

LSP Board
20 July 2006
The Crossing
1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
MINUTES

Present:

Chair	Michael Quigley, Leader, Bassetlaw District Council
Vice Chair	Michael Newstead, Director, BCVS
John Berridge	Chair of the Nottinghamshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team
John Connolly	Vice-Principal North Nottinghamshire College representing Phil Fone
Jacqui Colquitt	Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council representing Rachel Quinn
Jill Davies	Inspector, Nottinghamshire Police B Division representing Richard Johnson
Richard Edwards	Neighbourhood Pathfinder Manager
Pauline Elliott	Chair of Social and Community Development Sub-Group, Bassetlaw District Council
Nigel Hamshere	Assistant Director of Regeneration, Nottinghamshire County Council
David Hunter	Acting Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council
Liz Jefferies	National Association of Local Councils
Paul Learoyd	Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Greg Morrall	Neighbourhood Management, Government Office for the East Midlands
Roger Ranson	Acting Chair of the Economic Development Sub-Group
Sharon Stoltz	Assistant Director of Public Health, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
Lynn Tupling	Retford Action Centre, Chair of the Environment Sub-Group
Fran Walker	Consultant, North Nottinghamshire College
Gillian Blenkinsop	Bassetlaw District Council
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council

Visiting Speakers

Lisa Fernehough	Dig for Fire
Neil Dodds	Nottinghamshire Police B Division
Craig Edson	Alliance SSP

Apologies:

Bernard Coleman	Managing Director of A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd
Nigel Clifton	Chief Executive, Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust
Phil Fone	Chief Executive, North Nottinghamshire College
Keith Jones	Group Manager, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Richard Johnson	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police B Division
Mary Mitchell	Hospitals Manager, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Louise Newcombe	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
Rachel Quinn	Deputy Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council
Tom Stockwell	North Nottinghamshire Job Centre Plus
Mick Storey	Chair of Education, Nottinghamshire County Council

179. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 April and matters arising

Minutes agreed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

180. SSP Presentation

Market Towns

Craig Edson from the Alliance SSP set out a funding opportunity for Local Strategic Partnerships.

Bassetlaw could benefit from £97,478 of investment for its market towns over the financial years 2006/7 and 2007/8 if it can identify 50% match funding and if it can be demonstrated that projects will result in economic benefits.

The areas in Bassetlaw that could benefit are: -

Carlton in Lindrick
 Retford
 Harworth/Bircotes
 Langold
 Misterton
 Tuxford

Roger Ranson said that he would lead this piece of work on behalf of the Board.

A Managing Agent will also be appointed to bring forward capital projects to LSP Boards. The Managing Agent will be appointed in the next few weeks.

Roger is asked to bring an update to the next meeting of the Board in October.

Sub-Regional Investment Plan (SRIP)

This document was still in draft. It set out the vision and priorities for the Sub-Region and its links to EMDA's Regional Economic Strategy. It also highlighted the strengths and opportunities facing the area as well as weaknesses and threats. This was also personalised to Bassetlaw – see the attached presentation.

The Board members who are participating in the SSP issue groups were encouraged to continue as this is a large area of influence.

SSP/LSPs Liaison Group will monitor projects commissioned as part of the SRIP.

The document, however, explained that the SSP had seen a number of their roles diminished regarding commissioning and managing project planning. They had also seen significant staffing cuts which was also identified as a key risk.

Roger Ranson is asked to keep the Board apprised of developments with regard to the SRIP that impact on the District and the Bassetlaw LSP.

181. Skills 2006

Fran summarised some of the highlights of the month and showed slides of the gala dinner. Everyone agreed that the event had been a success and had been much enjoyed.

It was confirmed that a local poet who shared some of her work at the gala dinner would have her work published and this would be sponsored by the County Council.

The gala dinner had also raised £1,300 for the Blue Bell hospice appeal. A presentation of this cheque would take place over the next few weeks.

The month had also generated interest from the National Westminster bank. They wish to be more involved in the area and could support future initiatives. Fran will provide a further update on this.

Fran said that she would do a more formal report for future reference.

182. Migrant Workers

Michael Newstead added to the paper that had been circulated to the Board.

He confirmed that work was ongoing regarding establishing a baseline of numbers of migrant workers in the District and on producing user friendly information for migrant workers and their families.

Jill Davies was involved in the information group along with County education officers and the PCT. Copies of this information would be brought back to the Board. Ambitions Recruitment interpreters were assisting with this work to make sure what was produced was user friendly and useful to the migrant workers.

He asked that the District Council try and assist with sourcing suitable premises for Ambitions Recruitment. The company wanted a town centre 2000 sq ft of floor space with a shop frontage to run an improved recruitment base. This would involve interpretation services, training and induction as well as the usual recruitment functions.

Gillian Blenkinsop had already approached the Council. Roger made a suggestion of the snooker hall in Worksop as a possible location. Gillian would pass the contact details for Ambitions to Roger Ranson's Economic Development Team to progress. **Any other organisations who own or**

have knowledge of a suitable site should contact Gillian Blenkinsop at gillian.blenkinsop@bassetlaw.gov.uk.

Michael also asked that the Board give their backing to be involved in an event being organised by the Worksop Rotary Club for overseas students in the autumn. This would provide another view point of life in the District.

The Board agreed to this involvement. Michael would contact relevant Board members regarding what support was needed nearer the time.

183. Update on the Pride Project

An update on the Pride project was received from Lisa from Dig for Fire. The Place I Love postcard book was circulated. The Board thought this had been an excellent piece of work and everyone liked the book. Roger Ranson made the suggestion that there was an independent bookseller in Retford that may wish to sell the book. Initially the books will go on sale in WH Smiths in both Retford and Worksop.

Regular updates on the remaining projects within this programme will be brought back to future Board meetings.

Roger also mentioned youth theatre groups in the District that may be able to assist with the theatre tour. This would be followed up by Gillian Blenkinsop.

184. Neighbourhood Policing

Neil Dodds from Nottinghamshire Police B Division set out the agenda for neighbourhood policing as part of the Government's review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

From 2008 every area will be expected to be served by a neighbourhood team. This was a new way to engage communities and would involve proactive approaches like street meetings.

The teams will be known as 'Safer Neighbourhoods Teams'. Neighbourhood teams would comprise a beat officer plus a number of Police Community Support Officers.

A recruitment drive was no underway for PCSOs but there would be a time delay until all these posts were filled due to security checks etc.

A complete timetable for the roll out of these structures was not available at the meeting but they were due to commence in Manton and Harworth in Bassetlaw imminently. The Safer Neighbourhoods Teams would be based around police beat areas. There was some evidence that this type of approach was already working well in Manton and would be strengthened by this new proposal.

The issues that the public will identify to improve an area will cover issues much wider than crime and community safety.

John Berridge said that the DAAT was already considering how to respond to this neighbourhood agenda.

Neil was looking for a commitment from partners. Neil could not say exactly which partners would be needed to participate at this stage.

Concerns were raised about the limited powers of the PCSOs. Neil said that later this year PCSOs will have the powers of detention.

Concern about resources being taken away from Bassetlaw to serve the needs of the City was also raised. Mike Quigley asked could the BLSP write on this subject. Jill Davies said that this had been done and nothing could be added by the BLSP.

Gillian suggested that Neil write to key partners with the timetable for the roll out of neighbourhood policing with an indication of what support he was looking for. Partners would need to align resources and they would need to plan for this. Neil made a commitment to do this.

185. Feedback from the Sub-Groups

The following points were highlighted: -

Community Safety

- Verbal commitment to invest a further £30k into the Bassetlaw area to tackle anti-social behaviour and domestic violence had been received from the County Council.
- A joint partnership structure for the Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnerships and the Bassetlaw Community Safety Partnerships would be considered in August.

A need to maintain a local focus was stressed by Sharon Stoltz.

Environment

- Group now produced magazine called Evergreen which promotes environmental good practice with businesses
- Recommended the re-establishment of a transport group to deal with the work being carried out by the Integrated Transport Project led by County, the Rural Excellence Scheme being led by the District Council and the Accessibility Planning and Transport Planning being led by the County.

Joanne Wilson will convene a meeting of interested parties to update on progress of transport initiatives.

Economic Regeneration

- Group had been involved in the review of areas receiving assisted area status
- NCC funding for new buses for the Robin Hood airport routes. The options are to have standard buses which would be available for Jan/March 2007 or low emission buses which would not be available until June/July 2007
- Priory Centre investment plan has planning permission
- Farmers Market for Worksop
- Continental Market for Retford July 2006
- Potential mothballing of Harworth colliery

- New trail leaflet for Pilgrim Fathers trail

Health

- Currently reviewing action plan to take account of the LAA Healthier Communities and Older People's block
- Had proposed an event for 12 October but would look to re-schedule due to clash with Board event
- A question was raised re the use of methadone and alcohol. John Berridge said that resources are targeted at illicit drugs and that alcohol is only an illicit substance if sold to under 18 year olds. Jill Davies confirmed that she led initiatives that targeted the sale of alcohol by pubs and off licences. She said these had been successful. She did report that they were not receiving a positive response from parents in tackling alcohol misuse amongst young people. The DAAT had commissioned a report on alcohol use which was due out in September/October 2006. **John would report back on this to the Board.** He said that more money needed to be directed at PCTs to tackle alcohol misuse. Sharon Stoltz stated that it had been suggested that the Tobacco Alliance in Nottinghamshire should also tackle the issue of alcohol misuse. John Berridge stated that work had started on this with the Police leading, PCTs and Trading Standards involved. They are very new meetings and a lot of work still needs to be done.

Skills

No additional comments.

Children and Young People

Fran Walker expressed concerns that the Extended Schools and Children's Centres agenda was not being adequately picked up by any of the thematic groups. This would have to be addressed on 12 October 2006.

Michael Newstead was aware of a bid for Big Lottery funding for a play initiative. **Pauline Elliott said that she would involve Michael and others on consultation on this bid and report back on progress to the next Board.**

Manton

Richard reported that members of the community at Manton had run a workshop at a national evaluation event in London. This had received accolades from the Department of Communities and Local Government. The Pathfinder is being asked to do some pilot work on the Government's Respect agenda.

186. Local Area Agreements

Mike Quigley presented the paper to the Board. Mike explained that there would be only one local government representative on the Partnership Board although all Districts would be represented on the LAA Management Group.

John Berridge said that the governance arrangements need to be agreed asap. The target date for sign off of the Partnership Agreement and Operational arrangements is the end of September.

Sharon Stoltz said that most influence would be at the block level. She confirmed that she had called a meeting of relevant officers involved in the LAA from all partner organisations for 14 September 2006 to clarify local delivery of the LAA and to ensure appropriate feedback on the LAA to the Board.

John Berridge said that we should not be too distracted by the governance arrangements – for example most of his organisation's direction was coming from the National Drugs and Alcohol Strategy.

187. Partnership Improvement Programme

Michael Newstead that Bassetlaw had been part of this programme. The findings from the review had been fed back to the Minister of the Third Way at a Conference in June 2006. These actions would be fed into the development day for the partnership on 12 October 2006 and related to partnership protocols, funding for the community /voluntary sector and understanding of the LAA and the LSP by community and voluntary organisations.

188. Partnership Development Day

Would be held at Retford Town Hall on 12 October 2006. This would be an all day event starting at 9.30 and running until 3.30 pm

189. Items for Information

Were noted.

190. Date and time of next meeting

26 October 2006 – 1.00 pm.