

Hollinwood Community Council

Date: Thursday, 4th October 2007

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Limeside Methodist Church, Limeside Estate,
Limeside Road, Oldham

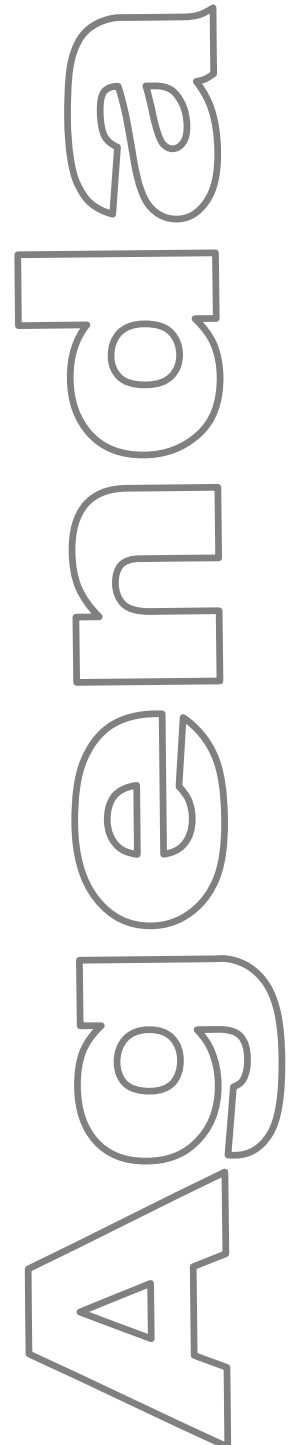
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Date: Tuesday 4th October 2007

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Limeside Methodist Church, Limeside Road, Hollinwood, Oldham

Present: Councillor Barrow, Pendlebury and Stretton.
Paul White (Officer Champion), Zaiem Khan (Area Manager), Alija Sarac-Ashworth (Support Officer), Samantha Weston (Constitutional Services), Cliff Jackson (OMBC - Highways and Engineering), Inspector Stopford (GMP), Kieran Cummings (OMBC – Regeneration Directorate), Verity Mason (Limehurst Village Trust), Julie Miller (OMBC – Youth Service)

Co-optees – Julie Keller (Chair), Dave Harwood, David Joynes, Geoffrey Gartside, Helen Proctor, Jean Helliwell, Katy Lloyd, Nathan Keller, Roger Simpson, Stephen Williams and Janet Gipson.

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1. Apologies for absence.

Shirley Buckley - Co-optee, Eric Mitchell - Co-optee, Lilian Nicholls - Co-optee
Debbie Lyons - Youth Service

2. Notes of the last Meeting - 15th August 2007.

Planning Applications - The Area Manager confirmed that the planning application list would be emailed to all co-opted members and be sent in the post to members without email on a weekly basis.

£100 donation for funday - Questions were raised as to why the donation had been made to the Housing Association (Limehurst Village Trust - LVT) and not the Tenants Association. The Area Manager confirmed that to date no payment had been made as LVT had yet to forward an invoice. LVT confirmed that they had covered any additional costs through their own budget.

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3. Outstanding Actions (not on the Agenda).

Caitlin Way- Cliff Jackson, Environmental Services clarified that the surface works had been funded by Environmental Services. Mr Jackson requested residents affected by flooding leave their addresses with the Area Manager so the matter could be addressed. It was confirmed that the First Choice Home Oldham (FCHO) Tenant participation Officer has a list of these addresses and they would be forwarded to Mr Jackson.

The Chair thanked Cliff Jackson for attending the Community Council to clarify who had funded Caitlin Way surface works.

Hanging Baskets - Members of the public were concerned that hanging baskets were still missing in the Hollinwood area. The Area Manager advised that Street Lighting had confirmed they will be in place for the next season.

Double Yellow Lines at Caitlin Way & Jenny Street - Still to be addressed.

Passageway between Margaret Street & Jenny Street - Members were advised that to submit a request for a gating order, residents would require evidence of the problems occurring from the Police. It was suggested that an option might be to put a strong light in the ginnel to deter youths. The Area Manager commented that he would pass comments to First Choice Homes. The Chair advised that a Crime & Disorder meeting was taking place on Thursday 11th October where Jenny Street would be discussed, and urged residents to attend the meeting.

Ragwort - Members were informed that Council will begin a programme of treatment in the spring to deal with future growth.

CCTV - Members of the public were still concerned that not all the cameras were working. The Area Manager advised he had checked with security officers, who had confirmed that all cameras were operational. Concern was voiced that there was a camera missing, and it was requested that this was checked by the Area Manager.

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Petition regarding alleyway between 79-81 Limeside Road - A member of the public produced photographs showing criminal damage that had been done to his property over the last few weeks. It was suggested that the residents sit down with Inspector Stopford and the Environmental Sub Group to discuss the matter further.

Gate to the side of 111 Limeside Road - A member of the public confirmed that the lock had now been fixed.

4. Public Questions

A member of the public asked when would Caitlin Way be fixed properly?

In response Cliff Jackson advised that the worst areas would be addressed first, but it was unlikely that any more funding would be available to resurface the whole area.

A member of the public raised the issue of the lights being out on the slip roads to the motorway.

In response Cliff Jackson confirmed he would look into the matter and get in touch with the Highways Agency.

A member of the public requested an update on the gating order for Lonsdale Road, and where it would be placed.

In response the Area Manager confirmed that Lonsdale Road/Incline Road was included in Oldham's second gating order, but that this was currently subject to legal scrutiny and may take a few more months before any work would take place.

A member of the public advised that residents of Limeside felt excluded from Hollinwood and the Community Council.

In response the Chair stressed that the Community Council covered the whole ward of Hollinwood, and in the next newsletter a map would be put in to show the area covered by the Hollinwood Community Council. A member of the public added that Higher Lime Road had been leafleted for the 1st time. The Chair added that the new newsletter was obviously working and that one would be sent out prior to each quarterly Community Council meeting.

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Councillor Barrow asked on behalf of a resident whether there were any update on the issue of chewing gum on Hollins Road?

In response the Area Manager confirmed he would chase the matter up.

A member of the public asked whether there was any funding for hanging baskets on Elm Road?

In response the Area Manager confirmed the cost for new hanging baskets was approximately £190 per basket. The Chair suggested that the issue be raised at the Environmental Sub Group.

A member of the public complained about anti social behaviour on Limeside by youths approximately aged between 9 and 11 years old.

In response Councillor Barrow confirmed that First Choice Homes were looking into the matter and visits had been made to the homes of the youths concerned.

A member of the public raised the issue of proposed development on the recreational open space at Oak Colliery, and requested that the Community Council take a vote to protect the open space.

In response the Chair advised that Councillors were unable to vote on the matter. The Co-optees present unanimously voted against building on the site, and for it to remain an open space.

A member of the public requested that the skate park be monitored and the bus shelter on Hollins Road at Oak Colliery, in regard to the lack of lighting after dark.

In response the Area Manager confirmed that the issue was down to maintenance cost. Funding would have to be found for 5 years worth of maintenance, and comments would be required from street lighting.

It was **AGREED** that the Area Manager investigate the issues raised and report his findings to a future meeting of the Community Council.

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5. Regeneration and Business Update

Paul White, Service Director, Regeneration & Community Champion presented the Community Council with an update on the regeneration plans for the area. Mr White confirmed that the plans would go on the website to help residents understand what activities were taking place in the area. Mr White confirmed that not all activities would be completed by the regeneration department, they would just be bringing the projects together, although the plan had not yet been completed.

Several members of the public raised concerns over what was happening with any businesses affected. Mr White confirmed that as much as possible businesses would be relocated

Mr White also addressed the Community Council with regards to SRB 6 funding which had ended March 2007 and discussed the limitations of spending the allocated funding in time. However future funding would be bid for, with Hollinwood being one of the priority areas to receive any funding. Due to the number of issues and concerns raised by co-optees, that could not be responded to at the meeting, the Chair requested that members forward their questions to Mr White for a response.

6. Christmas Funding

The Area Manager confirmed that the cost of a 35ft Christmas tree was £850, and the money needed to be in place before the tree was ordered. The Chair confirmed that she had spoken to Contour Homes and that they would be willing to contribute towards lighting street columns on Hollins Road in future years.

It was **AGREED** to order the Christmas tree and for it to be located on the Roxy Site.

7. Feedback from the Community Council Sub Groups

The Chair gave a brief update on the 3 Sub Groups formed; Crime & Disorder, Youth Sub Group & Environment Sub Groups. The Chair advised members of the public were welcome to attend meetings of the Sub Groups.

The Meeting opened at 6:30pm and closed at 8:35pm.