

Event Community Consultation Meeting

Minutes 10th March 2014

Attendance:

Councillor

Mike Parrott (**MP**); Kirsten Warren (**KW**);
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1. Welcome and Introductions

KW welcomed all to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

2. Apologies

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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

No previous minutes were taken at the previous meeting as it was held prior to Bonfire Night and members agreed to receive a written update that was circulated by KW.

4. Matters arising

No Matters arising.

A point of order was made regarding an anonymous e-mail that was sent to the consultative group members. KW stated that the e-mail was not sent from MCC and was not aware of who had passed the e-mail circular to the anonymous source.

5. Park Life Presentation

gave an overview of the event from 2013 and detailed new revisions for 2014. Once completed the room was opened up to questions and answers. Presentation attached.

6. Question and Answer Session

Q – How are you going to control drinking?

A – I am due to attend an alcohol management meeting looking at improvements from last year. We will allow people to drink in the park to get them off the streets and into the park. Parklife will be fencing off grassed areas external to the park, such as junction of Bury Old Road/Scholes/Sheepfoot and also outside Sainsbury's following feedback from last year. No consumption will be allowed on public transport and there will be external signage directing into the park.

Q – Any problems with drugs

A – No real problems but we will work with GMP and have a zero tolerance including legal highs. We will put in place procedures and policies for event. Legal highs such as poppers were being sold from the car park area of Heaton Park Metrolink station. GMP suggested Metrolink having a presence as it is their land.

Q – Are you increasing the numbers?

A – We will take each year as it comes. There are constraints in terms of the licence but we will see how it works and review it afterwards.

Q – St Margaret's Road taxi drop off had one person at the gate directing people to the correct place. Will you do that again?

A – Yes. S.E.P Traffic management stewards will be in operation.

Q – How are you going to resolve the problem of general taxi companies?

A – Pick up and drop off was an issue. People preferred to drop on the street. It happened all over. No answer at the moment. We are looking at Sainsbury's as a potential pickup area. said they were looking at various taxi companies. Hoping to move 7000 from the rank as opposed to 4500 in 2013. Working closely with Local Authorities to look at the enforcement aspect.

Q – How does the Police presence compare to last year?

A – The security/policing plan is in development subject to discussion with GMP.

Q – I am worried about the effectiveness of the security. What reassurances can you give?

A- The police are there for public order and this was part of last year learning curve in regards to community impact. We will look to the most effective way of addressing concerns from last year.

Q – Are you aware of any other large events on the day?

A - Yes. Soccer Aid Old Trafford.

Q - Will you take into account the south of the park – Bury Old Road across to Bury New Road at the egress?

A – Yes. We didn't have enough resources but this year we've got it covered. Good success in getting people into the park but we didn't expect people to cross from Scholes Lane to New Bury Road in such numbers.

Q – Will there be a residents parking scheme?

A – We will have a scheme in place. It is a work in progress. We will have to ask for people on certain roads to park on the driveways or elsewhere in order to aid egress particularly. Some houses on Sheepfoot Lane do have more cars than driveway space. will take this to the next transport meeting.

Q – How will you address the issue of egress from the Metrolink?

A – There were communications issues last year where Metrolink incorrectly advised people to get off at Bowker Vale, rather than Heaton Park as planned.

Q- Are you going to have a curfew?

A – Yes, 5.00pm is last entry. This will encourage people to get to the venue earlier.

Q – How will address issues of the Orthodox Jewish community affected by the event?

A – aware of the issue and we have to ensure processes are clear so we can ensure the impact is minimal. A request made for Police pod to be deployed as part of the community impact response in supporting of the Jewish community. was mentioned as a point of contact.

Q – Why relocate to Heaton Park from Platt Fields Park?

A – Not enough capacity at Platt Fields Park

Q – Are there any planned road closures?

A – The only planned closure is Sheepfoot Lane for egress.

Q – Business was dead for local pubs. Are there any plans to support them?

A – *This will be discussed at the forthcoming alcohol management meeting*

Q – More bins needed outside the event.

A – *This is being factored into the litter and waste plan*

Q – When does the park disperse?

A – *A percentage of the audience will start to egress from as early as 6.30pm.*

Q – Will you be charging for parking?

A – *Yes, but at a reduced rate.*

Q – How is the toilet provision going to be improved from last year?

A – *Double the number of toilets and urinals will be going out. Toilets being pushed further into the park at Station Gate, with a compound going outside Grand Lodge. Absolute Dental to give permission to house toilets on their premises. Need to look at how to screen off urinals better.*

Q – What did the “other” account for in the complaints received through call centre?

A - *KW to get figures.*

Q – Will charities be benefiting this year?

We are looking at two Bury charities that will benefit from the event.

Q – Will the Metrolink tunnel be protected?

A - *A Bailey Bridge to be put over the tram tunnel to take an articulated lorry up to 4.8m wide.*

Q – What about jet washing?

A - *An area of responsibility will be de signed and we put our own resources on it with jet washing response. Recognised that a good response to jet washing was in place.*

Q – What about sound levels?

Sound checks – Issues with Ostrich Lane due to acoustic reflection to be looked at by acoustic consultant Vanguardia.

9. Any Other Business

KW – confirmed the residents letter will go out 2 weeks before the event and there will a public drop in session closer to the event at Heaton Park, with representatives from the event planning team present to answer questions.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 15th May 2014 at 6.30pm, Orangery, Heaton Park