

Rotherham South Area Assembly
Held at the Town Hall Council Chamber
Tuesday 2nd September 08

Present:

Councillor Dodson (Chair), Councillor McNeely (Vice Chair), Councillor Hussain and Councillor Gilding.

Officers Present:

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| Shaun Mirfield | RMBC Area Assembly Team |
| Kay Bacon | RMBC Area Assembly Team (Minutes) |
| James Mossman | RMBC Streetpride |
| Howard Westoby | 2010 Rotherham Ltd |
| Laura Bell | RMBC Libraries |
| Sally Last | RMBC Libraries |
| Alan Mathews | RMBC Emergency & Safety |
| Michele Hill | RMBC Rido-Town Centre Safety |

Public Present:

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| J. Worrall | Friends of Boston Castle |
| N. Whyke | Broom Road Action Group |
| K. Millns | Clifton Community Partnership |
| D. Millns | Clifton Community Partnership |
| M. Burgin | Clifton Community Partnership |
| M. Beedham | Clifton Community Partnership |
| A. Burgin | Clifton Community Partnership |
| C. Charlton | Eastwood & Springwell United |
| G. Holmes | Eastwood & Springwell United |
| B. Holt | Eastwood & Springwell United |
| C. Purvis | Greystones Action Group/Whiston Parish Council |
| D. Straw | Greystones Action Group/Whiston Parish Council |
| J. Whyke | Friends of Herringthorpe Playing Fields |
| K. Reeder | Herringthorpe TARA |
| N. Wright | Herringthorpe TARA |
| G. Skinner | Whiston Parish Council |
| D. Willoughby | Rotherham Area Housing Panel |
| D. Dobbs | Resident |
| E. Humphries | Resident |
| J. Martin | Resident |
| K. Harrison | Resident |
| M. McGrother | Resident |
| L. Lindley | Resident |
| D. Fob | Resident |
| I. Kaylo | Resident |
| Sabir Hussain | Resident |

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced and welcomed Lindsey Gibson to the Area Assembly team, and also welcomed new attendees from Eastwood and Springwell United. The Chair also informed the Area Assembly that James Mossman is moving to another area. The Chair went on to thank James for his hard work and commitment and presented him with a card and gift.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:-

Councillors Ali, Wootton, Clarke and Mannion. Sgt. Chang, Stuart Green, Richard Maher, Linda Maxted, Michelle Allsop, Janet White Ian and Laura Russell.

3.i MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST JULY 08

The minutes were approved as a true record by Mick Hoggard, and seconded by David Dobbs, subject to two minor adjustments; 4a should read Doncaster Gate not Doncaster Road and 4k should read Jill not Gill.

3.ii MATTERS ARISING

a) Herringthorpe Playing Fields (01/07/08) item 3 ii h

The Chair informed the meeting that to date no decision has been taken by the cabinet.

b) Middle Lane Bins (1/07/08) item 3ii c

It was pointed out that the bins outside Davians Fish shop were still not being emptied regularly.

Action: Streetpride and/ or Neighbourhood Enforcement to update.

c) Middle Lane Review (1/07/08) item 3ii d

A progress report will be submitted to the meeting of the Clifton Community Partnership on Wednesday 3 September. A final report will be submitted to the Area Assembly upon full completion of the review.

d) Middle Lane – Hot Food Outlets (1/07/08) item 3ii e

Attendees were informed that planning permission had been turned down for the Dinosaur Deli. The owner had, however submitted an appeal. Councillor Dodson explained that there is a six month appeal time and that only one appeal is allowed. A resident asked whether retrospective appeals can be submitted. Councillor Dodson explained why they could not.

e) The Walk (1/07/08) item 3ii b

Shaun Mirfield reported that feedback from residents in the area is positive as a result of the installation of the new CCTV equipment and other interventions including organised youth provision.

f) Stan Crowther (1/07/08) item 3ii c

Councillor Dodson explained that the issue is being looked into further and that an answer in writing should be available shortly.

g) West Bawtry Road (Dunelm Mill Section) (1/07/08) item 3ii I

A resident asked for a copy of the report following on from the Cabinet member's site visit to West Bawtry Road. Councillor Dodson agreed to arrange this.

Action : Councillor Dodson

h) Vehicle Parking on Herringthorpe Valley Road (1/07/08) item 3ii i

The Area Assembly team agreed to pass this issue onto the SNT.

Action: Sgt Chang

i) Sheltered Housing Communal Centre Hire (1/07/08) item 3ii f

The Chair said that the review is still being undertaken.

j) Far Lane Post Office, East Dene 1/07/08) item 4 b

Additional bins are being funded by the devolved budget. A resident also brought up the problem of underage drinking in this area. The Area Assembly team agreed to pass this issue onto the SNT.

Action : Sgt Chang

k) Sculpture outside Clifton Allotments (1/07/08) item 4 g

It was reported that artistic gates had been installed, as part of the Herringthorpe Valley Image Project. Six entrance features have been installed as part of the same project and one of these is on Middle Lane.

l) Bingo Site Doncaster Gate (1/07/08) item 4a

It was stated that the site is part of the Renaissance and HMR are looking into it. The Council are limited to what they can do as the site belongs to the Y.E.B. Questions were raised regarding the Council putting pressure on the Y.E.B. to improve the site. It was explained, that the Council do not have the power to do this.

m) Middle Lane, new shop (1/07/08) item 4f

Attendees informed the meeting that the shop was to become a bookmaker. A planning application has been submitted but to date had not gone through the Planning Board.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

a) Green boxes Middle Lane

It was asked whether anything could be done to get the green boxes on Middle Lane painted and the area surrounding the boxes cleaned. The resident had contacted the appropriate utility supplier.

Action: Councillor Rose McNeely will look into this.

b) Far Lane steps and litter

Shaun Mirfield is meeting with Colin Knight to progress this.

c) Dog Control Policy

Information was sought in relation to not only the policy but the cost of the Dog Patrol service. Councillor McNeely informed the meeting that there are just 2 vehicles for the whole of the borough.

Action: Richard Bramall

d) Boston Castle

A question was asked regarding the progress of the restoration of Boston Castle, attendees were informed that a bid was due to be submitted, and that the Council will be providing match funding.

e) Stag Lane

It was reported that over the last few weeks there had been a number of anti social behaviour issues. The Area Assembly team agreed to pass this issue onto the SNT.

Action: Sgt Chang

f) Old Garage Site off Sheridan Drive

Clarification was sought regarding the cleaning of this land etc.

Action: Howard Westoby to look into this

g) St. Ann's Leisure Centre

A number of questions were raised regarding the pricing structure including for existing groups to hire rooms and trainers, the use of Rothercard, car parking charges, the ownership of the land, buildings etc and its long term future.

Action: Phil Rogers and Area Assembly team to arrange special visit.

h) Eastwood and Springwell United

The group put forward a number of questions:

What is the future of the older person's home on the corner of Erskine Road?
Is it being turned into 20 dwellings?

Action: Planning

Are any flood defences being built as the site was flooded badly in 2007?

Action: Alan Mathews

Why are parking charges for Wellgate cheaper than in other areas e.g. Eastwood?

Action: Mathew Lowe

The Place Youth Centre was built as a community facility. Why is it no longer taking bookings from the community? Who made this decision and Why?

Action: Jill Holbert

5. EMERGENCY PLANNING (ALAN MATHEWS)

Alan Mathews undertook a presentation regarding Emergency Planning. Alan handed out information packs and Z card information leaflets. The following question was raised.

a) Staffing

A question was asked regarding where the staffing comes from in an emergency and whether young people get involved in any way. Alan explained that the Borough Council has 14,000 employees', a number of who

are involved in assisting the emergency service, along with the voluntary agencies.

The Chair thanked Alan for his presentation and the attendees expressed an interest in Alan returning at a later date to further inform them of the Emergency Planning process.

6 MOWBRAY GARDENS LIBRARY (LAURA BELL)

Laura will now present at a future meeting.

7. AREA PARTNERSHIP MANAGERS REPORT

Shaun Mirfield talked about the work of the Co-ordinating Group and the neighbourhood Action Group. He also informed the meeting that the October Area Assembly will be young people focused showing two award winning films.

8. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th October 2008 6.30p.m. at the Town Hall