

- 5.9. Also in 1966 Cyril Smith took over as Chairman of the Education Committee, an influential role he held until 1972. During this time he chaired many of the sub-committees of the Education Committee, including the Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee, the Organisation Sub-committee and the Schools Sub-committee. He was also on the Children's Committee prior to 1971 and the Children's Sub-committee of the new Social Services Committee after 1st January 1971.
- 5.10. On 9th November 1967 the Organisation Sub Committee of the Education Committee (both of which were chaired by Cyril Smith) appointed him and Alderman Fox as the two Rochdale Council representatives on the newly established managing committee to oversee the development of the proposed Residential School for Maladjusted Boys, which would later be named Knowl View Residential School. (This committee was established as a subcommittee of the Organisation Sub Committee). **(Exhibit GH29)**
- 5.11. When interviewed as part of the Garnham Review in 2014, Lyndon Price, (Children's Officer from 1965 to 1971 and then Director of Social Services) explained that his understanding was that Cyril Smith had been *"the leading campaigner....in the efforts to get the school established"*. **(Exhibit GH50)**
- 5.12. In April 1968 Cyril Smith was appointed chairman of the sub-committee responsible for the new Residential School for Maladjusted Boys. **(Exhibit GH30)** He remained the Chair of this Sub-committee until it developed into the Board of Governors for Knowl View Residential School in 1970.
- 5.13. On 15th July 1968 the Schools Sub-Committee, (chaired by Cyril Smith), delegated powers to the special sub-committee in relation to the residential school for maladjusted boys, now named 'Knowl View School'. **(Exhibit GH31)**
- 5.14. By 5th January 1970 Knowl View Residential School for maladjusted boys had been admitting pupils for a year, although it had still not officially opened. The Schools Sub-committee appointed its Chairman, Cyril Smith, alongside Alderman Fox as representatives of the committee on the new governing body of Knowl View Residential School. **(Exhibit GH32)**
- 5.15. Then on 15th January 1970 the Education Committee, (also chaired by Cyril Smith), transferred the power to determine the staffing establishment of the school to the newly formed Board of Governors. **(Exhibit GH33)**
- 5.16. From Council records it appears that Cyril Smith chaired the Knowl View Residential School Board of Governors until 1972. Over these years he was a School Governor at a number of other Rochdale schools as well as Knowl View Residential School. He was also instrumental in setting up and running a large number of community organisations. These included the Catholic Rescue Society. He was also involved with youth organisations such as Rochdale Youth Orchestra and the Youth Theatre Workshop.