

HEATON PARK EVENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP

Thursday 11 March 2022, 5.30pm
at Heaton Park Golf Pavilion/MSTeams Online Meeting



- Carragh Godolphin-Teague - MCC, Heaton Park Manager (Chair)
- Elaine Mottershead - MCC, Heaton Park Programming & Engagement Lead (Minutes)
- Andrew McCleary - MCC, Heaton Park Events & Marketing Co-ordinator
- Greater Manchester Police
- Parklife - Ground Control
- Parklife – Community Impact Officer
- Councillor - Councillor for Higher Blackley Ward, Manchester
- Councillor - Councillor for Sedgley Ward, Bury
- Councillor - Councillor for Sedgley Ward, Bury
- CST Security for Jewish Community
- Resident - representing Scholes Lane area
- Resident - representing Sheepfoot Lane area
- Resident - representing Heaton Park Road area
- Resident - representing St. Margaret’s Road area
- Resident - representing Newtown Street
- Resident - from Higher Blackley ward
- GMP

Apologies:

- Councillor - Councillor for Higher Blackley Ward, Manchester
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- Councillor - Councillor for Sedgley Ward, Bury
- Kirsten Flanagan - MCC, Neighbourhoods Manager
- Jewish Representative Council
- Resident - representing Old Hall Lane area

Ref.	Details	Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	
1.1	Introductions were made from those present at the Golf Pavilion and those who joined via an MSTeams link. Carragh introduced the agenda and explained that there would be some presentations around not just Parklife but other events and activities for the coming year.	
2	Heaton Park Update	
2.1	An update was given from Carragh and other officers from Heaton Park. The information about events and activities planned for this year was welcomed. The presentation is attached.	
3	Parklife Update	
3.1	<p>gave a presentation about the upcoming Parklife event and highlighted some of the key points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no Friday night gig. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year’s Parklife is on the same weekend as three other major events across the City which may present some challenges. • There are particular areas of focus for the team this year (listed on the presentation) which have largely arisen from consultation meetings such as this one with residents, councillors and partners. • Heaton Park Methodist Church have kindly offered a welfare provision and the operational teams will be working in partnership to support them. • The taxi rank which usually operates from Sheepfoot Lane is being moved – see presentation for more details. • There will be additional buses after the initial egress has started to disperse. • Staff working on Parklife from the different agencies will be invited to an away day at the end of the month to ensure better team working, better understanding of roles and responsibilities and to give the teams an opportunity to meet each other before they are in actually working on the event. This has not been done before and it is hoped to improve consistency and partnership working. • There will be additional staff assigned to the Community Impact Team and as the CIT manager is new to the event this year. Councillors from both Manchester and Bury offered their support to if he wants them to assist with introductions or identifying hotspots etc in their areas. • Parklife Community Fund raised £81,750 in 2021 and the number of applications received far exceeded the funding pots for most areas. It was acknowledged that some areas had supplied match-funding from other sources to maximise the number of successful applications. • Residents are to be encouraged to put in fencing and toilet requests as early as possible so they can be factored into the planning process. Any requests should be sent via the email address residents@parklife.uk.com 	<p>Manchester & Bury Councillors/</p> <p>Local Resident representatives</p>
3.2	Questions/comments received on the Parklife presentation:	
3.2(a)	Councillor asked if there is anything to be done about festival attendees being quoted and charged ridiculous prices (eg. £70) to get into Manchester with taxis/ubers. confirmed that unfortunately, there is not a lot that can be done but they are trying to improve the transport options and communications that go out to make sure people know there are better alternatives.	
3.2(b)	Councillor welcomed the Festival App that will be introduced but pointed out that towards the end of the day, people often find themselves tired, disorientated and with no phone charge. stated that the Heaton Park Methodist Church will have phone chargers, warm drinks etc to help those who find themselves in this situation. There will also be more use of digital signage to help people find their way to nearby transport options or to walk into the City Centre.	
3.2(c)	Councillor welcomed the additional buses that will be deployed to mop up after the main egress has started to dissipate. This had been done at other events in the past and worked very successfully.	

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3.2(d)	A resident asked if 5pm is still the cut-off point for entry to the Festival site. confirmed it is and that it will be advertised widely and clearly.	
3.2(e)	A resident asked if the arrangements for St. Margaret’s Road will be the same this year and confirmed they will. It was noted that there was some confusion last year on people using the postcode for the Park, which takes you to St. Margaret’s Road entrance, as a drop-off point for the park and then inevitably people are confused, vehicles trying to turn around etc. confirmed that every ticketholder will get an email regarding travelling to the site and they will also push out the information via taxi licensing.	
3.3(f)	There were discussions and questions about security. A resident asked about the age/experience of some security guards and stewards based on past experience. confirmed that there was a national shortage which had made things difficult but that the industry was starting to pick up again and they would be looking at appropriate deployment. confirmed that he is keen to improve communications on the ground between stewards/security and GMP. He is looking at ways to do this – possibly radios and/or GMP staff being based directly with other security personnel on the ground.	
4.	Update from GMP	
4.1	talked about how there is a greater emphasis this year on joining up operations and areas to improve the service to residents. Along with the workshop planned for the end of the month, he is very keen to join up the community operations. is one of the Silver Commanders for this operation but is also the Bury Inspector. will be the other Silver Commander. Councillor welcomed the GMP operation last year and thought it worked well. He particularly noted that the Police presence at the top of King’s Road gives welcome reassurance to the local Jewish community. Councillor asked if would be invited to the away day for Parklife partners and and confirmed that an invitation will be going to them via	
5.	Date of next meeting	
	It was agreed that another meeting/update would be useful nearer to the Parklife event. Carragh will send out an invitation for a meeting at the beginning of June, approximately two weeks before the event date.	