

BLSP Learning and Skills Sub-Group
25 September 2006
1.30pm – 3.30pm
Valley School
MINUTES

Attending:

Fran Walker (Chair)	North Nottinghamshire College
Lynn Barlow	Learning Communities
Chris Carrington	LSC
Nicky Corbett	North Nottinghamshire College
Julie Dallinson	North Nottinghamshire College
Virginia Darby	SI of the Dukeries
Jean Haywood	LSC
Shona Neill	Connexions
Steve Walker	Valley School
Bob Wallace	Notts County Council
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council

62 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. Jean Haywood had been appointed Economic Development Advisor for Bassetlaw and would be attending future meetings in place of Chris Carrington. A review of membership would take place prior to the next meeting.

Action: FW/JW to review membership of group.

63 Apologies

Apologies were received from Vicki Bacon; Karen Bonsall; Michael Newstead; Janet Northover; Cllr Michael Pugsley; Roger Ranson; Nicola Simpson; Tom Stockwell; Chris Telford; Daniel Watson; Robert Wilkinson; Lynn Willoughby; Sandra Withington; John Yarham.

It was noted that apologies had been received from members of the Economic and Regeneration Sub-Group, however a future joint meeting would be rescheduled.

Action: JW to circulate minutes to members of Economic and Regeneration Sub-Group.

64 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

64.1 Re 54.1: Interviews would take place on 27 September for the 4 posts of Children's Centre Co-ordinators for Manton, Kilton, North Leverton and Langold. FW suggested a volunteer be assigned to each Children's Centre in Bassetlaw to act as liaison person to provide support and feedback to the group. NC commented that it was crucial that parents in these areas were able to access learning. LB reported that she was currently working with community groups to provide courses within the community.

Action: LB/LW to act as link at Langold.

NC to contact M Hancock with regard to acting as link for North Leverton and Kilton.

64.2 Re 54.2: JW informed the group that the next round of consultation of the core strategy preferred options for the LDF would be sent out by post.

64.3 Re 50.1: The 6 month project with Dig for Fire to promote the 'I Love Bassetlaw' campaign had now ended. However the website was still live for people wishing to log their interest in volunteering, and the promotional materials from the campaign had been stored for re-use.

65 Update on Olympic 2012 Project

NC gave a brief outline of the original project, which had been set up to provide support for local youngsters to attend the Olympics in 2012. As part of this project an exchange programme involving Bassetlaw schools and schools in Brazil had been formed. SW provided a report on the initial visit he had undertaken in order to put risk assessments in place and to set up the 3-year programme prior to the first group of students travelling out in November. The group would consist of 16 students from 4 local schools. A further fund raising event would take place in summer 2007 based on dance.

NC reported that the CIC had been formed for the Centre for Sport and Learning and funding was being sought for various aspects of this.

Action: SW to provide further update on exchange programme to next meeting. Barry Shackley to be invited to attend.

66 BLSP Learning and Skills Action Plan / Community Strategy

Following discussions at the previous meeting, new priorities had been identified and a draft action plan circulated for discussion. FW suggested organising a half-day event where people could present their ideas, develop case studies etc.

Action: Members to consider draft document. Comments to FW/JW. Brazil exchange programme to be added to item 3 (JW).

67 Learning Communities Annual Report

LB provided a background to the project stating that she had been in post as Learning Champion Co-ordinator since October 2005, employed in partnership with Enable and North Nottinghamshire College, based at the Sure Start Centre in Langold. Enable had agreed to support the post on a full time basis for a further 12 months.

FW thanked LB for her excellent work throughout the previous year.

68 Update for Board Meeting 26 Oct 2006

Action: FW to prepare update.

A follow up to the Development Day held in May was planned for 12 October 2006.

69 Any Other Business

69.1 FW raised concerns at the lack of school representation on the Sub-Groups, particularly from Retford and Tuxford.

Action: SN to feedback through ASG. Directors of Post-16 Centres to be approached (JW).

69.2 SW provided an update on progress of the new buildings. Both the Post-16 Centre and the 11-16 school were on schedule for completion. A Post-16 launch was planned for November/December 2006.

Action: Andy Massey to be invited to attend next meeting to provide an update on the Post-16 Centres (SW).

69.3 BW reported that Steve Calvert had been appointed Chief Officer for BLSP at Notts County Council. He would be conducting a review of all the LSP Sub-Groups. Members were requested to make contact with him if they wished to discuss matters relating to the LSP (01159 823823).

70 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 27 November 2006 at 1.30 pm at Connexions, Ryton Street, Worksop.