

WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY
Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2008
Swinton Civic Hall at 5.00pm.

Present

Councillor Frank Hodgkiss	Ward 7 - Hooper- (IN THE CHAIR)
Councillor Alan Atkin	Ward 19 – Wath
S Crossland	RMBC Wardens
Councillor John Doyle	Ward 16 – Swinton
P Drabble	Swinton Resident
Andy Fawdry	Streetpride
Councillor Jane Hamilton	Ward 7 – Hooper
Harry Harrison	Swinton Resident
Councillor Neil License	Ward 16 – Swinton
Ian Lomas	Wentworth Parish Council and Harley Village Partnership
J Longdon	Swinton Resident
Karen Milner	2010 Rotherham Ltd
M Mortin	Local Resident
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W Padfield	RMBC Wardens
Lee Peace	South Yorkshire Times
Jill Ratcliffe	Neighbourhoods Community Support Officer
	Wentworth North (MINUTES)
Councillor Richard Russell	Ward 7 – Hooper
Lynn Roberts	Local Resident
Don Roberts	Local Resident
Councillor Alex Sangster	Ward 19 – Wath
Ann Snowdon	Local Resident
Insp Steve Tattershall	South Yorkshire Police
Clive Taylor	Swinton Resident
Steve Thackery	Brampton Bierlow Parish Council
B Thorpe	Swinton Resident
Councillor Ken Wyatt	Ward 16 – Swinton

1. Welcome and Apologies

Councillor Hodgkiss welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. He informed the meeting that if anyone had any issues they wished to raise with officers they would be available following the meeting.

Apologies were received from:-

Dianne Hurst	RMBC Area Partnership Manager
Councillor A Gosling	Ward 19 – Wath
Joyce Maleham	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Sue Ransom	Dearne Valley College
Harry Tooley	Area Housing Panel
J Wordsworth	Charles Street Community Centre

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2008.

Agreed: - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th September 2008 be received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters Arising

None raised

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

3.1. A local resident asked - Why have we got to have a youth shelter on Highfield Park?

Councillor Frank Hodgkiss informed her that she had been misinformed. He added, I have to sign off any proposals and will not do so unless I am 100% certain that the public want it.

A discussion then ensued during which the following was agreed:-

- The location and installation of a youth shelter in Highfield Park cannot be closed off until consultation has taken place.
- Criteria for the location of a youth shelter are:-

Any such shelter needs to be located where young people can be shown to support this.

Residents close to the site will have been consulted and raise no significant objections.

3.2. A local resident asked if there were any more constructive activities available for young people in the area.

Councillor Frank Hodgkiss informed the meeting that he would obtain an update from Youth Services.

3.3. A local resident informed the meeting that Swinton Comprehensive School is being redeveloped and sport activities will soon be available.

3.4. A local resident asked if any thought had been given to providing a free shuttle service to the new leisure facilities in Wath.

Councillor Hodgkiss informed the meeting that he would pass the suggestion on to the appropriate department.

3.5. A local resident asked if the street lighting on Park Crescent could be updated.

Action – Andy Fawdry to investigate.

4. PARTNERSHIP MANAGERS REPORT

Lucy Reader, on behalf of 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 closure of Harley Post Office, Master Plans for the Recreation Ground in Wath, Youth Service Consultation in Swinton, Housing Market Renewal investment in Wath Town Centre, Brampton Community Transport / Rotherham Community Transport, Wentworth Parish Plan, Wentworth North Neighbourhood Action Group, Wentworth North Area Plan and the Streetpride Devolved Budget.

5. PARTNER UPDATES

Updates were given from Inspector Steve Tattershall - South Yorkshire Police
Karen Milner -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.

6. REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER CRODA SITE

Unfortunately no representative was available at the meeting to give an update. Councillor Wyatt suggested that the Ward Councillors should have a separate meeting before an update is given. - **Agreed**

7. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th January 2009, 7.00pm @ Wath St James Rooms