

ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY
held at the Firbeck Village Hall
4th November, 2002

Present:-

Rita Alderton	South Anston Resident
Councillor Karl Barton	Borough Councillor Ward No. 13
Brian Cottam	Dinnington St. John's Parish Council
Councillor Audrey Gilbert	Borough Councillor Ward No. 13 (in the Chair)
Graham Greaves	Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
Alan Vickers	Anston Parish Council
Ken Ward	Woodsetts Parish Council
Roy Newman	Dinnington District Conservation and History Group
R. Holland	DART and Throapham Resident
Nigel Lee	Firbeck Parish Council
Pat McLaughlin	Rotherham Churches Tourism Initiative
Alan Yates	South Anston Resident
David Oldroyd	Kiveton Park and Wales Community Development Trust
Councillor Derek Chapman	Borough Councillor Ward No. 18
Councillor Philip Wardle	Borough Councillor Ward No. 18
Ann Robinson	Firbeck Resident
Enid Bailey	Firbeck Resident
Derek Bailey	Firbeck Resident and Rotherham Naturalist Society

By Invitation

Alan Matthews	Emergency Planning Officer (RMBC)
Neil Perry	Senior Corporate Training and Development Officer, Health and Safety (RMBC)

Together with

Kyley Gains	Area Assembly Support Officer (RMBC)
Gordon Smith	Area Assembly Officer (RMBC)
David Tyrrell	Principal Democratic Services Officer (RMBC)
Mandy Bell	Housing Services (RMBC)
Berta Perez	Overseas Student Placement
Lizzy Alagesworad	Community Arts Officer (RMBC)

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologise for absence were submitted by Fran Blanksby (Disability Group); Councillor Sid Bennett (Borough Councillor Ward No. 1); Alice Booth (Wales Parish Council); Mick Stowe (Community Planning Officer – RMBC); Monica Carroll (Association of Governors); Councillor Robin Stonebridge (Borough Councillor Ward No. 1); Councillor Clarence Swindell (Borough Councillor Ward No. 18); Sue Thomson (Anston Parish

Council); Barbara Justice (ACE Project) and Trevor Stanway (Laughton Parish Council).

54. MINUTES

Agreed:- (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October, 2002 be received and approved.

(b) That, further to the minutes stated it be noted :-

- Engineering Services had requested contractors to deal with the Japanese Knot Weed problem but no action had been seen. It was felt this was an issue which must be addressed on the sites identified and on land at East Street, Dinnington (Minute No. 47b)
- the request for a pelican crossing at Harthill was being examined (Minute No. 51a)

55. EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Area Assembly received a presentation from Alan Matthews (Emergency Planning Co-ordinator) and Neil Perry (Health and Safety Training Officer) about the Borough Emergency Plan.

The presentation and subsequent discussion referred to:-

- the need for and the operation of the Emergency Plan;
- details of the Emergency Planning Team staff;
- training for employees involved in responding to emergency incidents;
- training exercises to test the operation and effectiveness of the Emergency Plan;
- the co-ordination and operation of Borough Council services in response to an emergency incident;
- the Borough Emergency Operations Room;
- procedures and action to counter incidents of terrorism;
- details of the legal background of the health and safety requirements of employees;
- the bomb threat response plan;
- action to ensure Borough Council service continuity in the event of an emergency incident.

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

- how a major incident was defined
- people were more aware of the need for preparation in the light of recent incidents
- the back up arrangements should the main control room be unavailable
- incidents at i.e. Meadowhall or on the Motorway network could have major implications for Rotherham
- some 2,500 flights a day pass over South Yorkshire

Agreed:- That Alan and Neil be thanked for their informative presentation.

56. ASSEMBLY OFFICERS REPORT

The Area Assembly Officer submitted a report commenting on the following issues:-

(a) Entertainments Licences – details of two applications were reported, it being explained the Assembly could comment on such matters

(b) Funding for Voluntary and Community Groups – The South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau with support from the Borough Council had arranged another Information and Advice event, this time at the Kiveton Park Library, Wales Road on Thursday 7th November, 2002.

(c) Heritage Education project – this was a new project sponsored by the Friends of Clifton Park Museum which had a rural dimension with workshops planned for local libraries.

(d) Environmental Hot Spots – details were given of works planned or action proposed to be undertaken precise details of the siting of dog bins being awaited from Anston and Dinnington. It was confirmed that the current year's monies had been allocated to the three Wards.

(e) Community Cohesion : Our Responsibility - copies of the briefing paper prepared by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) with the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureau (NACAB) were available.

(f) Community Plan – a draft plan had been submitted for consideration and a response awaited as to its inclusion in the overall Strategy.

(g) Reachout 3 – information was given of the responses given as for the Rother Valley South area relating to views on Green Spaces, Cemeteries and Crematorium, Health, IT Facilities, Taxis and Standards of Care.

(h) Chesterfield Canal – an update was given, it being explained that the main civil engineering works should be complete by the end of the month.

The remaining Lock Gates should be installed on site next March allowing the remaining closed footpaths to then re-open.

(i) Supertram Potential Extensions – Information had been received from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive seeking views on the possible extension of Supertram. One of the new routes being suggested running from Sheffield City Centre through Darnall, Waverley/Orgreave, Wickersley, Bramley through to Hellaby/Maltby.

Details of static and other displays were given.

(j) White City Kiveton Park – a Newsletter had been delivered to every property within this estate.

(k) Assembly Overseas Student Placement – Berta Perez, a rural development specialist, sponsored by the European Leonardo de Vinci Programme, and attached to the Assembly Office, was introduced.

57. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(a) Maltby Muddies – it was explained that this issue should be raised with the Rother Valley East Assembly and contact details were given.

(b) Dinnington Further Education College – the position as to the College was queried in view of rumours circulating. A representative commented on an article which had appeared in the magazine Private Eye on the issue.

Agreed:- That an update report be requested.

(c) Telephone Kiosk, Firbeck – concern was expressed that the Old Red Telephone Kiosk had been removed, which was in keeping with the area, without any notification.

58. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The following items/issues were put forward for consideration:-

Next Meeting - Heritage Education Project

 - Community Plan

January Meeting - Feasibility Study Pit Head Baths Site, Kiveton Park

Future Meeting - Objective 1 Update

59. NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting of this Assembly be held in the Old Library, North Anston on Monday 2nd December, 2002 at 10.00 a.m.

