

**BLSP Economic Regeneration Sub-Group
4th December 2008
3.30pm
The Turbine Innovation Centre, Shireoaks**

MINUTES

Attending:

R. Wilkinson (Chair)	Bassetlaw District Council (EDU)
K. Isard	Bassetlaw District Council
J. Rose	Bassetlaw District Council (EDU)
D. Watson	Bassetlaw District Council (EDU)
E. Watt	Bassetlaw District Council
R. Mure	Connexions
F. Walker	North Notts College
R. Slater	Bassetlaw District Council (EDU)
K. Cooper	RCAN

1. Welcome and Apologies

RW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:-

P. Haigh	NBV (Business Link)
P. Altham	RCAN
S. Withington	Bassetlaw District Council (EDU)
D. Armiger	Bassetlaw District Council
D. Hurst	Retford Chamber of Trade
S. Oakton	Job Centre Plus
J. Connelly	North Notts College
J. Dallinson	North Notts College
K. Tarburton	RCAN

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on 2nd July 2008

Agreed as a true record.

3. Retford Enterprise Centre Update

See attached Project Update.

4. Worksop Canalside Update

See attached Project Update.

5. Chesterfield Canal Update

See attached Project Update.

6. Harworth Growth Zone Update

See attached Project Update.

7. Retford Market Square

R. Wilkinson updated the meeting on the above four projects currently being undertaken by the Economic Development Unit.

F. Walker indicated that she has links with an organisation who may be able to provide accountancy training at the new business centre.

R. Wilkinson explained the Gateways Scheme with a view to employment in the area.

8. Partner Updates

F. Walker updated the meeting as follows:-

The various projects being undertaken by North Notts College are moving forward. She will bring a report to the next meeting.

North Notts College are still developing their site and there are plans to knock the whole college down on the existing site.

R. Mure updated the meeting as follows:-

She has been working with Worksop Connexions who will be holding an opportunities fayre in the new year.

Things are slow at the moment and they are not thinking about training at this time of year, being Christmas.

K. Cooper updated the meeting as follows:-

The Homeshoring Project which RCAN is leading on is progressing and they are awaiting a final decision on a bid that has been submitted to further the project.

9. Economic Situation

R. Wilkinson informed the meeting that, in light of the economic situation at present, he would be meeting with various parties in the near future to see what can be done to help businesses. D. Watson put forward an idea to set up a group of local business representatives to share good practice. R. Slater mentioned a similar initiative in operation at the Forest of Dean Council.

10. Future Meetings Format

R. Wilkinson asked members of the meeting for their opinions on the format of future meetings. He asked if they thought that an update format was the correct one or would they like a themed meeting. F. Walker stated that she would like a bit of both plus a variation in venues. She also suggested a guest speaker, possibly Graham Whiting from Making The Connection.

R. Wilkinson asked members to let him know if they had any ideas for future guest speakers.

11. Any Other Business

E. Watt informed the meeting of a decision to keep the Job Centre in Retford.

12. Dates of 2009 meetings

To be confirmed