

## NORDEN AREA FORUM

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Tuesday 30 April 2024**

**Present:** N Morrell (Chair)

**Councillors:** Councillor Winkler  
Councillor Gartside

**GMP** Sgt Walsh  
PC Giblin

10 members of the public in attendance

Apologies: Councillor Holly, Paul Ellison, Nigel Fowler

Agenda No.	Agenda Item
1.	<b>Introductions, Apologies, Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference</b>
<p>The Chair opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance. Apologies were given and attention was drawn to the code of conduct and terms of reference.</p> <p>Explanation given by Chair regarding how future meetings would be conducted. Council had recommended that Area Forums in the Township North Areas cease to exist and that the function of these bodies is now part of Township North Meetings. This would mean Norden would be given one item on the agenda. It was discussed and decided all forum meetings would be carried out as an extension as the ward councillor surgeries and be run as a voluntary forum.</p> <p>Last meeting endorsed Nigel Morrell as Chair and he will continue in this capacity.</p> <p><b>Continuation of Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference.</b> Discussions around politics will not take place in this particular forum due to “purdah” period for local elections.</p> <p>Further communications will be via local fb noticeboards, agenda, minutes and website <a href="http://www.Norden.community.org">www.Norden.community.org</a></p> <p>Meetings occur every quarter.</p>	
2.	<b>Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising</b>
<p>Councillor Winkler approved minutes of last meeting Pat Tough seconded the approval.</p> <p>Planning process. Detailed responses to questions raised about this issue have been received. Answers have been forwarded to RMNF.</p> <p>Sinkholes – both are now completed.</p>	

GMP – surgeries will be publicised as part of the minutes and on our website [www.naf](http://www.naf).  
Reporting crime. Allocation of police resources is intelligence led. There is reliance on public reporting crime.

Live chat – encourage members of the public to make use. Ask for incident and crime number. Once dialogue complete there is an option to download. Incident/crime numbers important to resource allocation

IX Wireless – meeting took place. 19.4.24 – chair, councillors and members of public attended. Cllr Winkler – notice submitted to IX Wireless in relation to erection of mast Rochdale. Statutory period to respond was 4.4.24 – At the time of the meeting, unaware as to whether an appeal had been lodged. IX wireless has stopped operations.

Question was asked if this was a test case for Rochdale or a larger (GMCA) area. Cllr Winkler responded this was Rochdale. Question asked whether other Councillors/Councils in GM know what is happening in Rochdale. Cllr Winkler responded he was almost sure they are aware.

Response received from government department, this will be published on website. OFCOM – working on best way of approach.

**Action: Chair to upload notes of meeting held on 19.4.24 to be uploaded to website.**

Rose Ave/Lancaster Terrace- still to be resolved.

Shepherd Mill – planning permission and number of matters in relation to application. Contamination on site is a main concern. Geo-technical assessment attached to planning application undertaken on behalf of applicants points to serious issues. Stone facings on houses. Message to planners to take into account views of forum.

Church View/Kendal Ave. No cycling signs. Work in progress

Edenfield Road, Shawfield and Woodhouse Lanes. Road surfaces still in poor condition despite recent patching up of areas.

Edenfield Road leading out of village past White Lion. Road surface in a poor state.

Great British Spring Clean – was a success.

Nutters site – as stated. Members of forum looking to arrange meeting with Directors of Alberts.

<b>3.</b>	<b>Greater Manchester Police</b>
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**Figures**

No figures provided due to closeness of last figures being published

**Burglaries.** Commercial areas being targeted.

**ASB** – Greenbooth, Ashworth Road, Rooley Moor, Woodhouse Lane are currently hotspot areas.

**Traffic** – operation to be undertaken in the middle of May.

Surgeries – should be held monthly at Norden Old Library. Looking at advertising more.

PCSOs and Police for area have been on different shift patterns. This has resulted in tasks being allocated taking longer than usual. From 1 July shift patterns will revert back both Police and PCSOs being on same shifts. The position regarding surgeries will become clearer at that point.

Off Road biking. OP Dragster – operations planned for summer involving local volunteers, UU and Lancashire police.

Community safety team which includes Rochdale and Rossendale Community Safety Teams, alongside Lancashire Police and Rochdale Police. Plans to put public space protection order (PSPO) are currently ongoing, which gives the Police extra powers to seize bikes and arrest individuals. As part of the process this goes out to public consultation. On 7.5.24 between 4.00 pm and 6.00pm – member of community safety team will be in attendance at Norden Old Library to discuss proposals and copies of the order will be available.

#### **Q&A Session**

Is PSPO available elsewhere other than at the Old Library.

#### **Action : link to be provided with minutes**

Speeding Operations -. PCSOs have to be accompanied by specially trained officers. Is this correct. Council issue speed guns, protocols to be followed, resources required.

Traffic officers, need to be in attendance for this type of operation. Traffic unit covers Bolton and Rochdale.

Question What time of day are you planning to undertake the operations? As members of the public will ask why it's not being done during the evening. Plans to undertake at different times of the day

Question – Is there anything that can be done to monitor the speed?

There were serious concerns raised around the speeding through the village and potential for serious accidents to happen.

What number of fatalities before deterrents will be considered? Need to obtain criteria from TFGM

Speed sensitive signs have been obtained. Question asked as to whether data can be downloaded for information. Newer models of signs do allow data to be downloaded. Unfortunately, the signs in the village do not allow this. Strategic highways network comes under TFGM, who have series of safety constraints.

#### **Action: Chair to obtain information from TFGM for next meeting**

Thank you to Councillors for getting the equipment already in place.

Marshall's Wagons. Is anyone monitoring them when they go through the village at 6.00 am in the morning? Concerns raised as to the speed the wagons go through the village.

#### **Action: Chair and councillors to write to Marshall's to express concerns of villagers.**

Stuart Davies – sent apologies but has sent documentation regarding off road issues. Data received.



<b>4.</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>
No further items	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Update on Places for Everyone</b>
Greenbelt action groups engaging in bringing forward judicial review regarding the impact on greenbelt areas across GM.	
Bamford Greenbelt Action Group – sponsored by Amber Pets – Dog Show.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Councillors Update</b>
No updates due to purdah.	
Cllr Gartside. Development at Greenbooth Road. Planning officer has been approached regarding banking on Heap Road – civil engineers currently looking at this.	
Buildings – stone frontages to blend with rest of area.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Members/Ward Funds</b>
Provisions will not be known until after local Council elections.	
Funding from 2023/4 ward fund was used for the following projects:	
Tents -10 <sup>th</sup> Rochdale Scouts	
Removal of Asbestos – St Pauls	
Renovation of war memorial	
Women's Institute with a planter	
Process of repairing barrier on bridle way junction of Rooley Moore and Knacks Lane.	
Traffic calming on Caldershaw. Work in progress	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
Event	
5.5.24 – Tour de Manc	
7.5.24 – Consultation RE: PSPO	
12.5.24 – Whitworth Skyline Walk – Charitable walk. This year comes into Norden Ward.	
<b>Next Meeting – 2 July 2024 at 1900.</b>	
Meeting called to a close.	