



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY 02 JUNE 2014**

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Jimmy Hill
TYPE OF MEETING	Residents Meeting
FACILITATOR	Chairman Jimmy Hill
NOTE TAKER	Sean Hill
GUESTS	Kim Griffiths (Enforcement Officer)
COUNCILLORS	Councillors Trevor Holt, Mike Connolly & Stella Smith
APOLOGIES	Joan

**OPENING**

The regular meeting of the Pimhole Residents Association was called to order at 20:06hrs on Monday 02 June 2014 at the Ukrainian Social Club, Bury by Jimmy Hill.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**OPEN ISSUES / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- £250 has been awarded to the Residents Association by Cross Ward Funding. This will keep the Association running for a number of Months.
- Jimmy is going to speak to George of the Ukrainian Club about running car boot sales in the coming months for extra funds.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Kim introduced the Residents to her new position on the Council and that it is a seconded position for 2 years. Kim and her team are focusing on Recycling and Waste Disposal through educating and awareness, promoting how to recycle correctly and the consequences for not recycling.

Her team monitor people who are abusing the bin schemes and she reported that unfortunately, the Residents of Pimhole have to be monitored on a weekly basis and they have to treat them like children for them to understand the importance of recycling.

Part of her teams role is to actively check bins that are being left out for the bin men. Kim advised that some of the items left in our bins are something to be desired, including dead rats in high quantities, uncovered rotting food waste, insects in numbers and other creatures.

Bins are also being stolen and vandalised regularly, evidence is needed to penalise the culprits, her team would love to have CCTV to help with the gathering of evidence. Culprits are getting known, but they can only sanction fixed penalty notices at the moment.

Fly Tipping is also becoming a huge issue for her and her team. Her team can only deal with public issues and not those on private land.

### QUESTIONS FOR KIM

**Harry** – Can bins be identified by address? There was talk about the bins being chipped?

**Kim** – We ask people to number their bins however, we cannot enforce them to do so. Chipping was considered but it wouldn't work due to the vandals that move bins and also bad weather moves the bins and they get mixed up.

**Lynn** – Chips wouldn't work, when I put my bin out, other residents dump their rubbish in my bin because it is usually ½ empty. They don't necessarily recycle and it could be anything they are putting in there?

**Jim** – We have requested CCTV in the past, but have always been told it goes against their human rights?

**Kim** – Threats are working well at the moment. Send out letters that state we are monitoring their area for recycling and dumping etc. Recycle or be prosecuted!

**Kim** – Children are really good at recycling because we are educating them about it at an early age. People have to take responsibility! Enforcement is part of the problem, education and awareness is the other part.

Bury Council spends £3 Million a year picking up litter!

During our visit to the Mosses area, we picked up a total of 67 contaminated bins!

### UPDATES FROM TREVOR HOLT

- The over hanging trees on Andrew/Wilson Street. I have a contact at the ELR who is trying to contact who is living at that house. This is currently under investigation with the Councillors
- Dog Fouling. We will be holding a campaign about dog fouling. The Council are very conscious about this but, dog owners need to take responsibility and ownership for their dogs.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### TREASURER

Cash In Bank £139.30 (+£250 granted).

Cash In Hand £25.88.

Room Hire -£20.00

Cash In Hand is now down to £25.88 with the room payment for tonight. We could do with withdrawing another £100. Jimmy to liaise with Brenda about this withdrawal

## COUNCILORS

**Mike** – We are currently planning for 2015/2016 budget. We have to reduce our costs by £16 Million. Bury Council have been spending on average £ ½ Billion per year, this year we were targetted to £120 million and we have shave a further £16 Million from this figure.

There are going to be serious cuts next year by the Government and the future looks very bleak and difficult! The North and Midlands are getting all the cuts, there are no changes and in some cases increases in fundings in the South.

In the future, the Council may not have the fundings to carry on with some services? There have been 450 staff cuts already!

**Trevor** – Residents Parking Scheme (Permits) has come into effect in some more parts of Bury just recently, so an increase of cars parked in Pimhole may be on the rise soon?

**Judith** asked the councillors if they were aware about unlicensed taxis in the area, as she had seen a programme on TV about it. These drivers have had no checks and could be anything from ex-convicts to rapists, paedophiles and murderers etc. Trevor agreed that this is very concerning and will look into this further.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

**Eva** The big tree that is hanging over, has a preservation order on it. Trevor confirmed that the council are aware of this order but are still looking into it because of the damage the trees could be causing?

**Lynn** How do we expose of the bodies of dead rats? Jimmy is going to pest control about this. Trevor asked if he could share is findings as this is a very good point

Jimmy to speak to Andy about Homewatch

**Brenda** is Wilson Street a new bus route? 2 buses have been down the street today. Council are not aware of anything but feel it could be due to a diversion with the works that are being carried out on Killon Street?

## ACTIONS TO BE COMPLETED FROM THIS MEETING

WHO	ACTION	COMPLETION
Jimmy Hill	Speak to George about Car Boot Sales	Update For Next Meeting
Jimmy Hill	Speak to Pest Control RE: Dead Rat Disposal	Update For Next Meeting
Jimmy Hill	Speak to Andy RE: Home Watch	Update For Next Meeting
Trevor Holt	Over Hanging Tree	Update For Next Meeting
Trevor Holt	Dog Fouling Campaigne	Update For Next Meeting
Trevor Holt	Un-Licensed Taxis	Update For Next Meeting

## CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 21:20hrs