

MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2009
AT THE TOWN HALL

Present

Cllr P Lakin(Chair)	-	Valley ward Member
M Ardron (Minutes)	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
N Bryan	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
J Colley	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
Cllr G Whelbourn	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
Cllr N Hamilton	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
Cllr S Currie	-	Valley Ward member
J Campbell	-	Resident
W J Darby	-	Resdent
C Booth	-	Resident
N Brayshaw	-	Resident
K Reeder	-	Resident
N Wright	-	Resident
R Copley	-	Resident
J Dearden	-	Resident
L Ashurst	-	Resident
W Ashurst	-	Resident
G Trickett	-	Community Rep
K Brisland	-	Dalton parish Council
B Bentley	-	Thrybergh Parish Council
M R Cadman	-	Thrybergh Parish Council
S Doherty	-	Thrybergh Parish Council
V Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
Y Broadhead	-	Friends of Valley Park
G Broadhead	-	Friends of Valley Park
C Shaw	-	Friends of Valley Park
A V Scholes	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
D J Rowley	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
Amy Hutson	-	Streetpride
C Langston	-	The High Street Centre
S Tattershall	-	South Yorkshire Police
R Kearney	-	South Yorkshire Police
R Fletcher-Brown	-	NHS Rotherham

157. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Lakin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduce Vanessa Bryan, the new Neighbourhood Partnership Manager.

158. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr R Stone, Cllr P Russell, Cllr A Russell, Cllr S Wright, Cllr D Pickering (all on other Council business) Jim Rowe, T Kelsey, J Healey, H Cahill, A Shaw, L Hamshaw, P Woodcock, Colette Williams, J Palmer

159. Minutes and matters arising from Area Assembly Meeting 9th February 2009

There were no matters arising, minutes were passed as a true record.

160. Action Table from 9th February 2009

Point 1 - Bridge at Birch Wood – The Bridges at Birch Wood have all been repaired and inspections carried out have found that they are all in good condition. However a resident expressed his concerns regarding the barriers that have been put in at each entrance to stop motorbikes. He felt that they were preventing access to wheelchairs and pushchairs and questioned whether they were still needed.

Action – it was decided that the Area Assembly team contact Richard Petts – Public rights of way officer to find out if the paths in question are public rights of way or public footpaths.

Point 4 – Doncaster Gate Hospital – Rotherham Borough Council is proposing to purchase the former Doncaster Gate Hospital site in the town centre, to be used as temporary accommodation for RMBC staff during the development and refurbishment of other RMBC buildings.

Banking at Hollings Lane – It was brought to the Area Assemblies attention that there was a problem regarding fly tipping and littering near to the allotments on Hollings Lane. – Richard Jones Enviro-crime officer and Richard Jackson – Streetpride have been informed and are dealing with this. An update on progress will be given at the next Area Assembly meeting.

2010 Ltd letter to residents – A new letter has been produced and a copy will be sent out with the minutes.

161. Introduction to the Devolved Budget – Vanessa Bryan

Vanessa explained that the Area Assemblies Devolved budget was made up of a number of different funding streams as follows,

Local Authority Business Growth Initiative (LABGI) and Neighbourhood Funding – linked to Rotherham Community Strategy and Wentworth South Area Assembly Plan

Housing Market Renewal (HMR) – restricted to certain locations. Must show links to existing neighbourhood regeneration strategies and deliver small scale capital projects

Housing Investment Programme (HIP) - small environmental schemes to support activities in neighbourhoods excluded from Housing Market Renewal funding

The following table outlines the total funding available in each funding pot and the amount of project proposals submitted to each of these funding streams. It shows which funding is over subscribed and which is under subscribed

Funding pot	Local Authority Business Growth Initiative and Neighbourhoods Funding	Housing Market Renewal (restricted areas, capital projects)	Housing Investment Programme (small environmental schemes)
Funding allocation	£80,000	£75,000	£5,000
Project Proposal total	£101,893	£33,493	£4,500
	Over	Under	Under

Residents were asked to Express their preference by using project proposal slips that were Colour coded to represent LABGI & Neighbourhoods; HIP & HMR, the slips also included; Project Description; Sponsor; Amount of Grant; Ward/Area Covered.

Four Boxes were displayed with 1 - High 2 – Medium 3 – Low and the 4th box Reject. Residents were then asked to grade each project from high to low priority or reject and post it into the relevant box.

Decision process

Residents at the Area Assembly to chose preferences, the results of this will go to Coordinating Group for decision on the 21st April 2009, then to Cabinet for final ratification, Cllr Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods on the 18th May and LABGI projects will go to cabinet on 3rd June for approval.

162. Agencies Reports

Streetpride

Amy Hutson – Wentworth South Area co-ordinator

Amy explained that she was in the process of putting together projects to be considered for the Streetpride Devolved budget and would update the Area assembly once completed.

163. Questions from the public

1. A question was raised regarding the Junction at Green Lane near the Rawmarsh Police station. It was stated that this junction was dangerous and that drivers queuing in two lanes often resulted in cars driving on the pavement to turn left at the junction.

It was stated that EDS traffic management were aware of these problems and are looking into an appropriate traffic scheme for this area.

2. Meals on wheels and the Laundry service

A resident asked the following questions relating to the recent decision to stop the meals on wheels and the laundry services;

What is the alternative to the Laundry service that currently collects and cleans infected laundry and is due to close in May 2009?

What are the families that use this valuable service going to do?

What is going to happen to the Laundry building and equipment?

She also expressed that these two services were vital to many people and would be greatly missed, she felt that the without adequate alternatives many people would be unable to cope within their own home and be forced to go into a care home.

It was agreed that this would be taken forward through the Area Assembly.

Information would be gathered as soon as possible on the consultation process so far and accurate information on alternatives for service users would be feed back to the Area Assembly and the individual resident.

3. Has RMBC agreed to the new initiative for free swimming for under 16's and over 60's

Yes free Swimming is due to start on the 1st April 2009, anyone wanting to sign up or find out more information can telephone Rotherham Leisure Complex on 01709 722555 or email

enquiries@rotherhamleisurecomplex.co.uk

4. Can the Area Assembly give an update on the bi-law regarding dangerous dogs? There is still issues of dangerous dogs not been kept on a lead on Herringthorpe playing fields.

This will be included in the action table.

5. Motorbikes on Herringthorpe Playing fields are still an issue for concern. It has been reported to the SNT a number of times but there has been no response.

Inspector Tattershall will look into this after the Area Assembly meeting and feedback at the next meeting.

6. Herringthorpe Leisure Centre has been demolished, what is going to happen to the land will there been houses built on it?

The Area Assembly will report back once further information has been gathered.

164. PACT's – Inspector S Tattershall

Inspector Tattershall handed out copies of the new Policing Pledge, he explained that from this pledge PACTs (Partners and Communities Together) would be set up, these would consist of regular public meetings, which would give residents a chance to meet local officers and agree priorities for their area. The next PACT meeting would take place in 5 weeks time after the Area Assembly meeting on 6th May. Information on pacts would be distributed

through the Area Assembly mailing list, Websites and poster displayed in local venues.

Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that information on crime statistics and priorities could be found on the SNT website by visiting www.neighbourhood.southyorks.police.uk and entering your post code.

A list of priorities was presented by Inspector Tattershall that had been compiled from police data and CIU reports. A discussion took place regarding these hotspots and it was decided that the priorities for the following month would be set as

- Pingles Crescent, Bellscroft Avenue – Thrybergh
- Chaucer Road and Goldsmith Road – Herringthorpe
- Hague Avenue – Rawmarsh

156. Any other business

Vanessa Bryan informed the meeting that the grave yard at Thrybergh Cemetery had been brought to the Area Assemblies attention, it was stated that it was full and required the Area assembly to arrange a multi agency meeting to look into the matter.

157. Date, Time and Place of next meeting

Wednesday 6th May 2009, 6.15pm, The Town Hall, Rotherham

WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY: OUTSTANDING ACTION TABLE

Update Table for Wentworth South Area Assembly meeting from 31st March 2009.

Issue	Action	Lead Person	Progress
Birch Wood - concerns regarding the barriers that have been put in at each entrance to stop motorbikes. These are preventing access to wheelchairs and pushchairs and questions were raised to whether they were still needed.	Area Assembly team to contact Richard Petts – Public rights of way officer to find out if the paths in question are public rights of way or public footpaths.	Area Assembly team	Awaiting response.
Banking at Hollings Lane – Reported issues with regards to fly tipping and littering near to the allotments on Hollings Lane.	– Richard Jones Enviro-crime officer and Richard Jackson – Streetpride are working to look into ways of addressing this issue. Streetpride to update the Area Assembly meeting.	Streetpride	Warning letter sent to Chair of Allotment Society regarding flytipping.
Meals on wheels and the Laundry service What is the alternative to the Laundry service that currently collects and cleans infected laundry and is due to close in May 2009? What are the families that use this valuable service going to do? What is going to happen to the Laundry building and equipment?	To be taken forward through the Area Assembly. Information to be gathered as soon as possible on the consultation process so far and accurate information on alternatives for service users will be feed back to the Area Assembly and the individual resident.	Area Assembly team	Update to be given at Area Assembly meeting.
Can the Area Assembly give an update on the bi-law regarding dangerous dogs? There is still issues of dangerous dogs not been kept on a lead on Herrignthorpe playing fields.	Area Assembly Team to look into this and feed back information	Area Assembly team	Richard Bramall is currently reviewing the local policy and will give an update once this is completed.

Motorbikes on Herringthorpe Playing fields are still an issue for concern.	Inspector Tattershall will look into this after the Area Assembly meeting and feedback at the next meeting.	Inspector Tattershall	
Herringthorpe Leisure Centre has been demolished, what is going to happen to the land will there be houses built on it?	The Area Assembly will report back once further information has been gathered.	Area Assembly Team	Following the initial round of information sharing on the draft proposals for the Herringthorpe Leisure site, officers were asked by the Chief Executive to carry out more detailed work on the cost of the proposals. This work has been completed and report is due to be taken back to the Chief Executive in the very near future. The next steps will be determined by the outcome of this report.
The grave yard at Thrybergh Cemetery had been brought to the Area Assemblies attention, it was stated that it was full and required the Area assembly to arrange a multi agency meeting to look into the matter.	Multi Agency meeting to be arranged by the Area Assembly team	Area Assembly Team	Letter sent to resident requesting meeting.