

**MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
Held on MONDAY 24th May 2010
At
The Unity Centre.**

Present

Cllr Simon Currie (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 P Lakin	-	Valley Ward Member
Cllr P Russell	-	Silverwood Ward Member
A Hutson	-	Streetpride
R Kearney	-	SYP
Sgt B Bell	-	SYP
I Richardson	-	2010 Rotherham Ltd
A Robinson	-	2010 Rotherham Ltd
G Gould	-	South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
Cllr I StJohn	-	RMBC Cabinet Member
S Hallsworth	-	RMBC EDS
Julie Lakin	-	Resident
V Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
B Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
C Shaw	-	Friends of Valley Park
J Shaw	-	Friends of Valley Park
S M Parkin	-	Shop Owner
S Docherty	-	Thrybergh Parish Council
K Reeder	-	Resident
N Wright	-	Resident
D Swallow	-	Resident
J Billups	-	Resident
C Booth	-	Resident
P Cahill	-	Resident
L Hindso	-	Resident
K Henley-Smith	-	Resident
E Wild	-	Resident
P Fenner	-	St Nicolas Ryecroft
R Presence	-	Resident
N Brayshaw	-	Resident
Silvia Wilson	-	Resident
B Wellings	-	Thrybergh Parish Council
A Scholes	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
D Rowley	-	Ravenfield Parish Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Currie introduced himself as the New Wentworth South Area Assembly Chair.

2. Presentation - Herringthorpe Leisure Site, proposed Improvements

Steve Hallsworth, Acting Director Culture and Leisure Services, gave a presentation outlining the proposed improvements for the Herringthorpe Leisure Site.

These included; a grandstand, changing facilities and indoor facilities for the athletics stadium, an outdoor playing pitch, a multi use games area and children's play area.

It is proposed that two pieces of land on the site could be sold to raise funds which could then be used to attract external funding and partners that would be necessary to complete all of the improvements.

A strategy is currently being developed for the sale of the land, and if this is agreed, times scales for the project could be 18 to 24 months for the sale of the land and between 4 and 5 years to develop the sports and recreation facilities.

Steve stressed that it was important to note that these time scales were variable and may be affected by a range of factors including:

- The outcome of Community Consultation
- Other third party timescales
- The market conditions
- Any unexpected issues.

To keep up to date with these developments and take part in the consultation please visit the new council website on www.rotherham.gov.uk/hls

Steve Hallsworth and Cllr Ian StJohn (Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure) answered a large number of questions and concerns from members of the public regarding the proposal.

A number of residents were not in favour of the proposed developments and questions were asked on the possibility of finding alternative funding streams, such as European funding. They felt that this could then be looked into as an alternative to selling the two pieces of land.

Action – Cllr Currie to arrange a meeting with an Officer from Steve's team and a number of residents who raised these questions, to discuss funding issues.

<p>Response – This Meeting was held on Friday 9th July. As the meeting was unable to address the concerns raised by residents a further meeting is being arranged.</p>
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3. Apologies

Apologies were received from, Cllr Stone, Cllr Wright, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr A Russell, Mr Copley, V Trimmer, G Trickett, C Williams, J Dearden Mr & Mrs Broadhead, J Healey, M Finn, W J Darby.

4. Minutes from the Area Assembly meeting held on the 24th May 2010

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

5. Matters arising

An updated action table was circulated at the meeting which covered matters arising.

Marshall Close, Rawmarsh– it was reported that 2010 Rotherham Ltd have carried out a site visit and that two new signs have been ordered to help direct people to the bungalows. However, Mr Fenner remains concerned about access by the emergency services to the bungalows.

Action – Diane Owens to arrange a site visit to Marshall Close with Area Assembly, 2010 Rotherham Ltd and Mr Fenner.

Response – Diane has carried out a site visit with Mr Fenner and 2010 Ltd to discuss these concerns. Diane has contacted both South Yorkshire Fire and Ambulance Services to discuss access to the bungalows and 2010 Ltd. have spoken with the Police. The Police reported no concerns regarding access and the Ambulance Service have amended their data system to ensure their crews are aware of the alternative access points to the bungalows. Contact has been made with the Fire Service and we are awaiting their response. A full written response will then be sent to Mr Fenner, detailing the feedback and actions of the emergency services.

Vale Farm – Richard Bramell has been unable to arrange a meeting with Mr Fenner and is currently on leave, once he is back in work a visit will be arranged.

6. Agencies Reports - 2010 Rotherham Ltd

Anita Robinson, Neighbourhood Champion, gave an overview of the April report from 2010 Rotherham Ltd. The report contained information on Estate Action Days, Estate Walkabouts, Local Community Surgeries, Area Housing Panels, and a performance summary and staff contact details. She reported that in March, 201 properties were visited, 158 properties were entered, there were 15 tenancy breaches, 11 untidy gardens and 3 tenancies were referred for support.

If you have any enquiries for 2010 Rotherham Ltd, please contact the team of Customer Service Advisers on 0300 100 2010

7. Questions from the Public.

A resident of Herringthorpe thanked South Yorkshire Police for the excellent way they had managed the fair that was sited on Herringthorpe playing fields.

Q - Rawmarsh Leisure Centre – a number of boards that surround the site have been taken down by contractors, can the site be made secured?

Action – Area Assembly team to look into this and feed back.

Response The current site boards (hoardings) will be replaced with the contractor's hoardings when work begins on 5th July 2010. When work begins there will security on site during the day. These will be in place until the building work is complete.

Q – Barbers Avenue Clean up – this was funded through the Area Assembly devolved budget but it hasn't been maintained, can someone look into this?

Action – Area Assembly team to look into this and feed back.

Response Richard Jackson, Streetpride, and Andy Lee, Culture and Leisure Services, carried out a joint site visit.

This area was mechanically cleared last year and a large area of Japanese Knotweed (JK) was weed killed to prevent further expansion across the play areas. The project was funded by the Area Assembly and the object of the clean up was to remove the plastic bags, carpets, drinks bottles, plastic sheeting and dog waste bags which had been dumped in this area over many years. The site visit confirms that the area is now re-growing with various self set foliage

This green cover is in general free from litter and detritus and is supporting local wildlife. It was not the intentions of the clean up to provide a more manicured embankment and it is not land owners (Culture and Leisure) intention to maintain the space to that specification.

The weed killing of the JK has been successful but further applications are required. The applications will take place at the end of the growing season – Oct / Nov and again at the beginning – March / April. It is our hope this action will stop further re-growth of this plant.

Q – A resident reported a growing number of antisocial behaviour incidents taking place at the new park on Hollowgate (Town Centre) he also said that traffic was a concern on Hollowgate with drivers speeding.

Action – Area Assembly team to pass these details to Rotherham South Area Assembly and ask them to respond to the resident.

Response – Contact details have been passed on and Rotherham South Area Assembly has been working with the resident to look at the reported issues.

Q. A resident raised a number of concerns regarding traffic on Dalton Lane, she explained that there were problems with cars speeding, and cars parking on the road, in particular on the sharp bend at Trinity Croft Primary School. She said there was a large church yard that could potentially be used for parents to park in and asked if anyone could help with this.

Action – Area Assembly team will contact the School, Church and transportation to discuss these concerns.

Response – Diane and Cllr Currie have met with both the Head teacher and RMBC Transportation and have discussed these issues with Road Safety. The AA Team is working with these partners to investigate the issues and identify any action that needs to be taken. Transportation are currently exploring the option of widening the “zig zag” road markings and moving the School warning sign further down the road, the School are also looking at any action they can take. A speed survey has recently been carried out on Dalton Lane (June 2010) the results of which will be shared with residents. A meeting has been organised for 22/7 to feedback to the residents who raised these concerns.

Cllr Currie explained that road safety outside some schools was a growing concern and that a number of preventative measures had been tried; these included, PCSO patrols at drop off and pick up times, displaying banners and also a ‘make it safe on the school run’ pilot DVD project, which was funded through the Area Assembly and delivered in all 21 primary schools in Wentworth South. Cllr Currie expressed his view that partners, parents and schools had to work together on this issue; he suggested that road safety outside schools was put forward as an agenda item at the next Area Assembly meeting in August, along with a short presentation from Glynn Gould from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

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

CRIME DETAILS

- ✓ Compared to this time last year we are seeing a 14.4% reduction in overall crime
- ✓ (571 less crimes)
- ✓ Burglary dwellings has reduced by 6.8% (15 less crimes)
- ✓ Burglary other has reduced by 25.5% (82 crimes)
- ✓ Criminal Damage Dwellings has reduced by 28.7% (96 crimes)
- ✓ Criminal Damage Vehicle has reduced by 23.4% (94 crimes)
- ✓ Theft of Vehicle has reduced by 29.3% (39 crimes)
- Theft from Vehicle has increased by 9.9% (28 crimes)

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Compared to this time last year ASB incidents have fallen 11.1% (147 incidents)
Rowdy/Nuisance behaviour fallen by 14.8% (148 incidents)

GOOD NEWS STORIES

- Drug warrants executed on Silver Street, Thrybergh where an amount of amphetamine was found.
- Motorcycle Operations conducted around SNT. Four riders given warnings and five bikes seized
- PCSO's located a wanted male in the East Herringthorpe area after short chase on foot, male was located hiding in a wheelie bin.
- PCSO's whilst on patrol came across two males fly tipping on Hollings Lane, Thrybergh. Both males interviewed and admitted the offence. This will be dealt with by RMBC environmental department.
- PCSO's and Court Warrant Officer located and dealt with 18 people who were wanted for non payment of fines totaling £7500.
- Drug Warrant executed on Laudsale Road, East Herringthorpe where an amount of amphetamine and cannabis was found
- Whilst on routine operations by the Electricity Board at an address in Parkgate around 1000 Cannabis plants were found growing in a loft area. All plants were seized and destroyed and investigations are ongoing

PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

Priority Area 1 - Nuisance Youths, Youths Gathering at Thorogate and surrounding streets, Rawmarsh

We did,

- Nuisance Youth Patrols
- Rogue Trader Operation conducted
- Drug warrants executed with positive results and tenancy enforcement to be followed up
- Litter pick conducted by Streetpride.
- Vulnerable vehicle scheme conducted

Priority Area 2 – Chaucer Road Shops ASB, Litter & Drinking,

We did

- Nuisance Patrols
- Rogue Trader Operation conducted
- Drug Warrants executed with positive results, subsequent tenancy enforcement followed up.
- Neighbour dispute resolved
- Warning given to local male for using an off-road bike.

Priority Area 3 - Hounsfeld, Laudsdale, Mallory and Bradstone Road, East Herringthorpe - Nuisance Youths, FlyTipping, Underage Drinking, Litter,
We did

- Nuisance youth patrols
- Rogue Trader Operation conducted
- Empty properties tidied and secured including outhouses
- 2010 repaired damaged fence and drain pipe
- Alcohol seized from youths.
- Two ASBO Warning letters issued to local youths.

The new PACT Priority areas were agreed as

1. Bradstone/Mallory/East Herringthorpe
2. Silver Street/surrounding area incorporating Park Lane
3. Chaucer Road Shops and surrounding area.

Date and Time of next meeting

**Monday 2nd August at 6pm.
At Bailey House, the Bailey Suite**