

Rother Valley South Area Assembly Meeting
Monday 1st June 2009
Wales New Hall

Present;

Cllr J Whysall (Chair)	Elected Member
Cllr J Burton	Elected Member
Cllr D Hughes	Elected Member
B. Roe	Howard Street TARA
F. Roe	Howard Street TARA
Roy Mugglestone	Dinnington Town Council
Pauline Davies	Dinnington Town Council
Gerald Walker	Resident Caperns Road
R Phillips	Firbeck Neighbourhood Watch
Julie Rounds	Firbeck Neighbourhood Watch
N Lee	Firbeck Parish Council
Trevor Stanway	Laughton Parish Council
Geoff Link	Enterprise Manager – RIDO
Caroline Simpson	NHS Rotherham
Len Ackroyd	Woodsetts Neighbourhood Watch
Yvonne Ackroyd	Woodsetts Neighbourhood Watch
Cliff Dolby	Woodsetts Neighbourhood Watch
Noreen Dolby	Woodsetts Neighbourhood Watch
S, M, Hryschko	KPWCDT
Margaret Farnsworth	K Bug
Ray Stanley	K Bug
Alan Newby	Harthill and Woodall Neighbourhood Watch
Norman Anderson	Todwick Neighbourhood Watch
Brenda Walker	Todwick Neighbourhood Watch
Tina Meekins	Laughton Common Neighbourhood Watch
Malcolm Hindley	T. Parish Council
Carol Cockayne	Woodsetts P.C
Richard Swann	Woodsetts Parish Council
R. Woodhead	Woodsetts Parish Council
Paul Hanks	Learning and Skills Council
Owen Swift	RMBC Sports Development
Sue Thompson	Anston Parish Council
Gareth Dennison	Guardian
Glenis Norton	Citizens Advice Bureau
Alison Lawrie	RMBC Libraries
Lynn Rowan	2010
Colin Earl	RMBC Finance
Sally Dodson	Keychoices
Sandra Tolley	Keychoices
Annette Cassam	Rotherham CAB
Brian Cottam	Dinnington Town Council
Monica Carroll	Woodsetts Parish Council
Janet Simpson	2010
Sue Marston	2010

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies;

Apologies – Jan Leyland, Pauline Davies, Rita Alderton, Paul Blackwell, Audrey Gilbert, Cllr J Havenhand, Cllr Falvey, Paul and Mavis Streets, Janice Carpenter.

2. Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising- 6th April

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Feedback from the Chair

RVS Area Assembly Devolved Budget

The projects that were chosen at the Co-ordinating group meeting were passed through at the last Area Assembly where they were all agreed. The Co-ordinating Group then agreed to send all of the projects to Cabinet where the decision will be finalised.

Streetpride Devolved Budget

The deadline for the Streetpride Devolved Budget application forms is on the 26 June 2009. Forms are available from the Area Assembly Team.

Traffic Management Working Group

The traffic Management Working Group had a site meeting at the Laughton Bridge as it was brought to the group's attention that it was dangerous for pedestrians to cross over it. After a site meeting confirmed this it was agreed to contact Network Rail to make arrangements for a foot path.

4. PACT (Partners and Communities Together)

The last meeting was held by itself on the 5 May 2009 at 6.00pm at Anston Parish Hall and the attendance was very good.

Richard went through the presentation and figures for this month. (Please see the presentation attached).

The 3 Priorities that the police concentrated on during May were all agreed as a success and they could be removed to make way for new priorities.

June Priorities

Priority 1.

Jackies Lane - ASB and drinking

Priority 2.

Laughton Common New Estate – Crime and ASB

Priority 3.

Harthill Ponds - Shooting and Woodsetts – Nucience Motorcycles

Insp Scholey agreed to look into the following requests made by members present at the Area Assembly separate to the PACT priorities:

- Fly Tipping - Victoria Street (one lorry is causing the mess)
- Woodsetts Village – 3 men are door knocking trying to sell sponges and are aggressive if they don't get a sale.

Insp. Scholey informed the group of Operation Stay Safe which was carried out on Friday 29 May 2009. Young people who were deemed to be at risk or in a high risk situation were taken to Middleton where a parent had to pick them up.

There are more stay safe operations planned during the summer and the aim to get the parents to take responsibility for their children.

Roy informed the group that on Friday the 29 May the Town Council held a mobile Skate park in the Resource Centre car park. Every thing went very well apart from one of the hired bikes went missing. P.C Stuart Connor attended the site and within 40 minutes he had managed to locate and bring back the bike.

5. Rotherham Responds to the Credit Crunch

Presentations were held by:
Colin Earl from Adult and Governance
Sandra Tolley from Keychoices
Anette Cassan from Citizens Advice.

Please see attached presentations.

Questions asked about the presentations:

Q: Is it true that if you are below the poverty line that you are still not entitled to claim benefits?

A: Yes this is true.

Malcolm had received a few complaints about the waiting times at the Citizens Advice where people have been left waiting for over 4 hours to be seen.

Q: Is there any way to cut the waiting time down?

A: If the complaints were received on a Friday for the Debt advice session then this could be correct as it works to a first come first served policy. Until the system is changed then this is going to still happen.

Q: Did we learn anything from the last recession in order to implement better services and advice for this time around?

A: Yes, There is local help to get people back on their feet quicker. There is a strong focus on the small businesses to help prevent them from loosing their jobs, Any referrals are done quickly and smoothly, early intervention and awareness that help is out there.

Date and Time of the next Meeting

Area Assembly Meeting

Monday 3 August 2009 – Lyric Theatre – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

PACT Meeting

Wednesday 1 July 2009 – Wales New Hall – 10.00am to 12.00pm