

pdfClaremont Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2009, Height Methodist Church, King Street, Salford at 7.30 pm

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members present: B Patten, B Lee, M Rice, M Bunting, M Chew, Cllr Ferrer, J Fairchild, S Hesling, D Judd, E Traynor, J Dickinson, D Locke, J Alderson, J Taylor, J Nolan, C Phillips, PC Hardman.

- Item 1: Apologies for absence were received from: D Henthorne GMP, J Faucitt, C Roberts (GMP) M McDonnell, J Cook, Cllr Owen, H Worrall
- Item 2: Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- Item 3: There were no matters arising
- Item 4: Policing and traffic issues – There has been a reoccurrence of offences against Pendleton College students. Those committing the offences appear to be young white males wearing hooded tops. Some of the offenders appear to be local to the area but some are thought to come from the Irlam and Eccles. Police have asked everyone to be vigilant and, in particular, keep mobile phones out of sight. The police and the college are cooperating to solve this issue including using text message/bluetooth communication in order to warn students the dangers.

There had been a spate of damage in Light Oaks Park. Residents on the perimeter of the park had been alerted to the vandalism, both to the trees and the park fence, by letter from the police. There had been additional problems with bikes, motorbikes and scooters racing through the park. The police were making contact with groups of youths and using a variety of methods to improve communication including giving out complimentary tickets for Salford Rugby matches.

There were comments that the Council's security 'out of hours' number (used to report incidents) is unobtainable.

There had been a break in at St Luke's RC primary school which appeared to be amateurish but has caused some damage. Security at the school is to be improved as a result.

It is now possible to report crime on GMP website.

Item 5: Pendleton College planning and parking – the planning conditions attached to the use of portacabin classrooms are not being adhered to by the college. The conditions relate to the use of opaque glass, the fire escape, planting and screening and fencing/gates onto Carlton Road. Enforcement officers are to visit the college to discuss non-compliance with the college authorities.

There is continued vehicle congestion on Dronfield Road which is spreading onto Bolton Road and adjacent streets. The college car park capacity is inadequate for the number of college car users at peak times.

Buses and coaches add to this congestion and affect local traffic. The result of increased traffic has led to a serious decline in the road surface on Dronfield Road in particular but other side roads are also showing signs of wear and tear.

Item 6: Elleray Road alley gating – this project is unresolved to date.

Item 7: Height in Bloom: Salix Homes has contributed £1,000 to this project. The promised money from the Coop has not been received to date. It was decided that the small planters were too portable and that the 2009 project will involve large-scale planters on the grass in front of the Bolton Road shops.

Item 8: Play Day 2009: The date of the event is Saturday 8 August 09 1pm - 5pm. Funding is yet to be confirmed but everything is booked, including a face painter, slide, bouncy castle, dancing troupe etc. The aim is to provide as many free events as possible from the funding application.

Item 9: Height Youth Club – has been under threat of closure due to the lack of a youth worker and inadequate facilities. The issue had been brought to the attention of Jill Baker at Children's Services. The Salford Foundation had been informed of the situation and had expressed an interest in getting involved in supporting the club and funding equipment. For now the Youth Club has survived but needs further support to bring it up to the required standard.

Item 10: Buile Hill Mansion: the Lottery bid for the park is imminent. Members were encouraged to write to the Lottery Officer, previously circulated by email, with their comments. See attached letter from CCA for information.

Item 11: Light Oaks Park vandalism: see above under Item 4.

Item 12: Treasurer's report: the accounts stand at £341.85 (current account) and £2368.15 (deposit account)

AOB:

The meeting closed at 9 pm

Next meeting is the AGM and will take place on Wednesday 3 June 2009 at 7.30 pm Height Methodist Hall, King Street, Irlams o th Height, Salford 6

