

MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH  
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING  
Held on MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
At  
The Bailey Suite, Bailey House.

**Present**

Cllr Paul Lakin (Chair)	-	Valley Ward Member
M Ardron (Minutes)	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly
V Bryan	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly
D Owens	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly
J. Colley	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly
Cllr D Pickering	-	Valley Ward Member
Cllr S Currie	-	Valley Ward Member
Cllr G Whelbourn	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
A Hutson	-	Streetpride
T Seals	-	RMBC
R Kearney	-	SYP
B Bell	-	SYP
C Williams	-	2010 Rotherham Ltd
I Richardson	-	2010 Rotherham Ltd
M Finn	-	ASBU
G Gould	-	South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
J Dearden	-	Resident
G Thrustle	-	Resident
S Wilson	-	Resident
V Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
B Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
S M Parkin	-	Shop Owner
K Claxton	-	Resident
K Reeder	-	Resident
N Wright	-	Resident
D Swallow	-	Resident
D Goodlad	-	Resident
A Shaw	-	Resident
M Lynch	-	Resident
S Pickering	-	Resident
S Oxer	-	Resident
C Booth	-	Resident
S Burton	-	South Yorkshire News
P Fenner	-	St Nicolas Ryecroft
J Darby	-	Resident
L Claxton	-	Resident
J Mills	-	Resident
S Scholfield	-	Resident
A Scholfield	-	Resident
D J Rowley	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
N Brayshaw	-	Resident

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Lakin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He announced the sad and sudden death of Thrybergh Parish Councillor, Mr Brian Bentley; Mr Bentley was a great supporter of the Area Assembly and will be sadly missed.

## **2. Presentation 1**

### **Single Conversation and Rotherham Draft Housing Strategy: 'Building Better Homes and Lives'**

Tracie Seals, Sustainable Communities Manager – Neighbourhood Investment Services gave a presentation outlining the ambitions of the Housing Strategy which are:

- To make a strong contribution towards the economic transformation of Rotherham
- To continue to address frail and imbalanced housing markets and poor quality of place
- To meet targets for housing growth and affordable housing
- To improve the quality and accessibility of the existing stock
- Adapting to Climate Change

Tracie gave an overview of the consultation and communications that had been carried out so far, and answered a number of questions from Area Assembly members.

You can find full information and view all Single Conversation related material on the RMBC intranet:

<http://intranet.rotherhamconnect.com/C9/C7/Single%20Conversation%20Project%20Gr/default.aspx>

Or contact Mary Swain for a hard copy/CD of the draft Housing Strategy on 01709 334957 or email [mary.swain@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:mary.swain@rotherham.gov.uk)

## **Presentation 2**

### **Environmental Projects in Wentworth South – 2010 Rotherham Ltd**

Andy Lumb – Partnering Manager for 2010 Rotherham Ltd, gave a presentation on environmental projects in Wentworth South, he explained that this was a 2 year delivery programme with a budget of £10.8m; £5.4m to be spent in 2009/10 and £5.4m in 2010/11. The presentation included information and images of work which has been completed in the first year and gave an overview of the projects planned for completion in the second year.

Andy answered a large number of questions from the Area Assembly members and agreed to supply further information on the following questions, to be sent out with the minutes;

- Marshall Close, Parkgate – because of the new fencing and gates, access to many of the properties by emergency vehicles such as ambulances is virtually impossible. Can this be looked into and re assessed?

<b>Response – pending</b>
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- How many apprentices have been taken on by RMBC/Contractors during the decent homes programmes and New Build and is there a rolling programme for apprenticeships?

<b>Response – pending</b>
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### **3 Apologies**

Apologies were received from, Cllr Stone, Cllr Wright, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Russell, Cllr A Russell, Insp D White, Mr Copley, v Trimmer, J Foxton, Rev. J French, M Gazur, G Trickett, G Palmer, B Williams, C Shaw, Mr & Mrs Broadhead, Mrs Billups and A Scholes.

### **4. Minutes from the Area Assembly meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

### **5. Matters arising**

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Ms Dearden reported to the meeting that she had received a negative response from Streetpride regarding the issue she raised over Sandbags.

She also expressed that there had been no further response regarding the noise nuisance and vibration that was being caused by heavy good vehicles driving over the speed cushions on Hooton Road, Kilnhurst.

Cllr Lakin explained that the matter had previously been taken to highways; they had assessed the situation and stated that the speed cushions were there for safety reasons mainly because of the Primary School on Kilnhurst Road.

It was suggested that if there are a number of residents concerned about this issue then the community could raise a petition.

Sgt Bell suggested that a short term solution could be to visit the local businesses to explain the situation to them and ask their drivers to reduce their speed to cut down on noise and vibrations.

**Action** - Diane Owens agreed to get a full response from highways.

<b>Response</b> – Diane has spoken to Nigel Davey in Highways regarding these issues and a full written response has been sent to Mrs Dearden.
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Mr Booth thanked Diane Owens for the work she had carried out and meetings she had arranged regarding traffic calming measures on Middle Lane south.

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Thanks were expressed for the flyer produced by the Area Assembly and SNT containing the images and details of the Wentworth South PCSO's but a further request was made that the information could include the PC's and the areas covered

**Action** – SY Police will put this information together and distribute.

<b>Response</b> – pending
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### **6. Agencies Reports**

#### **2010 Rotherham Ltd**

The April report from 2010 Rotherham Ltd was available at the meeting. The report contained information on Estate Action Days, Estate Walkabouts, Local Community Surgeries, Area Housing Panels, a performance summary and staff contact details.

Any enquiries please contact the team of Customer Service Advisers on 0300 100 2010

### **Streetpride**

Amy Hutson reminded everyone about the Streetpride Devolved Budget meeting that was to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the meeting was to discuss and decide on projects to be completed through this years Streetpride Devolved budget. She welcomed everyone to attend.

### **Enviro-Crime team**

- Matthew Finn gave the following update
- 250 complaints received in the last month
- 150 of these were Rubbish/Environmental Health issues the rest were ASB nuisance
- 25 stray dogs were taken off the street.
- 2 ASB warning letter had been issued

It was asked if a contact sheet with photographs could be produced for the Rotherham Wardens

**Action – Matthew Finn to provide a contact sheet to be distributed at the next meeting.**

**Response – pending**

### **7. Questions from the public**

**Q1.** Can signs be put in place at the entrance to the car park on the site of the Herringthorpe leisure centre to let people know that the gate will be locked at a certain time?

This will help to prevent people getting their cars locked in and knocking on resident's doors to try and locate a key.

**Action – Area Assembly/Streetpride to look into this**

**Response – pending**

**Q2.** Are the Council buying the land at the Guest & Crimes Site with Local Authority Award Grant money, and can we have information on what this award is?

**Action – Area Assembly team to find out this information and feedback to the meeting.**

**Response – pending**

**Q3.** Why do the litter pickers not pick up cigarette ends, in the Herringthorpe area.

**Action – Amy Hutson (Streetpride) to look into this.**

**Response – pending**

**Q4.** What are your views on the proposed building of houses on the Herringthorpe Leisure Centre site?

**A.** A presentation on these proposals will be given at the next Area Assembly meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> May; this will give everyone the opportunity to find out the full details of the proposals.

**Q5.** Can someone look into Vale Farm on Warren Vale Road, is it operating as a legal business and is it paying any business rates? There are also a number concerns regarding the animals, for example the ponies; and there are concerns of environmental health issues relating to the production and sale of pet food.

**Action – Matthew Finn’s team will look into this and update of the outcome.**

**Response – pending**

**Q6.** Why do house bound tenants in sheltered accommodation have to pay a levy for the use of community centres that they are unable to use?

**Action – Area Assembly team to find information regarding this and feed back**

**Response – pending**

**Q7.** Why do bus companies provide such small pull-ins, for buses which create traffic to build up behind the buses?

**A.** It was suggested that this was for safety reasons to prevent traffic over taking the buses when passengers were getting off the bus.

**Q8.** The planting of wild flowers on Warren Vale looks very good on the right side, however on the left side there is a large amount of rubbish and littering, can this be cleaned up?

**Action – Amy Hutson ( Streetpride) to look into this and feedback.**

**Response – pending**

**Q9.** The road from the left turn, off the roundabout on Warren Vale which leads to Wentworth – the lay-bys have been taken away / filled in and there is no footpath for people to walk down, can something be done?

**A.** Matthew Finn explained that gravel is put into some lay-bys as a means of preventing people parking there to carry out fly-tipping, this is also used in conjunction with hidden cameras which can help to provide evidence to use when prosecuting.

**Action – Matthew Finn and Amy Hutson to look into the reasons for the lay-bys being filled in at this area and the possibility of providing a footpath.**

**Response – pending**

**Q10.** Car Lane has been cleared of litter but it is back again on the right hand side and there is a lay-by that it possibly used for fly-tipping can some one look into this?

**Action – Matthew Finn to look into this.**

**Response – pending**

## **8. Partners and Communities Together (PACT) and Crime Report**

**Crime Report** - Sgt Bell reported the following good news stories

- Drug warrants executed on Lister Ave, Rawmarsh where a number of cannabis plants were found along with stolen property.
- Male and female arrested for attempted murder after a serious assault incident in Rosehill Park. Male has been charged and remanded with the female on bail.
- Drug Warrant executed on Laudsdale Road, East Herringthorpe where an amount of amphetamine and cannabis was found
- Drugs Warrant executed on Chaucer Road, Herringthorpe where an amount of cannabis was found.

- Male arrested for false imprisonment and assault and tenancy enforcement to be followed up.
- Officers were assisting PCSO's to stop a vehicle on Doncaster Road, Dalton. Driver runs from vehicle but detained after foot chase. Vehicle checked and 28 bags of Cannabis found in a large bin liner.
- PCSO's are waved down by a taxi driver who was having problems with two males who had not paid for the cab. Other officers subsequently detain a male after a short foot chase. The male is then arrested for making off without payment and upon searching is found in possession of 8 white tablets and a small amount of cannabis so is also arrested for possession of controlled drugs.

PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting

Sgt Bill Bell gave an update on the previous PACT Priorities which were

**Priority 1** – Thorogate and surrounding streets, Rawmarsh - nuisance youths, youths gathering

We did

- Nuisance Youth Patrols
- Rogue Trader Operation Conducted
- Groups of youths moved on
- Drug warrants executed with positive results and tenancy enforcement to be followed up

**Priority 2** -

Chesterhill Avenue, Silver Street Thrybergh - nuisance youths, environmental damage, theft

We did

- Nuisance Patrols
- Rogue Trader Operation Conducted
- Drug Warrants Executed with positive results, subsequent tenancy enforcement followed up.
- Neighbour Dispute resolved

**Priority 3** –

Mallory and Bradstone Road, East Herringthorpe - nuisance Youths, fly-tipping, litter

We did

- Nuisance youth patrols
- Rogue Trader Operation Conducted
- Empty properties tidied and secured including outhouses
- Gas Cylinders removed by fire service

To find out further details of all operations carried out in these areas please visit the following website;

<http://neighbourhood.southyorkshire.police.uk/rotherham/north/wentworthsouth>

NEW PACT PRIORITIES – were agreed as follows:

1. Bradstone/Mallory/Lausdale Rd/Houndsfield Rd – East Herringthorpe
2. Chaucer Rd/Browning Rd – Herringthorpe
3. Thorogate Shops and surrounding area – Rawmarsh

**The next PACT meeting will take place at the end of the Area Assembly meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 6pm at The Unity Centre.**

Cllr Lakin closed the meeting and announced the change of date to the next Area Assembly meeting, which had been changed from 7<sup>th</sup> June to;

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.**

**At**

**The Unity Centre , St Leonards Road,  
Eastwood, Rotherham, S65 1PD**