

# Hollinwood Community Council

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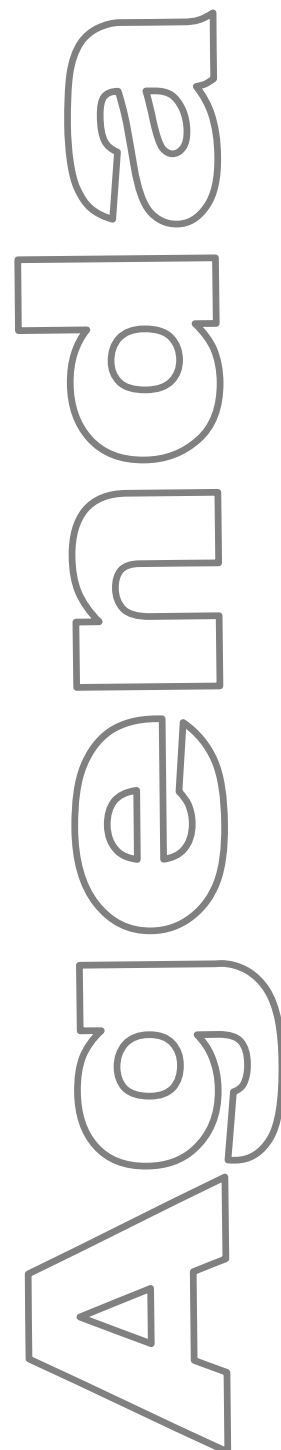
**Venue:** Walkers Road, Community Hall, Walkers Road,  
Hollins

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**Item No:**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007
3. Public Questions (30 Minutes)
4. Greater Manchester Future Transport Bid – Congestion  
Charges
5. Christmas Lights/Arrangements
6. Proposal for a Resident Survey
7. Sub Groups and Membership
8. Date and time of next meeting:-  
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 6.30pm (*venue to be decided*)



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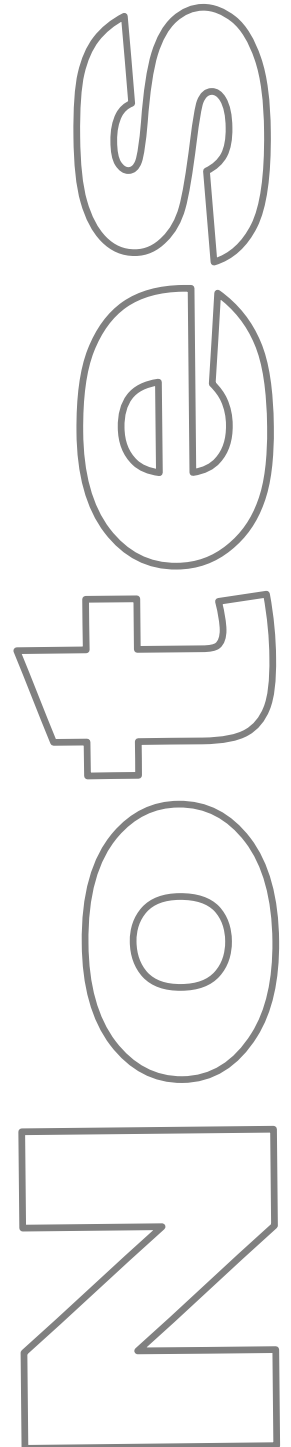
**Present:** Councillors: Barrow, Pendlebury and Stretton.

Co-optees: Janet Gipson, Nathan Keller, Julie Keller – Chair, Geoffrey Gartside, David Joynes, Jean Helliwell, Lil Nicholls, Helen Procter, Shirley Buckley, Roger Simpson, Stephen Williams and Dave Harwood

Officers: Zaiem Khan (Area Manager), Alija Sarac-Ashworth (Area Support Officer), Cliff Jackson (Highways and Engineering), Don Wagstaff (Transportation Officer) and PC Pickering (GM Police)

- 1. Apologies for Absence**  
Katy Lloyd – Co-optee, Eric Mitchell – Co-optee, Paul White – Officer Champion, Dave Stopford – Inspector
- 2. Minutes of last Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007**  
Co-optee Ms Gipson asked that the minutes be amended to include the following issue raised at the last meeting:
  - the SRB6 £200,000 under spend
  - That an Engineer's Officer stated that brackets and baskets could be erected on lamp columns
  - All nominations for Chair, Oldham Partnership Representatives be noted, whether they were later withdrawn or not
- 3. Outstanding Actions**  
The Area manager updated on the following actions:

There are 8 brackets still not erected on lamp columns on Hollins Road – The appropriate department has been informed of this  
Footpath Surface at Brennan Court/Catlin Way



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– The appropriate department has been informed that residents are still concerned, even after repair work. The issues regarding old and missing street signs and the double yellow lines on Jenny Street/Catlin Way are yet to be updated.

## 4. Public Questions

### (i) Jenny Street

A ginnel at the bottom of Jenny Street (apparently a right of way therefore cannot be gated) which runs underneath a bedroom ((known as a 'flying bedroom') is currently being used by youths for drinking, drug activity etc. One resident is so affected by it she is considering leaving her property. The same resident called the Police in the early hours of Sunday morning (5<sup>th</sup> August) about the complaint, but it wasn't until she called a second time, that the Police responded.

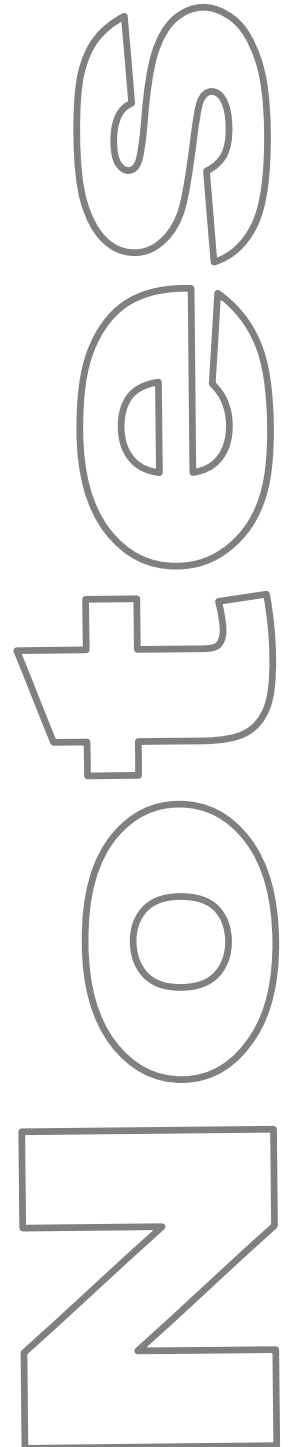
PC Pickering responded to the issue by informing the resident that his office has received a number of letters from different residents about the matter and as such, an Officer has visited those residents. As yet, the Resident present at the meeting has not had a visit.

**Action** That the Officer present will provide an update at the next meeting regards the above issue

**Action** Cllr Barrow to explore the option of gating the said ginnel despite it being a right of way

### (ii) Police response to Criminal Damage

A resident informed the Police officer that he had called Police to report bricks thrown through his porch window and later left names of culprits on the answer phone in the Safer Neighbourhoods Office. The only Police response was a letter to his home stating that all lines of enquiry have been exhausted and the issue has been closed unless further information is provided. The resident was disgruntled that he had in fact provided names of culprits but this had not been dealt with.



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**Action** PC Pickering will look into the matter further

(iii) Railings outside the Shops on Hollins Road/School Road

Railings installed at the above site, but not yet concreted in are causing concern for residents. Cones have been put up to deter people from approaching the hole. However, residents feel this isn't safe enough and called for the completion of the railings.

**Action** Cliff Jackson will look at the above issue

(iv) Street Cleaning on Hollins Road

A resident was concerned that he'd requested, in writing at the Area Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, that the area of Hollins Road outside his property be cleared of chewing gum and general litter more regularly. The resident stated that nothing has been done about the request

**Action** Cliff Jackson will speak to Street Scene about this issue and copy all Hollinwood Councillors in on any correspondence

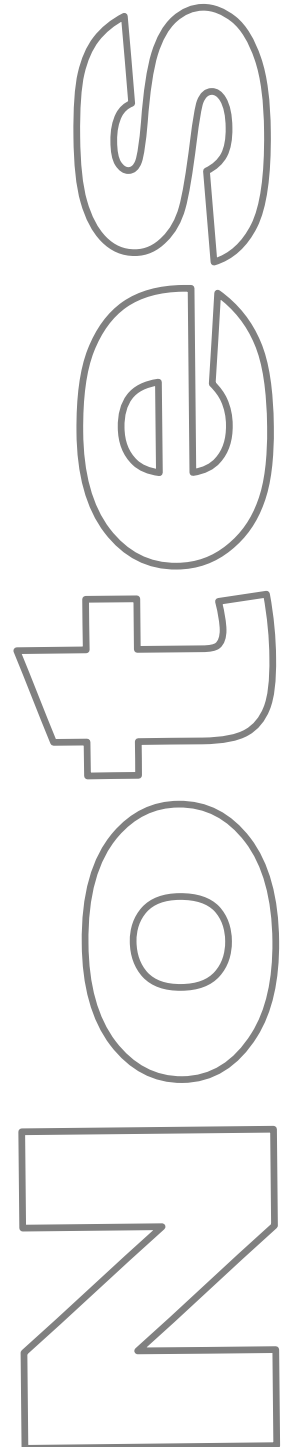
(v) Limeline Taxi's

Every weekend youths are throwing stones at passing cars. The owner of the firm is concerned for the safety of his staff and the public and is worried that his staff will eventually turn down evening work and jobs to/from certain areas mainly: Hollins Road, Limeside Road, St Chad's and Hollinwood in general. This is despite some covert operations by the Police and the recent arrest of one youth.

Cllr Stretton indicated that she had been involved in some high level discussions regarding this matter.

Residents were also asked to help the matter by not being afraid to report any culprits they witness throwing stones at cars, anonymously or otherwise

It was also mentioned that the option of increasing youth provision might help the issue, such as the possibility of a 'Smoothie Bar', which is being considered



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(vi) Alleygate Catlin Way/Brennan Court

An access route is to be devised which will lead to the open part of the Chapel Road alleyway which means Brennan Court/Catlin Way residents can still access the shops on Chapel Road. However, residents are concerned that they have been informed that this could take up to two months

**Action** Cllr Stretton to look into this matter

(vii) Ragwort

One resident is concerned with the weed, which is found in most parts of the area, especially as he read it is harmful to children, as well as animals

**Action** Area Manager to speak to the Street Scene Team regarding the above matter

(viii) Utilities Box (opposite Montgomery Street), Hollins Road

It was suggested that if the box was fenced off youths wouldn't be able to mount it, where they then throw stones at passing vehicles.

**Action** Cllr Pendlebury to speak to the necessary Officers regarding SRB6 under spend and update at the next meeting

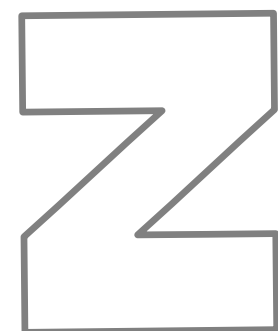
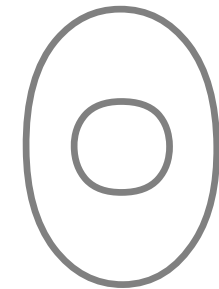
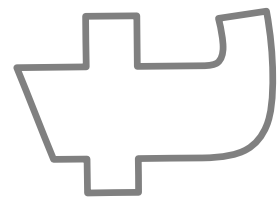
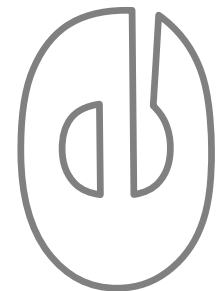
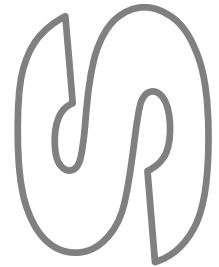
(ix) CCTV

One resident was concerned that the cameras are still not in place and functioning, despite approval for the Scheme being so long ago.

Cllr Stretton assured residents that the scheme as a whole is due for completion mid September

(x) Footpaths re-surface Brennan Court/Catlin Way

Residents are not satisfied with the re-surface work done to the area. In rainy weather the ground is flooded causing problems for residents.



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Cliff Jackson from Highways explained that FCHO gave them a small budget for remedial work and they did the best they could bearing in mind the limited budget

Cliff Jackson informed the residents that the contractors who did the work are due back to remedy however, they travel around the country so aren't on hand immediately, but are due back in Oldham in August and are aware that they are expected to come back to Brennan Court/Catlin Way. The issues raised about blocked service grids will be passed onto the contractor.

**Action** Area Manager to write to FCHO to clarify the issue of budgets

**5. Greater Manchester Future Transport Bid – Congestion Charges**

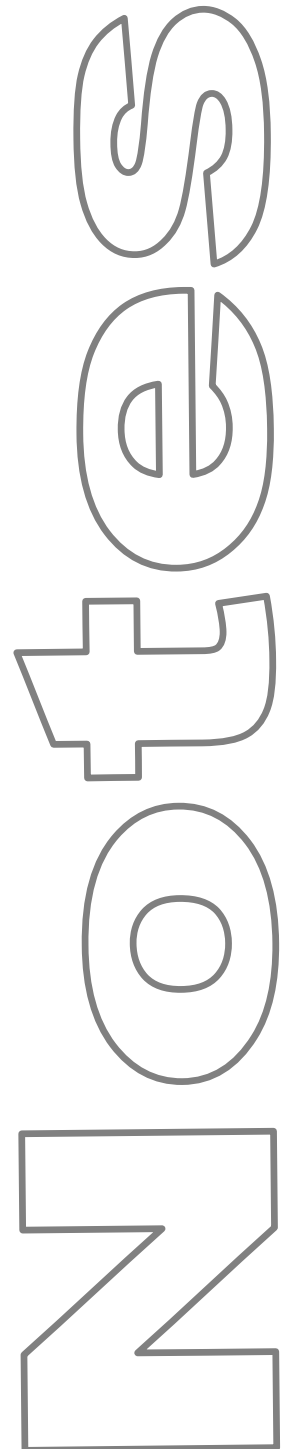
Don Wagstaff, Principal Transportation Officer, Regeneration Directorate introduced the Bid of which Congestion Charging is one element. Concerns were raised by residents and co-optees. It was accepted that Oldham council has no persuasion powers with the Government initiative and that at most, Hollinwood, Failsworth and Chadderton (most affected areas) are consulted regards the matter if the bid is accepted and as the initiative progresses. The Officer explained that this would naturally occur.

**6. Christmas Lights/Arrangements**

Lights to lamp columns on Hollins Road are currently being considered. Unit costs for each have been requested, and a map of all columns. The Area Manager is awaiting this information before proceeding. Janet Gipson recommended that, to avoid cost of removing hanging baskets/brackets (as lamp columns wouldn't take the weight of a basket and lights, and cost to remove and erect lights every year), that the lights be plain snow lights wound round the top of the column, or canopy lights (similar to Chadderton Town Hall) that are left all year. Also, to alternate the lights and baskets so there is never a basket and lights on the same lamp column.

**Christmas Tree**

It was suggested that the Roxy site would be ideal for a tree as it welcomes people into Oldham off the motorway, giving a



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good first impression of the Town. It was also suggested that local businesses be approached to ask for donations for the lights

**Action** Chair to write to all local businesses to an appropriate meeting to ask if they would donate to the cost of the lights

**Action** Cllr Stretton will raise this matter with the regeneration Directorate

**Resolved** To set up an Environment Sub Group at the next co-optee meeting which will cover Christmas Lights/Tree

## 7. **Proposal for a Resident Survey**

Co-Optee Dave Harwood presented a proposal and cost analysis for the survey.

It was suggested that the front cover be eye catching to avoid residents throwing it away without reading it.

**Resolved** That the Community Council's funds the survey at a cost of £700 maximum from its Marketing Budget

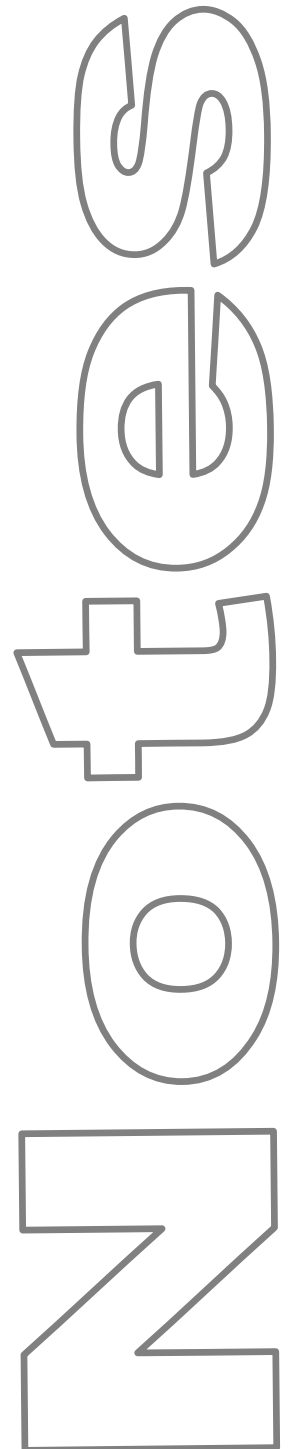
## 8. **Sub Groups and Membership**

A Crime and Disorder Sub Group and a Young Person Sub Group were formed at the last Co-optee meeting. Members of those groups were named in the papers circulated, page 12. The Chair informed the meeting that non co-optees/Elected Members could sit on those Sub Groups if they had an interest. For example, a Homewatch Co-ordinator could sit on the Crime and Disorder Sub Group.

**Action** An Environment Sub Group be formed at the next Co-Optee meeting

## 9. **Date and time of next meeting:-**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007, 6.30pm (venue to be confirmed)**



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## 10. Any Other Business

(i) Petition re Alleyway to side of number 81 and 79 Limeside Road

Residents have produced a petition regarding the above alley, which was turned down for gating on the grounds that it was a right of way

(ii) Gate to side of 111 Limeside Road

The lock on a gate to the rear of the above is being easily over ridden, making the lock redundant and therefore defeating the object

**Action** Area Manager to take up these issues raised in the petition

(iii) Planning Application Lists

Co-optees were concerned that since Community Councils, they no longer receive the weekly planning list

**Action** Area Manager to look into the above

(iv) Thanks was given to the Community Council for donation towards the Hollinwood Fun Day

(v) People were asked to note that the Hollinwood Carnival takes place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007

