

**GROUNDWORKS TRUSTS PANEL  
12th October, 2011**

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

together with:-

Jamie Ferneyhough	Groundwork Dearne Valley
Janet Johnson`	Groundwork Dearne Valley
Rob Saw	Groundwork Dearne Valley
Caralynn Gale	Groundwork Creswell Ashfield and Mansfield
Nick Barnes	Greenspaces, RMBC

**48. INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Introductions were made and apologies given.

**49. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2011.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

**50. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

Reference was made to a number of key issues.

**51. QUARTERLY REPORT - GROUNDWORK CRESWELL.**

Caralynn Gale, Education Manager, Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield and Cresta Limited, introduced the quarterly report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.

The following items were highlighted:-

- Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield (CAM) continues with its involvement in environmental improvements across the borough.
- This quarter CAM have worked on a number of sites in the Rotherham area to include-

**CTF July - Aug**

- Thorpe Salvin - Cut back encroaching / overhanging vegetation on footpath from Common Road. Repaired or replaced steps and backfilled with limestone.
- Harthill - Cleared up Woodall Lane play area at the request of the Parish Council following vandalism the previous night.
- Greaseborough Park - Cleared out weeds / rubbish from the hedge line adjacent to Rossiter Road

- The Rotherham CTF team also cleared up and installed fencing and raised beds at Killamarsh infant school allotment.

**It was agreed:-** That the officer from Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield and Cresta Limited, be thanked for their informative report and continued involvement in projects.

## 52. QUARTERLY REPORT - GROUNDWORK DEARNE VALLEY.

Janet Johnson, Executive Director, Groundwork Dearne Valley, introduced the quarterly report covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30th September, 2011.

Jamie reported on:-

### **Rawmarsh and Other Areas Regeneration:**

- Continued to progress the Fitting Future for the Fitz project.
- Continued to support Rawmarsh & Parkgate Partnership.
- Held discussions regarding development of Rosehill Sensory Garden project.

### **Maltby Regeneration:**

- Held steering group meetings working on the Maltby Big Clean Up and organised a day event whereby working with numerous partners we will hold the Maltby Big Clean Up.
- Worked with Maltby Academy School Council to educate on the Maltby Big Clean Up.
- Supported the Model Village Community Association.
- Signed up over 20 young people on the China Town Estate to get involved in a young persons group to work on making the estate a better place to live.

### **Key Green Space Projects:**

- Continued to meet with RMBC staff to identify a number of priority green space projects throughout the Borough.

### **Health Activity:**

- Staff members attended formal walk leader training course.

### **Rotherham in Root:**

- Developing activities to further this campaign to get more Rotherham residents growing their own food.

### **Allotments:**

- Very useful meeting held to look at how Groundwork can support Council initiatives and enable more Rotherham residents to take up allotments.

### **Dearne Valley Eco-Vision:**

- Community Champions meeting held
- Green Doctors operating in Brampton Bierlow

**Turning the Corner (Youth Work):**

- Continued delivery of the 'Bloomin Lovely' project working with shop owners.
- Completed phase 1 of Alpine Shops improvements. The funding of £8,000 has now been secured to complete the second phase of the project to redevelop the central soft landscaped area.
- Continued development of the Fellowsfield Way clean up project in Kimberworth.
- Delivery of two 'Charity CD' projects with young people from Wingfield Business & Enterprise College & Winterhill Comprehensive School.
- Completion of the 'BMX roadshow' project based around Rosehill Skatepark facility.
- Completion of an overnight residential to Crowden with young people from Rawmarsh.

**Volunteering:**

- Continue to actively seek and recruit volunteers into numerous roles within the Trust.

**Outdoor Explorers:**

- Currently exploring the feasibility of delivery of an 'outdoor explorers' project in Rotherham, aimed at young people and their families.

**Garden Projects:**

- Progress on developing ideas and identifying suitable sites for 'demonstration' front garden projects

**Cadbury Spots v Stripes:**

- Throughout the quarter held 21 events in Rotherham alongside partners such as RMBC Green Spaces, China Town TARA, Rockingham 33 TARA, and Maltby Crags Wood Lee Common Steering Group.
- Worked with several partners to draw up events for the future.
- Worked with the 5 Games Ambassadors to run the events.
- Held two really successful skate/BMX jams at both Maltby and Rawmarsh skate parks.

**Miscellaneous Regeneration projects:**

- Lodge Lane Primary Wildlife Garden- Initial discussions have taken place with the Area Assembly and the Aston TARA.
- Supporting the Brampton BMX Track

Rob Saw reported on:-

**Alternative Curriculum Activity:**

- We continue to work in partnership with Swinton High School and Milton school, we are also now working with pupils from Wingfield, Clifton, Oakwood and Wath schools on either horticultural training or cycle maintenance courses.

**Rotherham NEETs:**

- All our current NEETs participants have now finished and the majority have achieved a successful outcome.
- We are actively recruiting to try and reduce the NEETs numbers even further.

**Future Jobs Fund:**

- Continuation of FJF programme, on a number of sites throughout the Rotherham area.
- Programme has now come to an end.

**Bikes 4 All Programme:**

- No activities have taken place this quarter.

**Groundwork Environmental Services (Dearne Valley) Limited:**

- No work has been undertaken by GES this quarter

Various matters were discussed, including the following:-

- Maltby Clean Up
- Dearne Valley Community Champions
- Bikeability
- Woodside Allotments, Swinton
- Mural for the Fitzwilliam Estate
- Garden Projects

**It was agreed:-** That officers from Groundwork Dearne Valley be thanked for their informative report and continued involvement in projects.

**53. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Reference was made to action at the Alpine Shops, Kimberworth.

**54. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PANEL AS:-**

Wednesday, 18th January, 2012 at 2.30 p.m.