

**BLSP Learning and Skills Sub-Group
19 May 2008
12 noon – 1.30pm
Workshop Post 16 Centre**

MINUTES

Attending:

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| Fran Walker (Chair) | North Notts College |
| Lynn Barlow | Enable/ Learning Champions |
| Shona Neill | Connexions |
| Frankie Musgrove | CASY |
| Steve Walker | Valley Comprehensive School. |
| Cllr Chris Wanless | Bassetlaw District Council |
| Jo Wilson | Bassetlaw District Council (Policy) |
| Robin Woodhead | Priory CofE Primary School |

1. Introductions and Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Julie Dallinson, NNC; Jean Haywood, LSC Notts; Helen Goldsbrough, Notts County Council; Vicki Seth-Kosoko, Bassetlaw PCT; Daniel Watson, Bassetlaw District Council; Robert Wilkinson, Bassetlaw District Council.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 3.1 It was noted that Robin Woodhead needed adding to the attendance list. The remainder of the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 3.2 The next meeting in July would include links to Economic Regeneration and the Arts Festival.
- 3.3 It was agreed that Frankie Musgrove be added to the Sub-Group membership.

3.4 In reference to point 3.2, FW was not sure it was appropriate for the Sub-Group at this time. Keith Poyser was now invited to attend the Board following a presentation he gave at the May meeting.

3.5 It was noted that Lynn Willoughby had left NNC to take up a position with FEI permanently.

4. Presentation on Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre

FW gave the Sub-Group a recap on the development of the site and how the partnership project was originally formed following a Board presentation in 2003. The site was now accessible.

It was noted that the Alliance SSP had been made aware of the development when they were looking to commission bids and that FW had influenced the SSP link through previous involvement in the SSP Employment Group. The Alliance SSP bid provided just under £1m in funding.

The formal handover of the building took place on 2nd March although was not officially open yet. Courses are being developed as part of next year's curriculum offer and some E2E students are also being given the opportunity to be involved on environmental courses.

There is currently a Heritage Lottery Fund bid in by NWT to develop the visitor side of the site and it is likely to take up to twelve months to get fully operational.

A Rural Crafts event will be held on Wednesday 21st May as part of ALW 2008.

Centre is very eco-friendly and was been awarded a special status based on the structure of the building and the environmental standards it meets.

5. Presentation from Economic Regeneration Sub-Group on Projects for 2008/09

Postponed to July due to officers being unable to attend.

Action: BDC Economic Development to attend July meeting.

6. Sports Organisations update

6.1 SN noted that she had not yet produced the completed mapping exercise. She made reference to the PAYP project which is designed for yp at risk of crime – a preventative model. This had links in to Sporting Chance and The Circle. She had had initial discussions with BDC re links to this work area. Connexions also have a PA linked to this work.

She noted that she was looking at the possibility of running a conference to assess what is happening within the District. In addition, through her initial

enquiries she was concerned at the extent to which the Youth Service were engaging in this work.

SN noted that Peter Clark and Tony Wright at BDC were the first point of contact to check links to the CSN, however SN was concerned that not all agencies were being linked to the CSN and its work.

JW noted that any project agreed needed to cover preventative as well as general education i.e. getting adults into coaching etc.

RW noted that he had been to an event recently where Kelly Holmes was the key speaker. He felt it would to get someone such as Kelly to the area as this would be good example to portray to local people. She was involved as part of the work she has to do in relation to the public/community work strand for the Olympics in 2012.

SW commented how none of the Bassetlaw secondary schools have gone for sports as their specialist status. He noted that Valley may go for second specialism in sport if they have the chance in a couple of years.

RW commented how this all links to general fitness/obesity agenda and helps improve self confidence.

SN wondered whether links could be made to the Worksop Guardian as part of any promotional activity as this would fit with their current project of wanting to be more community focussed.

Action: FW requested a further update to the July meeting.

- 6.2 FW noted that Manton Spitfires were going to Brazil as part of an exchange and asked if there was a local contact so Rotary can give support.

Action: FW to contact Nicola Perkins at MCA.

- 6.3 RW made reference to how sport as non-mainstream curriculum was supported by the education system. He felt the main problem with Ofsted and other assessment criteria was that the focus is on academic levels rather than non-mainstream achievements.
- 6.4 SW noted that Manor School in Mansfield is specialist Sports College and that as part of the set up as a specialist school one third of the money allocated to the school through the specialism should be spent in the community – approx. £50k per annum.
- 6.5 CW noted that Worksop Golf Club offer free tuition through Lottery and English Golf Union funding. This is run on a Saturday morning for 5-16 yr olds and a separate session for 8-18 yr olds. He knew that most Golf clubs could access the money if they applied and wondered how many had been encouraged to do so.

- 6.6 LB noted that there was currently an Ice Skating rink at North Notts. Community Area as part of the May school holiday which was being well used showing the need for such facilities in the area.
- 6.7 FM gave a brief summary of CASY to the group which is a local charity providing counselling support to young people in the Worksop area.

7. Update on BLSP Board Priorities

FW gave an update on the Well-being of Children & Young People, the area she leads on.

(1) The initial project looked at was a Roadshow to be taken round all secondary schools, however this was taken on by Connexions as part of their Aim higher work which would have duplicated a number of elements of the BLSP Roadshow being planned. As such this project was put on hold but may run in the future.

(2) A Schools Drama performance recently delivered as a follow-up to the I Love Bassetlaw campaign run by the BLSP has covered all secondary schools in the District and linked to Pilgrim Fathers and progress to different careers between the UK and American descendents.

(3) A further strand of this work area will link to the Manton CYP Network. The BLSP is to take over the leading of the Network through CYP Sub-Group – format to be determined. MCA have requested that the CYP Sub-Group roll out the Manton network approach across Bassetlaw.

FW was also linking to Sue Gill and Notts Mental Health Trust as part of the links to the Skills & Worklessness work of the BLSP. As a consequence a Conference was being held on the 10th October for World Mental Health Day. It is well known that there is a high proportion claiming Incapacity Benefit due to stress/depression/mental illness and it was hoped that by addressing this, it may go some way to breaking the cycle for younger people in the area.

SN and SW noted that most schools still run Peer Mentoring and queried whether this could be expanded further in light of this evidence.

8. Action Plan for 2008/09

- 8.1 3.2 – SW to check progress and contact JW with amendments to the Action Plan.

5.1 – Future networking sessions/presentations to cover:

- PAYP
- Portland Transitions Project
- Brazil Exchange

- 8.2 RW noted that NCC had missed the funding opportunity for swimming

funding for YR6's, this linked to the Portland Transition Project.

Action: RW to contact ASA and County to check if anything can be done.

RW also noted that Paul Gladwin and his brothers (originally from the Manton area) were planning work with New Manton/Priory/Ryton Park to show a play set locally written by them. They are currently looking for funding. The play is called 'The Poltergeist'. Young People will be involved in acting and technical work of the film. JW suggested contacting Adele McCarthy – BDC Arts Officer.

9. Feedback from LSC PCDL Meetings

- 9.1 FW noted that funding for PCDL was being fed through ACLS with very little to go direct to colleges.
- 9.2 SW noted that Valley Comprehensive School will be doing Maths, CAD and Basic Food Hygiene courses for parents/teaching assistants through community funding.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 FW gave a summary of activities planned for ALW 2008. BDC, The Crossing, Children's Centres, B&Q, Greencore, County Enterprise Food and the Idle Valley Centre were all involved in offering sessions as part of the week. Funding had been obtained through Alliance SSP.

RW noted that on Wednesday, 12-2 at The Crossing, ACLS were offering some Taster Sessions. FW noted that this was linked in to ALW activity.

- 10.2 LB gave an update on the Learning Champions project. She was seconded at the end of last year to set up the scheme in Newark & Sherwood at Hawtonville. A local resident who had previously benefited from the scheme, Teresa Rice, had been taken on part-time to provide cover while Lynn worked in Hawtonville. Teresa was now working for FEI in Manton - a true success story of the Learning Champions scheme.

LB also noted that Enable has got the Jobmaets contract for Nottinghamshire. This would involve working with Probation. She noted that NLDC funding ends in July 2008 for Lynn's post. She was awaiting information as to whether there may be a post linked to Jobmaets.

- 10.3 A Volunteer Fair was being held as part of national Volunteers Week in June at The Crossing. BCVS are organising this.
- 10.4 JW noted that she was still awaiting Case Studies for the Annual Progress Report 2007/08.

The following was agreed:

- FW to provide a case study on Idle Valley
- LB to provide a case study on Learning Champions
- JW to write a summary on the networking activity facilitated.
- FW to provide a case study on FEI.

11. Future Meeting Dates for 2008 and 2009

11.1 Remaining meetings for 2008 were agreed as follows:

- 1st July, 10 am - 12 noon at Idle Valley Centre. Lunch TBC.
- 6th October, 1 pm- 3 pm at Valley Comprehensive School.

11.2 Dates for 2009 were agreed as:

- 12th January
- 6th April
- 6th July
- 5th October