

BASSETLAW LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUB-GROUP

9 July 2003

2pm-4pm

Ceres Suite, WORKSOP TOWN HALL

Attending:-

John Harrison	Bassetlaw District Council (Chair)
Gillian Blenkinsop	Bassetlaw District Council
PC Bill Brown	Nottinghamshire Police
Christine Hopwood	Retford Market Towns Initiative
Jackie Collins	Sure Start, West Bassetlaw
Frank Raspin	Notts County Council
Nicola Simpson	Notts County Council
Vicky Rawson	FOYPIB
Malcolm Robson	Access Officer, Bassetlaw District Council
Andrew Tatham	BCVS
Councillor Carolyn Troop	Elected Member, Bassetlaw District Council

1. Apologies

Kus Amar, Legal Services Commission; Janice Booker, North Notts College, Steve Bradley, NCC (Sport), Steve Brown, BDC (Customer Services); Eddie Burgess, Connexions, Tim Challans, NCC (Leisure – Arts/Culture), Joy Ellis, Womens' Resource Centre, Simon Fitch, East Midlands Art Board; Annie Fletcher, Bassetlaw Homelessness Umbrella Group; Alison Gimingham, National Trust; Len Hull, BDC (Human Resources), Carola Jones, Rural Community Council; Gail Maxfield, Age Concern; Richard Mervill, BDC (Leisure), Rob Packer, NCC Youth Services, Roger Ranson, BDC (Regeneration), Stephen Saddington, CAB, Sharon Stoltz, PCT.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting – 14th May 2003

Agreed as a true record.

3. Feedback from Task Groups

Rowena Morrell had been delayed and therefore the update on task groups was taken.

Youth Assembly

A conference had been held on 4 July in the Town Hall, Worksop from which a youth assembly had been recruited.

It was explained that North Nottinghamshire College ran citizenship courses which would lead to an NVQ qualification (a Theresa Slater co-ordinates the course). The course programme covers the development of skills in communication, presentation and debating. This could be of interest to the Youth Assembly. This information would be passed on to the Youth

Engagement Team who are leading on the development of the Assembly, supported by the District Council.

Debt Advice

Advertising the availability of the hotline for debt advice was being publicised. However any help the group could give on this would be greatly appreciated. PC Bill Brown advised the group that the Police had access to a Ring Master system. This allowed messages to be circulated to over 20,000 residents – 14,000 from Bassetlaw and 6,000 from Newark and Sherwood. The system allowed messages to be targeted to for example schools, tenants and residents groups or schools. This could be of use to the group and could be brought forward as an agenda item for another meeting.

The first face to face workshops being run jointly by the Citizens' Advice Bureau and the Legal Services Commission were planned for September and would involve Bassetlaw District employees from Housing Benefits and Debt Recovery. The purpose of the workshops is help provide improved advice and guidance to people facing financial difficulties.

Diversity

The BCVS were organising a Diversity Conference for 18 September 2003. Rather than the Sub-Group doing anything similar event which would duplicate effort John Harrison would take a slot on the agenda and present a paper on how a large employer can tackle the issue of diversity.

This group are also tasked with preparing an Equal Opportunities Policy to be adopted by the Local Strategic Partnership as a whole. This would be brought back in draft to the November meeting of the group.

4. Nottinghamshire Community Foundation – Presentation from Rowena Morrell

Rowena explained the concept of Community Foundations. They are a new kind of charitable trust, locally managed, working in specific geographic areas as endowment builders, grant makers and community leaders. Their broad purpose is to support local voluntary and community activity through a programme of locally based, constructive grant making.

The Foundations pool individual donations into an endowment fund to provide permanent and growing funding for activities that strengthen the community. Donations come from a range of sources, but principally from philanthropic individuals and community-minded companies.

The Nottinghamshire Community Foundation was formed in 1998 but previous to 2001 had traded as the Sherwood Coalfield Community Foundation. The Foundation currently manages a range of contracts which include: -

- Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest Mansfield and Nottingham
- Neighbourhood Renewal Community Learning Chest Nottingham and Mansfield
- Community Champions
- Local Network Fund
- Fair Share

- Bridging the Gap
- Catalyst
- Connexions

The Foundation has contractual arrangements with Government Office for the East Midlands, East Midlands Development Agency, Children and Young People's Unit (Home Office), Mansfield CVS, and Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

In making grants ranging from £50.00 up to £30,000 the Foundation aims to involve local people in all stages of the decision making process. Local grant panels have been developed across the County and City which meet either on a six weekly or quarterly basis – considering applications from a number of funds.

The Foundation aims to maintain a strategic approach to its grant making, linking to the voluntary, statutory and private sector for policy advice and support.

The Funds that apply to Bassetlaw are: -

- Local Network Fund
- Bridging the Gap
- Connexions
- Community Champions

Bassetlaw has been very successful in bidding for funds through the Nottingham Community Foundation. Child Minding Groups, Sport for Kids Like Yours being just two examples of projects that have received funding.

Broad details of the features of the above funding streams appear within the attached presentation.

The Foundation retains information on best practice and is happy to help and advise applicants on the most appropriate funding stream for their scheme.

The Foundation administers funding streams that supply short term funding for projects. However this does not preclude the same applicants re-applying for funding if it can be demonstrated that the proposal is different from the theme that was funded before or represents a significant development of an existing scheme.

Rowena circulated application forms for funding. The same forms can be used for a number of funding streams to simplify the process for applicants.

The Foundation is now located at the Oak House A, Ransom Wood Business Park, Southwell Road West, Mansfield. Notts NG2 OHJ, Tel: 01623 636365.

5. Nottinghamshire Cares Scheme

Nottinghamshire Cares is part of a national campaign co-ordinated by Business in the community called Cares. Funded by business, its aim is to

increase the quantity and impact of employee volunteering throughout Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire Cares works to provide links between voluntary organisations that need volunteer support, and corporate organisations that want to get involved in the community.

The group were asked to come up with ideas for potential projects that volunteers from businesses could become engaged in.

Action

All group members to consider potential projects and feed these ideas through to the District Council – gillian.blenkinsop@bassetlaw.gov.uk or directly with a cc to gillian to Nottinghamshire cares@bitc.org.uk or ring Amanda Stubbs on 0115 947 6725.

The BCVS are to be invited to circulate this opportunity via its existing networks and website.

6. Projects for the Coming Year

The Sub-Group agreed to progress the following projects in the coming year:

1. Youth Assembly
2. Equal Opportunities Policy for the LSP
3. Manton – Framework Agreement
4. Debt Advice
5. Supplementary Planning Guidance to make public buildings and open space more attractive
6. ICT Support for Community Groups
7. Improve the availability of high quality, affordable child care facilities

7. Date and time of next meetings

Date	Location	Time
11 September 2003	Carlton Village Hall, Long Lane, Carlton in Lindrick	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
11 November 2003	Barrowby House, Blyth Road, Worksop	2.30 pm – 4.00 pm
21 January 2004	To be arranged	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

8. Any other business

Bids for funding to the Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership Safety Scheme

PC Bill Brown raised the issue of the call for bids to the Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership. He explained that the Integrated Safety Group which as a partnership of approximately 9 different agencies e.g. Fire and Rescue

Service, PCT, Social Services, Police etc were planning to make a bid to the SSP under the 'Skills for a Modern Economy' theme.

The concept was to provide training on risk assessment for managers and front line employees in companies.

The agencies involved in the partnership already ran accredited courses and could provide training and advice and guidance on fire safety, safety in the home, safety on the roads and crime prevention.

The purpose would be to make people more aware of potential hazards and that this would result in a reduction in accidents and therefore a reduction in absenteeism.

There were therefore thought to be a number of beneficiaries from such a scheme.

Sharon Paradine volunteered to assist PC Bill Brown with his bid once it was at the draft stage.

On the subject of home safety Councillor Troop and Jackie Collins from Sure Start explained there were schemes in existence which helped parents to access home safety devices to avoid children being injured in the home e.g. the exchange of second hand stair gates.

Finningley

It was also stated that a bid connected to the planned airport at Finningley would be submitted.