

**ITEMS RAISED FOR ACTION & IN OPEN FORUM: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**

	<b>Raised By</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	Residents/ Councillors	Can we have the latest unemployment figure for Radcliffe?	TF Co-ordinator	<p>Hi Christine</p> <p>We used to be able to get data by ward but can't source it anymore. New Economy did provide it but now it's just a Bury figure.</p> <p>See link to Nomis:</p> <p><a href="https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157082/report.aspx?town=radcliffe#tabempunemp">https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157082/report.aspx?town=radcliffe#tabempunemp</a></p> <p>and New Economy:</p> <p><a href="http://neweconomymanchester.com/stories/1752">http://neweconomymanchester.com/stories/1752</a></p> <p>Don't forget to add Universal Credit claimants to those on JSA.</p> <p>If are not in a rush I could try and get some ward level? Can't promise but will try.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Tracey Flynn Unit Manager - Economic Strategy and European Policy Strategic Planning and Economic Development Department for Resources and Regulation</p> <p>3 Knowsley Place, Bury, BL9 0EJ Tel : 0161 253 6040 Email: <a href="mailto:t.flynn@bury.gov.uk">t.flynn@bury.gov.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.bury.gov.uk">www.bury.gov.uk</a></p>

2.	Residents/ Councillors	Radcliffe Heritage Group asked if they can use the top floor of Radcliffe library to display the artifacts that were dug up at the latest dig. They said that the top floor is no longer in use. Please can you let me know if this is possible?	TF Co-ordinator Councillors	<p>Upstairs is used very occasionally for Adult Learning courses – but there is plenty of room. We are creating a local history area in the library itself along with the newly formed Radcliffe Heritage Society which may be more appropriate unless there is a great deal of material to display. The chair of the society, Carol Kemp, is also involved in the dig. In any event we would be delighted to host a display.</p> <p>Elizabeth</p> <p>Elizabeth A. Binns Head of Libraries</p> <p>40 Topping Fold Road Bury BL9 7NG 0161 253 5973 07976 818157</p>
3.	Resident/ Heritage Group	The Radcliffe Heritage Group asked if it is possible to have some brown tourist information signs advertising the Radcliffe Tower. Please can you let me know if this is feasible as I have no idea what the criteria/process is to have this type of sign?	TF Co-ordinator	<p>This has come up at the Tower Steering Group meetings, I know Carol Kemp is keen to sign the Tower, but we're planning to make Close Park the gateway to the Tower site via a signed trail. There's no parking on Sandford Street and residents are already a bit grumpy about the traffic we've been generating through the project. To address the vehicle access issue I could investigate a finger post on Sandford St. with a pedestrian symbol, but we'd still be diluting the signage strategy for the heritage trail.</p> <p>To arrange for highway signage someone would have to pay our traffic management section to make and install it. If you have funding for a sign I'm happy to discuss further.</p> <p>Chris Wilkinson</p>

4.	Residents	Please can we have more information on the accredited reading course delivered to parents via the children's centre	TF Co-ordinator	Accredited course via Bury College. Parents are taught the art of storytelling and how to incorporate learning into reading. For the final part of the course parents choose a book of their choice and read it to an independent assessor.
5.	Resident/ Councillors	The Radcliffe Heritage group attended the Radcliffe Township forum on Wednesday and asked the question as to whether the gates to the site could be opened and closed each day by council staff. I have been asked by the councillors present to contact you to see if this is possible?	TF Co-ordinator	<p>Christine</p> <p>We as a section do not have the budgets or the staff (we don't have any rangers now) to be able to help out with this one, Security may be able to help but there may be a cost involved</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Mike Bent Parks &amp; Countryside Manager Department for Communities &amp; Wellbeing - Operations Bury Town Hall, Knowsley St, Bury BL9 0SW Tel: 0161 253 5917 email: <a href="mailto:m.bent@bury.gov.uk">m.bent@bury.gov.uk</a> web: <a href="http://www.bury.gov.uk">www.bury.gov.uk</a></p>
6.	Resident	Can the Credit Union be located in Radcliffe?	Cllr Shori	<p>The credit union is currently located in three locations in the borough, as detailed below:</p> <p>Monday 9.30am till 1.30pm at Six Town Housing</p> <p>Tuesday 9.30am till 1.30pm at Bury Council Town Hall</p> <p>Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am till 1.30pm at the Employment Gateway, Mill Gate Shopping Centre</p> <p>Friday 9.30am till 1.30pm at Bury Council Town Hall</p>

				<p>We are currently exploring the future accommodation needs of the credit union with the view to basing it in one location (which has always been the plan). This is because we need to ensure it remains a high profile brand and we maximise 'footfall' opportunities from members of the public, who know where it is and can access it easily if they need to. I am also mindful that neither the Council or STH have been able to provide any funding to meet the accommodation needs of the credit union.</p> <p>I can confirm that we are currently exploring whether the credit union can be co-located with the CAB and other third sector agencies in St John's House in the centre of Bury. Unfortunately, there are no plans for the credit union to be based in Radcliffe for the reasons highlighted above.</p> <p>Taking into account the needs of the wider community in Bury, the credit union is expanding its on-line and telephone services to customers. This will enable people to join the credit union and carryout transactions without the need to visit an office. The need for office accommodation is also reduced given that all cash transactions are carried out electronically. This approach is being adopted across the Greater Manchester region and nationally by other credit unions.</p> <p>I hope this answers your query. Let me know if you need more information John</p>
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	Resident	Can we have an update on the Incredible Edible Radcliffe project	TF Co-ordinator	<p>The 'Big Dig' day at Radcliffe was a great success and monthly sessions have continued to attract a group of up to half a dozen volunteers to the site. In addition, Pete McGagh has continued to visit the site regularly to trim grass and has installed a temporary water butt. A range of fruit bushes, vegetables (including potatoes and peas) and wildflowers have been planted and most have done well, though there has recently been some theft of rhubarb plants and fruit bushes. Metrolink continue to be pleased with the project and to offer some support.</p> <p>There is still an interest in developing a number of sites elsewhere in Radcliffe but so far there has not been an offer from anyone in Radcliffe to take over the admin role from IEPAD and form a new group or sub-group to make this happen. If there is anyone willing to take the lead in organising a meeting to promote this, IEPAD will pass on all information we have about people who have expressed an interest and assist in the initial formation of a group as far as our volunteer time allows.</p>
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