

MINUTES OF THE WENTWORTH SOUTH
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2009
AT RYECROFT METHODIST CHURCH

Present

Cllr P Lakin(Chair)	-	Valley ward Member
M Ardron (Minutes)	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
D Smithson	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
J Colley	-	Wentworth South Area Assembly Team
Cllr D Pickering	-	Valley Ward Member
Cllr G Whelbourn	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
Cllr N Hamilton	-	Rawmarsh Ward Member
J Campbell	-	Resident
Mrs D Brown	-	Resident
N Brayshaw	-	Resident
V Twigg	-	Friends of Valley Park
Y Broadhead	-	Friends of Valley Park
G Broadhead	-	Friends of Valley Park
J Rowe	-	Friends of Valley Park
C Shaw	-	Friends of Valley Park
A V Scholes	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
D J Rowley	-	Ravenfield Parish Council
C Wood	-	Resident
Sally Burton	-	South Yorkshire Times
Amy Hutson	-	Streetpride
Vanessa Bryan	-	RMBC
S Harwood	-	Rotherham Wardens
S Kennaway	-	Rotherham Wardens
C Langston	-	The High Street Centre
C Chapman	-	Nordic Anglia Lifetime Development
T Needham	-	Nordic Anglia Lifetime Development
G Palmer	-	South Yorkshire Passenger Transport
J Frost	-	RMBC Youth Enterprise
C Williams	-	2010 Ltd
P Cahill	-	2010 Housing board
S Tattershall	-	South Yorkshire Police
R Kearney	-	South Yorkshire Police

148. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Lakin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

149. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr R Stone, Cllr P Russell, Cllr A Russell, Cllr S Wright, Cllr S Currie (all on other Council business) C Booth, C Pardy, T Kelsey, J Healey, J Deardon, H Cahill, A Shaw, L Hamshaw, P Woodcock, and K Brisland, G Trickett.

150. Minutes and matters arising from Area Assembly Meeting of 9th December 2008

There were no matters arising, minutes were passed as a true record.

151. Action Table from 9th December 2009

Point 1 - Bridge at Birch Wood – a site visit will be arranged by the Area Assembly Team with an officer from EDS Structures to re-asses the bridge.

Point 2 – Michael Whiteoak, public rights of way officer is dealing with this, Amy Hutson will keep the Area Assembly informed.

Point 4 – Doncaster Gate Hospital – No decision has been made regarding the building, an update will be provided on receiving further information.

Banking at Hollings Lane – It was brought to the Area Assemblies attention that there was a problem regarding fly tipping and littering near to the allotments on Hollings Lane. – Richard Jones Enviro-crime officer and Richard Jackson – Streetpride have been informed and are dealing with this.

152. Introduction to sessions – Darren Smithson

Darren Smithson explained that during the current economic climate the Area Assembly were planning to respond to local needs by organising events and materials to deliver helpful services to those affected. Darren asked people to take a few minutes to fill in a short questionnaire that would help identify appropriate services.

He went on to explain that the Area Assembly were also in the process of updating their A to Z directory of services. He asked that anyone who would like to be included or knows of anyone who has been missed out of the directory to fill in a post card and hand it into the Area Assembly staff.

Darren introduced a number of partner agencies and local organisation; whom had provided information stands and were displayed around the hall; residents where invited to visit each stand to gather information and advice.

153. Agencies Reports

Streetpride

Amy Hutson – Wentworth South Area co-ordinator

Amy gave a short presentation outlining projects the Streetpride devolved budget had been spent on so far; these included, improved junction visibility, additional street cleansing and dog/litter bins.

She explained that the devolved budget allocation for 2009/10 was £17,285.

Amy asked that anyone with suggestions for projects that could be carried out be the Streetpride Devolved budget and would improve the area to submit them as soon as possible.

Anyone wanting to submit their suggestion can do so by contacting Amy Hutson on 01709 823897 or by emailing amy.hutson@rotherham.gov.uk or contacting the Area Assembly Team on 01709 336772.

Wentworth South Safer Neighbourhood Team - *Inspector S Tattershall*
CRIME UPDATE

Crime with in our area is down 14% compared with this time last year. That is almost 900 less victims. Vehicle crime is down 23%, Burglary other is down 16%, Criminal damage is down 4%, Drugs offences area also down by 30%. The main area that shows an increase is burglary dwellings. This shows an increase of almost 7%. In terms of numbers we have had 274 house burglaries this period compared to 257 last term.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

ASB is still problematic. Even more so during the snow, we are dealing with issues at the Thorogate Shops and also with partners at several problematic addresses on East herringthorpe.

GOOD WORK

Following a spate of vehicle crime in Rawmarsh and Parkgate a young man from Herringthorpe was arrested and charged with 4 thefts from motor vehicles. He admitted a further 26 offences and we recovered £15,00 worth of property.

Over Christmas we has an outbreak of violence on Chesterhill Avenue Dalton, 2 men were arrested and are still in prison awaiting trial.

2 Rawmarsh men, who were on bail following a robbery of a taxi driver, committee a further robbery at a Rotherham chip shop. They both have been sentenced to 6 years in prison.

The Fullerton pub at Thrybergh is currentely closed. We arrested 3 local men who broke in and helped themselves to the central heating system.

We also arrested 4 youths that broke into a shed on Rushey Close at Rawmarsh and stole a pushbike. The bike has been recovered and the youths are due to attend court in the next few weeks.

3 Dalton men have been arrested for several burglaries in the Dalton and Sunnyside area. One of these men has been charged with 6 burglary dwelling offences and is currently in prison awaiting trial.

Generally this has been a quiet period. Our current priorities are criminal damage; which is still 25% of all crime committed within the area, burglary dwellings and youth nuisance issues throughout the area in particular around shop areas.

ADVICE

Lock your doors to prevent sneak in burglaries. Be aware of bogus officials, especially the elderly.

If you would like advice or information on any of the following

- Shed alarms
- Door stickers – no cold caller's
- a crime survey to access your home.

Contact Richard Kearney – PSCO Manager on 01709 832436.

2010 Ltd Update – Colette Williams

Collette gave the following summaries of Estate Action Days that had taken place since the last Area Assembly meeting.

December 08 – East Herringthorpe, Ridgeway, Houndsfield Rd & Crescent, Creswick Rd and Hawksworth Rd.

- Properties visited – 162
- Properties entered – 70
- Tenancy breaches – 13
- Untidy gardens – 3

January 09 – Greenfields, Arcon Place, St Nicolas Walk, St Nicolas Rd, Brunt Rd, Murray Rd, Tinker Rd, Evelyn St, Marrion Rd, Heatons Bank, Osberton St, Rockingham Rd and Rockingham House.

- Properties visited - 172
- Properties entered - 116
- Tenancy breaches – 6
- Untidy gardens – 4

In the Wentworth South Area the number of council properties entered for the purpose of Tenancy verification from January 2008 to December 2008 was a total of 1500.

For further information you can contact a customer advisor on 01709 336588.

154. Questions from the public

Q. Has there been £250,000 Lottery funding allocated to the Birch Wood area and if so, has this been spent yet?

A. Area Assembly team to look into this and feedback at the next meeting.

Q. A standard letter was sent from 2010 Ltd to residents at Greenfields Rawmarsh, the contents of this letter were worrying and quite offensive to some elderly residents.

A. This is a standard letter that 2010 Ltd sends out to tenants. They are now aware of concerns raised by the letter, and its contents are currently under review. An update will be give at the Area Assembly once the review is complete.

Q. Can the Area Assembly confirm that New Stubbings Colliery has been identified for a recycling plant?

A. Lots of sites have been looked at but there has been no decision made so far.

155. Any Other Business

Major Incident event

People were invited to attend this event which is due to take place on the 17th February at 1pm until 3pm at Silverwood Miners Resource Centre, Doncaster Rd, Dalton.

PACT'S

It has been proposed that 'Partners and communities together' groups are to be set up across the borough. They will be police lead meetings where partner agencies and communities will have the opportunity to work together.

156. Date, Time and Place of next meeting

Tuesday 31st March 2009, 6.15pm, The Town Hall, Rotherham

WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY: OUTSTANDING ACTION TABLE

Update Table for Wentworth South Area Assembly meeting from 9th February 2009.

Issue	Action	Lead Person	Progress
Issues Raised at Area Assembly meeting on 31 st July 2008			
<p>A resident reported that the foundations on the bridge on Birch Wood (Warren Vale) had gone.</p> <p>A resident supplied 3 photographs of the bridge taken last year and stated that he felt the bridge was still not safe.</p>	It was agreed that the Area Assembly team will contact the Structures group for further discussion on the bridge and provide feedback at the next Area Assembly meeting.	Darren Smithson	
Issues raised from 9 th December meeting			
A resident raised concerns that the old Doncaster gate hospital and asked if it was going to be demolished, she asked people who would like to preserve the building to make their views known.	No decision had been made as yet but the Area Assembly team will provide updates.	Area Assembly	
Issues raised at 9 th February 2009 Meeting			
Has there been £250,000 Lottery funding allocated to the Birch Wood area and if so, has this been spent yet?	Area Assembly team to look into this and feedback at the next meeting.	Area Assembly	Ian Kennedy, Woodlands Officer, reported that Birch Wood did form part of a Heritage Lottery Fund Award that included 35 ancient woodlands throughout South Yorkshire, 10 were in Rotherham. The total funding available for Birch Wood was £18,000 and was allocated principally to tree management work, access works and site improvement works. The works that took place in Birch Wood

			were widely consulted upon within the local community in 2005, including the area assembly. The project ended in 2006.
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