

**WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY**  
**Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**Wath Library at 7.00pm**

**Present**

Councillor Alan Atkin	Ward 19 – Wath - (IN THE CHAIR)
C Cairney	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Mr & Mrs B Cooke	Local Residents
Craig Cornwall	RMBC Wardens
J Dobson	Montgomery Hall
Mrs E A Dodson	Local Resident
P Drabble	Local Resident
Colin Dyson	Montgomery Hall Enterprise
Andy Fawdry	RMBC Streetpride
J Gelder	Wentworth Church
P Hall	Montgomery Hall
Councillor Jane Hamilton	Ward 7 – Hooper
Harry Harrison	Swinton Resident
P Heald	Local Resident
Mr W Hopwood	Local Resident
Dianne Hurst	Wentworth North Area Partnership Manager
Richard Jackson	RMBC Streetpride
B Laird	Local Resident
A Laird	Local Resident
Andrea Law	Local Resident
Denise Lelliott	Brampton Youth Group
D Logan	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Ian Lomas	Wentworth Parish Council and Harley Village Partnership
A Barber Lomax	Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estates Office
Jenny Maleham	Wombwell Resident
Julia Millea	RIDO
George Smith	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Siobhan Owen	Wath Comprehensive School
Gillian Picker	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Anita Pickering	RMBC
Jill Ratcliffe	Wentworth North Community Support Officer (MINUTES)
C Rawson	Montgomery Hall
Lucy Reader	Wentworth North Community Involvement Officer
J E Roddis	Local Resident
Councillor Richard Russell	Ward 7 – Hooper
Councillor Alex Sangster	Ward 19 – Wath
G Scherdel	Wath RUFC
Sharleen Shaw	Wath Comprehensive School
Keith Swanwick	Friends of Wath Park
Insp S Tattershall	South Yorkshire Police
Harry Tooley	Area Housing Panel
J Wordsworth	Charles Street Community Centre
Councillor Ken Wyatt	Ward 16 – Swinton

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Councillor Atkin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. He informed everyone present that the meeting would be minuted, so if anyone wanted to say something that they wished not to be minuted would they please make it known.

Councillor Atkin added that if anyone had any issues they wished to raise with officers they would be available following the meeting.

Councillor Alan Atkin then presented a cheque from the Wentworth North Area Assembly Community Chest Fund to Wath Comprehensive School, to allow for instruments to be purchased for the set up of the school Samba Band.

### Apologies were received from:-

V Bryan	RMBC Neighbourhood Partnership Manager
Councillor John Doyle	Ward 16 – Swinton
Councillor A Gosling	Ward 19 – Wath
Councillor Frank Hodgkiss	Ward 7 - Hooper
Lee Peace	South Yorkshire Times
Councillor Neil License	Ward 16 – Swinton
Joyce Maleham	Wath upon Dearne Community Partnership
Sue Ransom	Dearne Valley College
V Whitehead	RMBC YPS

## 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009

**Agreed:** - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May be received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### Matters Arising

An action checklist with updates from issues raised at the previous meeting was available to all in attendance.

## 3. QUESTIONS FROM OPEN FORUM

**3.1.** A local resident stated that there is a problem with Anti-Social Behavior on the land to the rear of her home. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May a telephone call was made to the police and 57 photos were emailed depicting the problem. However, the photos were not passed on to local officers within the area and there seems to be no joined up communication.

Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that it is best to try and speak to the local police when reporting incidents. He advised them to ring 01142 202020 and ask to be put through to Wath Police Station. He added that new PACT areas would be chosen tonight, and one area would be Brampton Road.

**3.2.** A local resident stated that he was happy that Wath Comprehensive School had received a cheque to enable the set up of a School Samba Band. However, in addition to his application he had now been requested to submit further information which involved a further 62 pages.

Councillor Atkin stated that the Area Assembly is aware that the process is quite arduous at the moment, and are looking at streamlining the process for next year.

**3.3.** A local resident spoke of the problems experienced by uses of Wood Street Allotments, which included dog fouling, anti-social behavior, asbestos and flooding. She added that she had contacted Councillor Wyatt and that he had acted quickly.

Craig Cornwall stated that Wood Street Allotments had been mentioned to the Wardens and they would increase patrols.

Dianne Hurst requested that she be given further details following the meeting.

#### **4. COOK & EAT PROJECT**

Anita Pickering, Extended Services Officer for Wentworth North, informed the meeting that she is responsible for delivering before and after school activities. She then went on to deliver a report on the outcomes of the Cook & Eat Project.

The Cook & Eat project which was part funded by the Wentworth North Area Assembly Devolved Budget aims to encourage parents and children to cook healthy meals using fresh ingredients.

The project proved to be very popular and participants were awarded with Certificates at Rockingham Collage on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Anita thanked the Area Assembly and stated that the project would not have happened without their help.

#### **5. DEVOLVED BUDGET PLUS PROJECT RANKING**

Dianne Hurst informed everyone present that they were invited to vote for projects who had applied for funding through the Area Assembly Devolved Budget for 2009/10. All the projects were on display around the meeting room.

#### **6. AREA CHAIR / AREA PARTNERSHIP MANAGERS REPORT**

Councillor Alan Atkin introduced himself as the newly appointed Chair of the Wentworth North Area Assembly, and expressed his thanks to Councillor Frank Hodgkiss for all his hard work during his term as Area Assembly Chair.

Dianne Hurst, Area Partnership Manager for Wentworth North gave an update on the progress and development of issues since the last meeting which included:-

### **Community Activity**

The **Swinton Fitzwilliam** Estate Sub Group was awarded £5,000.00 from the Area Assembly Devolved Budget, and part of this money was used to pay for a clean up event at the end of May, with over 8.8 tonnes of rubbish being collected. Partners and community worked together to make it both a successful and memorable day. If you think that you would like to get involved, please contact Lucy Reader by emailing [lucy.reader@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.reader@rotherham.gov.uk).

Wentworth North Area Assembly in partnership with Living Streets and the Wath Community History Group held the first “**Walking the Past**” event on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, as part of the Rotherham Walking Festival. Over fifty people met at the library in the centre of Wath to take part in the event on a bright sunny Thursday morning. Local historian Alex Fleming led the walk, and shared his knowledge of the finer points of Wath architectural history. Leaflets giving details of the circuit are available in the Library.

As part of the **Carers Week** events, the Area Assembly did publicity work and consultation at the carers fair alongside VAR and LINK in the Town centre. We were also out and about in Wath with the LINK camper van discussing the needs of carers and local opinions of the refurbishment work in Wath Town Centre.

An extremely muddy but enjoyable piece of partnership work has left the planters around **Swinton Civic** looking very attractive. Cllr License granted £350.00 from his community leadership fund, and donations from local business enabled young people to purchase summer bedding plants from Clough nurseries. Fitzwilliam Primary School, Swinton Comprehensive School, Area Assembly Staff, Neighbourhood Wardens, and the Police Young Persons Officer all “mucked” in to plant up the raised beds.

Area Assembly staff were out and about at **Wath** and **Harley Galas** over the weekend. Along with Groundwork Dearne Valley, who were consulting on the Packman Road Park designs, Living Streets were giving out information on how to become more active, and RIDO were advising people as to the benefits and opportunities of social enterprise and setting up a small business. We also asked people in Wentworth and Harley how they would use community transport.

### **Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)**

Work continues on the NAG Priorities for 2008 and 2009, these are: the Swinton Fitzwilliam estate and Valley Road area and Brampton.

PACT priorities for the area during the past month have been Knollbeck Avenue, Brampton, Fitzwilliam St, Swinton and Buckleigh Rd / Campsall Field Rd, Wath. These priorities will be changed at this evenings PACT meeting.

### **Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Activity**

Works to improve the public realm, environment and access have continued in Wath Montgomery Square. Update newssheets have been distributed to businesses and residents around the square to keep everyone informed as to the programme of work ongoing.

### Street Pride Devolved Budget

A scheme of work has been delivered from existing community priorities for the Street Pride devolved budget. An update report is on the agenda as a separate item.

### Area Assembly Devolved Budget

This meeting includes a decision-making process for a further round of applications to be considered for funding during 2009-10. Participants have been given a set of stickers and are asked to place them in the voting slots beneath each project display. You may cast all your votes for one project, one for each project, or any combination in between.

The projects listed below received assent at the May assembly meeting:

<b>NAS HMR Funding</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Cost £,000s</b>	<b>Status</b>
Newhill Park master plan	Wath	4,000.00	Received 20 votes (ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
<b>NAS HIP Fund</b>			
Tree removal and fencing	Swinton	3,000.00	Received 30 votes (ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Jr Warden Scheme	All	2,000.00	Received 13 votes (ranked 5 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>NAS Devolved Budget</b>			
Disabled Access	Wath	500.00	Received 28 votes (ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Safety First	All	2,000.00	Received 17 votes (ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> )
Tot slots	All	1,573.50	Received 8 votes (ranked 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Tot Slots 2	All	996.27	Received 11 votes (ranked 6 <sup>th</sup> )
Wentworth and Harley community clean up	Hoover	1,300.00	Received 11 votes (ranked 6 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>LABGI</b>			
ASDAN fire-fighter experience	All	5,000.00	Received 10 votes (ranked 7 <sup>th</sup> )

The above projects have been recommended to Cabinet and have contracts in preparation. There are still Community Chest monies available to community groups and organisations this year. Application forms are available here tonight, from the assembly office on 334603 (ask for Lucy Reader) or via email - [wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk)

Dianne then introduced Julia Millea and Cameron Cairney who are Community Business Coach's who can provide help and advice to people who wish to set up their own business. They will be returning to a future Area Assembly meeting to give a presentation.

## **7. STREETPRIDE DEVOLVED BUDGET**

Andy Fawrdy - Streetpride Area Co-ordinator for Wentworth North gave a presentation outlining the Streetpride Devolved Budget projects for 2009/10. A copy of which can be obtained by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - [wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk)

Andy informed the meeting that project suggestions were being invited for the following year's budget.

## **8. PARTNER UPDATES**

Updates were circulated to everyone present from:-  
Karen Milner -2010 Rotherham Ltd  
Andy Fawdry – RMBC Streetpride.  
Craig Cornwall – Rotherham Wardens

Copies of any of the above reports are available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - [wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk)

## **9. PACT – Partners and Community Together**

Inspector Steve Tattershall – South Yorkshire Police gave a report regarding the crime statistics for the previous month, a copy of which is available by contacting the Area Assembly Office on 01709 334604 or via email - [wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk)  
Inspector Tattershall explained to everyone what a PACT is and then went on to discuss the PACT priority areas.

The PACT is part of the National Policing Pledge, full details of which can be found on the South Yorkshire Police Website. Under this pledge South Yorkshire Police commit to holding monthly meetings in the community, six of which will form part of the Wentworth North Area Assembly meeting, and a further six will be identified using the opportunities provided by other community fora. Thereby identifying a number of short term priority areas which will be subject to a 60 minute response time. Meetings will be advertised on the Safer Neighbourhood Website.

These are small local priority areas and are not the same as Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities.

### **Last month's identified priorities were:-**

Fitzwilliam Street, Swinton  
Buckleigh Road, Wath  
Knollbeck Road, Brampton

Inspector Tattershall asked the meeting if all three previous areas could be signed off.  
**Agreed**

**This month's identified priorities are:-**

Brampton Road, Brampton  
Oak Road, Wath  
Cortonwood Retail Park

A local resident stated that the stand alone PACT meetings are not very well advertised.

Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that posters are placed in strategic places and the sergeant would advertise the meetings on the South Yorkshire Police Website.

Dianne stated that she had received concerns from a resident that there were incidents of anti-social behavior around Newhill Park. Youths leaving the park were doing so via people's gardens and stealing children's toys etc.

A resident reported incidents of anti-social behavior on Wath Road near the Hospital. Fires are being started and there are broken bottles and litter issues.

Action – Councillor Atkin requested that the Wardens take a look.

There were no further questions and Inspector Tattershall informed the meeting that he would give the next PACT update at Wath St James Rooms on 26<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm.

Councillor Atkin thanked Inspector Tattershall for his report.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A member of the meeting asked if anything could be done to encourage Children to walk to school.

Councillor Atkin informed everyone that the Wentworth North Elected Members have paid for fluorescent vests for Children to wear when walking to school.

Councillor Atkin informed the meeting that the Area Assembly would invite the RMBC School Travel Plan Adviser to speak at the next meeting.

**11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 5.00pm @ Brampton Parish Hall