

WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY
Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009
Mechanics Institute, Wentworth at 5.00pm

Present

Councillor Jane Hamilton	Ward 7 – Hooper- (IN THE CHAIR)
Councillor Alan Atkin	Ward 19 – Wath
Councillor John Doyle	Ward 16 – Swinton
P Drabble	Local Resident
P Chantry	Broadway Neighbourhood Watch
N Entwistle	South Yorkshire Police
Andy Fawdry	RMBC Streetpride
J Gelder	Wentworth Church
Councillor A Gosling	Ward 19 – Wath
Harry Harrison	Swinton Resident
Ian Hill	Anchor Stay Put
Sgt S Hoyle	South Yorkshire Police
Dianne Hurst	Wentworth North Area Partnership Manager
Mr & Mrs D & H Hunt	Local Residents
Richard Jackson	RMBC Streetpride
T H Jone	Local Resident
Denise Lelliott	Brampton Youth Group
Ian Lomas	Wentworth Parish Council and Harley Village Partnership
A Barber Lomax	Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estates Office
Karen Milner	2010 Rotherham Ltd
S Parkin	South Yorkshire Police
Jill Ratcliffe	Wentworth North Community Support Officer (MINUTES)
Lucy Reader	Wentworth North Community Involvement Officer
G Scherdl	Wath RUFC
Wendy Smith	Broadway Neighbourhood Watch
K Sykes	South Yorkshire Police
Insp S Tattershall	South Yorkshire Police
Clive Taylor	Swinton Resident
Harry Tooley	Area Housing Panel
V Whitehead	RMBC YPS
J Wordsworth	Charles Street Community Centre
Brian Walker	Local Resident
Councillor Ken Wyatt	Ward 16 – Swinton

1. Welcome and Apologies

Councillor Hamilton welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. She informed everyone present that the meeting would be minuted, so if anyone wanted to say something that they wished not to be minuted would they please make it known.

Councillor Hamilton added that if anyone had any issues they wished to raise with officers they would be available following the meeting.

Apologies were received from:-

V Bryan	RMBC Neighbourhood Partnership Manager
Councillor Frank Hodgkiss	Ward 7 - Hooper
Lee Peace	South Yorkshire Times
Councillor Neil License	Ward 16 – Swinton
Joyce Maleham	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Gillian Picker	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Sue Ransom	Dearne Valley College
Councillor Richard Russell	Ward 7 – Hooper
Councillor Alex Sangster	Ward 19 – Wath

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2009

Agreed: - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th March be received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Harry Harrison again requested that the Minutes from 10th November 2008 should state that some of the attendees at the meeting had attended only to raise objections to the proposal of a temporary youth shelter for Highfield Park.

Matters Arising

An action checklist with updates from issues raised at the previous meeting was available to all in attendance.

3. QUESTIONS FROM OPEN FORUM

3.1. A local resident stated that in consultation with Doncaster the Railway Bridge at Swinton should have been painted, but has not yet been done.

Councillor Hamilton stated that she would take the matter up with ADF Pathfinder.

3.2. A local resident asked why Social Services no longer issue Radar Key's at the Town Hall in Wath.

Councillor Doyle advised that he would make enquiries and report back.

3.3. Harry Harrison stated that he had taken photos of the litter to the side of his house that has not been picked up by 2010.

Councillor Hamilton stated that she would look into the matter.

4. Anchor – Stay Put

Ian Hill introduced himself and explained that Anchor Staying Put (ASP) Rotherham is a locally based and funded not-for-profit Home Improvement Agency and part of the Charitable Anchor Trust, the largest provider of housing, care and support services for older people in Western Europe.

Set up in September 2007 to work with Rotherham Council, we offer help, advice and practical support to older people and disabled people whose homes need repairs, improvements and adaptations.

Our services are there to help people live safely in their own homes for as long as possible. We work in partnership with Rotherham Council and others to also help achieve a range of housing, health and safety objectives.

Since opening we helped over 1000 households through our minor repairs, adaptations and our technical/support service.

A presentation of all the services provided was given at the meeting and is available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk

Ian added that If anyone would like to use this service or to talk to one of our staff about what we can do for you, then contact us at:

Staying Put Rotherham
1b South Terrace
Moorgate Street
Rotherham
S60 2EU
Tel: 01709 376675
E-mail: stayingput.rotherham@anchor.org.uk
Local website: www.stayingput.org.uk -

Questions were then invited from the floor following which Councillor Hamilton thanked Ian for his attendance.

5. AREA PARTNERSHIP MANAGERS REPORT

Dianne Hurst, Area Partnership Manager for Wentworth North gave an update on the progress and development of issues since the last meeting which included the Fitzwilliam Estate Sub Group, Community Celebration Awards, Neighbourhood Action Group, The Building Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods training session, the LINK Camper Van, Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Activity, Street Pride Devolved Budget, and the Area Assembly Devolved Budget

6. PARTNER UPDATES

Updates were circulated to everyone present from:-
Karen Milner -2010 Rotherham Ltd
Andy Fawdry – RMBC Streetpride.

Copies of any of the above reports are available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk

Karen Milner also informed the meeting that there would be an Area Housing Panel Meeting at the Swinton Neighbourhood Office on Friday 29th May at 10.00am.

Karen was then asked by a local resident how the Community Champion engages with the community if there is no TARA in the area.

Karen advised that George Smith should be contacted as he is currently in the process of setting up community surgeries and producing a news letter to inform tenants what 2010 are doing. Karen then asked if she could be provided with the dates and times of any planned community meetings.

Andy Fawdry informed the meeting that a new scheme would soon be implemented on Coley Lane which will incorporate a new anti-skid surface and a 40mph sign.

Wath Town Centre will soon have new trees and new block paving. It is envisaged that phase 1 will be completed by Spring Bank.

Brian Walker asked why tree stumps were still there.

Andy informed everyone that the trees had to be cut down early before the birds started nesting, otherwise work would have been delayed until the end of the nesting season. The old tree stumps will be removed.

A local resident asked if there were any plans for a car park at Manvers Lake.

Councillor Atkin informed the meeting that the master plan originally submitted by Express Park Developments showed that there would be a car park. It is envisaged that once the building works are completed then a car park would be provided for visitors to the lake.

Harry Harrison asked if any progress had been made regarding the footpaths and trees in Highfield Park, Park Road and Rookery Road.

Andy Fawdry informed the meeting that he had a meeting with the RMBC Trees and Woodlands officer and 9 trees are to be removed from Park Road and Rookery Road. Footpaths will be repaired following the removal of the trees.

7. PACT – Partners and Community Together

Inspector Steve Tattershall – South Yorkshire Police gave a report regarding the crime statistics for the previous month, a copy of which is available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk

Inspector Tattershall then went on to discuss the PACT and asked if everyone was clear on what a PACT is.

The PACT is part of the National Policing Pledge, full details of which can be found on the South Yorkshire Police Website. Under this pledge South Yorkshire Police commit to holding monthly meetings in the community, six of which will form part of the

Wentworth North Area Assembly meeting and a further six will be identified using the opportunities provided by other community fora. Thereby identifying a number of short term priority areas which will be subject to a 60 minute response time. Meetings will be advertised on the Safer Neighbourhood Website.

These are small local priority areas and are not the same as Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities.

Last month's identified priorities were:-

Horsfaire Park, Swinton
Ash Road, Wath
Becknoll Road, Brampton

Inspector Tattershall asked the meeting if Horsfair Park and Ash Road could be signed off. **Agreed**

He suggested that Becknoll Road be kept on as a priority. **Agreed**

Following reports of young people parking in the corner of the car park in Wentworth and causing a nuisance, Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that patrols have attended and dealt with the problem.

Anthony Barber-Lomax raised concern about Street Lane and stated that he would like it downgrading to a bridle path.

Action – Area Assembly to discuss with Parish Council and Streetpride. There was further discussion outlining issues problems occurring in Wentworth such as the theft of walling stones and fly tipping etc. Anthony Barber-Lomax raised concern that the lighter nights were coming and more problems would occur, he requested that Wentworth be adopted as a priority area for this month. **Agreed.**

This month's identified priorities are:-

Becknoll Road, Brampton
Wentworth – PC to visit and speak to Anthony Barber-Lomax.
New Golf Course at Wath upon Dearne

Inspector Tattershall then invited questions from the floor.

B Walker stated that he had spoken to Streetpride on several occasions regarding litter and fly-tipping on Hoover Lane and America Lane.

Inspector Tattershall informed him that the police do not deal with litter; they do intervention and would refer litter and fly-tipping to Streetpride.

The issue of all the problems at Brampton Leisure Centre was raised.

Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that Brampton Bierlow has been adopted as a new NAG Priority.

Ian Lomas stated that regarding the problems with litter and fly-tipping it may be reduced if there was better access to the dump site as some people with domestic waste are turned away.

Councillor Hamilton informed the meeting that Barnsley and Doncaster both put a restructure in place so Rotherham had to do the same as people were bringing their rubbish into Rotherham. Industrial waste has to be paid for.

There were no more questions and Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that he would give the next PACT update at the Parish Council Meeting on 10th June, Brampton Parish Hall at 6.30pm.

Councillor Jane Hamilton thanked Inspector Tattershall for his report.

8. Devolved Budget

Dianne Hurst informed everyone present that they were invited to vote for projects who had applied for funding through the Area Assembly Devolved Budget for 2009/10. All the projects were on display around the meeting room.

9. Future Agenda Items

Dianne informed the meeting that the Wentworth North Area Assembly would like to introduce a more interactive way of setting the agenda for the meetings, and asked that if anyone had anything that they would like to be discussed a future meeting that they inform a member of the Area Assembly Team.

10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th July 2009, 7.00pm @ Wath Community Library