

## **Equality Forum 23<sup>rd</sup> April 09 Q& A**

### **1. Could there be a reduction in charges for the use of leisure centres by parent organisations such as Chorley Wildcats?**

The Council is working with Chorley Wildcats on their Clubmark accreditation, if it is successful they will become only the 2nd multisport disability club in the country to achieve this and the first in the North.

The organisation could register for CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) and while they would not get the rate relief they would be able to gain gift aid – this would be discuss with them. The Council are also running a Funding for your Sports Club Workshop on May 12th they will be invited to attend.

Contact: Lee Boyer, Chorley Council on 01257 515816 or email [lee.boyer@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:lee.boyer@chorley.gov.uk)

### **2. Street furniture clutter & a walkabout of the town centre**

We will have a response from Peter McAnespie (Chorley Council) at the meeting on when this will go ahead. The walk is being organised in conjunction with the Police and the Equality Forum will be asked for 1 or 2 representatives to participate in the walks.

### **3. Provision of support to victims of domestic violence**

An update will be provided at the meeting.

#### **4. Support for rural businesses**

An update will be provided at the meeting.

### **Queries raised since the meeting**

#### **5. Progress of the Pavement Café Policy**

The policy was launched in February 2009. No premises have applied for pavement café license as yet. We think this could be due to the current economic climate rather than a lack of interest. Some promotional work is being planned to further promote the existence of the policy.

Contact Steve Culleton on 01257 515665 or email [steve.culleton@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:steve.culleton@chorley.gov.uk)

#### **6. Road Crossings**

The Forum raised the following issues at previous meetings. Below are the latest updates from Alan Capstick at Lancashire County Council).

- Eaves Lane near its junction with Seymour St. To get to a crossing it is a long walk down Eaves Lane.  
*A bid has been submitted for a zebra crossing to be funded from the pedestrian priority program 2008/09. There are many schemes competing for limited resources and we are*

*awaiting the outcome of the assessment process.*

- Market Street junction with Saint Thomas' Road  
*A bid was been submitted for a zebra crossing to be funded from the pedestrian priority program 2008/09. This is now being built.*
- Could there be a crossing by the bus stop, at the junction of Oakmere Avenue and Blackburn Road in Higher Wheelton.  
*Having closely examined the site at this location, because of the relatively low number of pedestrians and to some extent the relatively low number of vehicles this location would not trigger the pedestrian / vehicle conflict criteria.*

*Whilst we share the concerns of the pedestrians who need to cross this road at busy times unfortunately there are far busier areas in the County and indeed on this road that would warrant a crossing before this location.*

- Could there be additional zebra/controlled crossing(s) on Bolton Rd as there is currently nothing between 'Skew Bridge' and the centre of Adlington.  
*We successfully applied for a pedestrian refuge at the Rawlinson Lane junction with Westhoughton Road. A new pedestrian refuge will be constructed on Westhoughton Road just*

*north of its junction with Rawlinson Lane in the next 2 -8 weeks*

Contact: Lancashire County Council on 0845 0530011.

- 7. Where is Lancashire County Council up to with concessionary travel for carers, using the cards on community transport before 9.30 and restrictions on use of the cards.**

A response has been requested from Lancashire County Council and an update will be provided at the meeting.

- 8. Queries in relation to Rivington**

**Additional dog waste bins**

This will be actioned by our Neighbourhoods team.

**Disabled car parking**

A response will be provided at the meeting.