

**Rotherham North Area Assembly Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 6:15pm**  
**Rotherham Town Hall**

**Present:**

Cllr Lindsay Johnston	Elected Member (Area Chair)
Cllr Keith Goulty	Elected Member
Cllr Terry Sharman	Elected Member
T. Lilley	Resident
R. Davison	Resident
A. Prewett	Resident
J. Cantrell	Resident
A. Jacques	Resident
Sarah McCall	Resident
Adele Birtley	Resident
Alan Ramsden	Millmoor Juniors
Mary Jacques	Blackburn TARA
F. Avill	Rotherham Sea Cadets
G. Morgan	Rotherham Sea Cadets
Ian Jones	Richmond Park TARA
Pete Durden	Ferham Community Group
Helen Durden	Ferham Community Group
Terrell Durden	Ferham Community Group
Wendy Easthope	Ferham Community Group
Pete Butterworth	Ferham Community Group
Brian Beeley	Friends of Barkers Park
Joanna Jones	GROW
Mick Greenwood	RMBC Streetpride
Caroline Boyle	2010 Rotherham Ltd.
Sgt. Dave Baines	South Yorkshire Police
PC Dave Roberts	South Yorkshire Police
Janet Greenwood	RMBC Neighbourhood Partnership Manager
Tanya Stanley	Rotherham North Area Partnership Manager
Pat Michael	Rotherham North Community Involvement Officer
Helen Banerjee	Rotherham North Community Support Officer

**Apologies:**

**1. Introduction**

Cllr Johnston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Rotherham North Devolved Budget Proposals**

Tanya Stanley explained that the attendees would be split into wards and each group would discuss all the Devolved Budget projects which have been approved by the Co-ordinating Group. Some proposals were rejected by the Co-ordinating Group if they felt it was replacing something which should be provided anyway, if it only benefited a small number of people and if the project was not focused on Rotherham North. The projects which the Area Assembly attendees approve will then go to

another Co-ordinating Group meeting before being submitted to Cabinet for the final approval.

Please see the attached table for results from each ward group.

### **3. Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

#### **Sgt. Dave Baines - Rotherham North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)**

Sgt. Baines informed the meeting that the new Policing Pledge focuses on improving customer satisfaction and listening to what concerns the community have. The full document can be found on the South Yorkshire Police website, which also has links to the Rotherham North SNT website. The website includes photographs of all the Rotherham North Police and Police Community Support Officers.

The Rotherham North SNT are currently focusing on 3 priority areas which are:

- Anti-social behaviour on Thornton Terrace
  - Increased foot patrols which has seen stolen property returned to it's owner
  - Visiting problem families
  - Drugs warrant executed
- St. John's Green
  - Operation Stay Safe - to combat groups of youths and issue Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to young people and parents where necessary
  - Increased patrols which has seen alcohol confiscated from young people, 4 arrests and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts issued
  - A meeting has been arranged with the Co-op and their CCTV has been upgraded
- Anti-social behaviour on Ochre Dike Walk
  - Increased foot patrols which has seen alcohol confiscated from young people and a warning issued to a nuisance biker

In addition to these priorities, work continues on all other areas of Rotherham North. PACT meetings will be held on a monthly basis, after each Area Assembly meeting and on the months there isn't an Area Assembly meeting there will be a PACT held in one of the wards. Feedback is needed from the residents and suggestions can be made for other priority areas.

Pete Durden asked if there could be more visible policing at night when issues escalate. Sgt. Baines responded that it isn't possible to get any more police however the SNT work more afternoon shifts which finish at 10pm. The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) work on the opposite shift to the Police and so there is more visible Policing throughout the day and evening. There is also a nuisance youth car which sometimes has to cover both Rotherham North and Rotherham South. Sgt. Baines has also assigned a Police Officer to focus solely on the priority areas raised in the PACT meetings. Helen Durden added that the young people know that the PCSO's do not have the same powers as the police. Sgt. Baines responded that he was not originally a supporter of the introduction of PCSO's however he has since seen the impact they have had and this has changed his

views. The PCSO's are not there to do policing but to provide support and a link between the PC's and the community and anti-social behaviour towards the PCSO's will not be tolerated. Janet Greenwood added that the SNT is made of a wider team and also includes other services such as Rotherham Wardens and the Community Protection Unit. PCSO's can gather information and feed this back to the Police quickly. There is also a weekly briefing which includes Police, PCSO's, RMBC and 2010 officers.

Mr Prewett asked if specific issues can be addressed as he lives on Droppingwell Lane and has had damage to his property from golf balls from Grange Park Golf Course and they are also a danger to cars. Sgt. Baines responded that they are aware of the issue and they have spoken to the owners of the Golf Club. He will also speak to PC Moody and PCSO Berry regarding the issue.

Ian Jones raised the issue of young people buying alcohol. Sgt. Baines responded that operations have taken place with Trading Standards but there are still issues with older people buying the alcohol and passing it on and alcohol being shoplifted. Pete Butterworth asked if there was any way to identify where the alcohol was purchased. Sgt. Baines responded that even if they could identify where it was from they wouldn't be able to tell if it had been purchased by someone under age or shoplifted however shops do have a responsibility to ensure alcohol from their store is not consumed by young people in the vicinity.

The meeting closed at 8:45

**Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 6:15pm**