

Rotherham South Area Assembly
Held at the Town Hall Council Chamber
Tuesday 1st September 2009

ATTENDEES:

Members

Councillors Dodson (Chair), McNeely (Vice Chair), Hussain, Wootton, Gilding

Officers

Janet Greenwood	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Shaun Mirfield	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Kay Bacon	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Lindsey Gibson	RMBC Area Assembly Team (Minutes)
Rupert Chang	South Yorkshire Police
Claire Learad	South Yorkshire Police
Abdul Aziz	South Yorkshire Police
Dale Hedge	South Yorkshire Police
Ady Antcliffe	RMBC Streetpride
David Burton	RMBC Streetpride
Ayuba Lawan	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Matthew Spittles	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Greg Lindley	RMBC RIDO
Steve Smith	RMBC RIDO
Roy Mosley	Wildlife Trust for Sheffield & Rotherham
Mal Briggs	Victim Support

Public

M. Beedham	Clifton Community Partnership
M. Burgin	Clifton Community Partnership
K. Millns	Clifton Community Partnership
L. Russell	Clifton Community Partnership
C. Charlton	ESU
L. Lindley	Streetpride Champion
D. Dobbs	Streetpride Champion
C. Purvis	Greystones Action Group
E. Shaw	Whiston Parish Council
E. Humphries	Resident
K.A. Cronk	Resident
G. Riches	Resident
K. Reeder	Resident
N. Wright	Resident
K. Beaumont	Resident
G. Hatley	Resident
J. Ward	Resident
M. Hoggard	Resident
B. Wainwright	Resident
M. Wainwright	Resident
C. Mann	Resident
C. Booth	Resident
K. Harrison	Resident
K. Cass	Resident
K. Barger	Resident
S. Yates	Resident
J. Hancock	Resident
J. Wilson	Resident
P. Bent	Resident
A. Wilyivson	Resident
T. Walls	Resident
G. Haughton	Student – University of Sheffield

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced himself and colleagues.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali, Kirk, Mannion and Clarke, Shaun Pilley, Michelle Hill, Don Straw, George Skinner, C. Eyre, Alison Burgin and Janet White.

3. FLOOD ALLEVIATION & WILDLIFE WATER RESERVE PRESENTATION

Steve Smith gave a presentation on the flood alleviation scheme in Rotherham and Roy Mosley gave a presentation on the Centenary Riverside Urban Wetland Nature Reserve. The following comments and questions were raised:

- a) It was asked if there are plans to expand the canal for barges. It was explained that there is nothing proposed for barges and that the scheme is about river flood management.
- b) It was asked if the scheme impacted on the Ickles lock project. It was explained that the project is not part of the scheme however the risk of flood to the area will be alleviated as part of phase 2.
- c) It was asked what the plans are for upland storage areas. It was explained that as reservoirs are at their maximum capacity, there are a number of options but first need to build a relationship with Yorkshire Water.
- d) It was asked why nothing had been included for the right hand side of Grafton Park. It was explained that one of the 'at risk' areas would still be Eldon Road Playing Fields and that consultation needs to be done with the affected residents.

Action: Area Assembly team to provide Greg Lindley with residents details

Response

Contact details have been passed on to Greg Lindley

- e) It was asked what access is there to the new nature reserve. It was explained that signage will be made clear from the roads however there is limited on site parking.
- f) It was asked what the site security is for the reserve. It was explained that as there is only one access point which will have a barrier, then the site should be secure
- g) It was asked if the nature reserve will link in with the nature area at Blackburn Meadows. It was explained that the 'living Don' project will link both sites.
- h) It was asked if there were any plans for flood defence on Effingham Street. It was explained that cost implications and damage to businesses was too great however the removal of the bridge will make a 2ft reduction in water levels.
- i) It was asked what the disabled access will be at the reserve. It was explained that the reserve is as accessible as possible with around 90% disabled access.

The Chair thanked Steve Smith and Roy Mosley on behalf of the Area Assembly and suggested arranging a coach trip to the reserve.

Action: Area Assembly team to arrange with Greg Lindley

Response

Awaiting date from Greg Lindley

4i MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 09

The minutes were approved as a true record subject to an amendment to item 3 d – Councillor Hussain clarified his previous remark by saying that whilst Middle Lane is not a Gateway, it is a gateway into Clifton Park and with the increase in visitors to the Park, surrounding areas should receive appropriate investment.

4.ii MATTERS ARISING

a) Area Assemblies

Mick Hoggard asked for a progress report in respect of the Area Assemblies funding and their Terms of Reference. Janet Greenwood offered to provide him with a copy of the revised Terms of Reference when they are available. He also expressed concern that he felt he had not been contacted in relation to another issue.

b) Armed Forces Day – item 6 ii b

It was asked if the date for next year's Armed Forces Day had been set. Councillor Hussain explained that planning has begun which will involve deciding where and when to hold the day.

c) Overflowing bins outside Davian's chip shop on Middle Lane – item 6 ii d

Further to the response in July's minutes, it was asked what a Street Litter Control Notice entails.

Action: Nick McGowan to contact Councillor Gilding and concerned residents, and provide a written progress report

Response

Section 93 of The Environmental Protection Act 1990

Subsection (2) says

If the authority is satisfied, in respect of any premises which are of a description prescribed under section 94(1)(a) below and have a frontage on a street in their area, that—

(a) there is recurrent defacement by litter or refuse of any land, being part of the street or open land adjacent to the street, which is in the vicinity of the premises, or

(b) the condition of any part of the premises which is open land in the vicinity of the frontage is, and if no notice is served is likely to continue to be, detrimental to the amenities of the locality by reason of the presence of litter or refuse, or

(c) there is produced, as a result of the activities carried on on the premises, quantities of litter or refuse of such nature and in such amounts as are likely to cause the defacement of any part of the street, or of open land adjacent to the street, which is in the vicinity of the premises,

the authority may serve a street litter control notice on the occupier or, if the premises are unoccupied, on the owner of the premises.

(3) A notice shall, subject to section 94(2), (3) and (4) below—

(a) identify the premises and state the grounds under subsection (2) above on which it is issued;

(b) specify an area of open land which adjoins or is in the vicinity of the frontage of the premises on the street;

(c) specify, in relation to that area or any part of it, such reasonable requirements as the authority considers appropriate in the circumstances;

and, for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, an area which includes land on both sides of the frontage of the premises shall be treated as an area adjoining that frontage.

(4) In this section and section 94 below—

d) West Bawtry Road – item 6 ii g

Keith Harrison asked what information the report to Cabinet will provide. Shaun Mirfield explained that following his visit to Keith Harrison's home last Friday, he contacted Planning and Transportation. The report is expected to be submitted to Cabinet during October 2009 and will focus on the request for a crossing on West Bawtry Road. The matter of the speed limit will be addressed as part of the borough wide review.

5. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) PRESENTATION

Claire Learad provided a progress report on the PACT priorities:

Herringthorpe Playing Fields

- Several operations have taken place over the summer holidays
- 7 vulnerable children identified at the last Operation Staysafe
- 2 shops failed the test purchasing operation
- A large amount of alcohol seized.
- Shaun Mirfield explained that as well as the police work, other proposed activity includes replacing and extending fencing on Arundel Road, removing the leylandii, the erection of fencing during the extension of the Hospice and the possible location of a youth shelter on the playing fields away from peoples properties but in a location where young people will feel safe.

The following comments/questions were raised:

- a) It was asked what action was being taken to address the number of quad bikes on Chaucer Road / Tennyson Road / Herringthorpe Playing Fields. It was explained that the SNT can only act when they have the intelligence to do so residents must report where bikes are coming from.

Parking on Queensway

- SNT continue to carry out patrols and issue tickets should there be any clear offences of obstruction
- Shaun Mirfield added that the Council is also holding ongoing meetings between RMBC and the hospital to discuss a Residents Only Parking Scheme

The following comments/questions were raised:

- a) Kay Beaumont thanked Sergeant Chang for the work the SNT has done to address this matter.
- b) It was asked what the proposed area is for the Residents Only Parking Scheme and what other options were available.

Action: Richard Pardy

Response

Enforcement by the SNT is continuing.

The extents of any proposed residents parking scheme are currently unknown and until detailed work begins on such a scheme it is too early to say how extensive it would be.

A report was submitted to Cabinet Members Monday 21st September following which officers from Planning and Transportation will send further update in writing to Kay Beaumont

Maynard Road Play Area

- Residents have raised concerns in relation to anti-social behaviour on the play area

Claire Learad and Shaun Mirfield assured residents that action is being planned to try and address their concerns and feedback will be provided in due course.

Rupert Chang said that although positive progress was being made, Herringthorpe Playing Fields, Queensway and Maynard Road Play Area would remain PACT priorities.

The Chair thanked Rupert Chang for the progress being made on behalf of the Area Assembly.

Action: Rupert Chang

Response

Progress report to be provided at meeting in October

6. QUESTIONS FOR POLICE

- a) The issue of anti-social behaviour at Far Place, East Dene was raised. It was agreed to hold a surgery.

Action: Claire Learad

Response

Police surgery held 09.09.09 and an action plan has been agreed.

- ASB account opened with Anti-social behaviour unit, noise to be recorded at all hours of the day to assess if it reaches an unacceptable level, rubbish situation to be monitored and unorganised visits made, reporting sheets sent out to residents before 15.09.09, progress reports submitted to Area Assembly, police investigate every report made re family and submit intelligence reports including vehicle details and issues regarding wire at the property
- In return the residents agreed to; contact police re any criminal issues they witness, pass information to police regarding any suspicious incidents and vehicle details, complete ASB Incident Reports of what they personally see/hear, are aware that for us to take action they need to put their self's forward for possible court action to be taken, keep in regular contact with environmental agencies

- b) A number of issues regarding The Lanes, East Dene were raised. The Chair assured residents that action is being planned to try and address their concerns and feedback will be provided in due course.

One attendee remarked that they have been burgled twice and the locks on the doors are insufficient. The Chair said that he would raise this with 2010.

Action: Ayuba Lawan

Response

2010 joiner has checked all door locks and attendee is now happy with door security

QUESTIONS FOR STREETPRIDE

- a) A question was asked regarding the road surface area on the Brecks side of Wickersley Road as a girder was thrown from a lorry due to the unevenness of the road. It was uncertain if this was in the Rotherham South Area however Streetpride are monitoring the area and are awaiting a date for a scheme of works.

Action: Ady Antcliffe to contact concerned resident and provide a written progress report

Response

Scheme proposed by Network Management – Contacted customer and passed on contact number of engineer in charge.

Continue to monitor area by both A.Antcliffe and S.Rowley – Rotherham South and Wentworth Valley Area Coordinators.

- b) A question was asked regarding the new single yellow line on Wickersley Road and why it was painted on the residential side rather than the Playing Fields side. A letter has been sent to Ian Ashmore and a response is awaited.

Action: Matthew Lowe to contact concerned resident and provide a written progress report

Response

An update will be provided to the Area Assembly team prior to the next Area Assembly meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) It was asked when the rubble will be removed from Herringthorpe Playing Fields following demolition of the Leisure Centre.

Action: Stuart Carr

Response

Paul Whelan, Senior Building Surveyor, undertook a site visit and reported no *issues relating to rubble on the site*. The contractor has also returned to site and seeded the footprint of the building and all work is now completed.

- b) It was asked if there would be any parking facilities at the Minster as part of the plaza scheme.

Action: Charles Hammersley

Response:

No parking facilities have been incorporated into the Minster Yard Landscaping Scheme.

- c) It was asked if the speed limit on Wickersley Road will be reviewed as part of the borough wide scheme.

Action: Matthew Lowe

Response

The speed limit is being reviewed on all A and B classified roads throughout the borough and Wickersley Road is one of these roads.

- d) Elaine Humphries thanked Streetpride for their recent 'free compost' initiative and thanked all workers involved in the regeneration of Clifton Park.

8. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 6th October, 6.30pm, Town Hall