

ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY
(New Life Church, Dinnington)
4th June, 2001

Present:-

Councillor Audrey Gilbert	Borough Councillor Ward No. 13 (in the Chair)
Mr. Brian Cottam	Dinnington St. John's Parish Council
Mr. Graham Greaves	Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
Mr. Clive Pantry	Todwick Parish Council
Mr. Irvine Sampson	Harthill with Woodall Parish Council
Councillor Clarence Swindell	Borough Councillor Ward No. 18
Mr. Jack Mackay	South Yorkshire Transport Initiative
Councillor Robin Stonebridge	Borough Councillor Ward No. 1
Mr. Alan Yates	Resident South Anston
Councillor Sid Bennett	Borough Councillor Ward No. 1
Mrs. Rita J. Alderton	Anston Resident
Councillor Ann Britton	Borough Councillor Ward No. 13
Councillor Carl Barton	Borough Councillor Ward No. 13
Councillor Iain St. John	Borough Councillor Ward No. 1
Councillor Philip Wardle	Borough Councillor Ward No. 18
Mr. C. Britton	Kiveton Park
Mrs. Alice Booth	Wales Parish Council
Mr. Peter Blanksby	Wales Parish Council
Mrs. Fran Blanksby	Community Activist
Mr. D. Hall	Harthill with Woodall Parish Council
Mrs. Jackie Key	Rotherham Intensive Support Supervision and Advocacy Programme – Youth Offending Service
Mr. Bill Thomas	Rotherham Intensive Support Supervision and Advocacy Programme – Youth Offending Service

Together with:-

Mr. Paul Martin	Environmental Health Services
Mrs. Nicola Hacking	Area Assembly Support Officer (RMBC)
Mrs. Catherine Kinsella	Education, Culture and Leisure (RMBC)
Mr. David Tyrrell	Chief Executive's Office (RMBC)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Derek Chapman (Borough Councillor Ward No. 18); Mrs. Wendy Degg (Community Development Worker); Mr. Nigel Lee (Firbeck Parish Council); Mr. Steve Hunter (South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service); Mr. Roy Newman (Laughton and District Conservation Society); Mr. Alan Vickers (Anston Parish Council) and Mr. Gordon Smith (Area Assembly Officer).

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Some general introductions took place.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following issues were raised:-

(a) Unsko – It was queried if there was any possibility of acquiring the playing fields to secure them for the future.

(b) High Nook Estate, Dinnington – The concerns of residents were expressed as to the nuisance with scrap vehicles and parts being dumped on the estate. It was felt that Housing and Cleansing should address these real problems.

(c) Community Skips – Following questions raised it was explained that the possibility of community skip allocation through Area Assemblies was being examined.

(d) Smell/Noise Nuisance, South Anston – Concern was expressed that no action had been taken in arranging a meeting since the last Assembly meeting. It was confirmed that, Paul Martin was in attendance that evening to discuss with residents their concerns and to progress a separate meeting. It was felt important that the Environmental Agency and Planning were in attendance in addition to Environmental Health.

(e) Highways Verge/Grounds Maintenance – Concerns were expressed as to the operation of the contract particularly in the Harthill and Kiveton Park areas.

Agreed:- That the Council's Monitoring Officers be informed of these concerns and asked to comment on the situation.

(f) Community Funding – Following a query raised it was confirmed that Community Chest funding had now been agreed for a further year and interested bodies were asked to contact the Area Assembly Officer at 26 Laughton Road, Dinnington.

(g) A57 Red Lion Crossroads – Concern was expressed as to the road marking arrangements which coupled with the speed of traffic made turning into the Red Lion Hotel a dangerous manoeuvre.

(h) Bus Services – Reference was made to the new Nos. 150/151 Bus Service which went on a circular route covering Rother Valley Park, Creswell, Edwinstowe and Clumber Park, a much welcomed innovation.

4. MINUTES

Agreed:- (a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Assembly held on 14th May, 2001 be received and approved, subject to the addition of Councillor Ann Britton and Mrs. Alice Booth.

(b) That arising it be noted that graffiti problem areas were still being sought with a request that Anston Greenlands Park be added to the list (Minute No. 6)

5. ROTHERHAM INTENSIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISION AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMME

The meeting welcomed Jackie Key accompanied by Bill Thomas who gave a presentation on work of the Youth Offending Service of the above programme.

A question and answer session then ensued with issues raised including:-

- the definition of an offender – someone who has been convicted of an offence
- young people too young to charge – the age of criminal responsibility was 10 years. there was an offence of corruption of a minor when action could be taken against older parties
- were there any main problem areas – four main hot spot areas of which Dinnington was one
- contact with the unit – Tel. No. 516999
- contact with Comprehensive Schools – very little at the present time but positive involvement welcomed
- parental responsibility – accepted by all as a main issue in tackling problems
- was there involvement in good citizenship – very much so, prevention was better than cure and part of their funding was allocated for this
- the lack of focus for youth and need for physical bases in localities – the need for Partnership working and dialogue with the youth service to help achieve this should be explored
- comparisons of youth crime – similar to other parts of the country
- as the majority of crime was connected with money was there any way of achieving some income for the under 18 years, possibly under SRB 3

- were there any results arising from the operation of the scheme – there had been a marked reduction in offences since the start of the scheme
- what was the position as to tagging – would be considered in appropriate cases as from September, 2001
- social nuisance – recognised as an important issue which must be tackled by all agencies and most notably parents

Agreed:- (a) That this Assembly record its thanks for a most informative presentation.

(b) That consideration be given to tasks that can be undertaken by teams of offenders within this assembly area to help benefit the community.

(c) That a similar presentation on the Rotherham Intensive Support Supervision and Advocacy be commended to other Area Assemblies.

6. REPORTS

The report of the following meeting was submitted:-

South Rotherham Rural Transport Group held on 23rd April, 2001

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Agreed:- That as previously agreed the main presentation item on the next meeting be Domestic Violence.

8. NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting of the Assembly be held in the Anston Parish Hall, off Ryton Road, North Anston on Monday 2nd July, 2001 at 7.00 p.m.