

## Chadderton Community Council

**Date:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Time:** 7.00pm – 8.20pm

**Venue:** Kingfisher School, Foxdenton Lane

**Present:** Councillors: Hibbert, Hulme, McLaren (Community Champion),  
Quinn, Rogers, Sutcliffe

Co-optees: Vicki Crane, Fox, Jack Hulme, Ian Jarvis, Pauline  
Richardson (Chair), Tony Tomlinson, Alan Wilde and  
Barbara Wilson

In Attendance: Simon Shuttleworth and Elizabeth Frier and Karen  
Mellor.

### 1. Introductions

Apologies: Councillor Greenwood, Cllr D Jones, Teresa Broadbent and Co-optees Will Lindley and Christine Dennis, Cllr Wrigglesworth.

The meeting remembered Sid Jacobs who sadly passed away recently following a long illness. The Chair Pauline Richardson addressed the meeting stating it was a sad farewell to the Honorary Alderman. Sid was 81 years old and had outstanding local government service in the Borough with over 50 years service for the former Chadderton Urban District Council, where he was once Leader. He was Mayor of Oldham in 1990/91 and held many senior Council positions. He was known locally as Mr Chadderton, Condolences and deep sympathy were extended to his wife and all his family. A 30 second silence was observed by the meeting.

### 2. Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008

The notes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

### 3. Update from previous meetings

- (i) January Community Council.

Cllr McClaren reported that the Cllr Jones was currently dealing with the Chadderton Hotline on a Customer Service Project Board with the matter being placed on the agenda for consideration.

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Simon Shuttsworth reported that the questions submitted by Barry Deaville would be available on the website as an appendix to the minutes in relation to Clayton Playing Fields. The questions had not been fully resolved however Mr. Deaville is now in contact with the relevant Officer and the matter is being progressed.

(ii) South Chadderton Ward

Community Council Chair and Co-opted Member Pauline Richardson reported that a request had been made for an additional guard rail fence at Butler Green to be installed. Pauline Richardson also reported that Clean up around the area would be taking place and a general tidying up of the area in relation to Environmental Issues.

(iii) Central Chadderton Ward

Co-optee Member Alan Wilde reported that in relation to the current problems at Foxdenton Lane, Tony Noblett Service Director Highways and Engineering held a presentation and improvements had been discussed. The outcome of the presentation is that a questionnaire will be discussed in relation to the issues to be returned and analysed.

(iv) North Chadderton

Co-opted Member Jack Hulme reported that several issues raised about parking at Chadderton Hall Road and the whole length of Burnley Lane. The working party had discussed with Sarah Robinson Senior Traffic Engineer and Tony Noblett Service Director Highways and Engineering the current proposal is to introduce 20 mph adjacent to the three schools Burnley Lane and Chadderton Hall Road thus being an integral part of the traffic calming measures.

Mr Hulme reported that there was concern regarding the proposals to close one out of the two post offices after the first of May 2008, in the area. It was noted that the meeting was well attended.

#### 4. Chair's Update- "One Extreme to Another" production

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The Chair Pauline Richardson informed the meeting that the play “One Extreme to the Other” about extremism based in Oldham was playing 20 performances in Oldham including one in Chadderton at Corpus Christi primary School at 7.00pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008. An invitation was extended to Co-optees. Members and the Public to go along and watch the production. Pauline advised that she was working with the Werneth Community Council to try and get a mixed audience to watch the play and join in discussions. Refreshments will be served at about 8.15pm.

### 5. Police Update

Inspector Dave Wilcocks reported that the Police and partners in the Chadderton area had won the Oldham Police Citizen Focus Award and this was presented at the Bower Hotel. This had been awarded to the group for working in partnership with the Council and the public in Chadderton Partnership to reduce Crime and disorder. Four other awards had also gone to people working in the Chadderton area – in total, 5 of the 9 awards available had been won by Chadderton.

The Inspector announced a 7.5 % reduction in burglaries. The target for February was met however there had been a sudden influx of burglaries including 6 in one day in the Chadderton Area. The thieves had targeted cars by running into houses and stealing keys.

The Inspector informed the meeting to be on the look out for suspicious vehicles around closing time near to shops and pubs. Recently the Whitegate Hotel had been targeted by thieves who threatened staff with a machete and got away with £3,000

The Inspector reported Operation Owl is a joint working initiative between the Police and Trading Standards, which tackles underage drinking and anti-social behaviour. Each weekend Trading Standards Officers along with Police Officers will patrol areas in Oldham. This is to assist Youth Service. The Inspector also reported that a number of groups were working together to create diversionary tactics for young people. The next Home watch will be at 6.30 pm for Firwood Park Estate.

The inspector informed the meeting that there had been an incident at the weekend with a large group of youths who would not disperse therefore their

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parents were called to pick them up. Those that gave false addresses were checked out with a follow up visit and letters.

Cllr Sutcliffe congratulated the winners of the “Team Oldham” Awards, of which Chadderton won 5 in total. Inspector Wilcocks won the Leadership Award, SPC Andrew Boswell won Special Constable of the year, Nicola Melvin of Radclyffe School won the neighbourhood award and Sergeant Kim Hare won Employee of the year.

### **There were a number of questions raised:**

A member of the public voiced concerns that there seemed to be a lack of communication between the police and the general public due to some local incidents not being reported in the press.

In response the Inspector stated that there are some crimes that cannot be reported in the press as this may prejudice the investigation. This was confirmed by Cllr Hibbert.

A member of the public raised the issue of problems in Chadderton Hall Park and security arrangements as the resident was concerned that the security guards encourage the children in the park to misbehave. Inspector Wilcocks advised that he was aware of this issue from a previous meeting. The Inspector advised that the problem was being looked at by Mark Simmons in the Area Managers team.

A Member of public reported that he had left a message with the Chadderton Neighbourhood Policing Team and had not received all call back. Inspector Wilcocks advised that this was not a 24 hour line and therefore the number to call to report an incident is 0161 872-5050 Greater Manchester Police.

### **6. Public Questions**

No public questions were asked.

### **7. Chadderton Regeneration Presentation**

Did not attend

### **7. Refuse Collection – Roll out of Managed Weekly Collections**

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Mark Husdan, Waste Minimisation and Recycling Manager and Nicola Quigg Customer Liason Officer Environmental Services Directorate gave a brief presentation on the new waste management system that will be used in Oldham, and the roll-out of managed weekly collections within the next 18 months across the Borough. The officers reported that the system had already been rolled out to 5,000 households in Chadderton and Shaw and that had proved to be a huge success. The new system of managed weekly collections aimed to improve the current levels of recycling by collecting all recyclable materials one week and non-recyclable waste the next, with food waste being collected separately every week. The main changes would be:

Black boxes would eventually be replaced with Brown Bins and collected once every two weeks.

Grey bins would be collected once every two weeks

Food waste containers with compostable liners will be collected every week

New weighted paper and card sac rather than the old green sac will be given out and collected with the recyclables once every 2 weeks.

### **Members of the Public raised the following questions and comments**

Jack Hulme Co-optee asked how larger families would deal with the reduction in collections of the waste. It was advised that if people recycle as intended then there should be no problems for families of about 5, however the officers did say that they would go and assess the families needs if they found this insufficient and could issue extra bins if necessary.

Vicki Crane Co-optee asked how areas with a maisonette complex with industrial bins can be involved in recycling. Nicky Quigg advised that although officers can go and assess the situation there are a minority of householders that won't be able to go on to the scheme, however each individual is assessed by their needs.

A local resident asked if the green food caddies can be replaced for free if they get blown away, Mark Husdan advised that replacements were free as there will

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be certain weather conditions which mean numbers of bins go missing. However he did point out that this solution is only temporary and the intention is to be able to use one bin for all recyclables eventually.

Cllr Hibbert added that if the Council does not hit targets for recycling then a large fine will be imposed in the region of £65 for each person that lives within Borough.

A local resident stated that cooked food could not be composted. Mark Husdan advised that the bins and bags provided for food waste would enable the food to be composted.

A local resident asked how and where batteries should be disposed of safely. Mark Husdan replied that Arkwright Street and Beal Hey recycling centres would be able to take them.

### **8. Budget Updates**

- (i) Councillor Budgets were distributed at the meeting with the agenda.
- (ii) Community Councils Budget were distributed at the meeting. All unspent money has been committed and so can be used into the next financial year. A large chunk of the budget had been used for the Christmas lights and market.

It was reported that Children from Chadderton South School would be making a series of mosaics to be displayed at the junction of Broadway and Middleton Road. There was a debate about this location, however the Chair Pauline Richardson advised the meeting that the location had already been agreed as it is an area in need of refurbishment. Co-optee Jack Hulme agreed noting that the area was the introduction to Chadderton. There is also a planned planting scheme however there are no details of where it will be yet.

It was noted by the meeting that this would be the last Chadderton Community Council meeting attended by Cllr Sutcliffe and Cllr Greenwood as both Councillors will be standing down at the next election. Cllr Rodgers acknowledged Cllr Sutcliffe's lengthy contribution to Chadderton as a Ward Councillor and thanked him for his dedication and hard work.

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Councillor Sutcliffe responded with thanks for the help and support he has had both in the ward and in Chadderton where he worked as a teacher before becoming a councillor.

It was agreed to send a vote of thanks to Jim Greenwood for his hard work over many years, as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Meeting ended at 9pm.