

LSP Board
26 October 2006
The Fluid Power Centre, Carlton Road, Worksop
1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
MINUTES

Present:

Chair	Michael Quigley, Leader, Bassetlaw District Council
Vice Chair	Michael Newstead, Director, BCVS
John Connolly	Deputy Chief Executive, North Nottinghamshire College
Richard Edwards	Neighbourhood Pathfinder Manager, Manton Community Alliance
Pauline Elliott	Chair of Social and Community Development Sub-Group, Bassetlaw District Council
Phil Fone	Chief Executive, North Nottinghamshire College
Liz Jefferies	National Association of Local Councils
Paul Learoyd	Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Mary Mitchell	Hospitals Manager, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Louise Newcombe	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
Andy Pearson	Group Manager, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Rachel Quinn	Deputy Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council
Roger Ranson	Acting Chair of the Economic Development Sub-Group, Bassetlaw District Council
Mick Storey	Deputy Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council
Lynn Tupling	Manager, Retford Action Centre and Chair of the Environment Sub-Group
Bob Wallace	Strategic Partnership Services, Nottinghamshire County Council (County LSP Co-ordinator for the Bassetlaw area)
Fran Walker	Consultant, North Nottinghamshire College
Gillian Blenkinsop	Bassetlaw District Council
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council

Visiting Speakers

Kamini Patel	Working on behalf of the Princes Trust on the 'Health and Regeneration Strategy for Manton, Worksop and beyond'
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Apologies:

John Berridge	Chair of the Nottinghamshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team
Steve Calvert	Assistant Director of Environment and Strategy
Bernard Coleman	Managing Director of A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd
Nigel Clifton	Chief Executive, Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust
David Hunter	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council
Richard Johnson	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police B Division
Tom Stockwell	North Nottinghamshire Job Centre Plus
Sharon Stoltz	Deputy Director of Public Health, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust

191. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 July and matters arising

Minutes agreed as a true record.

Roger Ranson would be asked to advise on the Market Towns initiative when he arrived. Rachel Quinn confirmed the funding available for the Bassetlaw area for this financial year.

Due to time constraints Roger did not update at the meeting but can report as follows: -

Bassetlaw District Council officers have met with the appointed officer from Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council. Information has been forwarded to the Parish Councils making them aware of the lead role and potential support from the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council. One bid has been submitted by the Council and endorsed by the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership's Economic Regeneration thematic group to support access restrictions to the Retford Market Square. It is intended that this scheme will be implemented in the current financial year.

Discussions are still taking place with the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council and the Alliance SSP as to whether the first year allocations to LSPs can be rolled forward into next year if the full allocation for 2006/7 is not taken up in the District. It was originally understood that this would be possible if potential "swops" with other LSPs could be done although the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council now consider that this may not be possible..

Fran Walker confirmed that as stated in the minutes at 185 there was a need to see which thematic group of the LSP was linked to the Extended Schools and Children's Centres agenda.

192. Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership 'The Way Forward 2007 – 2009'

Dawn Reeves, from Inspira Consulting explained the work that had been ongoing over the summer and autumn 2006 to prepare the District for a new Sustainable Community Strategy 2007 – 2009.

There had been a series of meetings involving the Board, partners from the County leading the LAA process and a conference involving a wide cross section of members from the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership.

A number of key messages had come out of this work and these were outlined in the draft report that had been circulated to members of the Board.

The consensus was that the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership needed to focus its energies on a number of key priority areas. This activity would be driven by the Board. The central support provided by the Council would be directed to these priority areas.

The work in the Sub-Groups would continue but they would need to operate more autonomously. Reports to the Board would be on an exception basis i.e. if a particular group needed assistance from the Board to achieve an

objective. There was a need to build the capacity of a number of the Sub-Groups.

Dawn led the Board through the ten recommendations within the report.

Dawn asked the Board to rank their agreement between 1 – 5. With 5 showing total agreement with the recommendation and 1 showing total disagreement with the recommendation.

There was general agreement that the BLSP concentrate on a smaller number of partnership priority issues.

Dawn confirmed that further work needed to be done on the evidence base for the 3 suggested priority areas of: -

- Well-being and success of Children and Young People
- Alcohol (as an aspect of anti-social behaviour and health)
- Skills and worklessness

Councillor Storey expressed concerns that given the level of activity directed to Children and Young people there was doubt as to whether the Board could add any value. It was suggested that the Board could influence the Older Persons agenda more than the Children's agenda. This would be investigated as part of the data analysis work.

Despite the reservations about the Children's priority it was agreed that this issue would be explored further. If after further examination of the evidence and scoping meetings with key players it was found that there is not a role then the issue would not be adopted as a priority.

Fran Walker agreed to lead this area.

Roger Ranson and John Connolly agreed to lead the issue of skills and worklessness.

Louise Newcombe agreed to lead the issue of Alcohol.

Richard Edwards wished the Board to note the issue of localism. This was linked to a paper that had been circulated at the Board regarding the publication of the Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' which had been published that day.

Richard said that we should have a collective view on how to make our services more responsive to the needs of specific communities. This was an approach being followed in Manton. This linked to the community engagement agenda which the Board needed to again take a collective approach to. This could be taken as an item on a future BLSP agenda. This was seen as an integral part of how we should work in the future.

The other recommendations were agreed.

Gillian Blenkinsop asked if the County Council could support the collation of the evidence linked to the above priority areas and the suggested area of Older People.

Councillor Storey confirmed that this should be possible.

Gillian would follow this up.

The completion of this work should signal a new way of working for the BLSP.

Other points raised during the discussion included: -

- Partnership should be looking forward
- Identify opportunities to bring funding into the District
- Focus on strategic issues and joint learning
- BLSP Board to deal with blockages and barriers faced by Sub-Groups
- Seek opportunities to engage broader partners where appropriate
- Look for gaps in service provision locally – work to address these
- There should be democratic accountability for the BLSP
- Review information sources – go beyond usual sources. Phil Fone mentioned a banking source (Barclays report) that he had accessed for the College which gave a lot of interesting data on incomes/lifestyle issues. Other sources mentioned included NOMIS, Experion.
- We need to exchange and learn from good practice
- The BLSP has a co-ordinating role.
- John Latham from Lincoln City Council has offered to support the Partnership and mentor the “Champions” through the DCLG’s planning approach

193. Presentation from Kamini Patel

Kamini Patel, representing the Prince’s Foundation for the Built Environment, took the Board through the attached presentation which set out a vision for Manton, Worksop and beyond.

The Prince’s Foundation for the Built Environment was originally invited to work with stakeholders in Worksop to progress the design of a new Centre for Sport and Learning, aimed at helping young people to succeed.

Following an initial scoping day with key stakeholders in February 2006 it became clear that a broader health and regeneration strategy was needed. The aim of the proposal is to raise poor levels of health and attainment.

A further 3 day design workshop was held at the end of April to move these proposals forward.

From this a series of vision packages were drawn up based on 3 sites. They are intended to form the basis of funding bids to facilitate the proposed developments.

Site A – Retford Road, Worksop – Manton Colliery Athletic and Sports Academy - multi-purpose sports area, marina, nature reserve and green corridor to town centre.

Kamini explained that a consultant had already been engaged to work on this part of the project.

Site B – Manton Garden Suburb – Shrewsbury Road – adjacent to the existing Youth and Community Centre - a community farm, garden improvement scheme and improvements to the existing community centre.

Discussions are taking place between a local supplier and to see whether any interest can be generated to progress the idea of the community farm. This work is being co-ordinated by the Manton Community Alliance.

Site C – The Centre for Sport and Learning (Newgate Street) - a sustainable new build as a centre for exercise, socialising, learning and relaxation. A business plan is being drawn up. Both the County and District Council are supporting this. Nothing will be progressed unless it can be proven that the scheme is viable and sustainable in the longer term.

Board response

The Board were more comfortable with the proposals for Sites A and B but there was a great deal of concern about the viability of The Centre for Sport and Learning – Site C. With the development of Sports Centres as part of the PFI, the existence of community facilities like The Crossing and The Circle there was a view that the facility would be under-utilised. There was also a private club on Retford Road as part of the B&Q development.

Councillor Storey expressed disappointment about some inaccuracies in the documents i.e. no recognition of the existence of the Don Valley Stadium. He said that to be successful this approach would need the support at a senior level i.e. the Sports Minister.

Michael Newstead confirmed the need for a GP practice in Manton.

Phil Fone said that success centred around what can and can't be funded. He said that organisations would need to balance the financial risks to their own organisations if they were to support these projects.

The use of endowment funding was mentioned but Paul Learoyd advised that vast sums of money would be needed in an endowment to fund the projects outlined.

Some concern was expressed about the use of organisations logos on the document. Kamini confirmed that drafts of the document had been sent to all organisations whose logos had been used. Louise Newcombe confirmed that the document had been taken to the PCT Board.

A steering group is in place to progress these proposals. Anyone wishing to be more actively involved in these plans should contact Kamini at cslworksop@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01909 488993.

Action

If anyone had any information that could support the progression of the above proposals then please send any information to Gillian Blenkinsop at gillian.Blenkinsop@bassetlaw.gov.uk

194. Public Health Event – 10 January 2007

Richard Edwards drew members attention to this item. A Keynote speaker needed to be confirmed for the environment slot. Gillian Blenkinsop suggested that we should look to promote our own experts on environmental issues i.e. Paul Learoyd from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

195. Date and time of next meeting

A meeting date of 25 January was proposed but this has now been changed to 1 February, at the Crossing, Newcastle Street, Worksop due to meeting clashes.