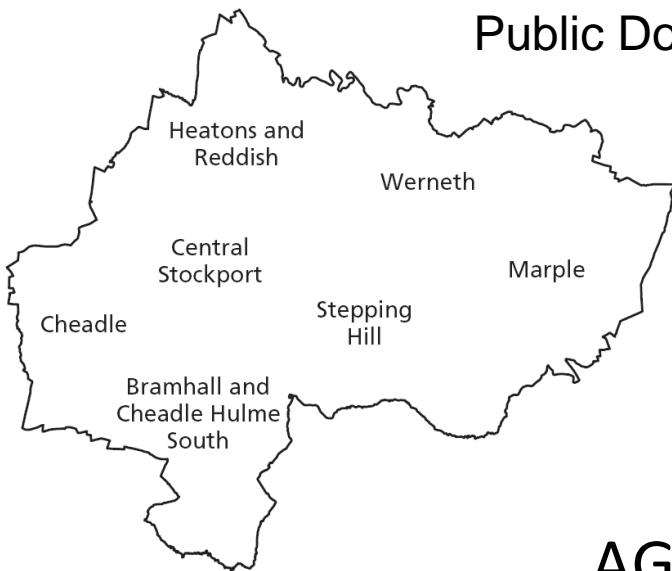


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## Area Governance

# AGENDA

### **BRINNINGTON AND REDDISH JOINT WARD COMMITTEE**

Committee Room 3 - Town  
Hall

Meeting: Thursday, 2nd June, 2011

Tea: 5.00 pm

Business: 6.00 pm

#### Introductions

#### **1 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

To elect a Chair of the Joint Ward Committee until the next Annual Council meeting.

#### **2 MINUTES**

(Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2011.

#### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and Officers to declare any interests which they may have in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting.

#### **4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

##### (i) **Chairs Announcements**

To receive announcements from the Chair about local community events or issues.

##### (ii) **Neighbourhood Policing**

Councillors and members of the public are invited to raise 'Neighbourhood Policing' issues with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

##### (iii) **Public Question Time**

Members of the public are invited to put questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice. (Questions must be

submitted prior to the commencement of the meeting on the cards provided. These are available at the meeting and at local libraries and Information and Advice Centres)

(iv) **Open Forum**

No organisation has indicated that they wish to address the Joint Ward Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(v) **Petitions**

To receive petitions from members of the public and community groups.

(vi) **Ward Flexibility Funding**

To consider applications for Ward Flexibility Funding or to receive feedback from organisations who have received funding.

(a) Two applications from the Friends of the Vale

**5 TAME VALLEY DEFENCE GROUP**

(Pages 5 - 6)

This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of representatives of Tame Valley Defence Group.

A hard copy of information previously collated pertaining to the previous review will be circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

**The Joint Ward Committee is requested to consider and comment on the report.**

**6 REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK RANGER UPDATE**

(Pages 7 - 14)

To consider a report of the Service Director (Communities)

The report summarises the public events that took place at Reddish Vale Country Park and the number of visitors that visited the centre during the period from 1 January to 20 May 2011.

**The Joint Ward Committee is requested to consider and comment in the report.**

Officer Contact: Alexandra Krause 477 5637

**7 THE LEGACY LEFT BY FRANK BRAMWELL**

This item has been placed on the Agenda at the request of Councillor Andrew Verdeille.

The Service Director (Communities) will submit a report at the meeting.

**8 UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY FUNDING**

This item has been placed on the Agenda at the request of Councillor Andrew Verdeille.

## **9 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To agree dates for future meetings of the Ward Committee.

## **10 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

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# Agenda Item 2

## **BRINNINGTON & REDDISH JOINT WARD COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 7 February 2011

At: 6.00 pm

### PRESENT

Councillor Walter Brett (Chair) in the Chair, Councillors Anne Graham, Tom Grundy, Maureen Rowles, Peter Scott, Andrew Verdeille and David Wilson.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 15 November 2010 were approved as a correct record.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### (i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported that the 'Pride in the Heatons & Reddish Awards' would be held on Monday, 7 March 2011 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall Ball Room and invited Councillors and members of the public to submit nominations to Democratic Services for the following categories by Friday, 11 February 2011:-

- Beyond the Call of Duty at Work (for excellent customer service)
- Contribution to Sport
- Environment Champion
- Keeping Streets Safe
- Volunteer of the Year
- Carer of the Year

#### (ii) Neighbourhood Policing

PCSO Chris Noble (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to Neighbourhood Policing issues within the Brinnington & Reddish Wards. The following issues were raised / comments made:-

- PC Jane Rendell and PCSO Chris Noble had taken over responsibility for the Reddish Vale area from PC Lee Scott.
- Ongoing incidents with off road biking and usage of air rifles in the vicinity of Reddish Vale Country Park.
- The mobile police unit had recently been deployed within Reddish Vale Country Park to combat anti social behaviour.
- Notices had been placed in Reddish Vale Country Park in an attempt to discourage anti social behaviour relating to sexual activity.

RESOLVED – That PC Chris Noble be thanked for his attendance.

(iii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to submit questions on any matters within the powers and duties of the Ward Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

One public question was submitted asking which Council service was responsible for the installation of grit bins in Reddish Vale Country Park.

A representative of the Service Director (Communities) explained that the land in question on Reddish Vale Road was an unadopted highway and therefore the Highways Department would not grit the road. The Communities department (Parks, Sport and Cemeteries) was responsible for gritting the section of the road owned by Parks. It was felt that installing a grit bin on the road was not viable because there was a risk that the grit could be stolen as this had happened at several locations in the borough last winter.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Service Director (Legal & Property) be requested to attend the next Joint Ward Committee to discuss the legal status of Reddish Vale Road.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Area Flexibility Funding

A representative of the Head of Area Governance reported that there were no applications to consider.

#### **4. REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK RANGER UPDATE**

A representative of the Service Director (Communities) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) summarising the public events which had taken place at Reddish Vale Country Park and the number of other incidents and achievements during the period from October 2010 to December 2010. The following comments / issues were made:-

- Excellent attendance figures in October and November 2010 although the bad weather had affected visitor numbers and events during December.
- Ongoing partnership working with the Probation Service.
- Ongoing incidents with off road biking in the vicinity of Reddish Vale Country Park.
- Theft of three metal barriers on the Trans Pennine Trail, Reddish Vale Country Park.
- Working closely with Greater Manchester Police to combat anti social behaviour.
- The possibility of whether a small centre could be built at Tiviot Way which would act as a deterrent for anti social behaviour in the vicinity of Reddish Vale Country Park.
- Discussions were ongoing with partners regarding a bicycle hire scheme at the Visitors' Centre.

- The CBeebies filming that was carried out last year at the Community Garden in Reddish Vale Country Park had been broadcast. A display at the Visitor Centre about this had been put together with help from Phil Kinsey.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that Alexandra Krause and the Reddish Vale Country Park volunteers be thanked for their effort and hard work at Reddish Vale Country Park.

## **5. THE LEGACY LEFT BY MR FRANK BRAMWELL TO STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

A representative of the Service Director (Communities) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing suggestions for how the legacy bequest by Mr Frank Bramwell for South Reddish Park and Reddish Vale Country Park could be spent. The following comments were made/ issues discussed:-

- The proposal to install a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and a retractable canopy for the bowling pavilion for South Reddish Park had been well received by the 'Friends of South Reddish Park'.
- Strongly suggested that a memorial plaque would be a good way of commemorating Frank Bramwell's legacy eternally in South Reddish Park and Reddish Vale Country Park.
- Expressed support for the 'wetland creation' project, 'Mill Lane / Visitor Centre triangle' improvement project, 'Sunnyside pond dipping platform' replacement scheme and the 'bottom reservoir wildlife habitat' improvements.
- Sunnyside Woods restoration project was well received and a request for the area to be made more accessible for disabled visitors and replanting of bluebells was recommended.
- It was acknowledged that the Visitor Centre would require significant repairs in the next few years following a survey of the building by NPS last November. The preferred option would be to secure funding to replace it with a new building, however this would be likely to be in the region of half a million pounds. Members did not wish to see the Legacy money being used for short term reacting repairs or refurbishment of the Visitors Center.
- Concerns were raised in respect to the proposals for new signage and branding in the park being damaged by anti social behaviour.
- Public consultation should be carried out in respect to the distribution of the legacy bequest by Frank Bramwell at Reddish Vale Country Park. Literature and posters should be advertised in the Visitors Centre, on the Stockport Council's website and the Reddish Vale Country Park website.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that Frank Bramwell's family be thanked for his bequest.

## **6. ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY MEETINGS UPDATE**

A representative of the Head of Area Governance reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Andrew Verdeille.

A representative of the Service Director (Communities) provided an update in respect to meetings which had taken place with the Environmental Agency. Discussions had taken place in late 2010 and funding applications had been submitted to the Environment Agency to improve the wetland area and also create disabled fishing pegs at the reservoirs. The outcome of these applications would be known later in the year and reported back to this Ward Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

### **7. THE CONDITION OF THE VISITORS CENTRE, REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK**

A representative of the Head of Area Governance reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Andrew Verdeille.

The Chair suggested that the item had been addressed during consideration of Agenda Item 5 – ‘The Legacy Left by Mr Frank Bramwell to Stockport Council’ earlier in the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

### **8. COUNCILLOR PETER SCOTT**

The Chair reminded the Joint Ward Committee that this would be the last meeting at which Councillor Peter Scott would attend as he was standing down at the next election. On behalf of the Joint Ward Committee the Chair thanked Councillor Scott for his commitment and hard work during his tenure as a Reddish North Ward Councillor.

### **9. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED -That the Head of Area Governance be requested to include the following items on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Update on the Environmental Agency funding
- The legacy left by Frank Bramwell

### **10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

RESOLVED - That the Head of Area Governance in consultation with the Chair be requested to identify a suitable date for the next meeting of the Brinnington & Reddish Joint Ward Committee and that the date be circulated to members at the earliest opportunity.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.



## TAME VALLEY DEFENCE GROUP

### Report on issues affecting users of Reddish Vale Country Park

In March 2008 the councillors decided that the number of issues affecting RVCP had developed into a Community Call for Action. It was decided to hold regular review meetings to tackle the various problems. Statement evidence was collated and sent to democratic services to be presented to the Tame Valley Councillors. TVDG drew the attention of the Parks Department to the following issues:-

Staffing,  
Vandalism affecting biodiversity in Sunnyside Woods,  
The pond habitat that was regarded as an absolute priority in 2005/6,  
Access along Reddish Vale Road,  
A growing state of irregularity concerning the control of fishing,

These were the priority issues.

Today, we have exactly the same problems:

We were told that the woodland would be fenced off to effect a restoration **two years ago**. This has not yet been done.

The plan for reinstating the nesting areas in the centre of the lower pond that **was planned in 2006** by Graham Pollard, who produced encouraging plans for this, has not yet been started and we have not seen any plans since then.

The tenants of Reddish Vale Farm have now built the bridleway across the field, but **this has not changed the number of horses using the road** or lessened the problems at all.

There is now **no one to act as bailiff** for the fishing ponds, which seems to have made a member of staff available for staffing other parks where an amenity that produces revenue is of paramount importance.

These issues are the salient issues. They are discussed at length in the document that was presented to committee along with statement evidence in 2008.

We accept that the Parks department have undertaken and carried out other work than that referred to here but three years ago these were the issues that were considered important by the active community. They still are.

Tame Valley Defence Group Executive Committee members:

Pat Ruaune, Carol Plunkett, Marie Davies, Edward O'Hara, Jackie Gallagher

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## **REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK RANGER UPDATE**

### **Report of the Service Director (Environment)**

#### **1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

The report summarises the public events that took place at Reddish Vale Country Park and the number of visitors that visited the centre during the period from the 1 January to 20 May 2011.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Anyone requesting additional information should telephone Alexandra Krause on 0161 477 5637

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**REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK - Senior Ranger's report - 1st of January to 20th of May 201**

		January			February		
	04/01/11	Health Walk Group	20	01/02/11	Health Walk Group	20	01/03/11
	06/01/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk	20	02/02/11	Course fruit tree pruning	9	01/03/11
	07/01/11	Orchard tree planting	15	03/02/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk - tree planting	15	03/03/11
	08/01/11	Task Day	6	05/02/11	Task day hedge laying	0	05/03/11
	08/01/10	Stockport Ramblers	20	08/02/11	Health Walk Group	18	08/03/11
	08/01/11	Wildlife Watch - Tree Planting	6	10/02/11	Course willow weaving	5	08/03/11
	09/01/11	Hit the trail - Belle Vue Runners	150	10/02/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk		10/03/11
	09/01/11	Orchard tree planting	6	12/02/11	Manchester Mountain Bikers	17	13/03/11
	11/01/11	Health Walk Group	16	13/02/11	Art in the Park Trash t treasure with a Valentine Twist	30	15/03/11
	11/01/11	St. Bernadette's school	23	15/02/11	Health Walk Group	18	15/03/11
	12/01/11	St. Bernadette's school	21	15/02/11	Creative crochet	20	16/03/11
	13/01/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk	15	16/02/11	Stockport walkers	12	17/03/11
	18/01/11	Health Walk Group	18	17/02/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk	16	22/03/11
	20/01/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk	15	20/02/11	Orchard tree planting	2	22/03/11
	22/01/11	Galleon Ramblers	8	22/02/11	Health Walk Group	18	24/03/11
	25/01/11	Health Walk Group	20	23/02/11	Wildlife watch - Bird Boxes	18	29/03/11
	27/01/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk	17	27/02/11	Owls in the Park	30	29/03/11
	29/01/11	Big Garden Bird Watch	10				31/03/11

**Public Events**

	29/01/11	Wildlife Watch - Watching Birds	25	Total	248
<b>Visitors to the Visitor Centre</b>			431		
			887	856	
<b>Volunteers</b>		98 (713 hours)		200 (Including Princes Trust) (1194 hours)	
<b>Education sessions</b>				1 (50 children)	
		Wetland restoration initiated - ditch clearance, scrape and pond digging		Paths resurfaced - Jack and Jill entrance to TPT by tunnel	TPT resurfaced Visitor Ce
		Partnership with Environment Agency for wetland restoration project		New formal and informal orchards: Lapwing Lane, Woodhall Fields, Triangle at the Visitor Centre, The Clough, Tiviot Dale	New forma Lane, Wood Cent
		Grant secured by the Friends of the Vale: Big Lottery Fund, £6,500 towards community engagement in the improvement of site entrances from Brinnington		Grant secured from the Environment Agency towards the implementation of the wetland restoration project £5,000	Path work Jack and Ji seating area
		Grant secured by the Friends of the Vale: Brinnington's 'You Say We Pay', £1050, towards the delivery of 20 Arts in the Park sessions in partnership with ARC plus free transport for Brinnington residents		Path works on the Tiviot End of the Park - Jack and Jill, Weir (including hardstanding at seating area), Bodmin Crescent (including step restoration)	Bank and
<b>Achievements</b>		Path works on the Tiviot End of the Park - Jack and Jill, Weir (including hardstanding at seating area), Bodmin Crescent (including step restoration)		Woodland thinning at Woodhall	Ongoing p
		Drainage issues sorted at millpond reservoirs		Partnership with Princes Trust - week long volunteer group project and two-week placements	Ongoing (
		Ongoing partnership with Wildlife Trusts (Wildlife Watch initiative)		Ongoing partnership with Wildlife Trusts (Wildlife Watch initiative)	Ongoing p:

	Ongoing partnership with ARC - Arts in the Park Ongoing partnership with Probation Service	Ongoing partnership with ARC - Arts in the Park Ongoing site repairs
<b>Incidents</b>	Ongoing site repairs Bricks falling from viaduct Motorbikes - 5 Drug related - 2 Vandalism - 1 Theft - 1 Guns - 2 Anti-social behaviour sexual nature - 1 Fire - Electric Bridge Unauthorised camping and associated fire and litter - 2	Ongoing partnership with Probation Service Brick work and mortar fell on two volunteers Motorbikes -5 Drug-related - 3 Theft - gates
<b>Fly tipping</b>	1 - 320 kg	3 - 620 kg
<b>Wildlife related incidents</b>	White domestic goose found injured by overflow.	Sick rabbit found on site

March		April		May	
Health Walk Group	20	02/04/11	Task day - Butterfly Park - raking	03/05/11	Health Walk Group
Creative Crochet	18	05/04/11	Health Walk Group	03/05/11	Creative Crochet
Parents and Toddlers Walk	15	07/04/11	Art in the Park - Art activities for children and their families	05/05/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk
Task day Step building	0	10/04/11	Cycling course	07/05/11	Task day - Bench Painting
Health Walk Group	17	12/04/11	Health Walk Group	10/05/11	Health Walk Group
Creative Crochet	16	14/04/11	Art in the Park - Art activities for children and their families	10/05/11	Creative Crochet
Parents and Toddlers Walk	14	16/04/11	Wildlife Watch - Bug Hunt	11/05/11	Bat Walk
Wildlife watch - Mud monsters	12	19/04/11	Health Walk Group	12/05/11	Parents and Toddlers Walk
Health Walk Group	20	22/04/11	Easter Event + Art in the Park	14/05/11	RSPB Bird Walk - Looking for Summer Migrants
Creative Crochet	15	26/04/11	Health Walk Group	15/05/11	Wildlife Watch - Family Pond Dip
Stockport Walkers	17			16/05/11	St Kentingan's self-lead visit
Parents and Toddlers Walk	16				
Health Walk Group	16				
Creative Crochet	16				
Art in the Park - Art activities for children and their families	25				
Health Walk Group	18				
Creative Crochet	15				
Art in the Park - Art activities for children and their families	20				



Total	290	Total	413	Total (until the 16th of May)	185
1403		2636		1207 (until the 20th of May)	
134 (934 hours)		111 (814 hours)		61 (239.5) (Until the 20th of May)	
		1 (28 Children)		4 (182 children) (Until the 20th of May)	
ced Hollow End - steps towards the Centre (funds obtained from Public Rights of Way)		New HLF funded Assistant Ranger started		New partnership with Childrens' Centre - delivering activities at Lapwing Lane Orchard	
al and informal orchards: Lapwing dhall Fields, Triangle at the Visitor re, The Clough, Tiviot Dale		Legacy Consultation started		Legacy Consultation (finished 20 May)	
cs on the Tiviot End of the Park - ill, Weir (including hardstanding at ), Bodmin Crescent (including step restoration)		Algae control at Sunnyside and Nicky's pond		Access works - including amenity grass mowing, path verges and furniture strimming	
l drainage works at Nicky's Pond		Cycling leaders training in partnership with Sports Trust		Ongoing partnership with Wildlife Trusts (Wildlife Watch initiative)	
partnership with ARC - Arts in the Park		Easter event		Ongoing partnership with ARC - Arts in the Park	
partnership with Wildlife Trusts (Wildlife Watch initiative)		Butterfly Park grassland management		Ongoing partnership with Probation Service	
partnership with Probation Service		Ongoing partnership with Wildlife Trusts (Wildlife Watch initiative)			

Ongoing site repairs	Ongoing site repairs	
	Ongoing partnership with Probation Service	
	Ongoing partnership with ARC - Arts in the Park	
Motorbikes -11 Drug-related - 1 Attempted break-in - 1 Theft - 1	Attempted suicide -1 Anti-social behaviour sexual nature / serious incident - 1 Criminal damage/vandalism - 1 Unauthorised camping and associated fire and litter - 5 Fire - 4 (Including Green Man and heath) Motorbikes - 2	Motorbikes - 2 (until the 20th of May) Theft - 1 (Temporary bridge)
5 - 2480 kg	3 - 980 kg	2 - 260 kg (until the 20th of May)
Damage to swan eggs	-	Injured white domestic goose (dog attack) Injured Canada goose (fishing hook) Dead hybrid mallard duck (fox attack?) Dead mallard duck (dog attack?)