

**BLSP Learning and Skills Sub-Group
27 November 2006
1.30pm – 3.30pm
Connexions**

MINUTES

Attending:

Fran Walker (Chair)	North Nottinghamshire College
Lynn Barlow	Learning Communities
Nicky Corbett	North Nottinghamshire College
Julie Dallinson	North Nottinghamshire College
Helen Goldsbrough	ACLS Notts County Council
Jean Heywood	LSC
Andy Massey	Valley School
Shona Neill	Connexions
Steve Walker	Valley School
Bob Wallace	Notts County Council
Lynn Willoughby	Langold Children's Centre
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council

71 Introductions and Welcome

Fran Walker welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Members were requested to introduce themselves to the group.

72 Apologies

Apologies were received from Eddie Burgess, Chris Carrington, Virginia Darby, Malcolm Kesterton, Michael Newstead, Linda Turner.

73 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- 73.1 LB updated the group on her role as Learning Champion Co-ordinator stating that she was now employed on a full-time basis by Enable and was based at The Crossing in Worksop.

74 Update on Brazil Exchange Project

SW gave a presentation on recent developments. 16 students from 4 local

schools would be travelling to Brazil on 5 December as part of the 3 year project. Students from Brazil would visit Bassetlaw in June 2007. Approximately £65,000 had been raised so far for the project; a further £50,000 would be required in 2007.

75 Update on Post 16 Developments

Andy Massey, Assistant Head of Valley School, had been invited to the meeting to provide an update on the Post 16 Centres. A working group had been set up to look at curriculum development in the Worksop centre, which was chaired by AM. Both Post 16 Centres would open September 2007, Valley and Portland Schools would open January 2008 and the Retford Schools were on schedule for completion by early 2007. Real value project costs were expected to amount to £270 million.

76 Centre for Sport and Learning Update

A Community Interest Company had been formed in order to progress the Centre for Sport and Learning. A business plan was being drawn up by the Board and funding for the project was being sought. A multi-purpose building had been designed which would accommodate partners including North Notts College, Connexions, PCT etc. The main activities within the centre would be based around sport, health and learning. Various trips were planned in order to keep young people engaged in the project prior to the centre being built.

77 Children's Centres Update

FW provided an update on the 4 new Children's Centres in Bassetlaw. 4 Co-ordinators had been appointed to the centres, who would be working closely with extended services in order to address the issues of economic well-being for children and families. A further 10 centres would be established throughout Bassetlaw in the future.

78 BLSP Learning & Skills Action Plan / Community Strategy

JW provided feedback from the Board meeting on 26 October which indicated that sub-groups needed to be more proactive in managing their action plans, agendas etc. It was suggested a short meeting be held in the new year to discuss priorities, general remit and terms of reference of the group.

Action: Meeting to be held 11 January 2007 at 11.00 am, venue to be agreed

79 Any Other Business

79.1 NC announced that planning permission had been received for the Rural Learning Centre at Idle Valley. Works would commence onsite in January 2007 for completion by Autumn.

79.2 SN had fed back to the ASG the request for representation from Retford and Tuxford schools.

- 79.3 JH informed the group that invites were being circulated for Local Initiative Development (LID) tendering.
- 79.4 LW's contract had been extended for a further year. The Working Wednesday Women project would finish at the end of the year.
Action: Report to next meeting (LW)
- 79.5 HG thanked everyone involved in the ACLS re-inspection for which a grade 2 had been achieved.
- 79.6 Connexions had recruited a personal advisor to work with traveller families. The advisor would be based at Newark but would be carrying out some work in the Worksop area.

80 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 29 January 2007 at 1.30 pm

Meeting to discuss Terms of Reference 11 January 2007 at 11.00 am