

**GROUNDWORKS TRUSTS PANEL
WEDNESDAY, 14TH JULY, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Sharman (in the Chair); Councillors Smith, Swift and Wyatt.

together with:-

Sam Upton	Education Manager, Groundwork Creswell
George Griffith	Chairman, Groundwork Creswell
Ewa Majchrzahn	Community Projects Officer, Groundwork Creswell
Janet Johnson	Chief Executive, Groundwork Dearne Valley
Alan Hartley	Chairman, Groundwork Dearne Valley
Rob Saw	Development Manager, Groundwork Dearne Valley
Jamie Ferneyhough	Operations Manager (Rotherham), Groundwork Dearne Valley
Wendy Foster	RMBC Place Shaping Officer

10. INTRODUCTIONS/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Sharman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor I. St. John	RMBC
Councillor J. Faley	RMBC
Steve Mellard	RMBC Streetpride Landscape Manager
Darren Pollard	Groundwork Creswell

11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 14TH APRIL, 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th April, 2010, were agreed as a correct record.

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Rob Saw, Groundwork Dearne Valley, Development Manager, reported that the use of Apprentices was being pursued in accordance with guidance from HR.

13. QUARTERLY REPORT - GROUNDWORK CRESWELL

Sam Upton, Groundwork Creswell, Education Manager, introduced the quarterly report which covered the period 1st April to 30th June, 2010.

The following items were highlighted:-

- (i) Main progress/achievements:-
 - Continued environmental improvements across the Borough to help improve access for all. Sites included:- Play area at Woodhall Lane, Harthill; Play area at Skipton Road, Swallownest; small planting scheme at Davis Court, Dinnington
 - Cresta Ltd continued to install Child safety measures in conjunction with the PBT
- (ii) Number of projects active/worked on = 5
- (iii) One World Schools – Youth Re-engagement Programme:- including:-
 - work at Anston Stones
 - Ex-offenders “V” programme – volunteering programme
 - InTraining as a sub-contractor on Community Task Force:- work at Anston Stones and Brook Walk, and now on sites in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
 - Employability sessions for Rotherham clients
 - Work sites for CTF:- Martin Lane at Ravenfield Dam; Keppels Field and Wickersley Gorse
 - Community Learning:- noting appointment of Ewa Majchrzak, Community Projects Officer

It was agreed:- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.

(2) That Groundwork Creswell be thanked for their informative report and continued involvement in projects.

14. QUARTERLY REPORT - GROUNDWORK DEARNE VALLEY

Janet Johnson, Executive Director, Groundwork Dearne Valley, introduced the quarterly report covering the period 1st April to 30th June, 2010.

Officers from Groundwork Dearne Valley highlighted the following:-

- (i) Main progress/achievements:-
 - Rawmarsh and Parkgate
 - Maltby
 - Chesterhill
 - Play pathfinder
 - Local Action 21
 - Turning the Corner
 - Year 2 Sports development at the BMX tract at Brampton
 - Alternative Curriculum Activity

- Rotherham NEETs
- Future Jobs Fund
- Bikes 4 All Programme
- Groundwork Environmental Services (Dearne Valley) Ltd
- Dearne Valley Eco-vision

(ii) Number of projects completed/worked on = 13

(iii) Individual project summaries re:-

Rawmarsh and Parkgate Village Regeneration:-

- Rosehill Victoria Park
- St. Nicholas Walk
- Sandhill
- Rosehill MUGA Sports Development
- Fitzwilliam Canal/Gwyn Reed Nature Site

Maltby village Regeneration:-

- Natural Play provision on the west-side of Maltby Rotherham Road open space
- Entrance feature Tickhill Road
- Maltby Craggs/Woodlee Common
- Maltby Craggs footpath project
- China Town environmental improvements
- Manor Fields Gym equipment
- Maltby Craggs Infant School Wildlife Garden
- Parks development

Chesterhill:-

- Magna Lane Green Corridor
- Arundel Avenue community clean up
- Townend Avenue meadow scheme
- Thrybergh Youth Club - community arts project

Play Pathfinder:-

- Year 2 projects:- Adventure Playground; Gildingwells Road Play area; development of a volunteering programme for local residents and children to take on ownership and maintenance; further consultation re: play area at Dun Street, Swinton

Local Action 21:-

- Development of a food focused project using "Incredible, Edible Todmorden" as inspiration
- Food focused environment forum at Herringthorpe Valley Park
- Continued work on Green Check
- Continued support for the ESD Dearne Valley Eco-vision
- Continued chairing of ESD Delivery partnership and attending the Sustainable Schools Strategic Group
- Sustainability awareness raising with country park rangers
- Attended South Yorkshire Climate Change workshop

Turning the corner programme:-

- Stereotypes Look Again and Thrybergh Public Art
- Wingfield: Path Project, Wingfield Enterprise . summer activities; community garden
- Alpine shops, Rockingham
- St. John's Green, Kimberworth Park
- Fellowsfield Way, Kimberworth
- East Herringthorpe:- Chaucer Road and Ridgeway Shops (art on shop shutters); Music Festival and Ampitheatre
- Rawmarsh Skate Park

Miscellaneous Regeneration Projects:-

- Brampton BMX track sports development

Alternative Curriculum Programme:-

- At Oakwood, Milton School and Wath Comprehensive

NEETS Co-ordinated Response Fund:- 2nd cohort working towards horticulture qualification

Future Jobs Fund:- appointment of 12 more employees under this initiative; current projects include development of wildlife area for Brampton Parish Council; maintenance work on public recreation areas in Maltby; construction and maintenance work at Thrybergh Country Park; completion of 2nd phase of footpath at Hellaby; commissioned for other work by Wentworth Valley Area Assembly

Bikes4All:-

- Bikeability – 8 school have taken part

Dearne Valley Eco-Vision:-

- work continued with Sheffield City Region Eco Vision Team
- Green Doctors have been delivering free home energy advice to households across the Rotherham Dearne Valley area

- (iv) New Project proposals from the Trust:- noting the funding from Cadbury for a Spots v Stipes Programme throughout South Yorkshire

It was agreed:- (1) That the report be received and contents noted.

(2) That officers from Groundwork Dearne Valley be thanked for their informative report and continued involvement in projects.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following issues was raised:-

- (i) Budget Implications

It was agreed:- That reports be made to the next meeting include reference to relevant policies of the new Coalition Government, any funding changes and in particular any effects on employment opportunities.

16. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PANEL

It was agreed:- That the next meeting of the Panel be held on Wednesday, 13th October, 2010 at 2.30 p.m. (venue to be confirmed).