

ROCHDALE AREA PANEL MEETING

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2008

MINUTES

Attendance: See attached list

Apologies: Debbie Lord (Chesham TRA)

Joan Turner (Chair) advised the meeting that a change in the order of agenda items had been made to accommodate attending guest speakers. The meeting then followed the agenda as detailed:

1 **Update on Quick Wins Programme, Rochdale South – Deborah Jamieson.**

Deborah outlined the priorities agreed at the Area Panel held on 19 April 2008 and the schemes proposed for the Rochdale South Township (as previously circulated):

- Provision of rear fencing to 105-115 Brimrod Lane
- Tree removal at Stoneyvale Court
- Environmental improvements at Long Hill island
- Provision of fencing to No 60 Hartley Lane
- Provision of fencing to Great Gates Road and Moorside alleyway
- Provision of fencing to 115 Daventry Road
- Improve drainage to die of New Barn Lane, Long Hill

It was reported that a budget of £26,000 will still be available should these schemes be approved. Tenants were advised to put forward potential schemes via their Housing Officer or to attend an estate walkabout in order to identify issues for consideration.

It was AGREED by a unanimous vote to approve the above schemes.

2 **Grounds Maintenance – Gordon Beverley, Street Services Manager**

Gordon outlined his responsibilities in terms of grounds maintenance as part of the Service Level Agreement with RBH. These include maintenance of grass, shrub beds, pathways and weed killing; also street cleaning including fly tipping and dog fouling.

Tenants were advised that the quality of grass cutting has been a problem on many estates due to the consistently inclement weather. Collection of cuttings is not a requirement but pathways should be

blown clear. Marion Ellidge reported that the tree pruning required at 29 Arnold Bagnall Court has still not been completed.

Action: Gordon will liaise with the arborist and Dena Coleman to ensure this is carried out.

Various concerns regarding inadequate grounds maintenance were raised by tenants. Gordon gave assurance that these will be addressed. Kath Shaughnessy will speak to a mobile caretaker regarding issues at Eunice Close and Norton Road.

Ron Gerner raised a long-standing issue of trees blocking light on derelict land near Moss Row.

Action: Gordon will speak to Arborist, Graham Douglas and feedback directly to Ron.

Tenants were advised that if they have any street cleaning issues, they should, in the first instance, contact the Housing Office.

3 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were approved as a true record.

4 **Update on Quick Wins Programme, Rochdale North – Kath Shaughnessy**

The following schemes were considered:

- Two fencing schemes on Freehold
- Fencing at Edenfield Road
- Fencing and gates at Mountside View and Ravendale
- Provision of signage to all stairwells in Freehold flats
- Rear gates and resurfacing to courtyards to 102-148 Meadow View and 36-58 Martin Lane
- Lower Falinge Footway refurbishment
- Fencing at Jack McCann Court
- Fencing, gates and handrails at Scarr Drive
- Communal Door Security at College Bank
- Flagging replacement at Moss Row

Tenants were advised that as the Freehold drainage upgrade detailed in the report was not in fact part of the scheme, the total value of the schemes was £55,900.

It was AGREED by unanimous vote to approve the above schemes.

5 **One-Off Tenant Participation Grants**

The meeting asked that applications for one-off grants be circulated prior to future meetings to allow adequate time for consideration. This was duly noted for action.

The meeting considered the following applications:

- a) Application by Moss Row Residents Association for £500 to purchase food, drink and entertainment for a Christmas party.

On the basis that 50% assistance is usually given for parties it was **AGREED to grant £250**. John Rodgers will contact Ron Gerner to discuss finding matching funding.

- b) Application by Syke Older Persons Activity Group for a £500 contribution to the cost of providing 10 computer training sessions.

It was **AGREED to grant £500**.

- c) Application by Arnold Bagnall Court Residents Association for £317.25 to purchase a photocopier and additional cartridge.

It was **AGREED to grant £317.25**.

5 **Date and Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

It was agreed to invite Mark Fisher from the Repairs Team to the next meeting.

Tenants requested that the next meeting be held at 2 pm, 19 January 2009 in the Old Post Office.

6 **Any Other Business**

A security light is required at 110 Meadow View.

Action: Kath Shaughnessy will arrange for this.

Communities First Townships In Bloom Competition – Marion Ellidge asked for clarification on the results of the judging which have not yet been received.

Action: Janet Grainger (TPU Admin) will query this with Sue Kershaw, Communities First Coordinator and feedback to Marian on Friday 12 September.

Joan Turner made the suggestion that tenants consider participating in the RBH RAMP meetings as an opportunity to raise speci

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Name	Group
Joan Turner (Chair)	Brotherod TRA
Kath Shaughnessy	Principal Housing Officer – Rochdale North
Deborah Jamieson	Principal Housing Officer – Rochdale South
Gordon Beverley	Street Services Manager
John Rodgers	RBH Tenant Participation Officer
Janet Grainger	RBH
Olga Zilinskas	TRAK
Tim Byrne	TRAK
Phil Renshaw	RBH Board
Peter Dobson	Cutgate TRA
Mona O'Connell	Cutgate TRA
Marion Ellidge	Arnold Bagnall Court Residents Association
Ruth Cattlin	Arnold Bagnall Court Residents Association
Ron Gerner	Moss Row Residents Association
Mrs Morrison	Syke Older Persons Activity Group

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