

BROOMHILL ACTION NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Minutes of the Open management Meeting held on Tuesday March 10th 2014 at the Broomhill Methodist Church Rainbow Room.

Present: Howard Fry, Lee Kenny, Wendy Jenrick, Barbara Hickman, Alan Wellings, Emily Pieters, Vicky Seddon, Ann Watkinson, Gerry Penney, Ann Coult.

Apologies: Paul Sanderson, Edwin Self.

Lee Kenny chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting held on February 10th 2014: were approved.

Matters Arising:

Westbourne Road tree trimming received retrospective approval.

Round Table Issues:

District Centre: all quiet. Some concern expressed re the 10- bedroom 303 Fulwood Road property and potential planning changes. No news re plans for the old Westbourne House Hotel, now a private property.

Highways: Taptonville Road improvements are completed. No further news re the new lighting in zoned areas now completed by Amey. There is lighting missing on the gennell from Manchester Road to Fulwood Road, and much graffiti. Reporting via the 'fixmystreet' website brings a good response and action.

Hallam Towers: no further news.

BBEST: several developments: BBEST is now incorporated as a limited company with a bank account and can access grants of up to £7000. A pilot housing survey is under way, starting in Westbourne Road area and in the Moor Oaks triangle to try out the methodology and train the surveyors. Student volunteers will undertake the whole survey in the autumn. BBEST's amended constitution has now been accepted by SCC.

Tapton: the new development plans have not been satisfactorily modified in response to many criticisms, notably those of English Heritage. The development plans have just been tweaked. There is much disappointment and Emily P has met Trevor Sullivan of the Planning Dept to express concerns re the failure of the consultation process. The southern part of the site is still poorly designed with inappropriate materials but it is feared that SCC will be overwhelmed by the persistence of Taylor Wimpey and DLG, their legal consultants. Objections should emphasise that this development is far worse than the original Miller Homes plans which were approved. The DLG response from RB contains factual inaccuracies. The Planning Board meets on 1st April and there is concern that the decision will not be made on planning terms and that insufficient attention will be paid to the irreversible damage that will be done to one of the most architecturally impressive corners of Sheffield. This development conflicts with the Broomhill Conservation Area Management Plan adopted by the SCC.

Boundary Changes Consultation: This ends in mid April so presentations have a tight deadline. Ward boundaries will be altered so that elector numbers balance.

The next meeting of BANG is on Tuesday 8th April with the AGM on 13th May 2014

