers. Need to find a solution for all parties. Franchise for food and vintage markets are changing. Food market not happened last couple of times due to logistics/weather. Contract now come to an end. Tied up with Ramsbottom/Whitefield and vintage market. Argue that it is separated for townships. I am committed to this and the tender will be advertised accordingly on 'The Chest'. Look at wider franchise but broker one that helps all parties.</p> <p>Cllr Jane Black</p>
2	Jack Barratt	Why do the markets need to be franchised out? Why not a Council officer who ran them previously? Then	Markets Management	Over the years, the Council has had agreements with external organisers to run Farmers Markets in Ramsbottom, Prestwich, Whitefield and Radcliffe town

		the profits will go back to Prestwich Carnival again.		centres which have been promoted though Council officers, not organized. Given there has been a 40% reduction in revenue funding, the Council is forced into concentrating on its core activities and engage in a strategy which builds capacity within the Townships with no cost to the Council. Andrew Heyes Markets Manager
3	Hannah Cropper	Given the changes to the bus services, there will no longer be a service into the Village. Elderly won't be able to access the shops and it will drastically affect local business.		First Bus is a commercial organization and need to make a profit. They're making a loss on some services. Transport committee can not tell the transport company what to do, merely seek to influence. Concessions have been made. Cllr Noel Bayley
4	Autumn DeFoe-Hughes	Entrance to Drinkwater Park is blocked by bath tub for over 2 months and not been moved. Other entrance looks like someone is living there. There are no rubbish bins in Drinkwater Park. Kersall Road Park has 2 bed mattresses that need moving.	Parks	This is forestry commission land and we have forwarded the complaint accordingly. Mike Bent Parks and Countryside Manager I have taken photos of the bath tub and sent to officers. I have been informed this will be removed. Perhaps the delay is clarifying if it is Council land? Cllr Eamonn O'Brien Forestry Commission monitors the area. David Stanley Fly tipping is a crime. Council will only clean Council land, sometimes will clean up as a one off, ultimately up to private land owners to clean up if their land. Cllr Alan Quinn
5	Peter	Complained regularly about the 92/93		It has been a commercial decision – looked at other

	Thompson	bus (worst service). Proposal for 95 to go Butterstile Lane, there are lots of pot holes, parking on both sides, lots of accidents.		alternatives. It is hard to appease everyone, one size fits all is hard to achieve. Cllr Noel Bayley
6	David Stanley	Prestwich Clough Day will take place on 17 May		Noted
7	Alan Millington	What has happened with the regeneration plans? Will they include Metrolink who are making a difference and contribute to regeneration?		Additional funding for Bury New Road (including TfGM contribution) makes a total of £2 million for the scheme. Committed to an integrated approach. The Regeneration Group looked at details and it will go to public consultation. Cllr Jane Black
8	Paul Gresty	The problems of Prestwich have been around for a long time. There are far too many groups. Township Forum, Regeneration Group, Town Team – nothing is happening.		The Regeneration Group is a subgroup of the Township Forum. It has not met as there are ongoing works behind the scenes and we will re-convene once plans are firmed. There is a Town Team meeting 19 March. Local in Prestwich local business group couldn't continue, now looking to revive. Cllr Jane Black
9	Ben Turner	Ben Turner, Community Impact Manager for ParkLife handed out contact details to those present. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact: Ben Turner 07976 560 498 0161 711 0017 ben.turner@groundcontroluk.com		Noted

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