

Royton Community Council

Date: Monday 11th June 2007

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Royton Youth Centre, Chapel Street, Royton

Present: Councillors: Bashforth, Chadderton, Harrison, Judge and Larkin Shaw

In Attendance: Lisa MacDonald, Sarah Mellor, Michelle Carr, Nick Andrews, Cliff Jackson, Gordon Beverley, Peter Rafferty and Inspector Fiona Butt.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Claire Fish, Service Director.

2. **Introduction and welcome to Community Councils by Councillor Larkin, Community Champion.**

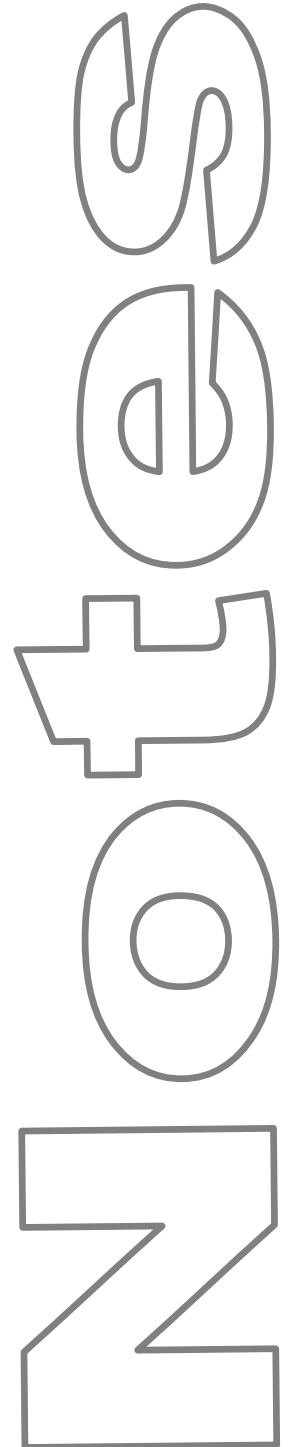
Councillor Larkin welcomed everyone to the 1st Community Council and explained that prior to the meeting the Elected Members had considered the Co-optee applications and had appointed the following co-optees:-

- o Pat Norris
- o Robert Bradley
- o Howard William Moores
- o Norman Leslie Herring

With regard to the appointment of Chair, he explained that the 3 candidates had put their name forward; namely Pat Norris, Robert Bradley and Howard Moores. The meeting then heard representation from each of the candidates prior to a vote taking place. Following the vote, Howard Moores was elected Chair.

3. **Masterplanning Update - Regeneration**

- o The Community Council received a presentation on the Master plan for Royton, the outcome of the local survey and business survey, which was currently taking place.
- o Residents raised their concerns regarding who had been surveyed and felt that all residents should have sent the questionnaire.
- o It was explained that the Authority were trying to co-ordinate activities between the various agencies.
- o The Community Council acknowledged that they would be consulted and proposals would come back to a future meeting.



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4. Police Update - Inspector Fiona Butt.

- Inspector Butt provided the meeting with a comparison of crime statistics, comparing March to May 2006 with March to May 2007. These figures are detailed below: -

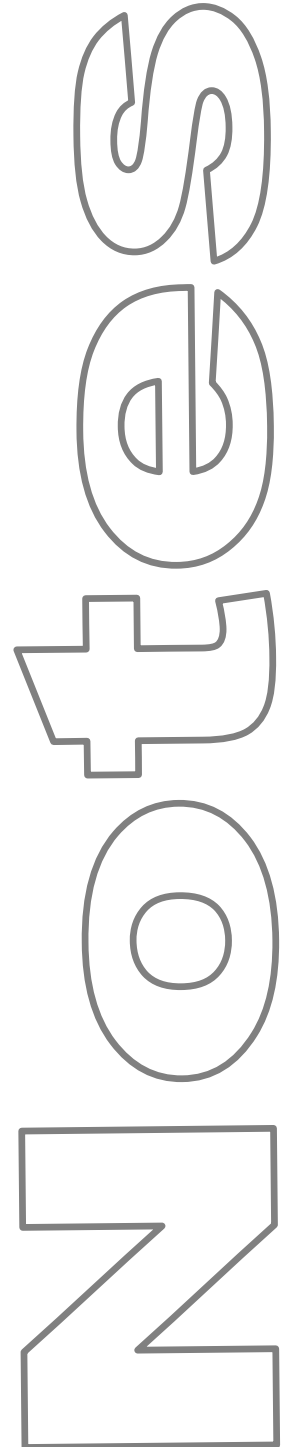
	March/May 2006	March/May 2007
Burglary	22	33
Violence against a person	44	35
Vehicle claim	102	55
Robbery	8	0
Anti-Social Behaviour	208	128

- Royton Park - It was acknowledged that this was currently a hot-spot and the police were working with other agencies to resolve the problem.
- Girl's Day - Pam Rothwell (PCSO) had organised a Girl's Day, which had been very well attended, that covered self defence, fire/road safety and taxi drivers along with other activities such as street dancing.
- Donna Wheeler had been appointed Royton's School Liaison Officer and was engaging with youngsters on numerous topics such as drugs, alcohol and cyber bullying.
- Tandlehill Park -Concerns were raised regarding numerous illegal activities taking place in the park. The Inspector explained that they were patrolling the area.
- Open-door burglary - The public were alerted to this growing trend and urged residents to ensure that all doors and windows remained locked at all times.

5. Environmental Services Street Scene - Gordon Beverley and Peter Rafferty

- Gordon Beverley and Peter Rafferty explained the work undertaken by Street Scene. This included the removal of litter, graffiti and Community clean-ups.
- Dog-fouling - Several concerns were raised from the public regarding the amount of dog-fouling there was at Heyside Playing Fields. It was felt that this wasn't helped by there only being one bin, which was not ideally located. Officers explained that they would look into this and relocate the bin, if necessary.

6. Highways - Cliff Jackson



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- Cliff Jackson explained that Highways dealt with street lighting, weather maintenance and highways and at the meeting to gather information and feedback from the public.
- A question was raised regarding the standard of some of the resurfacing work that had been undertaken within the Borough and what provisions the Council had in place to ensure that roads are resurfaced to an acceptable standard. In response it was reported that legislation was in place and the Council had the power to serve defect notices, if they deemed that the resurfacing work was to an unsatisfactory standard.
- Tandlewood Park - Concerns were raised regarding raw sewage surfacing onto the brook of Oozewood Brook Farm. It was explained that this was United Utilities responsibility.

7. Youth Service - Cathy Lingard

- Cathy explained that the Youth Service worked with 13-19 year olds, providing an array of services and activities.

8. Area Action Teams - Lisa MacDonald, Area Manager

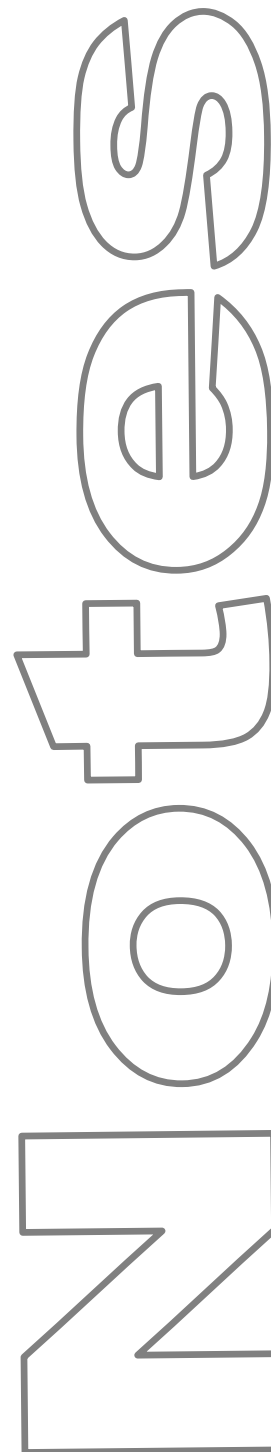
- The Area Manager explained her job and the work of the Area Action team, which comprises of agencies within the Borough such as Council Departments, Fire and Police.
- The Area Action Teams target hot spots and make sure that resources are pooled together to get the best impact.

9. Priorities/Question raised by the Community Council

- Royton Park - Discussions took place regarding the facilities at Royton Park for youths and the need for further investments (such as Kerrching funds). The Community Council was very interested in this proposal and **AGREED** that further consideration should be given to the proposal.
- Facilities for the Elderly - Discussions took place regarding facilities for the elderly and it was **AGREED** that proposals should be considered at the next meeting.

10. Community Council Budget

- It was explained that each ward would receive £3000, so the budget for Royton Community Council would be £6000. This money could be spent on events (revenue projects).
- A question was raised as to whether the Council wanted to pool some of budget with Shaw for such events as the St. George's Day and the Young People's festival, and it was felt that this was a good idea.



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- Discussions took place regarding other events/projects that they may wish to support, such as Christmas lights.
- Funding for elderly and youths were also discussed in detail.
- Elected Members budgets were raised and it was agreed that further clarity was required to what Councillors were able to spend the budget on.

11. Special Meeting Procedures

- It was explained that in order to call a special meeting, 4 Members would need to agree, along with consultation of the Chair.

12. Public Question Time

- A question was raised from B. Deaville regarding the demolition of the pavilion on Clayton Playing Fields. The pavilion holds a plaque, which if not retrieved would result in a piece of local history being lost. He also queried whether the changing rooms would be rebuilt, as it was essential to the fields.
- An Officer explained that he would look into the situation and come back to Mr. Deaville with an answer.

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

- Tuesday 17th September 2007 at 7.00pm

The meeting opened at 7.00pm and closed at 9.15pm.
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