

WENTWORTH CENTRAL AREA ASSEMBLY
held at the Manor Farm Community Centre
Wednesday, 12th November, 2003

Present:-

Keith Goulty	RMBC
Margaret Ball	RMBC
Trevor M. A. Boulton	Manor Farm TARA
Ann Brown	Rotherham Young Peoples Services
Mrs. D. Brown	Resident
Laura Carter	Parkgate Youth Centre
Janice Curran	CPO – RMBC
G. Gibson	Local resident
Neil Hamilton	RMBC
J. Harley	Resident
Dawn Heald	Rotherham Young Peoples Services
Megan Hillman	Resident
Richard Jackson	RMBC, Streetpride
Jill Jones	Housing, RMBC
Matthew Luty	Rawmarsh Youth
Lesley Maltby	7th Rotherham Scouts (St. Mary's)
G. Parker	Local resident
John Parks	Neighbourhood Warden
Nora Platt	Parkgate Youth Centre
E. Read	Resident
Louise Richardson	RMBC
Paul Rowm	CDW (VAR) Rawmarsh & Parkgate
Alan Shaw	RMBC
Chris Shaw	RMBC, Streetpride
Clare Simpson	Rotherham PCT
Joan Stansfield	Resident . Turner Resident
Jade Stephenson	Parkgate Youth Centre
G. Whelbourn	RMBC
Pauline Wilson	Resident
Shaun Wright	RMBC

44. MINUTES OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY

Agreed:- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 2003 be approved as a true record.

(2) That the attendance read Mr. D. Roe and not Mr. D. Ross.

45. MATTERS ARISING

(1) The Old Rectory, Rawmarsh Hill

Louise Richardson reported that a report was going to the Planning Board shortly seeking approval to serve a notice on the owners to undertake work to ensure the structural stability and soundness of the building. This was an important Grade II Listed Building and the owners had agreed to make a contribution available to achieve its development for community use. Louise also reported upon the intentions of the South Yorkshire Building Preservation Trust to carry out a feasibility study into developing the building.

(2) Financial Services

The Chairman confirmed that the matters set out in the previous minutes had been referred to Councillor Stone, as new Leader of the Council for consideration.

46. PARKGATE YOUTH CENTRE

Representatives of Parkgate Youth Centre said that “we would like to enquire if the area assembly has anything to report back on the matter of our upstairs hall and the problem with pigeons. We have brought out petition if people would like to sign it for us.

We would like to report that the young people are coming back to support the Centre and have decided to stay positive and are planning for the future by making over the downstairs rooms in the Centre. It was felt that we could make the rooms more young people friendly. Members have worked hard spending their free time to paint the rooms and design the art work. We are limited by funding, but are hoping to purchase some goods that will make the rooms a more modern, chilled out space.

We would like to thank the Police for offering funding for the paint as part of their initiative to fund extra activities for the half term holidays.

There are always rumours going round the community that Parkgate Youth centre will close, this upsets the members as we want the Centre to say open. Please support young people by supporting the Centre and signing our petition.”

The Chairman thanked the young people for their contribution and gave his support and that of the Assembly to the continued use of the Centre which they acknowledged as essential for young people.

It was reported that, having regard to the pigeon situation and the roofing problems an estimate for repairs was being obtained although funding would certainly not be available until April 2004 at the earliest.

47. YOUTH UPDATE

Ann Brown reported as follows :-

“We would like to give our apologies for not being able to attend this meeting due to the year 11 work experience period, and also reasons discussed at the last Area Assembly.

Litter

In response to the lengthy discussion that took place at the last meeting regarding litter dropping. We would just like to note that the Area Reps

have in the past requested extra bins to be placed at the bottom of the school on Monkwood Road, outside Chubby's. Currently there is a bin further down the road that is regularly overflowing, and is of little use to students purchasing food in the 45 minutes allocated at dinner. Could we formally request that more bins are put in this area, or have the existing bins which are further up the road moved to a better location.

Fundraising

We would like to make the Area Assembly aware of the recent Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning organised by the Student Council of Rawmarsh School. Over a 1000 students took part and raised approximately £500.00 for the charity. It was a successful event that we solely arranged by young people, and attended by young people. This is only one occasion where young people have shown their dedication to helping the community, working together and thoroughly enjoying it.

The External Gallery Group

The External Gallery Group is still rapidly growing in status and success. Recently Hawkeshead film company has filmed the group at work and the Artwork they have created. Ann Brown and Philip Padfield have been interviewed by the film company, regarding the Partnership work between the Neighbourhood Wardens and Young Peoples Services, along with members of the group about how it started and it's success.

The group have access to a number of laptop computers, which enables young people to further develop their skills using advanced technology. The group also uses digital cameras to record their work and progress, and to compare and look at areas of the community.

The billboard project is nearly completed and will be displayed in early January, in Rawmarsh and Parkgate. This is a big achievement for the group, and credit is due to all involved.

Thank you for listening and we hope to see you next meeting.

Lindsay Gaimster & Precious Moss"

Agreed:- That Alan Shaw pursue the various matters with Council departments.

48. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

John Parks reported as follows :-

- Graffiti

The Wardens continue to remove graffiti across the area and are still requesting that graffiti that has been missed be reported to the Wardens or through Streetpride number 336003.

Streetpride are still continuing negotiations with statutory bodies such as British Gas, BT, Cable and YEDL to allow removal of graffiti on their properties.

- National Conference

The Wardens have been selected with one other Warden scheme out of 320 Warden schemes across the country to appear in a video on good practice with relation to graffiti.

The video will be shown at the National Conference for Neighbourhood Wardens at Harrogate on the 14th November and is a sign that Rawmarsh Wardens have been recognised nationally, which is an honour for the Wardens.

On the subject of honours Warden Philip Padfield has been selected as a finalist for an award at the National Conference for Warden of the year (Youth Category) for his work within Rawmarsh. I am sure you will join me in wishing Philip the best of luck with this award.

- Kilnhurst Road Clean Up Project

You may recall in previous meetings that a clean up of Kilnhurst Road took place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th June this year involving various council agencies, local business, community members and schoolchildren.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Kilnhurst Road Clean up project has been selected as 1 of 7 other finalists in the final of a National ENCAMS Clean and Safe Award.

Winners will be announced on Thursday evening just prior to the Wardens national conference.

Again further recognition of what working together can achieve.

Kilnhurst Road is still clean with only minor rubbish being dumped, which is quickly removed by the Wardens.

- Running totals

The Wardens complaints running totals was highlighted at the meeting and it was stressed that any questions could be freely asked or by calling the Wardens direct on :- 01709 52637.

49. STREETPRIDE INITIATIVE

Chris Shaw reported as follows :-

- Works at the OAP Centres
- Steps at Brameld Road
- Highways work at Bellows Road
- Haugh Road was now 30 m.p.h.
- Rosehill Park wall – discussions now taking place with Friends of the Park due to lack of funding
- Claypit Lane / Turner Road tidy up

Members of the Assembly asked for it to be recorded that there were significant improvements to the maintenance and cleanliness of the Rawmarsh area following instruction of the Streetpride initiative.

50. WARDS/AREA ASSEMBLY BOUNDARIES

Alan Shaw gave a presentation and outlined on a map the new ward and area assembly boundaries to be effective from June 2004.

Members of the assembly expressed disappointment at the boundaries and the disillusion of this area assembly and concern for the future developments over such fragmented areas.

Reference was made to the success of this area assembly and everyone concerned was thanked for their endeavours.

51. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Residents of Haugh Road asked for a review of the arrangements due to car parking and access problems at school times.

(2) It was reported that a public meeting relating to the proposed Needle Exchange System was to be held at Swinton Civic Hall on 4th December at 7.00 p.m.

(3) It was noted that the Partnership had moved to Park Hall which was very welcome.

(4) It was agreed that a presentation on health statistics/obesity be made to a future area assembly meeting.

(5) The consultation pack relating to the fire service draft Integrated Risk Management Plan was made available to area assembly members.

52. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting be held at Parkgate Library on Wednesday 17th December, 2003 at 2.30 p.m.