

**Rotherham South Area Assembly**  
Held at the Town Hall Council Chamber  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009

**ATTENDEES:**

**Members**

Councillors Dodson (Chair), McNeely (Vice Chair), Hussain, Wootton, Gilding and Mannion.

**Officers**

Kay Bacon	RMBC Area Assembly Team
Lindsey Gibson	RMBC Area Assembly Team (Minutes)
Rupert Chang	South Yorkshire Police
Claire Learad	South Yorkshire Police
Ady Antcliffe	RMBC Streetpride
Steve Finlay	RMBC Streetpride
Michelle Hill	RMBC Town Centre Team
Ayuba Lawan	2010 Rotherham Ltd
Steve Ruffle	RotherFed

**Public**

K. Millns	Clifton Community Partnership
D. Millns	Clifton Community Partnership
L. Russell	Clifton Community Partnership
M. Beedham	Clifton Community Partnership
M. Burgin	Clifton Community Partnership
A. Burgin	Clifton Community Partnership
G. Holmes	ESU
C. Charlton	ESU
L. Lindley	Streetpride Champion
D. Dobbs	Streetpride Champion
G. Skinner	Whiston Parish Council
E. Shaw	Whiston Parish Council
C. Eyre	Whiston Parish Council
C. Booth	Resident
E. Humphries	Resident
J. Fawcus	Resident
M. Hoggard	Resident
J. Whyke	Resident
N. Whyke	Resident
K. Harrison	Resident
S. Di	Resident
M. Ilyas	Resident
A. Carver	Resident
K. Reeder	Resident
N. Wright	Resident

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced himself and colleagues.

The Chair, on behalf of Alison Burgin, thanked the Area Assembly for helping raise £78 for Epilepsy Action.

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali, Kirk and Clarke, Mrs Kirk, Shaun Mirfield, Shaun Pilley, Chris Purvis, Don Straw and J. White.

Mick Hoggard informed the Chair that Derek Waudby had moved to Thrybergh.

## 3. STEVE FINLEY - STREETPRIDE

Following issues raised by Clifton residents, a presentation was made by Steve Finley of Streetpride on the process of surface treating pavements. Steve Finley explained that the use of slurry seal was stopped in 2002 and, following its development in 03/04, micro asphalt has been used for 6 seasons. Micro-asphalt is a surface treatment that seals the surface and provides an extra 5 – 10 years life. However, treatment is dependant on weather conditions and good workmanship.

The following comments and questions were raised:

- a) A point was raised that Badsley Moor Lane had been treated yet workmen had gone round some ivy rather than moving it out of the way.
- b) A comment was made that no notification had been given to Middle Lane residents.
- c) A comment was made regarding surface treatment on Clifton Avenue. People are sticking to the floor and asphalt is splashed on walls and drainpipes.
- d) Councillor Hussain remarked that there had been huge investment made in Clifton Park and, as a gateway, Middle Lane and surrounding areas should be brought up to standard.

**Action: Steve Finley**

### **Response**

Section 3.

A) This has been reported to the Delivery Team Manager.

B) I have been informed by the Delivery Team Manager that all residents had hand delivered leaflets.

C) I have walked all the Clifton sites and apart from some very minor defects the finished process was fine, and met with my approval.

D) I believe Councillor Hussain was referring to Gateway schemes. This is funding outside normal budgeting and I am not aware of any Gateway schemes in the Clifton area.

## 4. BOSTON CASTLE PRESENTATION

Due to an IT fault, the Boston Castle presentation has been deferred until September's meeting. Mr Fawcus remarked that the site should be fenced off or signed as it is extremely dangerous.

**Response** - Tim Brannen reported that Herris fencing has been erected around the castle.

## 5. ROTHERFED PRESENTATION – STEVE RUFFLE

Steve Ruffle explained to the Area Assembly how RotherFed can support TARAs and Community Groups. The following comments and questions were raised:

- a) It was asked how RotherFed fit in with the One Town One Community initiative. It was explained that RotherFed supports the initiative and that they bring people together by helping communities improve their area.
- b) It was asked if there are any platforms for community groups to link up. It was explained that this is something RotherFed do.

## 6i MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 09

The minutes were approved as a true record subject to the addition of Ayuba Lawan's and David Dobbs' apologies.

### 6.ii MATTERS ARISING

#### a) Funding of Area Assemblies – item 4 ii a

Following Mick Hoggard's request at the last meeting, Officers reported that they were pursuing this matter.

#### b) Armed Forces Day – item 4 b

Councillor Hussain informed the Area Assembly that the Armed Forces celebrations were very successful and that planning had already begun for next year's event.

#### c) Dog Control Policy – item 4 d

Elaine Humphries explained that the policy in Clifton Park is the Green Spaces bylaw set in the 70's which states that all dogs must be kept under control.

Following the response that full public consultation on a standard dog fouling DCO which is the initial step to declaring a DCO will take place this year, it was asked when the public consultation will take place.

**Action: Matthew Finn**

#### **Response**

c) A public notice is planned to be published as soon as possible, making an intention from the Council to make a Dog Control order for Fouling, to replace the current designation of land under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. It will invite representations which will then be forwarded to the Cabinet for consideration. This will pave the way for the Council to implement further DCO's and allow parish Councils to implement dogs on leads or dog exclusion DCO's for their own land without compromising the borough wide Dog Fouling laws.

#### d) Overflowing bins outside Davian's chip shop on Middle Lane – item 4 f

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: Ady Antcliffe > Nick McGowan**

**Response**

Under Section 93 Environmental Protection Act a street Litter Control notice can be served on the occupiers of the premises however, the legislation does not say anything regarding the occupiers emptying street litter bins.

Nick McGowan paid a visit 1/2 August 6.30pm and 11pm Saturday then 7.30pm and 11.45pm Sunday. No litter was seen around or on the frontage of the premises on both nights. One of the litter bins to the front was full but not overflowing. On Sunday pm the bins had been emptied, presumably by the business owner.

**e) Clifton Events Income – item 6d**

It was asked if the income (£6,862.00) from the Spring Fair on Herringthorpe Playing fields could be itemised.

**Action: Marie Hayes**

**Response**

The only breakdown of this fee is that it is a daily charge of £1,715.70 for a 4 day fair - £6,862. The fee is reviewed annually and approved by Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services.

**f) Shop on corner of Middle Lane & Cambridge Street – item 6f**

It was asked whether any further information was known about the shop.

**Action: Councillor Dodson**

**Response**

A planning application has been submitted to change the shop frontage by reinstating windows. Further information will be provided once known

**g) West Bawtry Road – item 6 g**

The Chair stated that once the report had passed through Cabinet, then a personal response would be given to Mr Harrison.

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

A progress report on last month's PACT priorities was circulated.

**Herringthorpe Playing Fields**

- 83 cans/bottles alcohol seized
- 27 vulnerable children identified during Operation Staysafe. Parents spoken to and further action to be taken by the Early Intervention Team.
- 2 nuisance off road motorbikes seized
- 1 fixed penalty issued to an adult who had purchased alcohol for under aged youths.
- 160 hours of high visibility patrols on Herringthorpe Playing Fields and the surrounding area.

The following comments/questions were raised:

- a) It was asked how many ASBO's have been issued in Rotherham South. It was explained that firstly Acceptable Behaviour Contract's (ABC) are issued and then referred to the Anti Social Behaviour Unit. The SNT are currently concentrating on 3 ASBOs at the moment.
- b) It was commented that more facilities for young people are needed on the Playing Fields. It was explained that youth services are being brought on board to look at this issues.
- c) It was commented that residents are very pleased with the progress being made however it was asked if there was any progress following the site meeting on Arundel Road. It was explained that the Area Assembly team are awaiting costings for the fencing.

### **Parking on Queensway**

- Many vehicles are not committing offences as currently there are no parking restrictions.
- First week – high visibility foot patrols from 7am – 9am – advisory notices issued to vehicles in area.
- Second week - high visibility foot patrols from 7am – 9am – warning notices issued to vehicles in area.

The following comments/questions were raised:

- a) It was commented that following NHS Rotherham's acquisition of the Lombard site for parking, the key to its success was the parking charges.
- b) Following the LDF Core Strategy consultation, it was asked how Rotherham will cope with the increase influx in people with 25,000 new homes built. It was explained that the whole infrastructure is taken into consideration.

Rupert Chang said that although progress was being made, Herringthorpe Playing Fields would remain a PACT priority.

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

**Action: Rupert Chang**

<b>Response</b>
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Progress report to be provided at meeting in September
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## 8. QUESTIONS FOR STREETPRIDE

- a) A question was asked regarding overgrown hedges on First Avenue, Sheridan Drive and The Lanes. It was explained that private properties are given 14 days notice before enforcement can begin.
- b) A question was asked regarding a pothole inspection on Badsley Moor Lane. A comment was also made regarding workmanship of compacted potholes on Newman Road. It was explained that money had been allocated from highways maintenance for Newman Road and that the workforce would be reprimanded.

**Action: Ady Antcliffe**

### **Response**

a) The enforcement officer is dealing with First Avenue 16/07/09– Sheridan Drive and The Lanes have been dealt with.

b) Inspection of Badsley Moor Lane 08/07/09 – C/way P/holes ordered – I will continue to monitor Badsley Moor Lane at regular intervals.

Resurfacing works on Newman Road, Moorgate commenced Tuesday 21/07/09 and scheduled for completion Thursday 23/07/09 .

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) A resident expressed concerns regarding the new children’s play area fencing at Clifton Park.
- b) A resident asked why CCTV on Middle Lane wasn’t working.

**Action: Area Assembly Team**

### **Response**

Originally this CCTV project was managed by the Valley SRB6 funding. The work was undertaken by a company called ADI and the hard drive was installed in the hairdressers shop on Middle lane, all of the cameras were hooked up to this hard drive, like most older schemes the hard drives were small and held limited data, and no spares were ever provided if the hard drives were recovered for evidential reasons by the Police. There is no clarity regarding whether a maintenance package was ever taken out or was purchased as part of the original package. It is unlikely that repairs or funding for repairs was a part of the original set up. Now that the Valley Partnership no longer exists there is no way of finding out such information..

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6.00pm, Town Hall**