

WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY
Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2007
Brampton Parish Hall at 5.00pm.

Present

Councillor Frank Hodgkiss	Ward 7 - Hooper- (IN THE CHAIR)
Councillor Alan Atkin	Ward 19 – Wath
Alan Bamforth	RMBC Planning
P Chantry	Neighbourhood Watch
Di Stirling-Chow	RMBC Housing Services
A Clegg	Rotherham Warden
Councillor John Doyle	Ward 16 – Swinton
K Drabble	Local Resident
P Drabble	Swinton Community Partnership
Andry Fawdry	RMBC Streetpride
Harry Harrison	Swinton Resident
Councillor Jane Hamilton	Ward 7 – Hooper
Lynne Hamshaw	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Michael Hill	RMBC Community Planning Officer
Dianne Hurst	RMBC Area Partnership Manager
V Langdon	SEC
Ian Lomas	Wentworth Parish Council and Harley Village Partnership
Ron Overton	PCT Drug Strategy Team
W Padfield	Rotherham Warden
Lee Peace	South Yorkshire Times
Gillian Picker	Barnsley Chronicle
Jill Ratcliffe	Neighbourhoods Community Support Officer
	Wentworth North (MINUTES)
Councillor Richard Russell	Ward 7 – Hooper
W Smith	Neighbourhood Watch
Insp S Tattershall	South Yorkshire Police
J Thorpe	Local Resident
Colette Williams	2010 Rotherham Ltd
J Wordsworth	Charles Street Community Centre
G Wormley	SEC

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:-

Sid Bailey	Brampton Parish Council
Barry Deakin	HMR
Councillor A Gosling	Ward 19 – Wath
D Logan	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership

Councillor Neil License	Ward 16 – Swinton
Sue Ransom	Dearne Valley College
Councillor Alex Sangster	Ward 19 – Wath
Harry Tooley	Area Housing Panel
Councillor Ken Wyatt	Ward 16 - Swinton

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2007.

Agreed: - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th September 2007 be received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Councillor Hodgkiss welcomed Lynne Hamshaw, 2010 Manager to the meeting.

Minute 3.2 Lynne Hamshaw informed the meeting that meters could be situated outside but it would depend on the type of property.

Minute 3.3 Dianne Hurst reported that the Cash Machine to be installed at the Post Office in Brampton would be fitted as soon as planning had been approved. There had been an issue around shutters but this has now been resolved.

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

3.1 A member of the Swinton Environment Committee stated that some residents were experiencing problems accessing their driveways because of works being carried out by the Water Board, also cars were speeding along Thomas Street.

Councillor Richard Russell informed them that it is the responsibility of the Water Board to ensure that residents can access their driveways, if the problem continues then contact Streetpride.

Action - Andy Fawdry stated that he would look into the matter.

3.2 A local resident reported a problem with drugs on Valley Road as teenagers were accessing flats where the communal security doors had been propped open.

Harry Harrison informed the meeting that residents have asked him what can be done about the situation and if he would raise it at the Area Assembly.

Inspector Tattershall stated that the police are aware of the situation and will do what they can to address the problem.

3.3 A resident added that they had no keys for the gates to the garage site.

Lynne Hamshaw informed the meeting that Mike Dawes has a site visit planned for 26th November and will look into getting keys cut for users of the garage site.

- 3.4 A local resident asked if Cliffield Road and Manor Road could be made a one way system as people could not access their drives.

Action – *Andy Fawdry to take the complaint back to the appropriate department.*

- 3.5 Harry Harrison asked if the Area Assembly could get something done about the polluted water in the canal basin around the Swinton Bridge area.
- 3.6 Brian Walker asked about concessionary bus passes.

Councillor Richard Russell stated that the South Yorkshire concessionary scheme would stay the same as it is at the moment. A national bus pass will come into force in April 2008. This will not include Scotland or Wales as they will operate their own scheme.

People currently on the data base will be issued with a new pass which will look like a credit card.

Councillor Russell added that SYPTTE concessionary fares information would be posted out within the next few days.

- 3.7 A local resident stated that around Grange Road and Valley Road there is no where for the Neighbourhood Watch to meet. The first meeting had to be held in a gazebo in a member's garden, which will not be an ideal meeting place in the winter months. Could the Neighbourhood Watch have the use of one of the empty shops to hold their meetings in?

Action – Lynne Hamshaw to look into it.

Harry Harrison stated that the premises previously used as the Swinton partnership Office would be the ideal place for the meetings.

Councillor Alan Atkin stated that he was sure the group would be able to rent the partnership office on an ad-hoc basis, as the building is stood empty at the moment.

Councillor Richard Russell stated that there is no longer such a thing as a peppercorn rent for the use of such buildings. The cost is now decided as "a rent to be agreed"

Dianne Hurst asked the person who had raised the issue to leave her contact details following the meeting.

4. AREA CHAIR/AREA PARTNERSHIP MANAGER REPORTS

1. Purpose

1.1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide information on the progress and development of issues since the last public assembly meeting.

2. Progress

2.1. Area Plan

2.1.1. Consultation has been taking place around emerging priorities for inclusion within the 2008 – 09 area plan. Questionnaires, face to face interviews and focus group meetings have helped to identify emerging issues.

2.1.2. Priority key community concerns are: Street scene (including condition of pavements and roads and clean streets), Activities for young people, Crime (including car crime and antisocial behaviour) and Facilities for children.

2.1.3. Progress reports at the six month implementation stage of the current area plan have been requested.

2.2. Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

2.2.1. The NAG continues to meet on a monthly basis and has amended one priority area in order to address community concerns in the Knollbeck area of Brampton. Swinton Fitzwilliam estate and Wath White Bear estate remain as existing priority areas.

2.2.2. A second Operation Impact successfully ran for a six week period up to the beginning of October. Inspector Steve Tattershall has further details of the outcomes and impact of this work.

2.2.3. Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Activity

2.2.4. A report concerning the current position of the Housing Market Renewal team within Wentworth North is included as a separate report.

2.2.5. Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF)

2.2.6. NRF projects have been approved by the Co-ordinating Group and are at contract and delivery stage.

2.2.7. 2007 -08 projects include:

2.2.7.1. Neighbourhood Wardens and Junior Wardens.

2.2.7.2. Environmental Clean ups.

2.2.7.3. Friends of Wath Park.

2.2.7.4. Wath Victoria Park play space.

2.2.7.5. Midas Training.

2.2.7.6. Wath Town centre revival.

5. PARTNER UPDATES

Updates were given from Inspector Steve Tattershall - South Yorkshire Police, Lynne Hamshaw -2010 Rotherham Ltd and Andy Fawdry – RMBC Streetpride.

Printed copies of the reports were available to everyone at the meeting.

6. COMMUNITY PRIORITIES - Workshop

Dianne Hurst informed the meeting that the purpose of the workshop is to identify the Communities priorities for input into the 2008/9 Area Plan.

Dianne introduced the facilitators and attendees of the meeting were asked to visit each of the categories listed and identify any concerns they or their organization may have pertaining to that category.

Feedback was given on the issues arising and out of this attendees were asked to identify their top three key issues for addition to the Area Plan.

9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th January 2008, 7.00pm @ Wath St James Room (to rear of All Saints Church).