

## Area Assembly Minutes for 24 July 2008

Meeting Group: **Wentworth Valley Area Assembly**  
Meeting Date: **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008**  
Meeting Time: **4.00 pm**  
Meeting Venue: **Hellaby Hall Hotel**

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**Chair:** **Cllr. Peter Thirlwall**

**Present:**

Darren Smithson	-	RMBC, Area Partnership Manager
Cllr. Peter Thirlwall	-	RMBC Wickersley Ward 20
Cllr. Martyn Parker	-	RMBC Wickersley Ward 20
Carol Pattinson	-	RMBC C & YPS
Shaz Maxwell	-	RMBC Young People Services (Bramley Youth Centre)
Sam Rowley	-	RMBC Streetpride
Shista Ashraf	-	RMBC PPU Enforcement
Amy Knowles	-	RMBC PPU Enforcement
Chris Brown	-	RMBC HMR
Helen Turner	-	RMBC HMR
Jacqui Atterton	-	RMBC HMR
Paul Atkinson	-	RMBC Wardens
Julie Wilkinson	-	RMBC Extended Services
Kerry Epton	-	RMBC BLCL
V. Trimmer	-	Rotherham Advertiser
Melanie Stewart	-	2010
Lynne Rowan	-	2010
Pam Horner	-	SYPTTE
R. Scholey	-	S.Y. Police
S. Tulley	-	S.Y. Police
J. Lavelle	-	S.Y. Police
Alex and Lynn Laird	-	Maltby Town Council
Keith and Carol Stringer	-	Maltby Town Council
Peter Scholey	-	Maltby Town Council
Chris McMahon	-	Maltby Town Council
Ken Pickering	-	Maltby Forum
G. Lyon	-	Maltby Library
S.M. Ireland	-	Maltby Library
Alice Rodgers	-	Maltby Local History Society
Mike Hewitt	-	Maltby Resident
Gloria Martin	-	Wickersley Parish Council
Mike Brown	-	Rotherham Primary Care Trust
Joanne Chant	-	Stepping Stones Children's Centre
David Guest	-	Wickersley Resident
Michael Clarke	-	Maltby Model Village Association
E. Millward	-	Maltby Model Village Association
Jim & Jean Cobb	-	Hellaby Community Project
Brenda Abou El Ola	-	Friends of Little London
R & D. Stirling	-	Bramley Traffic
Pat Cahill	-	Wickersley Community Heritage
Matt Nash	-	Wickersley Community Heritage
J.W. Gunn	-	Wickersley Allotments
Sue Ellis	-	Wickersley
Don Buxton	-	Wickersley
R. Foulds	-	Bramley
Alan Tyler	-	Bramley Action
S. Foulds	-	Bramley
Dennis Hardwick	-	Bramley
Jean Moore	-	Bramley
M Brown and E. Brown	-	Bramley Residents
D. Jackson & M. Jackson	-	Bramley Residents
M.A. and J. Hatfield	-	Bramley Residents

Apologies were received from Janice Curran, Cllr. Amy Rushforth, Ted Kelsey, Ann Dickinson, Rachel Clark, Pat Drake, Andy Wright

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr. Peter Thirlwall welcomed everyone to the meeting; he introduced himself as the new Chair of the Area Assembly and also asked Cllr. Parker the new Councillor for Wickersley to introduce himself. PT went on to say how pleased he was to see so many people in attendance and then the apologies were read out.</p> <p>PT explained “IT IS YOUR MEETING” and therefore future area assembly meetings would be run on the basis of the public choosing the topics that they would like to see on the agenda for discussion and PT asked everyone to think about themes which would suit each area whilst the workshop was in progress.</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Previous Minutes and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p><b><u>Page 2</u></b></p> <p>Bramley Task &amp; Finish Traffic Report that was presented to WVAA was to have been forwarded to Cabinet by SE, however as she is no longer a Councillor PT asked the meeting if after adding 3 extra items to the report (i.e. Traffic order, Library bay and parking outside of the shops) he could then take it himself and present this to Cabinet and he asked for a show of hands. This was carried unanimously in favour</p> <p>Q. What is Cabinet?</p> <p>A. Up to the Year 2000 we had a system of different Committees. In Year 2000 this was changed to the Cabinet system where 10 members have delegated powers to make decisions however before the decision becomes final a call in period exists where the decision can be challenged on the signature of 6 councillors but only if this challenge is accepted by PSOC.</p> <p>Q. Are the lines on Cross Street the official ones?</p> <p>A. The lines have been put there because they have corrected what they had done wrong in the original scheme. A. temporary Traffic Order is in place for 18 months and work has stopped for the time being until another consultation is done.</p> <p>At a very recent meeting Cllr. Parker was told that the Consultation will start in September.</p> <p>DB Expressed his concern about another consultation taking place as the last he thought had cost approx. £7 – 9K and had not made a difference.</p> <p>PT replied that it was actually £25K (the MORI) and the one regarding the amendment was £7K, but PT could not answer whether the next one would have any more effect but commented that we will try to get RMBC to listen.</p> <p>PS asked if the Traffic Report could be checked by someone from WVAA before PT presented it to Cabinet</p> <p>PT Yes it will be checked by the WVAA during the process of adding the extra</p>

	<p>items.</p> <p>MP commented that at a recent meeting Cllr. Stone said that the 2 way systems will never be reinstated.</p> <p>PT pointed out that it is only part and not the whole system that they are trying to reverse.</p> <p><b><u>Cancelled Area Assembly</u></b></p> <p>AR The last Area Assembly was cancelled and was missed very much. This should never have happened and someone should have stepped in and taken over it was not good enough and we should never lose another Area Assembly meeting.</p> <p>DS explained that he had an emergency operation on his eyes during the same time that both the Area Assembly Chair and the Neighbourhoods Cabinet Officer had lost their seats in the May elections and therefore the cancellation had been necessary.</p> <p>PT added that whilst he was chair he would endeavour to make sure that no other meetings were cancelled.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation on Key Priorities from 2007: What you said and what we did</b></p> <p>DS showed a Power Point Presentation of the Key Priorities.</p> <p>DB Wondered if any of the specific items had actually reduced crime.</p> <p>AT said they had not worked in Bramley as he had been robbed and broken into in the space of a month.</p> <p>MOP Although we have been told the crime figures have improved there is still a big drugs issue in Maltby.</p> <p>MOP complained about the amount of acronyms used in presentations and meetings.</p> <p>PT replied that in future we will use plain English and no more acronyms.</p> <p>DS Once all the action has been approved everything will be published on the Website.</p> <p><b><u>Action Plan for 2008-11</u></b></p> <p>If anyone would like a copy, you can either telephone 818944 or email <a href="mailto:darren.smithson@rotherham.gov.uk">darren.smithson@rotherham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>BA Asked how the consultation for the Action Plan was done</p> <p>DS Replied that the consultation had taken place between June and October last year and included 2 public meetings, local meetings, open days and street surveys.</p> <p>PT explained that this is the system which is in place at RMBC, but usually we can only manage to access a few hundred people by this method even though Wentworth Valley has a population of 30,000.</p>	

	<p>AR suggested that a good way of reaching more people would be to put questionnaires into the Maltby News as this has now expanded its area to the majority of Wentworth Valley.</p> <p>MP Asked if the local radio was used to advertise.</p> <p>DS replied that we have tried all various methods, but people do not attend events or take part in surveys unless they have a specific issue to address.</p> <p>DB asked if a system could be adopted whereby any updates which have taken place in the A-Z list could be automatically emailed to people who have signed up on a scheme to be informed of these updates.</p> <p>DS replied that all the services will be interlocked.</p> <p>DG commented that as delivery of the Portal and IT support is 12 months behind schedule, is it realistic to expect that RMBC can wipe out all of this nonsense.</p> <p>DS replied that it will be possible as we now own our own website, a training session has taken place and we also have an extra layer of support within neighbourhoods to help and advise with the website.</p> <p>The Action Plan will be published on the website after formal ratification by the Co-ordinators Group who will monitor the plan as it continues to evolve.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Multi-Agency Workshop: To discuss Actions for 2008-2011 Plan</b></p> <p>All attendees were given the chance to talk to and rotate around all agency representatives individually to discuss any issues.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Feedback</b></p> <p>DS asked if everyone was satisfied and if anyone would like to make comments on the Action Plan, if so they could do by contacting the Area Assembly office by phone or email before the end of next week.</p> <p>Once the live Action Plan document is on the website it will be updated each month.</p> <p>A question was asked if Government has any money to spend on the roads in Wentworth Valley.</p> <p>PT replied by explaining that the roads in this area are in the top quartile in the country therefore we have not been successful in securing any additional funding. He went on to explain that Canklow Road subsidence is caused by the use of steel slag which was approved by the Highway Agency even though it had been proved that it was a problem.</p> <p>AR complained that the road and pavements in Maltby are constantly being patchworked.</p> <p>In response to patchworking Streetpride are to run a survey between Leslie Avenue and the turn off to Maltby Police Station on Byford Road.</p> <p>MOP asked why is there no Older Peoples Area Assembly as over a 1/3 of population</p>	

	<p>(86,000) of Wentworth Valley are older.</p> <p>DS replied that in the Area Plan that YOU the public told us that young people were a priority and therefore the Young Peoples Area Assembly was set up as a direct result of this request, however this year we will be looking at services for older people and in fact the new area plan already had several actions specifically for them.</p> <p>DG commented that there are no facilities for young people outside Maltby and asked when “Are we going to push for proper youth facilities in Wickersley”?</p> <p>DS replied that currently we are pushing the Exit 30 strategy which is the first step to tackling this problem as the evidence found will be used to show agencies in order to push for facilities.</p> <p><b><u>A brief description of Exit 30 (which will be renamed for Wickersley)</u></b></p> <p>EXIT 30 was created in Barnsley as an Exit strategy for areas under the Section 30 dispersal order. However, the model is robust and proven enough to be used as a tool to enable an area to more fully understand why tensions exist between young people and adults, and how many of the tensions may be based on misconceptions regardless of whether or not a Section 30 is in place.</p> <p>In effect, EXIT 30 has two main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To generate an action plan with short, medium and long term goals to help facilitate diversionary activities for the youth in the area</li> <li>2. To give a platform with which to use for reintegration activities for the two diametrically opposed factions: the youth and the adults in the area.</li> </ol> <p>The ultimate intention is to create an environment where community cohesion is the norm</p>				
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>What are the themes that you would like us to focus on?</b></p> <p>PT: As explained at the beginning of the Meeting, it is now YOUR CHOICE of topic to be discussed at all future Area Assembly Meetings.</p> <p>Ideas were suggested as follows:-</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Bramley 11 September</td> <td>Bramley Traffic System plus other traffic issues from any of the other Wentworth Valley Areas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maltby 6 November</td> <td>Emergency Plan and the possibility of a visit to the new Service Centre</td> </tr> </table>	Bramley 11 September	Bramley Traffic System plus other traffic issues from any of the other Wentworth Valley Areas	Maltby 6 November	Emergency Plan and the possibility of a visit to the new Service Centre
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<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>DB thanked PT for the way he has chaired this meeting.</p> <p>PT went on to inform the meeting that this might be the last meeting he chairs, as the council are trying to remove him as Chair of the Area Assembly, however at the Council meeting the previous day his removal was thwarted. The next council meeting is due to take place on 8 October and PT thinks that the council will remove him as Chair on this date.</p> <p>A vote of confidence in PT was proposed at the Area Assembly Meeting and MB</p>				

	seconded this proposal which was: "This Area Assembly has full confidence in the chair". There was a large attendance at this meeting and all members of the public voted unanimously for PT and letters of support were offered from various people.
	Cllr. Peter Thirlwall thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.00pm.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 4pm.</b></p> <p><b>Bramley St. Francis Church Hall</b></p>