

**Rother Valley South Area Assembly Meeting**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010**  
**Harthill Parish Hall**

**Present;**

Cllr Jenny Whysall (Chair)	Elected Member
Cllr Jane Havenhand	Elected Member
Cllr Jacquie Falvey	Elected Member
Cllr Iain St.John	Elected Member
Cllr Jo Burton	Elected Member
Jackie Scantlebury	RMBC
Kevin Rimes	RMBC
Clive Pantry	Todwick Parish Council
Zoe Lane	Resident
Brian Cottam	Dinnington Town Council
Rob Moorhouse	Rido
Colin Davis	Firbeck Neighbourhood Watch
Roy Phillips	Firbeck Neighbourhood Watch
Lilian Thomson	Wales Resident
Rita Alderton	Anston Parish Council
Trevor Stanway	Laughton Parish Council
James Rands	Neighbourhood Watch
Bryan Marshall	Neighbourhood Watch
Mik Kent	Throapham Resident
B Roe	Howard Street Tara
Lynne Rowan	2010
Lesley Shepherd	Development Team EDS
Karen Gallagher	Development Team EDS
Michael Bishop	Harthill Resident
Alan Newby	Neighbourhood Watch
Sue Marsden	2010
Janet Simpson	2010
Jenny Walker	RMBC – CPU
Graham Bell	Laughton Common TARA
Andy Roddis	Streetpride
Richard Swann	Woodsetts Parish Council
Roy Mugglestone	Dinnington Town Council
Pauline Davies	Dinnington Town Council
Val Sheldon – Ennis	Anston New Estate TARA
P Botham	Anston New Estate TARA

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies;**

**Apologies** – Pete Blanksby, Beryl Howarth, Cllr Hinchliff, Carol Cockayne, Romney Bell, Felicity Roe, Cllr Tweed, Darron Crooks, Monica Carroll, Alicia Holmes, June Harris

**2. Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising- 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

## Page 1

To add Ida Atkins and delete Rita Alderton as Rita was listed twice.

## Page 3

Cllr Falvey had not received an update from the Traffic Management Working group from a question she raised at the last meeting.

**Action: The Area Assembly Team will collate a response to Cllr Falvey.**

It was agreed with the correction the Minutes were a true record.

### 3. Feedback from the Chair

#### Co-ordinating Group

The Co-ordinating Group met on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010 where the following was discussed. There was an amount of £287.21 left over from the Community Chest. The Sue Walker Childrens Centre have submitted a bid for this amount which will enable them to purchase musical instruments, Therefore Community Chest Grant has now been spent.

A response has been received from planning with regard to the letter which was sent to them about including the proposed route of the Chesterfield Canal within the Local Development Framework.

Planners are at this stage unable to include the line of the canal, however if funding is secured for the continuation of the canal then this would be included.

Members of the Co-ordinating Group agreed to accept this response but would like to note their continued support of the further development of the Canal.

Members of the Group expressed that it would be useful to receive an update from the Canal Partnership.

#### Children and Young Peoples Task Group

Funding has now been secured for a further JADE event where Ultrabeat will headline. The event will take place at the Dinnington Resource Centre during half term week.

There has been a community fun run organised for the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010 by Darron Crookes and staff from Young Peoples Services. This will take place along the mineral line. All proceeds from the run will be donated to fund future JADE events and also the Youth Service Tanzania project.

#### Neighbourhood Action Group

Scarsdale Street, Leicester Road and surrounding streets in Dinnington –

Smartwater Property marking has been offered to landlords that own empty properties in the area. The work on clearing the allotments at the rear of Victoria Street has now finished.

The area will continue to be monitored by the Enforcement Team.

The Pro-active Enforcement Team from Environmental Health continues to visit private tenants and inspect homes that are in a state of disrepair. The target hardening project is ongoing, referrals from the area are sent to Anchor Staying Put Housing Association and PCSO's are property marking with Smartwater at addresses where it has been requested. Motorcycle operations and Drug Warrants are being undertaken in the area.

Laughton Road –

Motorcycle operations are continuing in the area in particular around the Tesco's site and detached youth workers are continuing to work around the markets area.

Greenlands Park –

The area has been very quiet with no incidences reported recently. The lighting column on Quarry Lane is now connected. The lighting for the Multi use games area has now been ordered and will be installed within the next few weeks, this will allow organised sports activities to take place during the winter months.

#### Traffic Management Working Group

The next meeting of the Traffic Management Working Group will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010, if anyone would like to raise an agenda item please contact the Area Assembly office.

#### Rother Valley South Parishes Meeting

The next meeting of the Rother Valley South Parishes meeting is due to take place March 10<sup>th</sup> and Wales Parish Council are due to host the meeting.

#### **4. PACT**

Please see attached presentation.

Graham Bell asked if all of the 147 people who were visited for ASB were charged. Mark replied that not all of them would have been charged. Some would have had a warning however Mark didn't have an exact break down of figures with him.

Cllr Whysall asked Mark to define the difference between Robbery and Burglary.

Robbery = items stolen from a person with the use of violence  
Burglary = items stolen from premises / building and trespass.

Mr Kent asked if fines were effective with ASB.

Mark answered in some cases yes but in others a caution is given, it depends on the offender and crime.

The priorities from last month were:

1. ASB – Youths hanging around Falcoln Park
2. ASB – Persimmons Site, Laughton Common
3. ASB – Lyric Theatre, Tesco, Market and Interchange

The priorities for February 2010 were agreed as:

1. ASB – Falcon Park
2. ASB – Tesco, Interchange, Market
3. Fly Tipping - Issues with Bargain Booze and the surrounding area.

Mr Kent asked if the children at Dinnington Comprehensive School could be educated on how to behave when they leave school and if Police patrols could be increased.

Trevor Stanway expressed concern about the amount of litter that is being thrown from vehicles and he asked if there was an initiative to put a stop to it.

Andrea Mason informed Trevor that there is a scheme being launched through the Devolved Budget called Bin it to Win it. If people are seen to be putting rubbish in the bins by a Warden, PCSO or relevant Partners they can be entered into a prize draw.

A resident asked if the Neighbourhood Watch was still running as he wasn't sure if the Community Crime Fighters had taken over.

Mark informed the resident that the Neighbourhood Watch was still running and Linda Maxsted was in charge.

**Action: The Area Assembly Team will look into a contact for the Neighbourhood Watch and will pass the information on.**

## **5. Open Question Time**

A question was received from Mr Kent regarding several issues around Doe Quarry Lane. It was agreed that the answers given today are just a brief overview as a meeting would be a better way forward to resolving the issues.

Q1. What is been done to stop criminal damage and break ins in the area.

A. Doe Quarry is part of the NAG Priority and through the NAG it has been highlighted that Smartwatering would be good for the void properties to prevent copper piping being stolen. After the meeting the Pro-active Team sent 40 letters to landlords to target the empty properties which required a response from the Landlords if they wanted the Smartwater.

Q2. Why has the back of Doe Quarry Lane not been swept in years.

A. The road sweeper can not get up the street due to road calming measures, however Streetpride do carry out a litter pick every 9 weeks on the street.

Q3. The population of Dinnington are under the impression that Doe Quarry Lane and Doe Quarry Terrace are to be demolished.

A. A consultation did take place for the Master Plan for Dinnington and from the consultation Leicester Road was suggested as a possible demolition site. Doe Quarry and Doe Quarry Terrace was never highlighted for demolition.

Q4. Why has permission been granted for 8 new flats to be built when there are properties standing empty.

A. RMBC is looking at re-developing any empty land as part of the Local Development Framework.

**Action: A meeting is to be arranged with Mr Kent and relevant Partners to discuss the issues in detail.**

## **6. Monksbridge Round a Bout – Karen Gallagher**

The purpose of attending the meeting is to inform as many interest groups & members of the public as possible regarding potential proposals at Monksbridge roundabout at Dinnington / Laughton Common.

Through Neighbourhood & Adult Services, the Council has adopted a Gateway Improvement Plan which proposes high quality environmental improvements to key Gateway Corridors throughout the Borough.

Monksbridge Gateway at Laughton Common is one such Gateway. One of the proposed improvement plans is to look at the existing 'pit' wheel' feature on the roundabout at the junction of Outgang Lane, Monksbridge Road & Common Road. The existing feature 'pit wheel' has recently been the subject of local discussion & press reports. There is an opinion that the 'wheel' is not an appropriate feature & subject to consultation & funding it **could** be replaced with something else.

Consequently it is proposed to engage & consult with the local community to produce a number of options or designs for a 'Welcome' sign or an alternative piece of public art to potentially replace the wheel.

This consultation will take place mid February 2010 running up to the end of March 2010 through a series of planned & publicised workshops carried out by an approved artist / designer working with members of the local community. Local groups, schools and individuals will be invited to have their say on what they might wish to see on the roundabout as well as get involved in the design of something new.

The Council's Community Arts Team has procured an artist which is Campbell Design Ltd. Details of the proposed 'open' workshops aimed at **all** members of the local community will be advertised shortly. Unfortunately dates for these workshops cannot be confirmed today (1 February 2010) but are likely to take place towards the end of February. They will be held at venues in Dinnington & Laughton Common & anyone can come along. The artist will also visit schools in Laughton & Dinnington to work with school children. Other workshops with specific groups, i.e. the local history group, will also be invited to attend a workshop. Once again dates are yet to be confirmed. Please refer to local press & posters for details.

**To have your say please contact Karen Gallagher on 01709 254733 or Lesley Shepherd on 01709 823855 or come along to one of the open workshops & get involved.**

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Questions –

Q. Graham Bell asked why it had to come down?

A. Ever since the wheel has been fitted there has been mixed feedback from residents mostly negative that the wheel is not a Pit wheel.

## **7. Customer Service presentation**

The presentation was briefly about Service Quality and improving Neighbourhoods and Adult Services and to do this there will be a central section where Customer Service feed back forms will go to and be analysed. Any survey which has bad feedback will be looked at and analysed to see if there could be an improvement made to that individual.

Please see attached presentation

Questions –

Q. Nigel Lee asked if the after care and issues for the Sheffield lady were resolved?

A. It hasn't been resolved as of yet due to the survey only just being filled out, however it is hoped that the service will be improved once the directors have seen the customer's feedback.

Cllr Iain St.John did highlight that if there are any major issues with a service then people can contact their Elected Members as well who will try and help to the best of their ability.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Richard Swann informed the group that there were to be road closures on the A57. This means that traffic will be directed through Woodsetts Village and RMBC have set out a route for this.

It was agreed that the Police needed to be aware of this.

**Action: It was agreed that the Area Assembly Team would contact Richard Pett to find some more details and will feed back to Richard Swann.**

## **Date and Time of the next Meeting**

### Area Assembly Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Woodsetts Village Hall, at 6.00pm

### PACT Meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Wales Village Hall, at 6.00pm