

**Rotherham South Area Assembly**  
Held at the Town Hall Council Chamber  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009

**ATTENDEES:**

**Members**

Councillors Dodson (Chair), McNeely (Vice Chair), Ali (Mayor) and Gilding.

**Officers**

Shaun Mirfield	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Kay Bacon	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Lindsey Gibson	RMBC Area Assembly Team (Minutes)
Rupert Chang	South Yorkshire Police
Jim Revitt	South Yorkshire Police
Ady Antcliffe	RMBC Streetpride
Martyn Oxborough	RMBC Youth Service
Sarah Kelly	Voluntary Action Rotherham

**Public**

M. Beedham	Clifton Community Partnership
M. Burgin	Clifton Community Partnership
A. Burgin	Clifton Community Partnership
K. Millns	Clifton Community Partnership
D. Millns	Clifton Community Partnership
L. Russell	Clifton Community Partnership
A. Smith	Clifton Detached Project
S. Mousley	Clifton Detached Project
R. Machin	Clifton Detached Project
L. Battersby	Clifton Detached Project
G. Holmes	ESU
C. Purvis	Greystones Action Group
G. Riches	Neighbourhood Watch
L. Lindley	Streetpride Champion
M. Jeffs	Streetpride Champion
G. Skinner	Whiston Parish Council
E. Shaw	Whiston Parish Council
C. Eyre	Whiston Parish Council
D. Straw	Whiston Parish Council
J. Jeffs	Resident
M. Ramzan	Resident
F. Sultan	Resident
M. McGrother	Resident
J. Whyke	Resident
N. Whyke	Resident
C. Booth	Resident
E. Humphries	Resident
M. Hoggard	Resident
R. Cooke	Resident
G. Flatley	Resident
K. Reeder	Resident
K. Harrison	Resident
S. Di	Resident
K. Beaumont	Resident

A minute's silence was held in memory of Danny Wilhoughby who sadly passed away at the weekend. Danny was a well respected member of the community and Rotherham South Area Assembly expressed their condolences to his family.

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair introduced himself and colleagues.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kirk, Hussain, Wootton, Clarke and Mannion, Michelle Hill, Ann Carver, Ian Russell and Derek Waudby.

## **3. YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRESENTATION**

The Chair welcomed Martyn Oxborough and the Clifton Detached Project. They showed a film funded by the Neighbourhood Action Group through the Home Office's Youth Crime Action Plan. The film gave an insight into some young peoples' attitudes and what the police are doing to work with them.

The following comments and questions were raised:

- a) It was asked if there had been a difference since the launch of the PS3 Project. Shaun Mirfield explained that there had been a 20% reduction in Nuisance Youths reports.
- b) It was asked if there are any initiatives to skill young people. It was explained that for lots of young people, regardless of their circumstances, Friday nights are for drinking and it will take some time to change the culture.
- c) It was asked how long the PS3 Project is being funded for. Shaun Mirfield explained that, subject to approval, the project will be funded for a further 12 months through the Area Assembly Devolved Budget.
- d) Mayor Ali commented that the PS3 Project appears to be money well spent and external funding should be sought to roll out the project borough wide.
- e) It was asked if parents had any involvement in the projects. Martyn Oxborough said that it depends on the projects and young people wanting their involvement. The projects are well supported by parents.

The Chair thanked Martyn and the young people for attending, and for their kind comments in respect of Danny Wilhoughby.

## **4i MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 09**

The minutes were approved as a true record subject to the addition of Councillor Ali's apologies.

## 4.ii MATTERS ARISING

### a) Funding of Area Assemblies – item 3 ii c

Mick Hoggard said that the progress report was not easy to interpret.

### b) Armed Forces Day – item 3 d

Elaine Humphries said that compared to other local authorities proposals, she was disappointed with Rotherham's arrangements for Armed Forces Day and asked if anything else is being planned.

**Action: Tracey Holmes**

#### Response

The staff responsible for the event have been asked to contact Elaine directly.

### c) Boston Castle – item 4

A resident expressed their concerns over who the plans were aimed at. A progress report will be provided at the next meeting.

### d) Dog Control Policy – item 5 f

It was asked if an update can be provided. A question was previously asked in relation to the policy for dogs being kept on leads in Clifton Park and the enforcement procedures, and the response at the meeting of the Area Assembly on 1 July 2008 was that in respect of dog control policy, the Council was in the process of consultation. Richard Bramall had said that the outcome was expected from September 2008.

**Action: Matthew Finn**

#### Response

Some consultation has occurred with Parish Councils and with the Council's legal services over the options to introduce Dog Control Orders (DCO) for specific issues. There are options for Parish Councils to adopt their own DCOs too. An aspiration for this year is a full public consultation on a standard dog fouling DCO which is the initial step to declaring a DCO, which would replace the current order under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. However, at the present time no further controls are being considered by the Council but this may change with public consultation.

### e) Renewal of Yellow Lines on Cambridge Street – item 5 i

It was explained that this has been included in a programme of work and a progress report was sought.

**Action: Ady Antcliffe and Matthew Lowe**

#### Response

Rob Wilkinson has inspected the site and will organise a renewal of the yellow lines

### f) Overflowing bins outside Davian's chip shop on Middle Lane – item 5 l

At the 5<sup>th</sup> May meeting, a comment was made regarding overflowing bins outside Davian's chip shop on Middle Lane. Enviro Crime said that Davians have a responsibility to clean-up their immediate area, not to empty bins or pick up litter if bins overflow. It was asked what is Davian's responsibility and why they don't have a responsibility to empty bins or pick up litter if bins overflow.

**Action: Nick McGowan**

#### Response

**g) Parking on Queensway – item 6 d**

It was asked if anything further could be done to alleviate parking issues on Queensway. Shaun Mirfield reported that in response to a previous letter, the hospital Chief Executive has issued a holding response in which he says that the hospital have progressed a travel plan which has been recently approved by the Council, and which provides for an option to introduce Residents Only parking within a specific radius of the Hospital, which would include Queensway and adjacent roads. A more comprehensive response will be sent in due course.

**h) Development of Herringthorpe Playing Fields – item 6 e**

It was asked if any proposals to develop the playing fields will be presented to the Area Assembly. The Chair said that public consultation would take place.

**5. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) PRESENTATION**

A progress report on last month’s PACT priorities was circulated. Rupert Chang said that although progress was being made, Herringthorpe Playing Fields would remain a PACT priority.

The other PACT priorities are:

- Parking on Queensway
- Litter on Middle Lane

**Action: Rupert Chang**

**Response**

Progress reports to be provided at meeting in July.

**QUESTIONS FOR STREETPRIDE**

- a) A question was asked regarding the pot holes on Far Lane. The Chair asked if a site inspection could be arranged with himself, Mick Hoggard and Ady Antcliffe.
- b) A comment was made regarding the issuing of tickets on cars parking in the parking bay on Worrygoose Lane and the attitude of the traffic attendant. It was explained that this ticket was enforceable and the matter would be brought to the attention of Martin Beard.

**Action: Ady Antcliffe**

**Response**

- a) Councillor Dodson has been on site. There were no actionable defects to report.
- b) Parking services are aware that the ticket was issued by mistake and are dealing with the customer. No more tickets should be issued.

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) A resident expressed concerns regarding cars turning right at the top of Hollowgate
- b) A resident asked if there still proposals to introduce more 20mph safety zones especially in built up residential areas.

**Action: Matthew Lowe**

### Response

a) Matthew Lowe reports that there were no injury accidents recorded in the last three years that involve the above mentioned manoeuvre. There were however four slight injury accidents that resulted from near shunts. This junction has been in operation for around five years and operates satisfactory from a traffic point of view.

b) Traffic and Road Safety report that there are no plans at the present time.

c) A resident expressed concerns that no parking had been made available on Broom Avenue for the forthcoming Race for Life Event on Herringthorpe Playing Fields

d) A question was asked regarding where the income from Clifton events is spent. It was explained that revenue from all borough wide events goes into one central pot but further information will be sought.

**Action: Marie Hayes**

### Response

d) Please see attached **Events on Culture and Leisure land**

e) A question was asked regarding fencing around the play area at The Walk. It was explained that the fencing has been ordered and will be replaced shortly.

f) A question regarding a planning application for the shop on the corner of Middle Lane and Cambridge Street was asked. The Chair responded that he was not aware of any planning application for a change of use.

g) A progress report was requested regarding speeding on West Bawtry Road. The Chair suggested a site meeting with members, officers and residents.

**Action: Matthew Lowe**

### Response

g) At a meeting of the Coordinating Group, it was agreed that more survey work would be carried out at the location during September 2009 when all pupils are back at school.

h) A comment was made regarding the unhelpfulness of rangers based in the compound at Clifton Park. Elaine Humphries explained that the Clifton Park rangers were based in the museum but it would be raised at the Friends of Clifton Parks AGM.

## 7. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm, Town Hall.**

## Events on Culture and Leisure land

See below for events held in financial year 2008/09.

Where there was no charge this is because the event was held in partnership with RMBC Culture and Leisure or met our aims of more people participating in cultural/sporting activities at our venues. Green Spaces Manager determines whether free use or not when event is held in a park.

Current hire charges for 2009/10 are as follows:

Administration Fee for Events Safety Pack - £15.00

The pack has to be completed for any event held on Council land – see link below for this and scroll down to bottom of page.

[www.rotherham.gov.uk/graphics/Leisure/Events](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/graphics/Leisure/Events)

Park Hire – community/voluntary groups per hour per 0.5 hectare - £8.15

Park Hire – community groups approved public events (i.e. when meeting Culture and Leisure aims) – free

Park Hire – commercial groups – on application. (We have had very few of these over last few years – if we did receive any each would be assessed on their own merit and we would endeavour to get the highest charge possible).

### Events 2008 – Clifton Park, Herringthorpe Playing Fields

During financial year 2008/09, 9 events were held in Clifton Park or on Herringthorpe Playing Fields for which there was no charge. This was because either the events were organised in partnership with RMBC Culture and Leisure, or the events contributed to the aim of encouraging more people to participate in cultural/sporting activities at our venues.

3 events were held in Clifton Park for which there was a charge - £32.00 for each event for use of the area and £15.00 administration fee for checking the Event Safety Pack. This gave a total of £141.00 income for the 3 events.

### Fairs

Fairs are held at various RMBC Culture and Leisure sites across the borough. Markets Dept deal with the organisation and checking of inspection certificates, insurance, etc and RMBC Culture and Leisure provide the land. The income from this is split 50/50 between Markets and Culture and Leisure.

Events and Promotions Service have an income target of £7,700 for fairs held across the borough during the financial year. This income partially offsets the salary costs of the Event Manager who is responsible for Rotherham Show, Christmas Lights and the provision of advice/guidance to community groups and organisations on events and the administration of the events safety packs to ensure that all events held on Council land are safe.

Markets income from fairs is used to offset their general operating costs.

In financial year 2008/09 no fair was held on Herringthorpe Playing Fields due to the poor weather. 1 fair was held at Clifton Park and the income received from this was £1664.00 in total (i.e. £832 each for Culture and Leisure and Markets).

The Spring Fair on Herringthorpe Playing Fields in May 2009 achieved an income of £6,862 in total (i.e. £3,431 each for Culture and Leisure and Markets). There will be no fairs in Clifton Park this summer due to the on-going redevelopment works.

### Rotherham Show 2008

The budget for Rotherham Show is £64,254. The show's actual cost is between £100,000 to £120,000 depending on infrastructure requirements, weather conditions, etc.

Income from trade stands and catering tenders is approximately £40,257. This supplements the Council's budget allowing us to continue to make this a free show to the public.