

**Rotherham South Area Assembly**  
Held at the Town Hall Council Chamber  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009

**ATTENDEES:**

**Members**

Councillors Dodson (Chair), Ali, Hussain, Wootton and Gilding.

**Officers**

Janet Greenwood	RMBC Neighbourhood Partnership Manager
Shaun Mirfield	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Kay Bacon	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Lindsey Gibson	RMBC Area Assembly Team (Minutes)
Ady Antcliffe	RMBC Streetpride
Alan Matthews	RMBC Emergency Planning Team
Nicola Kelsall	RMBC Emergency Planning Team
Graham Leckey	South Yorkshire Police
Gaynor Young	NHS Rotherham

**Public**

M. Burgin	Clifton Community Partnership
A. Burgin	Clifton Community Partnership
M. Beadham	Clifton Community Partnership
K. Millns	Clifton Community Partnership
D. Millns	Clifton Community Partnership
L. Russell	Clifton Community Partnership
C. Charlton	Eastwood & Springwell United
G. Holmes	Eastwood & Springwell United
C. Purvis	Greystones Action Group
C. Eyre	Whiston Parish Council
G. Skinner	Whiston Parish Council
D. Straw	Whiston Parish Council
G. Riches	NHW
L. Lindley	Streetpride Champion
M. Jeffs	Streetpride Champion
P. Qureshi	UMCC
M. McGrother	Resident
B. Kapur	Resident
E. Humphries	Resident
J. Whyke	Resident
N. Whyke	Resident
J. Jeffs	Resident
K. Mahmood	Resident
F. Sultan	Resident
M. Ramzan	Resident
M. Ilyas	Resident
D. Dobbs	Resident
J. Jones	Resident
K. Cronk	Resident
K. Harrison	Resident
M. Hoggard	Resident

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair introduced himself and colleagues.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McNeely, Kirk and Clarke, Diane Kelsall, Michelle Hill, Bob Holt, Colin Booth, Sarah Kelly, J. White, Derek Waudby, Danny Wilhoughby, Shanaz Din, Andy Hoyland and Janet Benton.

## **3i MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 09**

The minutes were approved as a true record.

### **3.ii MATTERS ARISING**

#### **a) Stan Crowther – item 5 ii a**

Congratulations were made to Councillor Clarke who will also become a Freeman.

#### **b) Middle Lane Review – item 5 ii c**

Mary Burgin reported that the officers at the event said that the results will be fed back to residents.

#### **c) Funding of Area Assemblies – item 5 ii e**

Mick Hoggard asked if a progress report could be provided in relation to the financing of Area Assemblies.

**Action: Shaun Mirfield**

#### **d) Worrygoose Lane – item 5 f**

It was asked why it will take 6 – 12 months to remove the single yellow line when it was painted in error.

**Action: Matthew Lowe**

#### **e) Potholes – item 6 b**

An inspection is also required at Clifton Grove

**Action: Ady Antcliffe**

#### **f) West Bawtry Road – item 6 h**

A Canklow resident asked for a progress report in respect of the lack of crossings on West Bawtry Road.

**Action: Matthew Lowe**

## **4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

### **a) Armed Forces Day**

Councillor Hussain confirmed that Rotherham will be celebrating the first national Armed Forces Day on 27 June.

### **b) Yorkshire Regiment**

Councillor Hussain confirmed that the Yorkshire Regiment will be given the Freedom of the Borough and are liaising with them on a parade through Rotherham.

### **c) Traffic Lights St Ann's and Wortley Road**

A resident asked what the benefits of the lights have been so far. Councillors explained that they have received several positive reports. There was an acknowledgement that improvements could be made to the lane signs.

### **d) Rotherham Leisure Complex**

George Skinner said that the landscaping to the front and side of St. Anns is excellent. He is concerned, however, in relation to the condition of Effingham Street.

**Action: Planning**

## **4. EMERGENCY PLANNING AWARENESS**

The Chair welcomed Alan Matthews and Nicola Kelsall, and the Chair of Rotherham North.

Alan Matthews gave a presentation on raising awareness of emergency planning. Other presentations were provided by Graham Leckey (South Yorkshire Police), Gaynor Young (NHS Rotherham) and Janet Greenwood (Area Assemblies).

The following comments and questions were raised:

- a) A question was asked in relation to dirty bombs. Graham Leckey said that plans are in place and the police work with national local partners.
- b) A question was asked on the annual flu jab and if it controls pandemic flu. It was confirmed that the annual flu jab controls seasonal flu but not pandemic flu.
- c) A comment was made that grates are full of leaves and dirt which can cause problems during flooding.
- d) A question was asked regarding fall backs for the emergency control room. It was confirmed that there are 3 borough wide operation rooms that can be used as fall backs.
- e) A question was asked regarding the remit of Alan Matthews role. It was confirmed that he is the Emergency and Safety Manager responsible for emergency planning, and health and safety.
- f) A question was asked regarding the Emergency Planning Team budget. It was confirmed that they currently have an annual budget of £482,000.

The Chair thanked Alan Matthews for the awareness session and said what a marvellous job the team did during the floods.

## **5. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm, Town Hall.**

Outstanding presentation requests:

- Community Safety / PACTS
  - Child welfare
  - Budget
  - Rother Fed
  - Boston Castle
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