

MINUTES  
Heaton Park Event Community Consultation Group  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**1. Present**

Kirsten Warren – Heaton Park General Manager, MCC  
Philippa Reece – Heaton Park Assistant Manager, MCC  
Mike Parrott – Head of Events, MCC  
Janet Newell – Regeneration Ward Officer, Higher Blackley, MCC  
    – Resident Higher Blackley  
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– Secretary for Heaton Park Trust  
    – A3 Neighbourhood Policing Team  
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– Head of Parks, Bury Council  
Councillor – Sedgley Ward Councillor, Bury  
Councillor – Holyrood Ward Councillor, Bury  
    –Resident Prestwich  
– Resident Prestwich  
– Township Co-ordinator, Bury Council

**2. Purpose of the Group – Terms of Reference**

KW explained that the purpose of the group is for local residents to be informed about up and coming events in Heaton Park and for questions to be raised and discussed.

Terms of Reference handed out for people to take away and read and give feed back and to be signed off at the next meeting.

When the licence was granted, two additional conditions were added one of which was to set up Residents Event Steering Group.

The purpose of the Group is to consult with members, residents and officers from Manchester, Bury and Rochdale around the impact of large events on the local community. There is a process in place within Manchester City Council for the approval of events through a Parks Major Events Steering Group, and officers from Manchester, Bury and Rochdale are involved in this process, together with Multi-Agency Planning.

**3. Upcoming Events**

Bonfire Night – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011

This event will be managed very differently from previous years. Previously there has been little control on alcohol or people bringing their own fireworks into the event. This year there will be many points of control for this. Papal

fields will be fenced off with 2 entrance points, with search lanes to enforce the conditions of entry into the park. These conditions will be clearly displayed at each entrance point both into the event and at the Park perimeter entrances. There will be 70 Group 4 Security officers to enforce these conditions.

Voluntary donations will be taken for the first time and a percentage of the donations will be given to the Heaton Park Trust to invest back into the park and it will help to fund the bonfire event.

A traffic management plan will be implemented. Sheepfoot lane will be coned both sides of the road and no waiting order in place to ensure that the traffic flows and people have access to their houses. St Margaret's Road will be the same. Signs on all the side streets off St Margaret's Road to say 'resident parking only, no event parking' as with roads off Sheepfoot Lane. Some of the roads off Bury Old Road will also be considered for residents only signs.

Old Hall Lane will be signed as well, but really need to think about where we need to place this as need to make sure that the pub will still have patron access, KW to discuss with

Feed back from the group following the event is essential.

Charges will be made for car parking supported by signage to keep the flow of traffic moving as much as possible. Cars parked illegally will be issued a Parking Charge Notice. Letters have been sent to all local houses to explain about the traffic management and a few parking permit have been issued.

Event ends at 9.30. There will be a bar area on site this year that only offers hot alcoholic drinks like mulled wine and liqueur coffee.

### Stone Roses 2012 - 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

MP discussed Major Concert 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June is the proposed date with 70,000 people each night. The promoters are the same that organised Oasis, so a lot of lessons learnt with best practice and experience that can be utilised in planning.

Focus on encouraging people to use public transport to get to the event and to utilise park and ride schemes along with coaches.

Oasis toured the UK, whereas Stone Roses will only be playing at Heaton Park, so will be attracting people from all over the country. There will be shuttle services from Manchester City Centre to the park and back. suggested that concert goers could buy concert tickets and public transport tickets at the same time. Park and ride will be located at Bowlee in Rochdale.

Taxis were an issue at Oasis and this needs to be reviewed. Negative feedback was received about taxis last time.

There will be some restrictions to local residents around movement which needs to be reviewed, however, we have a lot longer to plan for this event, plus the experience of last time with Oasis so can improve things for local residents.

MP will bring the draft traffic management plan to the next meeting for people to see, but at this stage it is in planning.

In Manchester there are alcohol exclusion zones but non in Bury currently. Aim will be to encourage people to get into the park as quickly as possible and then can drink in the park rather than on the streets. Easier to manage in the park and impacts less on the surrounding community.

mentioned that at Oasis there were not enough toilets by the golf so people were urinating in the gardens and on the road, not enough litter bins so litter on Victoria Ave became a problem.

3 arrows pub really welcomed Oasis being at the park.

KW stated that the second condition added to the licence was that alcohol sales have to cease ½ hour before the end of any event.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

None

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting was not set, however, is anticipated for February, and once there is sufficient information to feed back relating to Stone Roses Planning. KW will circulate date of next meeting.

**Subsequent meeting set for 29<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm at Bowls Pavilion.**