

ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY
(Laughton-en-le Morthen Parish Hall)
7th January, 2002

Present:-

Councillor Robin Stonebridge	Borough Councillor Ward No. 1 (in the Chair)
Mr. Charles Ball	South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Mr. Graham Greaves	Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
Councillor Clarence Swindell	Borough Councillor Ward No. 18
Councillor Sid Bennett	Borough Councillor Ward No. 1
Councillor Derek Chapman	Borough Councillor Ward No. 18
Mr. Alan Yates	Resident – South Anston
Mrs. Rita Alderton	Resident – South Anston
Mrs. S. Thomson	Resident – South Anston
Councillor Philip Wardle	Borough Councillor Ward No. 18
Mr. John Humphrey	Letwell
Mr. Clive Pantry	Todwick Parish Council
Mr. Brian Cottam	Dinnington Parish Council
Mr. Ken Ward	Woodsetts Parish Council
Mr. John Jordan	Resident
Mr. Jack Mackay	South Rotherham Rural Transport Group
N.H. W. Lee	Firbeck Parish Council
Mr. Robert Holland	Dinnington Area Regeneration Trust (DART)
Mr. Barry Bott	Dinnington Area Regeneration Trust (DART)
Jay Kirkpatrick	Dinnington Area Regeneration Trust (DART)
Mr. Dave Oldroyd	Kiveton Park and Wales C.D.T.
Mr. Pat McLaughlin	Rotherham Churches Tourism Initiative
Mr. Peter Blanksby	Wales Parish Council
Mrs. Fran Blanksby	Community Activist
Councillor Ann Britton	Borough Councillor Ward No. 13
Mr. C. Britton	Resident

Together with:-

Mr. Gordon Smith	Area Assembly Officer (RMBC)
Ms. Wendy Degg	RMBC - Community Development Worker, Dinnington & Laughton Common
Ms. Sam Allen	RMBC - Active Communities Development Officer
Ms. Tessa Popple	RMBC - Active Communities Development Officer
Mrs. Jean Waldie	RMBC - Democratic Services

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillor Audrey Gilbert	Borough Councillor Ward No. 13
Manda Bell	District Housing Office, Dinnington
Mick Stowe	Community Development Worker, North Anston
Trevor Stanway	Laughton Parish Council
Alan Vickers	Anston Parish Council
Councillor Iain St. John	Borough Councillor Ward No. 1
Roy Newman	Dinnington & District Conservation Society
Beryl Howarth	

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Some general introductions took place.

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following issues were raised :

(a) Stop Smoking Quitline - Concerns expressed regarding the advertising of this helpline and that help would not be available for six months due to capped funding.

Agreed:- That the Assembly Officer consult with the Rotherham Health Authority to clarify the situation.

(b) White City – What progress was being made with the development of the 200 houses on the White City?

A reply was given that a meeting would be held on Wednesday, 9th January, 2002 to update residents of Laughton Common and other interested parties.

(c) East Street and Monksbridge Areas – Reference was made to the frequency of the Steering Group meetings as there appeared to be a lack of information.

A reply was given that meetings should be taking place monthly and the next meeting would be held on 16th January, 2002. It was stated that RBC Officers would monitor any extra development at Laughton Common with regard to places at Laughton Junior School and Dinnington High School.

(d) Finningley Airport - A question was raised as to whether this Assembly had ever considered the environmental impact of the proposed commercialisation of Finningley Airport and reference was made to the line of the flight path.

Agreed:- That the Head of Regeneration and Planning be asked to give an updated report on Finningley Airport to a future meeting of this Assembly.

(e) Dump-it Site, North Anston - Reference was made to the three-months trial and had this ceased.

A reply was given that the three-months trial had ended before Christmas and that changes were likely due to the renewal of the whole of the Waste Contract in March/April, 2002.

3. MINUTES

Agreed:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December, 2001 be agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Dumping of Tyres

With regard to Minute No. 7(a) about action taken to remove tyres from sites. It was clarified that a situation had occurred when some tyres had

been dumped on a bridleway and by the time the Council had responded the tyres had actually been moved on to private land so the Council had not removed the tyres as it was not their responsibility.

(b) Telecommunications Masts/Stewart Report

Reference was made to the Stewart Report and that this was a technical document and very hard to understand by the general public. Clarification and a precis was sought regarding certain paragraphs within the report, namely, 1.18, 1.20 and 1.21.

Agreed:- That the Executive Director, Economic and Development Services, be asked to give a simplified precis on paragraphs 1.18, 1.20 and 1.21 of the Stewart Report to this Assembly.

5. PROPOSED REGENERATION OF THE FORMER DINNINGTON AND KIVETON PARK COLLIERY SITES – PRESENTATION

Mr. Graham Dobbs and Mr. S. Andryszewski of Yorkshire Forward gave a power point presentation, including plans, on the above proposed regeneration of the former Dinnington and Kiveton Park colliery sites.

The presentation covered :-

- Review of Issues on both sites
- Confirm actions to date
- Identify future action/issues
- Outline anticipated programme on both sites
- Confirm process for local participation

Graham reported that Yorkshire Forward was committed to the regeneration of these sites and that this was the first stage of public consultation and he emphasised that there would be openness, comments invited, regular consultation and ongoing review for both projects.

Also submitted was a voluntary consultation/comments paper for individuals to return to Yorkshire Forward.

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

- A need for good clear consultation in the future so that the public do not get false hopes.
- Concerns raised regarding the burning of willow which had been referred to in another meeting. Graham Dobbs advised that such discussion related to the methodology of wood burning in and around Rotherham and reported that this had been misinterpreted and he assured the Assembly that there would be no boilers, no operation and no burning in Dinnington.
- There should be a railhead.
- Need for a Park and Ride area in Kiveton.
(Yorkshire Forward will investigate this).
- It was important that there was matchfunding for a canal.

- It was hoped that the cost of redeveloping the pit head baths would not come out of the contingency money.
- Were cable companies taking an interest in high speed communication links. It was noted that a study was being undertaken on this.
- It was noted that there were links with South Yorkshire Forest regarding regeneration and planning schemes.

Agreed:- (a) That Mr. Graham Dobbs and Mr. S. Andryszewski be thanked for their most helpful and informative presentation.

(b) That, in order to keep everyone fully informed, a copy of the Presentation and the Consultation/Comments paper be sent out with the next Agenda to include Parish Councils.

(c) That, with immediate effect, Wendy Degg co-ordinate a meeting of interested persons and stakeholder representatives in Dinnington to discuss the consultation process with regard to that site.

(d) That, at some time in the future, this Assembly should receive information on the impact of willow burning on the locality and that other schemes be explored.

(e) That Yorkshire Forward update the Assembly on any changes to the schemes.

(f) That further funding regimes be explored to address the tyre dumping problems.

6. AREA ASSEMBLY OFFICER'S REPORT

The Assembly Officer submitted a report updating the Assembly on the following matters.

- (a) Environmental Hot Spots
- (b) Graffiti
- (c) Fly-tipping
- (d) Highways
- (e) Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest

Reference was again made to tyre dumping particularly on the bridlepath from Letwell to Langold and the question was asked as to whether it would be feasible to install a gate to stop lorries tipping their loads and was there any resource to access.

A proposal was put forward to apply for further funding to address the tyre dumping problem generally and this was agreed.

The Assembly Officer submitted recommendations for the Assembly's approval.

Agreed:- (a) That the following be proceeded with :-

(i) Refurbishment of public seating at Station Road and Kiveton Bridge at an estimated cost of £575.

(ii) Surfacing of footpath from Doe Quarry Lane to Scargill Street at an estimated cost of £1,375.

(b) That the following be authorised as a Reserve Scheme :-

Clearance of tipping from vacant land at Silverdales/Leicester Road at an estimated cost of £1,600.

(c) That the following issues be referred to the Programme Areas indicated in the first instance or Scrutiny Panel as appropriate, requesting reports proposing remedies :-

(i) Rear of Dinnington Shopping Centre - Market Place.
(*Regeneration and Planning Service, Environmental Health Service and Environment Scrutiny Panel*).

(ii) Footpath, Stoney Bank, Kiveton Park.
(*Housing and Engineering Services*).

(iii) Footpath, Kiveton Park, adjacent Health Centre.
(*Planning Service*).

(iv) Footpath, Doe Quarry Lane, Dinnington.
(*Housing and Engineering Services*)

(v) Footpath, Church Bridge, Anston.
(*Engineering Service*).

(vi) Land, Silverdales/Leicester Road.
(*Regeneration and Planning Service, Housing Service, Regeneration Scrutiny Panel*).

(d) That the Assembly Officer explore the possibility of further funding to address the tyre dumping problem generally.

(e) That the Assembly Officer also explore with the Local Agenda 21 Officer the means to establish an Assembly Sub-Group which would focus upon local environment issues and how they may be addressed in a sustainable manner.

7. EXTRA ITEMS

The Assembly Officer reported details of the following :-

(a) Holocaust Memorial Day to be held on 27th January, 2002 at 11.00 a.m. at the Cenotaph, Clifton Park, Rotherham.

(b) Letter from S.Y.P.T.E., enclosing the final version of South Yorkshire's first Bus Strategy document which forms part of the Local Transport Plan for South Yorkshire.

More information could be obtained from the website on www.sypte.co.uk

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Finningley Airport - Update.
- Hot Spots Sub-Group.

9. NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting of the Assembly be held at Woodsetts Pavilion on Monday, 4th February, 2002 at 2.00 pm.