

Minutes of the Environmental Sub-Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 16th November 2009

There were present Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Chairman
 Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Vice Chairman
 Cllrs: Mr. B. Cullen
 Mr. R Franklin
 Mrs. A. McInnes
 Graham Parker (GGRA)
 Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale).
 Peter Rafferty (Oldham Council)

Councillor Mike Buckley

- 164. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs. Mr A. Hodgkiss, Mr. K. Hulme, & Mrs. V. Sedgwick (Oldham MBC), & Enid Firth (Area Committee)
- 165. Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising**
Minute 160 - Frames of reference - will be presented to the next District Partnership meeting
Minute 156 – Recycling – members complemented Sue Jones on the presentation at the previous meeting.
- 166. Community Toilets** - Peter Rafferty explained how the pilot scheme could operate, it was agreed that a working group of Councillors Begley, Cullen and Franklin will meet with Peter to formulate a proposal to be considered by the Parish Council and District Partnership.
- 167. Litter** – GGRA have a sub-group that is addressing the problem in Greenfield. The level of litter has reduced considerably over the last 18 months, Oldham Council are looking at emptying bins at a range of times and the possibility of bins being sponsored.
- 168. Himalayan Balsam** – The report and management plan have been completed, the mapping work is being completed and will be available on a CD or as a hard copy. The mapping information covers 26 identified sites and will show the density. Councillor Beeley, in her role as Chair of the District Partnership, is contacting Network Rail and British Waterways to raise the concern that they are not dealing with the problem on their land. Streetscene may be able to provide some assistance in future projects.
- 169. Water Power** – the current proposal appears to be a viable proposition subject to approval from United Utilities. The next meeting of the group is on Friday 4th December at the Civic Hall.
- 170. Small park on Smithy Lane, Uppermill** – the issues have now been resolved and work has started on the park
- 171. Date of the next meeting** – Monday 11th January 2010..