

**Rotherham North Area Assembly
Tuesday 2nd September 2008
6:15pm Town Hall, Rotherham**

Present:

Cllr Lindsay Johnston (Chair)	RMBC Elected Member
Cllr Terry Sharman	RMBC Elected Member
Cllr Keith Goulty	RMBC Elected Member
Cllr Colin Barron	RMBC Elected Member
Cllr Barry Kaye	RMBC Elected Member
PCSO Paul Newman	South Yorkshire Police
Sgt. Richard Collingwood	South Yorkshire Police
Marc Hill	RMBC Planning and Regeneration
Mick Greenwood	RMBC Streetpride
Martyn Green	RMBC Rotherham Warden
Michelle Sowray	RMBC Rotherham Warden
Caroline Boyle	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Brian Beeley	Friends of Barkers Park
Fred Winks	Thorpe Hesley & Scholes Community Forum
Ian Jones	Richmond Park TARA
Helen Leigh	Henley Community Group
Mary Jacques	Blackburn Partnership
Sue Barratt	GROW
Joanna Jones	Resident
Alan Jacques	Resident
Ray Davies	Resident
Trevor Lilley	Resident
Tanya Stanley	RMBC Area Partnership Manager
Helen Banerjee (Minutes)	RMBC Community Support Officer

Apologies: Cllr Kath Sims, Cllr Jahangir Akhtar, Pat Michael

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

2. Rotherham North Area Plan 2008/09

Consultation took place in Summer 2007 to establish the priorities for this Area Plan. The document is available for viewing at www.rotherhamareaassemblies.gov.uk or you can contact the office on 01709 336951 to request a hard copy.

The priorities identified are:

- Increase activities for young people
- Improve roads and pavements/ Cleaner streets
- Reduce fear of crime
- Access to affordable housing
- Increase community activities

The Rotherham North community awards will also be held again this year and the Area Assembly team are working with partners to organise the Ferham Sports Fest again next year. It is hoped that this will be held in other parks in the future.

3. Streetpride Devolved Budget Mick Greenwood (RMBC Streetpride Area Co-ordinator)

The following Streetpride Devolved Budget projects were agreed at the Co-ordinating Group on 1st July and work has begun on delivering these.

Item No	Location	Request	Price £
1	Thornton Terrace, Meadowbank	Upgrade existing street lighting	1350
2	Fellowsfield Way, Kimberworth	Shrub planting	730
3	Benton Way, Kimberworth	Provision of handrail	330
4	Oaks Lane, Kimberworth Park	Road Improvements.	1000
5	The Motte, Kimberworth	Tree pruning	700
6	Upper Wortley Road, Kimberworth.	Install wooden bollards	2000
7	Baring Road, Blackbum	Renew handrail.	1650
8	Richmond Park Area	Renew street name plates	600
9	Oaks Lane, Kimberworth Park	Renew bench	550
10	South Street, Kimberworth	Shrub planting	3170
11	Various Locations	Litter bins	1926
12	Various Locations	Dog waste bins.	2250
		Total	16256
		Budget	15480

The road improvements on Oaks Lane will see the kerb re-aligned to assist left turners. Other works are also going on at this location and the amount allocated from the Streetpride Devolved Budget is a contribution towards the total costs.

Tree pruning will be done on The Motte however this is not RMBC land. Streetpride have contacted the Land Registry to find out who should be maintaining this.

Residents on Upper Wortley Road were contacted to ask if they would like the grass verge outside their home protecting with wooden bollards and these have only been installed where requested.

4 projects were turned down however these will be looked at again next year. The decision for which projects are accepted is based on the budget and the number of residents who will benefit from the projects.

4. Questions from the public

4.1 Road issues in Thorpe Hesley

Fred Winks asked if some tree pruning/felling could be carried out at the junction of Curlew Rise and Wentworth Road as this is a blind spot and the tree is obscuring the view. Cllr Walker expressed concern regarding the speed of traffic on Barnsley Road as there is an elderly person's complex near the mini roundabout.

4.2 Tinsley Towers demolition

Ian Jones thanked Streetpride for the speed with which they cleared the mess from Meadowview Road and Meadowhall Road following the demolition of Tinsley Towers.

4.3 Traffic calming on Meadowhall Road

A tube speed survey was carried out on Meadowhall Road however this was done outside a takeaway where cars were pulling in and stopping therefore the average speed found is not a true reflection. Residents wanted a raised zebra crossing but this was not possible due to the cost however large speed cushions have now been placed on the road with no road markings to warn drivers. Cars are hitting these at speeds up to 60mph and there is a danger of an accident.

Action: Marc Hill to speak to Nigel Davey regarding this issue and feedback to the Area Assembly

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Co-ordinating Group Community Representatives

Cllr Johnston informed the meeting that nominations had been received from Brian Beeley, Ian Jones and Mary Jacques. It has been agreed that no elections need to take place as there is 3 vacancies so these people can take the posts. Cllr Johnston thanked them for their nominations.

5.2 2010 Walkabouts

Caroline Boyle informed the meeting that the following walkabouts were taking place:

- 5th September 1:30pm - Meeting at Baring Road, Blackburn
- 17th September 10:30am - Meeting at Oaks Lane Depot, Kimberworth Park

Caroline also informed the meeting that Janet Simpson was leaving Rotherham north to go and work in Rother Valley South. She will be replaced by Nicola Warburton who will be in post from the end of September. There are also several other new members of staff starting work.

Action: Caroline Boyle to send the names of the new members of staff to Helen Banerjee for circulation

5.3 Events/News from Rotherham North

- Richmond Park TARA Fun Day - A number of community groups attended
- Blackburn Centre is now open and there are drop-in sessions on Monday and Friday afternoons
- Jazz in the Park took place in Barkers Park a few weeks ago and was very well attended
- Greasbrough Bowling Club have now got their new pavilion however there has already been some vandalism.

Action: Sgt. Collingwood to look into the cost and funding for smartwater

- Rotherham Show is taking place this weekend and the Area Assembly will be based in the Corporate tent alongside South Yorkshire Police and other partner agencies

- The High Sheriff of South Yorkshire visited Rotherham North SNT and was impressed with the multi-agency working
- Thorpe Hesley Gala took place during the summer
- There is now a permanent library in Thorpe Hesley however this means the mobile library no longer visits the area and it used to stop outside elderly peoples homes so transport is being looked into

Cllr Walker congratulated all the community groups.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm

**Date and time of next meeting: 21st October, 6:15pm
Rotherham Town Hall**