

WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY
Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2009
Brampton Parish Hall at 5.00pm

Present

Councillor Frank Hodgkiss	Ward 7 - Hooper- (IN THE CHAIR)
C Andrews	Swinton Sports and Health
P J Andrews	Swinton Sports and Health
Councillor Alan Atkin	Ward 19 – Wath
P Barrfield	Manor Farm Community Centre
J Biggs	Local Resident
V Bryan	RMBC Neighbourhood Partnership Manager
Lucy Cadwallader	Brampton Drama Group
Isobel Carty	Brampton Youth Group
P Clarke	Local Resident
B Cooper	Harley Village Partnership
W Cooper	Harley Village Partnership
Sue Davenport	RMBC Money Advice Service
Anthony Dockray	RMBC Money Advice Service
Hannah Dorchester	Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre
K Dorchester	Local Resident
C Edwards	Manor Farm TARA
Christine Eyre	Manor Farm TARA
Andy Fawdry	RMBC Streetpride
Susan Fox	Harley Village Partnership
C Frost	Local Resident
Paul Griffiths	RMBC Neighbourhood Development
Deana Haller	Brampton Drama Group
Councillor Jane Hamilton	Ward 7 – Hooper
Harry Harrison	Swinton Resident
Kathleen Harvey	RMBC Money Advice Service
G Hickling	Local Resident
J Hough	Local Resident
Liz Hunt	RMBC Housing Market Renewal
O Heeley	Manor Farm Community Centre
Amy Higginbotham	Brampton Drama Group
Dianne Hurst	Wentworth North Area Partnership Manager
Liz Hunt	Neighbourhood Investment Services
Alisia Kuritihos	Brampton Drama Group
Kayleigh Lax	Brampton Drama Group
Denise Lelliott	Brampton Youth Group
D Logan	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Ian Lomas	Wentworth Parish Council and Harley Village Partnership
Amber Jade Marshall	Brampton Drama Group
Samantha Marshall	Brampton Drama Group
Rose McNeely	Local Resident
Karen Milner	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Reece Moore	Brampton Drama Group

Willie Perciville	Brampton Drama Group
Gillian Picker	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Jill Ratcliffe	Wentworth North Community Support Officer (MINUTES)
Lucy Reader	Wentworth North Community Involvement Officer
Ann Roche	Wath Festival
Councillor Richard Russell	Ward 7 – Hooper
Shelly Shaw	Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre
Clarrisa Smith	Brampton Drama Group
Clive Taylor	Swinton Resident
Steven Thackery	Brampton Parish Council
Harry Tooley	Area Housing Panel
C Walker	Local Resident
D Walton	Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre
S Walton	Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre
E Waterhouse	Manor Farm TARA
J Wordsworth	Charles Street Community Centre
Councillor Ken Wyatt	Ward 16 – Swinton

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies were received from:-

Councillor John Doyle	Ward 16 – Swinton
Councillor A Gosling	Ward 19 – Wath
Lee Peace	South Yorkshire Times
Councillor Neil License	Ward 16 – Swinton
Joyce Maleham	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Sue Ransom	Dearne Valley College
Councillor Alex Sangster	Ward 19 – Wath

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2009

Agreed: - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th January be received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Minutes from 10th November 2008 deferred from the previous meeting were accepted as a true record subject to an amendment to minute no 6 which will now state, it was suggested that a separate meeting should be held regarding the redevelopment of the forma Croda Site.

Matters Arising

Minute 7. A local resident asked if there was an update available on the proposed waste recycling plant in Wath.

Councillor Hodgkiss informed the resident that the Area Assembly would obtain an answer to her question and respond to her personally.

Minute 8. Dianne Hurst informed the meeting that Brampton Park as discussed by Jenny Harrison at the previous meeting is in fact West Melton Park, and will be referred to as such in future.

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 asked if Tesco was intending to redevelop again and if so would Biscay Way be affected?

The meeting was informed that no application had been received, however any application would be looked at once submitted by Tesco, and a traffic assessment would have to be completed.

The resident was asked to raise the question again once the application had been submitted.

4. BRAMPTON MASTER PLAN

Liz Hunt – Place Shaper for Housing Market Renewal (HMR) introduced herself and informed the meeting that HMR were looking at moving the Brampton Master Plan forward. They have had to commission extra work and are currently taking more detailed options forward. Out of several options three are being considered.

Remedial work is needed to the roofs on properties around the Becknoll Road area, which will give the properties an extra 30yr life span.

From April HMR will be looking at low level intervention.

Liz then invited questions from the floor and was thanked by Councillor Hodgkiss for her update.

A full copy of the report is available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk

5. MONEY ADVICE & DEBT COUNCILLING

Anthony Dockray and Kathleen Harvey – Money Advice Officers introduced themselves and informed the meeting of the services they offer which includes:-

Court Representation
Negotiate credit repayments etc.

Anthony added that they offer a service which is confidential and none judgmental. Anyone living in the Rotherham area can access the service. There could be up to a six week wait but our support officer will do an assessment and explain everything to the customer.

Home visits are restricted to people with disabilities, however we will come out and talk to groups.

For further information, or to make an appointment please telephone 01709 822329 or log on to the RMBC Website:-

<http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/graphics/Benefits/Money+Advice+Service/>

Questions were then invited from the floor following which Councillor Hodgkiss thanked Anthony and Kathleen for their attendance.

6. 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 the removal of the planters to the rear of Swinton Civic Hall, the Probation Service working on the Cricket Pavilion at Wentworth, Funding obtained by Wath Childminders to create a safe play area and sensory garden, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service's launch of their new fire-fighter on bicycles, the Neighbourhood Action Group, Housing Market Renewal Activity, Streetpride Devolved Budget, Area Assembly Devolved Budget and the Community Celebration Awards.

Dianne informed everyone present that they were invited to vote for projects which were displayed around the room, who had applied for funding via the Area Assembly.

7. PARTNER UPDATES

Updates were circulated to everyone present from:-
George Smith -2010 Rotherham Ltd
Andy Fawdry – RMBC Streetpride.

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

Inspector Steve Tattershall – 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

He went on to outline the new Partners and Communities Together (PACT) approach being adopted by South Yorkshire Police.

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.

For the purpose of the PACT meeting this month's identified priorities will be:-
Becknoll Road, Brampton
Masefield Road Shops
The Park at Swinton, including the old Club.

Inspector Tattershall stated that these priorities are his current thoughts on where they should be and asked members of the meeting if they had any suggestions.

A member of the public stated that there was a drug problem on Knollbeck Avenue.

Inspector Tattershall advised that the problem could be rung through to the Police, Crime Stoppers or to 2010 Rotherham Ltd.

Councillor Hodgkiss stated that the matter had been raised at his surgery and that these people need help.

A local Councillor asked how the PACT priorities differed from the NAG priorities.

Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that NAG priorities are long term priorities and Pact priorities are short term, lasting for one month unless they continue to give rise for concern.

There were no more questions and Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that he would give an update at the next Area Assembly Meeting.

Councillor Frank Hodgkiss thanked Inspector Tattershall for his report.

8. COMMUNITY AWARDS

Councillor Hodgkiss welcomed everyone to the second of Wentworth North Area Assemblies Community Awards Celebrations.

He added that this is where awards are presented to people in the community who give their time on a voluntary basis to improve community cohesion, and have been nominated by members of the public.

There are five categories for the awards, the first category is:-

Area Chair's Award

Councillor Hodgkiss announced that there are two winners in this category, both equally deserving of the award, and announced in no particular order.

The first Area Chair's Award is presented to **Stan and Dianne Walton** – They are a couple who have over the years organised entertainment and day excursions for the elderly people of Brampton, and also the Wrinkles Club. They have also driven the community bus, collecting and returning members of the afore mentioned club.

They are well liked and well respected members of the community

The second Area chairs award is presented to **Olwen and Mervyn Heely**
They are a couple of people who have worked tirelessly running the drop-in centre on Harding Avenue and accessing funding to refurbish the building for community use.

Community Champion

Presented to **Ann Roache**

This person has worked quietly and effectively within the community. She plays a key role as Chair of the Wath Community Festival sub committee, working all year round to ensure that the annual Wath festival is a fun event enjoyed by everyone.

As well as all the charity fund raising she does she is also a governor of two schools Her contribution to the people of Wath, giving her time to facilitate events and celebrate Wath's History over many years has made her a worthy winner of this award.

Peoples Champion

Presented to **Hanna Dorchester**

This young person helps out a lot at the centre, she attends the youth group every week where she runs the snack bar, without her the young people would probably not have any refreshments due to the large volume of young people we have attending & a short number of staff/volunteers.

This person also attends the theatre group every week where she sets up the stage lights and has managed to learn how to use a very valuable & technical piece of equipment.

From this she has now being able to offer her skills to other theatre groups i.e. Far Out Theatre where she recently did all the lights and sounds for their productions of Babes In The Wood at Montgomery Hall in Wath-Upon Dearne.

She is a lovely and kind hearted young woman who is always willing to help; she attends all the community events with Cortonwood Community Centre & Brampton Youth Group & gets involved with preparations for our annual/fete's & services.

Community Partnership Award

Presented to **Brampton Drama Group**

All these young people have worked very hard since last year, filling in an application form for a grant from the Youth Opportunity Fund to transform the church part of the hall into a real Youth Theatre, not just for themselves but for other community drama groups to use or perform shows if they have no other venues.

They have worked well together as a group to get the application filled in. The group also attended the Boom Project Training where they learnt how to make, edit & produce their own films.

The group successfully secured the £32,000 that they applied for and work will start place shortly, we at the centre feel that this is a huge achievement for such a small community group.

Making a Difference

Presented to **Manor Farm TARA**

This group have been nominated for their commitment to the local community, providing an advice centre four days per week and helping the community to have a voice.

The Area Assembly would also like to present certificates in recognition of their outstanding contribution to:-

Ben Bristow – Brampton Youth Group

Ben is a volunteer who helps out at the youth group, serving behind the snack bar. He is a kind warm hearted young man who will help out in any way that he can & once again the young people would be without snacks if he didn't volunteer his time.

Phillip and Carol Andrews – Swinton Sports and Health Group

These people work tirelessly to promote sport in general and provide facilities for the people of Swinton, especially for young people and also promote healthy living.

We have only briefly touched on the contribution that each of our Community Award Winners has made to their community. They give many hours of their time to make our community a better place in which to live and work.

Their work and dedication often goes unrewarded, and we hope that tonight will go some way to expressing our thanks for all the hard work they do.

Councillor Hodgkiss congratulated all the winners and thanked everyone for their nominations, he added that tonight's winners are just a few of the people who work tirelessly to improve our local community, and the Wentworth North Area Assembly would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank You to EVERYONE.

9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th May 2009, 5.00pm @ The Mechanics Institute, Wentworth.