



# Ovenden Ward Forum

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## November Feedback

**Date:** Tuesday 27 November 2018

**Venue:** Moorside School

**Attending:** Councillor Anne Collins (Chair ), Councillor Bryan Smith, PS Phil Haigh (WY Police) Vicky McGhee (NHP )and 9 residents

### 1 Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 Ward Forum chair Councillor Anne Collins introduced herself and other local ward Councillor Bryan Smith. PS Phil Haigh (WY Police) and Neighbourhood Manager Vicky McGhee gave residents and services in attendance an opportunity to introduce themselves.

### 2 Local Updates from Ward Councillors

- 2.1 **Moorside School** –Everyone agreed that the school looks fantastic. Sue Frankland from Moorside School wanted to publicly thank the ward councillors and the public for their ongoing support after the recent break in and damage to the building on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. The School have now invested in heavier padlocks, changed the alarm process to 1<sup>st</sup> activation key holder response and are reviewing all security measures with numerous parties. Councillor Anne Collins informed the Forum that the objections raised over the moving of the school crossing was over ruled due to pupil safety.
- 2.2 **Budgets** - Councillor Collins stated that she is concerned with setting a budget as most of the funding goes to AHSC and young people, which she finds frustrating.
- 2.3 **Cousin Lane** - Councillor Bryan Smith confirmed he had spoken to Highways and Senior Officers from the council in regards to the uneven patches of road on Cousin Lane, Areas of the road will be resurfaced, however, this will be over a period of 3 years.
- 2.4 **Ovenden Hall** - Councillor Bryan Smith reiterated that CMBC are working very closely with the owner of the building and English Heritage to secure and preserve the building.
- 2.5 **Trinity Academy Six Form Collage**- Councillor Collins informed the meeting that the plans and building are on track for the development of the new six form collage to be built at Northgate Halifax starting in September 2019.

Trinity Academy pupils will have access to the new project and will provide young people with a post-16 further education option without leaving the district as well boosting Calderdale's economy. The larger sixth form center will be more viable than traditional individual school-based equivalents and will enhance the curriculum range for students. By building a six form collage in Halifax it will free up space within the school at Holmfield for more local children aged 11-16 years.

Councillor Collins to look into bus services for the North Halifax area.

- 2.6 **Dementia Café Launch** – Councillor Collins was happy to report that the Café has been received well and invited local people to attend or bring along someone they may know who could and would benefit from this type of group. The café is held every month on the second Wednesday at Halifax Ruby Club Ovenden Park Halifax.
- 2.7 **Forest Cottage** –Councillor Bryan Smith informed the meeting that OSCA foundation has now taken over the building.
- 2.8 **Junior Wardens** - Councillor Collins reported that we now have Junior Warden Groups in most of the Primary Schools in the area.
- 2.9 **Furness** - Councillor Collins said that she felt that Ovenden had lost out a lot in investment she is trying to persuade the Council to reprioritise funding. The Furness area now has a new developer who is going to build in the area. Update to be given at the next meeting.
- 2.10 **Street lighting** - Councillor Bryan Smith had noted that there had been quite a few complaints over street lights not working, Councillor Smith just wanted to make clear that this was down to the works that are being carried out in replacing the Street Lights to the new LED lamp, and some will be out until all works are complete.
- 2.11 **Beechwood Library** – No decision has been made as yet. Councillor Collins stated that realistically there is no money in the pot to repair and maintain the building and are looking for an alternative venue to continue with the library service. Calderdale have kept all libraries open.

### 3 Police Update

- 3.1 **Lee Mount** - Ps Haigh referred to the high profile death of a local teenager and confirmed that a male youth from Huddersfield has now been charged. The aftermath led to a high presence of police in the area due to tension from youths holding vigils, lighting fires etc. which left local residents feeling neglected in their safety. Ps Haigh felt that the situation was handled sensitively. Councillor Collins stated that Dean Field School had set up a bereavement support group and that CMBC had repaired damage to tarmac in the area from the fires. The Lee Mount Walkabout due to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> November had to be cancelled due to poor weather. Chris Newton and Daniel Marham are initiating a new Neighbour Hood watch group.

- 3.2 **Wheatley** –Ps Haigh confirmed that there had been a significant increase in burglary in the Wheatley area. PS Haigh confirmed that Ward Officer PC Newton has been very proactive in and around the area and had taken on shift changes. There have been two recent arrests in the area. WYP Home Security Advice leaflet was given out.
- 3.3 **Motorbikes**–In and around Cousin Lane ,Bank Edge Furness drive area Ps Haigh confirmed that operation Hornhill is still going well and Officers are constantly on vehicle watch.
- 3.4 **Weavers Brook** – Ongoing issues with ASB, believed drug use and setting bins on fire in this area with young people and residents who live at Weavers Brook .PS Haigh confirmed that Ovenden Ward Officer PC Newton has completed a lot of ongoing work in this area and trouble tenants have now been evicted.
- 3.5 **Ovenden Park** – ASB in Ovenden Park is still high, there is a possibility of the stands being demolished.
- 3.6 **Local Priorities in SCG Meetings** –Ps Haigh confirmed the three main priorities are to reduce the antisocial use of cars, bikes and quads, Fire setting and Fly tipping.

#### 4 Your issues - Open Forum

**Customer Service** – Update from previous meeting, the issue is now resolved and the resident has received an apology. The Resident also stated that the service isn't automated and actually manned at Battison Road by a member of staff.

- 4.1 **Parking on Keighley Road - Pavement Parking** – A resident raised the issue of vehicles parking on the pavements with the most common areas being Keighley Road, the bottom of Club Lane and outside of the Chinese Takeaway, also at the bottom of Nursery Lane, causing low visibility on roads and at crossings/ junctions. PS Phil Haigh (WY Police) explained the laws around parking and that Calderdale Council deal with cars parked on double yellows whilst issues such as obstructing pavements and parking on zig zags is a police matter. Obstructing pavements is usually dealt with by way of education whilst there is a fixed penalty, points on driving license for parking on zig zags.
- 4.2 **Ward Forum Advertisement** – A resident raised an issue with the lack of advertisement of the Ward Forum with regards the recent changes to GDPR meant that unless the resident had opted back in they WILL NOT receive email notification. However the Ward Forum meeting is always well advertised on the Halifax North & East Blog, Friday Flyer , Including school newsletters and local shops and library's and also available on the Council website.
- 4.3 **Threeways** – recent attempt of break-in, and ASB in the Community Garden. **Action** –Police to patrol area periodically. Ps Haigh also confirmed that there is PSOC present in Ovenden on every shift. Councillor Bryan Smith mentioned the extensive youth services that are taking place at Forest Cottage.

- 4.4 **Street lighting** – Will the No Alcohol signs be replaced on the new lamps? **Action** - Councillor Collins to check at the next meeting with the Alcohol group.
- 4.5 **Land opposite Johals** – Whose responsibility is it? Councillor Bryan Smith confirmed it was the shop keepers responsibility to keep it clean and tidy.
- 4.6 **Lawler Close** – Resident complained about the number of smashed bottles and broken glass that was on the ginnel. **Action** – Resident informed to report via the council website.
- 4.7 **Development old Graveyard Nursery Lane** – Resident queried the application and was informed by Councillor Bryan Smith that once the graves had been relocated and the area cleared that there is permission for 2 semi-detached dwellings.
- 4.8 **Beechwood Library** – Residents queried the costs involved and asked would it be relocated to Threeways. Councillor Collins stated again that no decision has been made.

## 5 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday at Moorside Community Primary School for refreshments and a prompt 6.15pm start.



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