

**BLSP Learning and Skills Sub-Group**  
**24 July 2006**  
**1.30pm – 3.30pm**  
**Valley Comprehensive School – Business Suite**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:**

Fran Walker (Chair)	North Nottinghamshire College
Eddie Burgess	NCC Youth Services
Julie Dallinson	North Nottinghamshire College
Virginia Darby	SI of the Dukeries
Helen Goldsbrough	ACLS, Notts County Council
Malcolm Kesterton	Notts County Council LEA
Vicky Seth-Kosoko	Bassetlaw PCT
Bob Wallace	Notts County Council
Lynn Whitworth	Learning Communities
Lynne Willoughby	Sure Start
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council

**52 Introductions and Welcome**

Fran Walker welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

**53 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Vicki Bacon; Shona Neill; Nicola Simpson; Steve Walker; Celia West; John Yarham.

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

54.1 Re 41.1: Confirmation had been received that North Nottinghamshire College would be the commissioned accountable body for Children's Centres in Bassetlaw. Recruitment of Children's Centre Co-ordinators for Langold, Manton, Kilton and North Leverton was being progressed. Sally Penn had been appointed the Senior Co-ordinator for West Bassetlaw.

54.2 Re 42 Consultation of Core Strategy Preferred Options for the LDF: It was agreed that JW would update the group on future LDF developments.

- 54.3 Re 43 BLSP Learning & Skills Action Plan:  
It was suggested that a separate group may be necessary in the short term to link with Children's Centres and possibly a Bassetlaw Children's Centre Board would be required. The next meeting of the BCYPG would take place on 25 July.  
**Action: JW/ EB to feedback to group at next meeting.**
- 54.4 Re 50.1: FW reported that the 'I Love Bassetlaw' campaign was still running. As a result of a competition in local schools a number of postcards containing local images and quotes had been published and were available from W H Smiths. Proceeds from sales would go to FOYPIB.

**55 BLSP Learning and Skills Action Plan / Community Strategy April 2007 Onwards**

JW asked the group for ideas/ suggestions with regard to the new Community Strategy and to consider the future structure of the LSP in order to deliver its objectives. The aim of the new strategy was to have a streamlined, focussed action plan. It was noted that there was no requirement within the new LAAs for a Learning and Skills Group however the main consensus was that the group should continue, particularly working in partnership with other Sub-Groups of the LSP.

EB remarked on the increase locally of migrant workers and their families and suggested this would be an area for the L&S group to be involved. FW had met with the Nat West Bank to discuss their involvement in community activity.

Following discussions the following new priorities were identified. These will be discussed further at the September meeting and be put forward at the BLSP Evaluation & Development Day October 2006.

Proposed New Priorities:

- Priority 1: Learning Communities
- Priority 2: Rural/ Outreach Education via Idle Valley Centre
- Priority 3: Aspiration Raising via Skills Fairs
- Priority 4: Workforce Development (Incorporates NLAA Outcomes)
- Priority 5: Children Centres and Extended Services (links across BLSP)
- Priority 6: Migrant Workers and their families (links across BLSP)

**Action: Email JW with ideas/suggestions for new Community Strategy for discussion at next meeting plus comments on future of L&S Sub-Group.**

**JW to produce draft future plan for group.**

**JW to contact other Sub-Groups with regard to a joint meeting on 25 September.**

**56 Update on Learning Communities**

LW updated the group on Learning Communities activities reporting that almost all targets for the project had now been met. A meeting would take place on 25 July to discuss the possibility of funding the Co-ordinator post for a further 12 months.

**Action: LW to produce Annual Review for presentation to next meeting.**

**57 Bassetlaw Skills 2006**

FW reported on the successful activities, which took place during the month of June as part of Bassetlaw Skills 2006. A Gala Dinner was held on 30 June in Clumber Park, which was attended by 200 people including local businesses, the District and County Councils and Learning Champions. A presentation of proceeds from the prize draw would be made in August to the Bluebell Wood Hospice.

**58 Olympic 2012 Project**

Item deferred.

**59 Update for Board Meeting July 2006**

The report was circulated for information.

**60 Any Other Business**

60.1 JW reported on a Rural Excellence meeting held the previous week. Bassetlaw District Council had been selected to take part in a 12-month scheme involving 14 authorities to support a mentoring team focussing on 2 key themes for the area. BDC scheme would focus upon:

- Engaging with young people
- Transport and accessibility.

60.2 As a result of the PFI works the Youth Service had been forced to seek new accommodation both in Worksop and Retford.

60.3 EB reported on a very successful event, which had taken place the previous day in Kings Park, Retford as part of Teen-Fest 06. The event would be held in Worksop in 2007.

60.4 MK provided expected opening dates for the new schools under the PFI contract:

- Tuxford 5/3/07
- Retford Oaks 5/3/07
- St Giles 5/3/07
- Elizabethan 16/4/07
- Valley 7/1/08
- Portland 7/1/08
- Post 16 Centres Retford and Worksop 3/9/07

- 60.5 The PCT were currently looking at Foundation Degrees in partnership with West Notts College.
- 60.6 HG tabled a document detailing ACLS priorities for 2006/07.
- 60.7 MK announced the first of 4 Extended Services training sessions to be held on 5 October 2006 at Serlby Park.  
**Action: MK to email further information to JW.**
- 60.8 LW explained her role within North Notts College, based at the Children's Centre in Langold. Positive parenting groups were being set up to commence in September to run in Langold, Carlton and Harworth. GD suggested activities be extended to include grandparents.

**61 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 25 September 2006 at 1.30 pm.

Agenda items to include:

- Migrant Workers
- Workforce Development – joint working with Economic Regeneration
- Learning Communities Annual Review