

# Agenda Item 5

## SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

### Meeting held Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at Mosborough Primary School

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ray Satur (Chair), David Barker (Deputy Chair), Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Karen McGowan, Mick Rooney, Chris Rosling-Josephs, Jackie Satur, Ian Saunders and Gail Smith.

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#### 1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees to the Community Assembly meeting, and outlined basic housekeeping arrangements.

#### 2. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

#### 3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

3.1 Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Isobel Bowler and Helen Mirfin-Boukouris.

#### 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4.1 There were no declarations of interest from Members of the Assembly on items of business to be considered at the meeting.

#### 5. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

5.1 The minutes of the meeting of the South East Community Assembly held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were approved as a correct record, and there were no matters arising.

#### 6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

##### 6.1 **Petitions**

6.2 No petitions were submitted to the Assembly.

##### 6.3 **Public Questions**

##### 6.4 **1) Thorpe Green Play Area**

6.5 A number of residents of Thorpe Drive raised concerns over the potential construction of a children's play area on Thorpe Green, Waterthorpe. Concerns

highlighted were that the play area would cause anti-social behaviour (ASB) and disturb nearby residents. The residents of Thorpe Drive, where Thorpe Green was situated, stated that their views should be considered as a priority, as they would be living directly adjacent to the play area and would be the most affected. They cited the example of the John Hibbard play area at Woodhouse which was a 'no-go area' after 2100 hours, and did not wish for the same to happen at Thorpe Green.

- 6.6 The Chair replied that there would be extensive consultation with all local residents before any decisions were made, and it was also clarified that the money available for the construction of the play area had to be spent on playgrounds or parks development due to the nature of the funding. The Assembly Manager added that there was a lack of facilities for young people in the area currently, but that all views would be considered before any final decisions were made.
- 6.7 Residents reported that there was extensive ASB on Thorpe Green already, although the Assembly Manager stated that Police records did not reflect this, and he encouraged residents to report any concerns they had over ASB in the area to the 101 non-emergency number. The Assembly Manager added that there was a Police drop-in surgery held every first Wednesday of the month at 1100 hours at Crystal Peaks shopping centre if residents wished to report anything or discuss concerns.
- 6.8 It was clarified that the closing date for consultation was 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
- 6.9 **2) Green Waste Bins**
- 6.10 Concerns were raised over a letter sent out by waste management company Veolia stating that residents would have to pay a fixed sum of £57 at very short notice if they wished to retain their green waste bins. The Chair clarified that it was extremely unfortunate that a letter of this nature had been sent out, and he acknowledged that the information contained within it had been distressing. He confirmed that the City Council was tied into a 25 year contract with Veolia and added that the Council had little control over the materials and information Veolia issued to customers, and that the working relationship with Veolia had been very problematic at times.
- 6.11 It was confirmed that the green waste bins had been a trial for the south east of the City, and that, if residents did not wish to continue with the bin, they could purchase green waste sacks, which could be paid for and collected upon request, which is what the rest of the City did presently.
- 6.12 It was clarified that any green waste could be put in black bins, but that soil and building materials should not be placed in black bins due to the weight. Councillors encouraged members of the public to recycle and compost where possible, as, at the current rate, the City's landfill site would be full in 15 years, and then rubbish would have to be transported out of the City at a great expense.

6.13 **3) Shire Brook Conservation Group**

6.14 A written question was submitted from the Shire Brook Conservation Group to ask whether the land between Woodhouse and Beighton, which was the subject of an ongoing large scale community based environmental programme, had had removed the protection it was awarded in the adopted Sheffield Development Framework (SDF) core strategy (Policy CS72) because developers found it more convenient to use Greenfield sites rather than Brownfield ones.

6.15 The Assembly Manager responded that the Shirebrook Conservation Group had already raised a number of points as part of their representations on the recent SDF Additional Sites, objecting to the allocation of land at Woodhouse East in particular but also to the scale of the allocation at Junction Road. All Additional Site representations were currently being examined and responses were being drafted which were scheduled to be reported to Cabinet in July 2012.

7. **SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY DISCRETIONARY BUDGET REPORT 2012/13**

7.1 The Assembly received a report of the Community Assembly Manager which set out recommendations for the allocation of the South East Community Assembly Discretionary Budget for 2012/13. It was noted that all recommendations were being made subject to final confirmation of funds being available. It was further noted that the South East Community Assembly was likely to have a Discretionary Budget of £204,334 for 2012/13.

7.2 **Decision Taken**

**RESOLVED:** That the South East Community Assembly;

(a) regard having been had to the Sheffield City Strategy and to the relevant guidance of the Secretary of State, confirms its belief that the granting of funding as envisaged in the report now submitted is likely to achieve the promotion and improvement of the social and environmental well-being of residents of the South East Community Assembly Area;

(b) allocates the following sums from the 2012/13 South East Community Assembly Discretionary Budget, subject to final confirmation of the budget:

- Area wide mail-out – £6500
- BMX Track – £25,000
- Key youth projects – £11,000
- Commissioned youth projects – £25,000
- Youth Choose – £10,000

- Health Champions – £11,000
- Older people's worker – £18,000
- Environmental Improvements – £15,000
- Enforcement officer – £16,500
- Clean up work – maximum of £25,000
- Emerging issues fund – £41,000;

(c) delegates authority to the South East Community Assembly Manager, in consultation with the Chair, to work up and agree the details of the proposed allocations and projects set out in the report now submitted, and

(d) authorises the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, to agree the terms on which all funding referred to in the report now submitted is made available and to enter into such funding agreements with recipients of the funding and any other related agreements or arrangements, and on such terms, that s/he considers appropriate.

### 7.3 **Reasons for the Decision**

7.4 The purpose of the Discretionary Budget is to help fulfil the priorities of the South East Assembly Community Plan, which have been identified through consultation with local residents, groups and partners.

The South East Assembly Community Plan priorities are:

- Improving the environment
- Better community facilities
- More things for young people to do
- Reducing anti-social behaviour

All the projects proposed for funding contribute to one or more of these priorities.

Members have to decide which projects will provide maximum impact and best value for money, in a context of reduced funds being available.

### 7.5 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

7.6 Several alternative projects have been considered, but are not currently recommended for funding, and are detailed below-

Project not currently	Cost	Comments
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<b>recommended for support</b>		
11.1 Funding for Health Trainer	£15,000	Would support the work of the Health Champions but should be mainstream provision
11.2 Funding for CAB Benefits advice worker	£15,000	Funded in 2011/12 on the basis that it was bridge funding while other funding sources were investigated

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 8.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the South East Community Assembly would be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 at 7 pm at a venue in the Woodhouse Ward to be confirmed.

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