

WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY
Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009
Brampton Parish Hall at 5.00pm

Present

Councillor Alan Atkin	Ward 19 – Wath - (IN THE CHAIR)
Sid Bailey	Local Resident
Anne Biram	Local Resident
V Bryan	RMBC Neighbourhood Partnership Manager
Dave Cocking	Local Resident
Mrs E A Dodson	Local Resident
P Drabble	Local Resident
Andy Fawdry	RMBC Streetpride
Matthew Finn	RMBC Community Protection Unit
Councillor Jane Hamilton	Ward 7 – Hooper
Councillor Frank Hodgkiss	Ward 7 - Hooper
R Holt	Cortonwood Bowling Club
S Hoyle	South Yorkshire Police
D Hudson	Local Resident
Mr & Mrs D & H Hunt	Local Residents
Dianne Hurst	Wentworth North Area Partnership Manager
G Hydes	Local Resident
Denise Lelliott	Brampton Youth Group
R McNeely	Local Resident
Karen Milner	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Siobhan Owen	Wath Comprehensive School
S Picton	Local Resident
Sue Ransom	Dearne Valley College
Jill Ratcliffe	Wentworth North Community Support Officer (MINUTES)
Lucy Reader	Wentworth North Community Involvement Officer
L & R Robets	Local Residents
Allan Rodway	Local Resident
K Rogers	South Yorkshire Times
Councillor Richard Russell	Ward 7 – Hooper
J Scantlebury	RMBC NAS
K Sykes	South Yorkshire Police
S Thackery	Brampton Parish Council
D Thyie	Local Resident
Clive Taylor	Local Resident
J Wordsworth	Charles Street Community Centre

1. Welcome and Apologies

Councillor Atkin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. He informed everyone present that the meeting would be minuted, so if anyone wanted to say something that they wished not to be minuted would they please make it known.

Councillor Atkin added that if anyone had any issues they wished to raise with officers they would be available following the meeting.

Apologies were received from:-

A Barber Lomax	Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estates Office
Craig Cornwall	RMBC Wardens
Councillor John Doyle	Ward 16 – Swinton
Councillor A Gosling	Ward 19 – Wath
Harry Harrison	Swinton Resident
Irene Hartley	Local Resident
Lee Peace	South Yorkshire Times
Councillor Neil License	Ward 16 – Swinton
D Logan	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Ian Lomas	Wentworth Parish Council and Harley Village Partnership
Joyce Maleham	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Gillian Picker	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Councillor Alex Sangster	Ward 19 – Wath
Harry Tooley	Area Housing Panel
Brian Walker	Local Resident
V Whitehead	RMBC YPS
Councillor Ken Wyatt	Ward 16 – Swinton

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13th July 2009

Agreed: - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th July be received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters Arising

An action checklist with updates from issues raised at the previous meeting was available to all in attendance.

3. QUESTIONS FROM OPEN FORUM

3.1. A local resident stated that new street lights had been placed in Swinton and asked when the old ones would be removed.

Councillor Russell informed the meeting that the delay was with awaiting disconnection by the YEB.

Councillor Atkin stated that he would seek a more definite answer.

3.2. A local resident asked about the snicket to the rear of the Fire Station in Brampton.

Andy Fawdry informed the meeting that he would make enquiries and report back.

3.3. A local resident stated that she had previously raised objections to the new Health Centre being located at the Brampton Centre. She asked for assurance that drugs would be kept in a safe manner. She then asked why the Knollbeck Pharmacy had also moved to the Brampton Centre.

Councillor Atkin informed the meeting that he would make some enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

3.4. A local resident informed the meeting that he had been asked by two local people to mention how wonderful Warren Vale is looking since the planting of the wild flowers.

3.5. A resident stated that when the Bungalows were modernized they were supposed to have cavity wall insulation, but this has not been done.

Karen Milner stated that she would check that out if the gentleman gave her his address following the meeting.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT

Mark Ryalls, RMBC Environmental Co-ordinator was unable to give a report at the meeting but sent the following statement.

At this moment in time we are still in the process of seeking planning permission and having plans drawn up for the schemes, until this is done we cannot commit to anything.

I have been given a date of the end of September to have this information. I am then hoping to attend your meeting to discuss the proposals in more depth.

5. WALKING TO SCHOOL/PARKING ISSUES

Vince Boulter, RMBC School Travel Plan Adviser introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his role.

He stated that part of his job is to make people's lives a bit happier outside Schools. We want Children to walk to School safely and have lots of different ideas to get them walking. We also try to encourage cycling and provide cycle training. A pilot cycle project will shortly be starting in Wath.

Vince added, we encourage health walking and have various safe walking routes in the area, we also encourage walking busses and WOW (walk on Wednesdays).

Councillor Atkin thanked Vince for his update.

A local resident stated that they would like to thank everyone involved, especially Councillor Frank Hodgkiss for getting parking regulations instated outside Brampton School.

6. REMEDI – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND MEDIATION INITIATIVES

Unfortunately Gavin Hudson who was going to speak to the meeting about the work carried out by Remedi was not in attendance at the meeting. However, below is a summary which he had previously submitted.

Who are Remedi?

Remedi (originally the South Yorkshire Victim Offender Mediation Service) is a charitable organization with over 10 years experience of delivering high quality mediation and which promotes the use of restorative justice methods when dealing with crime.

Beginning as a victim offender mediation service in 1996, Remedi has since developed partnerships with the National Probation Service and Youth Offending Service across South Yorkshire. More recently we have opened offices in Nottinghamshire and Northumberland and we now provide Victim Liaison Officers for Stockport and Kirklees Youth Offending teams. Also Remedi has provided Restorative Justice and panel member training on a national scale.

What Remedi can offer Wentworth North

Since June of this year Remedi have taken on the organising and supervision of youth community reparation in Rotherham on behalf of Rotherham Youth Offending Service. Reparation is given as a punishment by the courts but is also a way for young people to pay back and repair some of the harm their crimes have caused the community. Where possible we try to link young offenders to a placement in the community where they live or where they have committed their crime (although this is not always possible).

In order to do this we need to have a portfolio of placements across the Rotherham borough. This is where you as a community come in to suggest possible placements. It is important that communities have a say in the criminal justice process. What work do you need young people to carry out in your area.

A reparation placement can either be work which young people undertake on a regular basis, a one-off, or a series of placements until the work is finished. The work could be anything from litter picking and tidying an area to indoor decorating jobs (for painting jobs, the paint must be supplied by the placement). Basically young people can do any work, within reason, that does not involve power tools, hazardous chemicals or working on ladders or above head height. On site young people are supervised by a trained member of staff at all times, who brings them to and takes them away from the placement.

How do we suggest a reparation placement?

If you know of work in your area that could be done by young people all you need to do is contact Jo Stanley our Rotherham Reparation Officer to discuss the placement and, if it is suitable, arrange for her to risk assess the site. It's that easy!

Jo's details are:-

Tel: 01709 516999

Email: Jo.stanley@rotherham.gov.uk

7. AREA CHAIR / AREA PARTNERSHIP MANAGERS REPORT

Dianne Hurst, Area Partnership Manager for Wentworth North gave an update on the progress and development of issues since the last meeting which included:-

Community Activity

The **Swinton Fitzwilliam** group continues to meet and work with the community to try to improve the quality of life for those living on the estate. The very first estate newsletter goes out this month.

If you think that you would like to get involved, please contact Lucy Reader using the details given below.

Wath Community Partnership is currently working with the Area Assembly to organise the switching on of the festive lights. As the festive season will coincide with the ending of the work to create the "pocket park" in Wath, it may well be that a celebration to mark the end of this work will happen at the same time. See the website for further details!

The planting at the **Swinton Civic** has attracted compliments and continues to look bright and colourful, despite the inclement weather experienced during the summer months. There are plans in development to replace the summer bedding with autumn and winter schemes. We have also considered launching an appeal for the return of two cordyline plants that a local female resident took a shine to!

Assembly staff were out and about at the **Wentworth Gala** on the 13th and enjoyed talking to local residents and publicizing our work at the final summer gala of the season.

Work begins today at **Swinton Station** to extend the car park and provide additional park and ride spaces and spaces for disabled users and parent and child parking; closer to the station itself. Work is expected to take 12 weeks, but is not expected to disrupt existing parking or bus services. For further information. Please contact Gillian Palmer at the SYPTTE on 0114 2211285.

For further details about the projects above, take a look at our website on www.areaassemblies.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Work continues on the NAG Priorities for 2008 and 2009, these are: the Swinton Fitzwilliam estate and Valley Road area and Brampton.

PACT priorities for the area will be changed at this evenings PACT meeting.

Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Activity

Works to improve the public realm, environment and access have continued in Wath Montgomery Square. The “pocket park” development receives planning consent this month and work begins on this then up to December.

Street Pride Devolved Budget

A programme of activity for this year’s devolved budget has been agreed and a delivery schedule is being worked up. The Area Assembly has taken up two projects undeliverable through this programme and, following the July vote, they should be in contract before the end of the month.

Area Assembly Devolved Budget

This meeting includes a decision-making process what we hope is the final round of applications to be considered for funding during 2009-10. Participants have been given a set of stickers and are asked to place them in the voting slots beneath each project display. You may cast all your votes for one project, one for each project, or any combination in between.

The projects listed below received assent at the July assembly meeting:

Project	Ward	Cost	Status
NAS HMR Funding			
Broadway environmental improvements scheme	Swinton	10,252.34	Received 5 votes (ranked 7 th)
Serenity CIC	All	1,500.00	Received 9 votes (ranked 6 th)
Kabins environmental enhancements	All	3,000.00	Received 13 votes (ranked 3 rd)
Improved Lighting in West Melton	Hoover	22,000.00	Received 10 votes (ranked joint 4 th)
Festive lights	Wath	5,930.60	Received 25 votes (ranked 2 nd)
NAS Devolved Budget			
Stress control	All	1,240.00	Received 10 votes (ranked joint 4 th)
LABGI			
Broaden Your Horizons	All	7,968.90	Received 31 votes (ranked 1 st)

The above projects have been recommended to Cabinet and have contracts in preparation.

Dianne informed the meeting that an application had been submitted by the Cortonwood Bowling Club and asked for the meetings approval.

Agreed – that the application be approved.

There are still Community Chest monies available to community groups and organisations this year. Application forms are available here tonight, from the assembly office on 334603 (ask for Lucy Reader) or on line at www.areaassemblies.gov.uk

8. PARTNER UPDATES

Updates were circulated to everyone present from:-

Karen Milner -2010 Rotherham Ltd

Andy Fawdry – RMBC Streetpride.

Matthew Finn – RMBC Community Protection Manager

Matthew Finn introduced himself to the meeting and advised that he is the Community Protection Manager for the North of the borough. He then read out Craig Cornwall's report for the Rotherham Wardens.

Councillor Richard Russell informed the meeting that Streetpride have just received an award for Best Public Places.

Copies of any of the above reports are available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk

9. PACT – Partners and Community Together

Sergeant Sarah Hoyle – South Yorkshire Police, gave a report regarding the crime statistics for the previous month, a copy of which is available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk

Sergeant Hoyle then explained to everyone what a PACT is and then went on to discuss the PACT priority areas.

The PACT is part of the National Policing Pledge, full details of which can be found on the South Yorkshire Police Website. Under this pledge South Yorkshire Police commit to holding monthly meetings in the community, six of which will form part of the Wentworth North Area Assembly meeting, and a further six will be identified using the opportunities provided by other community fora. Thereby identifying a number of short term priority areas which will be subject to a 60 minute response time. Meetings will be advertised on the Safer Neighbourhood Website.

These are small local priority areas and are not the same as Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities.

Last month's identified priorities were:-

1. **Montgomery Hall/Wath Town Centre**

- Regular patrols in evening period by Police, PCSO'S and Wardens
- Operation Stay safe venue on the 11th September 2009. No reported incidents of anti social behaviour.
- Police worked with staff at the hall in the 12th December 2009 to remove a group involved in organising a Rave. The event planners were unsuitable for the venue.

2. **South Avenue, Swinton**

- Regular Patrols by police and PCSO's
- Operation Staysafe venue on 11th September 2009. No reported incidents of anti social behaviour.
- Regular liaison with local residents for intelligence gathering purposes.
- Drugs warrant executed at premises on the 9 September 2009. A quantity of cannabis recovered. Local man on bail pending forensic testing. Anti Behaviour Unit to prepare court papers of eviction from the 2010 property.

3. **Wath Cemetery/Newhill Park**

- Regular patrols by Police, PCSO'S and wardens
- Operation Stay safe venue on police operation on 11th September 2009. One person taken to place of safety and alcohol confiscated.
- Test purchase of shops selling alcohol in vicinity. Shops subject of complaints passed the checks and did not sell alcohol to local children.

Sergeant Hoyle asked the meeting if priority areas 1 and 2 could be signed off, keeping priority area 3 on for a further month. **Agreed**

A brief discussion followed to identify new priority areas.

Councillor Richard Russell suggested Masefield Road Shops.

Sergeant Hoyle stated that she would consider it for next month, as it has recently been a priority area.

This month's identified priorities are:-

1. **Skate Park, Wath**
2. **Swinton Precinct**
3. **Wath Cemetery/Newhill Park**

A local resident asked for assurance that the photos she had mentioned at the last meeting would be acted on.

Sergeant Hoyle stated that that information had now been lost, but requested that she be kept informed.

There were no further discussions and Sergeant Hoyle informed the meeting that she would give the next PACT update at Wath Montgomery Hall on 7th October 2009 at 6.30pm as part of the Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership Meeting.

Councillor Atkin thanked Sergeant Hoyle for her report.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Russell suggested using a roving microphone for future meetings and placing the seats in a square.

11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th November 2009, 5.00pm @ Swinton Civic Hall