

**BLSP Learning and Skills Sub-Group  
29 November 2005  
1.30pm – 3.30pm  
National Fluid Power Centre  
MINUTES**

**Attending:**

Fran Walker (Chair)  
Gillian Blenkinsop  
Eddie Burgess  
Julie Dallinson  
Virginia Darby  
Helen Goldsbrough  
Janet Northover  
Bob Wallace  
Terry White  
John Yarham

North Nottinghamshire College  
Bassetlaw District Council  
NCC Youth Services  
North Nottinghamshire College  
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ACLS, Notts County Council  
LEA/NNLP  
Notts County Council  
Tuxford School  
Notts LSC

**38 Introductions and Welcome**

Fran Walker welcomed members to the meeting.

**39 Apologies**

Apologies were received from V Bacon, B Bowles, C Carrington, J Collins, N Corbett, J Dawson, D Harris, D Hayes, B Hill, M Newstead, R Packer, M Pugsley, R Ranson, N Simpson, B Squire Wiggins, L Turner, S Walker, R Woodhead, J Wilson.

**31 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

- 31.1 Re 31.1: HG provided an update on the ACLS budget. Negotiations still taking place for the current year. Priorities had now been received for the following year.
- 31.2 Re 31.3 Olympics 2012:  
Update to next meeting (NC)
- 31.3 Re 34 North Notts Learning Partnership Update:  
Reconfiguration to become a skills board was being considered, which would

deliver the six priorities of the Employability Skills Productivity (ESP).  
**JN to provide report on ESP document at next meeting.**

31.4 Re 36.1 Bassetlaw Skills 2006:

FW explained that the event would be a month long celebration and promotion of all areas of learning across Bassetlaw. The task group had met on two occasions and a format for the event had been agreed. The college media students had provided initial designs for a logo. The next meeting would be held on 12 January at 10.00 am at North Nottinghamshire College.

31.5 Re 36.7: FW informed members that Sure Start West Bassetlaw had become a Children's Centre on 4 November.

31.6 Re 36.5 Trentside Learning Communities:

Terry White of Tuxford Comprehensive School had been invited to attend the meeting to provide further information on the project. The Trentside Learning Communities, which had received Cog status, was involved in developing skills within four rural districts. A leaflet had been published containing details of all FE providers in the area plus a website had been established to promote skills and encourage adult learning. Other projects involving the school were highlighted:

- Sports Project to promote sports within the community
- News Forum to raise skills levels of newsletter editors
- Destination Trentside linking skills development for tourism providers

**Report to next meeting (TW)**

**32 Update on Learning Communities**

FW briefly explained the background to the Bassetlaw Testbed Learning Communities and tabled the first draft of a final report to the DfES. The project had been set up by the DfES with the aim of helping communities become self sustaining by developing their own learning. Following the successful launch in November 2004, a number of people had been encouraged to become Champions of Learning and a Co-ordinator had recently been appointed to the project. Funding for a further year was being sought from the DfES plus an ESF bid was being submitted for which support was requested from members.  
**Report to be submitted to DfES by 8 December 2005 (FW)**

**33/ BLSP Learning & Skills Action Plan**

**34 Local Area Agreements Update**

GB updated the group on Local Area Agreements and the 4 themes of:

- Children and Young People
- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Economic Development
- Safer and Stronger Communities

Volunteers were requested to meet in early January 2006 in order to prioritise areas of the LAA in which the group could contribute and formulate a working action plan.

**Volunteers to contact GB**

### **35 Community Strategy Annual Progress Report**

Members were asked to consider what areas the group should feature in this year's Annual Report.

### **36 14-19 Area Strategy Group**

John Yarham of the Nottinghamshire Learning and Skills Council had been invited to attend the meeting to provide an update on the work of the 14-19 Area Strategy Group. The group had been established approximately 12 months ago by the LEA and the LSC in order to plan 14-19 education and training provision across the whole of Nottinghamshire. Sub-groups had then been formed to look at local provision. Information was tabled detailing the remit of the group, the area delivery plan, and objectives and action plan. The group was currently looking at L1 and L2 provision within the Post 16 Centres. Support from the LSP was requested in relation to the employer engagement strategy.

**JY to be link for Bassetlaw Skills 2006**

### **37 Any Other Business**

37.1 Adult Learners Week would take place between 20 and 26 May 2006. Information and promotional materials could be downloaded from the NIACE website.

37.2 BW commented on the lack of connections between the LSP and other local groups and forums within Bassetlaw.

**GB to provide a focus**

37.3 EB notified the group that he would be representing NCC Youth Services at future meetings and requested Rob Packer be removed from the circulation list.  
**JW to note.**

37.4 HG reported that planning meetings had taken place within Community Operations Groups.

**HG to give summary at future meeting**

37.5 JY announced the next ESF tendering round would commence early to mid January 2006.

**Feedback to FW on information required by 9 January**

### **38 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was changed to Wednesday 15 February 2006 at 1.30 pm in the meeting room at the Leisure Centre, Retford.