

SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Meeting held Thursday 5th July 2012 at Handsworth Grange School

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker, Tony Downing, Karen McGowan, Mick Rooney, Jackie Satur, and Ian Saunders

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY**

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Chair of the Assembly (Councillor Ray Satur), Councillor David Barker be appointed to Chair the meeting and that Councillor David Barker be also appointed as the Deputy Chair of the South East Community Assembly for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

2. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

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

3. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair (Councillor Ray Satur) and Councillors Isobel Bowler, Denise Fox, Bryan Lodge, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris and Chris Rosling-Josephs.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

6.1 The minutes of the meeting of the South East Community Assembly held on 5th April 2012, were approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of the following paragraphs:-

“6.16 **(4) Waterthorpe Greenway Playing Fields**

6.17 The Assembly confirmed its continued support in maintaining the decision not to sell the Waterthorpe Greenway Playing Fields.”

- 6.2 Arising from consideration of the minutes, the Assembly noted that:-
- (a) The residents' consultation on the Thorpe Green Play Area had now been completed with 75% of respondents being in favour of its construction and a slight majority in favour of making an adjustment to its proposed location. A meeting was to take place in the area the following week to discuss how to proceed and it was hoped that the play area would be installed in early Autumn 2012.
 - (b) The Chair would speak to Councillor Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste and Streetscene, about the use of green waste sacks as an alternative to green waste bins, and report back.
 - (c) The Chair stated that he would find out when the Sheffield Development Framework additional site representations were to be placed before Cabinet and would report back.
 - (d) A part-time Enforcement Officer, working 2½ days per week, had been appointed and had been on a tour of the area that day. The officer would be establishing links with partners in due course and would deal with issues such as dog fouling and litter.
- 6.3 The minutes of the meeting of the South East Community Assembly held on 16th May 2012, were approved as a correct record.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

7.1 Petitions

No petitions were submitted to the Assembly.

7.2 Public Question

7.2.1 Provision of Community Facilities

The Chair indicated that Members and officers were willing to work with the questioner and community groups with regard to the provision of community facilities in the Assembly's area.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISIONS

8. SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2012/13

The Highways Link Manager and South East Community Assembly Manager submitted a joint report which set out ideas for spending the Assembly's allocation of £40,000 for Highways schemes in 2012/13 and any underspend carried forward from the 2011/12 budget.

8.1 Public Question

David Luck, Community Assembly Manager, listed the proposed locations for the Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) as being Retford Road, Beaver Hill Road, Sheffield Road, Beighton Road, Station Road and possibly Skelton Road. He added that the SIDs would be in place for two months at a time and that he would be looking at timescales for implementation and would report back.

8.2 Decision Taken

RESOLVED: That the South East Community Assembly:-

- (a) notes the information contained within the report and allocates the following sums from the South East Community Assembly Highways Budget 2012/13:
 - Speed Indication Device maintenance/installation of equipment for new sites £13,000
 - £5000 per Ward for small schemes; and
- (b) authorises the South East Community Assembly Manager, in conjunction with the Community Assembly Chair, to decide on the schemes to be funded from the Ward budgets now established.

8.3 Reasons For The Decision

The purpose of the Highways Budget is to respond to local requests for Highways improvements. Safe roads and pavements is one of the South East Assembly Community Plan priorities. The allocations proposed allow for the sound operation of Speed Indication Devices and the agreement of local small schemes whilst leaving scope for the Community Assembly to decide larger schemes at a later date.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- (a) No Ward budgets – This would involve Members considering all requests and would be unworkable.
- (b) Divide the whole budget into Ward allocations – This would not take into account variations in needs across the area and previous investment.

9. SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION ON SHEFFIELD HOMES SOUTH EAST AREA BOARD

The Community Assembly Manager submitted a report on the proposed nomination of two Members of the Community Assembly to serve on the Sheffield Homes South East Area Board.

9.1 **Decision Taken**

RESOLVED: That the South East Community Assembly:-

- (a) having regard to the positive views expressed by the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods about the proposal to nominate Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs and Councillor Denise Fox to the Sheffield Homes South East Area Board, nominates those two Members of the Assembly to these positions;
- (b) requests the Director of Modern Governance to refer these nominations to Full Council at the earliest opportunity; and
- (c) requests the Community Assembly Manager to complete the necessary paperwork to effect these appointments, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

9.2 **Reasons For The Decision**

The South East Community Assembly has been requested to nominate two Sheffield City Council appointees to the Sheffield Homes South East Area Board.

9.3 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

The South East Community Assembly could consider alternative nominees to the Councillors proposed.

NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

10. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

David Luck, Community Assembly Manager, reported as follows:-

- (a) There was a commitment to funding at least one 20 mph zone per Community Assembly up to a value of £40,000 and this was to be delivered between 2012 and 2014. This would cover signs and markings only and Members were considering options at Hackenthorpe and Charnock in more detail.
- (b) Amey had been appointed as contractor for the Streets Ahead PFI (Private Finance Initiative) Project. The agreement was for Amey to bring the City's highways up to an agreed standard over a 5 year period and maintain them over a period of 25 years. The work would include lighting, signage and trees as well as the highway and there would be a phased approach with all aspects covered at the same time. Residents would be given notice of when any works were to take place.

10.1 RESOLVED: That the South East Community Assembly notes the information reported.

11. **WOODHOUSE WARD REPORT**

David Luck, Community Assembly Manager, gave a presentation on activities in the Woodhouse Ward which included some statistical information, and information regarding the Health Champions Project and the activities of the Woodhouse Forum and Handsworth Forum. He also informed the Assembly of the Community First funding arrangements and provided details of the funded projects. David Luck also reported on the Handsworth Fun Day and the work of the Salvation Army, Handsworth Historical Society and Friends of Shirtcliffe. In conclusion, the Community Assembly was informed of a field being designated a QEII Field in Trust at Woodhouse Mill.

11.1 Public Questions

Responses to public questions were provided as follows:-

- (i) A member of the public indicated that the majority of Handsworth Park was owned by Ackroyd and Abbott.
- (ii) David Luck explained that the Emerging Issues Fund was an amount set aside per Ward for issues which arose. Community groups were able to apply for funds from this allocation but the need had to be demonstrable.

11.2 RESOLVED: That the South East Community Assembly:-

- (a) notes the information reported; and
- (b) welcomes the positive items reported, particularly in these times of financial stringency.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Assembly noted that its next meeting would be held on Thursday, 11th October 2012, at 7.00 pm at a venue in the Beighton Ward.

(NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval at a future meeting.)

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