

**Social & Community Development Sub-Group**

**21 July 2004**

**2pm – 4pm**

**BCVS Meeting Room, Worksop**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:**

Pauline Elliott (Chair)	Bassetlaw District Council
PC Bill Brown	Nottinghamshire Police
Eddie Burgess	Nottinghamshire County Council (Youth Services)
Peter Clark	Bassetlaw District Council
Jackie Collins	Sure Start West Bassetlaw
Sue Gill	Bassetlaw PCT
Kath Hobart	Tuxford MOI/ MTI
Chris Hopwood	Retford MTI
Carola Jones	NRCC
Jo Lindley	Bassetlaw District Council
Malcolm Robson	Bassetlaw District Council
Sharon Stoltz	Bassetlaw PCT
Andrew Tatham	BCVS

**1. Introductions and Welcome**

PE welcomed everyone to the meeting and members introduced themselves for the benefit of new members/ presenters.

**2. Apologies**

Martyn Clark, Bircotes & Harworth MTI; Simon Fitch, East Midlands Art Board; Annie Fletcher, Centreplace/ HUG; Alison Gimmingham, National Trust; Frank Raspin, NCC; Vicky Rawson, FOYPIB; Stephen Saddington, Bassetlaw CAB; Kay Sutton, CLSP; Cllr Troop, BDC; Bob Whatley, BDC, Elizabeth Whittles BDC; Tony Wright BDC.

**3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

#### 4. Proposed Leisure Developments in Bassetlaw

Peter Clark from BDC Leisure Services gave a presentation to the group of current development proposals for leisure services in the District. He explained that the proposals would involve development of facilities and programmes with assistance from external partners, for example Sporting Chance.

The project will arise through the NCC PFI developments. The developments will involve large-scale capital programmes with a commitment by the company commissioned to the project of 25 years maintenance. All the secondary schools within the District will be either replaced or refurbished, and it was agreed that this was a prime opportunity to reassess Leisure provision.

3 of Bassetlaw's prime leisure sites are on joint use school sites owned by NCC. Following consultation with Sport England on local people's views, a set criteria for facilities to be included in the project has been passed to NCC. In the main the objective is to replace 'like with like'. Additional school facilities such as gymnasiums, artificial turf pitches, sports halls will also be available to the public outside school hours.

The PFI project has been developed over the past two years and 2 final bidders are currently being considered. A decision for the company chosen will be taken in mid-September. Following this a period of extended consultation will take place between January and the ends of March 2005. It is hoped the first bricks will be in place as soon as possible following March 2005.

- Retford and Tuxford based schools will open September 2006
- Worksop, Post 16 Centres and the Leisure facilities will be open September 2007.

#### **Comments**

SS – Will the BDC Physical Activity Strategy be reviewed to assess how it fits with the PFI project?

PC – The Strategy is being reviewed and the principles do fit with the PF developments. BDC are ensuring continuous involvement in Health Referral Schemes.

**Action: PCT to work with BDC Leisure re focus on health priorities i.e. Obesity. Richard Keaton, Peter Clark and Sharon Stoltz to hold a meeting to discuss.**

EB – Part of the Youth Service is based at the Retford Leisure Centre. What will happen re where the centre is to be rebuilt?

PC – There are planning issues involved. There is a high probability of the Leisure Centre being on the current Ordsall site, but there may be secondary proposals for a Babworth Road site.

CH – It would be an improvement to have facilities closer to the centre of Retford from an access point of view.

PC – Agreed this would be ideal however there is no site large enough to take such a development.

BB – The outdoor Tennis Courts in Retford are not accessible after 5pm, could this be rectified as part of the review of provision?

PC – Various issues such as this are being considered as part of the new developments, and greater accessibility to sites is a key issue.

JC – Is there any more information available regarding the Langold Country Park bid?

PC – 3 bids were submitted to the Active England programme:

- Tommy Simpson Playground
- Langold Country Park, and
- Hallcroft

Unfortunately none of the bids were successful. This may have been due to the bids coming from a local authority rather than community groups.

JC – Would it be possible for a Social Enterprise to submit a similar bid for Langold Country Park?

PC – This would be an ideal solution, and would make the bid distinctive from others received.

PE informed members that the issues of Sport and Health were currently being considered by the Council's Scrutiny Committee. Work was being carried out regarding Obesity.

CJ – Rural villages within the District have major problems accessing good facilities. Is this being considered?

PC – Misterton Parish are trying to increase access to swimming pools. Also NNC is running physical activity courses through its Adult education programmes in 10-week blocks. Everton are also running similar courses.

CH – There is a potential social enterprise in Retford re Sport and Leisure, could they be linked to the PFI?

PC – There was potential for such initiatives but further discussion was needed.

**Action: Peter Clark and Chris Hopwood to meet to discuss options re Retford. Peter to keep the Sub-Group informed as developments progress.**

## **5. Children's Issues within Bassetlaw**

Sue Gill from Bassetlaw PCT gave members an update on the current policy developments regarding Children and Early Years.

### **Background Information**

The issue of childcare and associated services appeared very suddenly on the national agenda through the Victoria Climbié case. This has led to a number of developments including the Green Paper 'Every Child Matters' which outlines planned reforms for Children's

Services. The national framework is still awaited, and this will be focussed on service provision from a 'health' angle. At county level we have a forum addressing the national guidance – Children's and Young People Strategic Planning Group, as well as a Board addressing Child Protection issues.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November a conference will be held at the East Midlands Conference Centre, University of Nottingham, focussing on developing services across the County. One key area of conflict relates to the geography of the area. Although the focus is on service delivery in Nottinghamshire, for the Bassetlaw area the hospital service includes both Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals and Sheffield Children's Hospital.

### **Children's Centres**

The current drive by central government is the creation of Children's Centres. This builds on from the work of Sure Start and is deigned to provide 'all-encompassing' education and childcare for the under 5s. There is a significant amount of money available for this initiative, and for Phase 1 developments in Nottinghamshire, Bassetlaw will see a sizeable amount of development. Centres will be set-up in:

- Langold
- Kilton
- Harworth
- Manton
- North Leverton
- Retford.

These will tie in to local primary schools, and build on from the work carried out by Sure Start. The equivalent of half a full-time teacher will be available throughout term time and school holidays. The key to success is ensuring health providers are involved to make certain of better provision.

### Key Target

The aim within the county is to provide 590 places for pre-school centre based childcare in the 20% most disadvantaged wards by March 2006.

### **BLSP Involvement**

JL reminded the members present of the two previous reports in November 2003, and January 2004, outlining possible options for involvement/ action. These centred mainly around promotion of available childcare, and identifying gaps in current provision.

### **Comments**

CJ queried whether there would be any 'mini-Children's Centres' in the same way that we currently have 'mini-Sure Start', in areas such as Mattersey Thorpe and Mattersey.

SG noted that work was being carried out to identify pockets of deprivation in areas not covered by the new developments.

SS queried whether the Centres could be mobile similar to Chesterfield's Sure Start where they have a mobile bus.

SG noted that in the main they will be attached to schools. There are 9 schemes in Phase 1 for Notts, with 6 in Bassetlaw.

BB asked whether this would fit with the current 'Healthy Schools' initiative.

SG replied that that initiative was led by DfES, however the PCT employs a Co-ordinator for the scheme focussed on primary schools. It is possible that some of the principles of the 'Healthy Schools' initiative could be used in a pre-school environment.

PE queried whether each of the 6 schemes would involve a new building.

SG explained that 1 scheme would be based around the existing Sure Start area, but there was capital available for 5 buildings.

KH asked if there were any plans to include areas such as Tuxford, Denham and Elksley in the scheme, in future developments.

SG replied that the decisions as to where to base the schemes was taken at county level, however there may be the opportunity in the next phase.

PE commented that the scheme seemed to be very similar to LIFT, and questioned whether or not the two could be linked.

SS and SG noted that the funding for the two projects would be difficult to link, LIFT would fit better with PFI.

SG agreed to feedback any new information on the Children's Centres developments when available. SS also asked whether contact had been made with the Countywide Children's Information Service, also known as the Nottinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP). JC agreed to pass on contact details for the agency, as their remit was promotion and development of childcare across the county.

A national initiative aimed at ensuring local businesses are family and child friendly was also discussed – this could provide an opportunity for joint working with the Economic Regeneration Sub-Group, targeting local businesses in Worksop and Retford Town Centres.

**Action: JC to pass on contact details to JL for NCC. JL to contact relevant officers at NCC and report back to Sub-Group at next meeting. A copy of the previous reports was circulated with the agenda, and will also be sent out with the minutes for information.**

## 6. Community Engagement in Bassetlaw - Update

Members were informed that a report summarising the proposals for a Community Engagement Network (CEN) was going to the BLSP Board at their meeting on the 27 July. Once the Board had agreed the principle of the idea then work will begin on assessing contact information already available, and the extent to which we will need external providers to assist in the setting up of the Network.

In addition a summary of the proposed action points was circulated to the group.

**Action: PE/JL to report back to Sub-Group at next meeting on Board's decision and work progressed.**

## 7. Project/ Group Feedback

### (a) Youth Assembly

JL gave a brief update on projects which the Youth Assembly were currently working on:

- A Conference/ Consultation meeting with local officers and providers of education including NCC, schools, North Notts College, other providers.
- Refreshing of membership to ensure continuation of the Assembly
- Bassetlaw Drugs Day – an event focussing on drugs education provided within schools (postponed till 2005, date to confirmed)
- Money Management Event – this links with the Sub-Group's work on Debt Advice

### (b) Debt Advice

JL reported that a presentation was scheduled for the next BLSP Board meeting on the 27 July. Kay Sutton, Community Legal Service Partnership (CLSP), will provide a summary of the work the CLSP is currently focussing on in Nottinghamshire. This would provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the issue at Board level and to reiterate work previously carried out/ planned by the Sub-Group.

### (c) Manton Pathfinder

PE reported that the themed Sub-Groups were up and running, although some were more established than others, as they existed under the previous Manton Community Alliance. A Board meeting was due to take place on the 22 July (tomorrow). Premises have been located to house the Pathfinder Offices and planning issues were currently being considered.

SS commented that the Health Sub-Group of the Pathfinder would have a big agenda to work on. Only 2% of residents within the local

survey felt that Health was an issue. Awareness raising would be a key feature of initial work including:

- healthy eating,
- activities for children,
- school meals,
- support for carers of those with chronic health problems.

Interestingly however, the issue of drugs was not of high importance to residents.

## 8. A.O.B

### Performance Management of Action Plan

JL informed members present of the new method for managing the Action Plan. A copy of the Action Plan will be circulated along with a list of contacts for each 'Action'. Members are asked to check that contact details are correct and inform JL if they are no longer responsible for particular projects. Members are asked to provide quarterly updates to JL to ensure the Action Plan is kept up-to-date. Reports will be required in the first week of January, April, July and October to coincide with BLSP Board meetings.

**Action: Members to check through Action Plan and provide updates as requested. Where there is no additional information available to update a particular 'Action' please state this.**

## 9. Dates of 2004 meetings

<u>Date, Time, Venue</u>	<u>Proposed Agenda Items</u>
Wednesday 22 September 2004 2pm-4pm Assembly Room, Workshop Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Market Towns Initiatives</li> <li>• Draft Equal Opportunities Policy/ Diversity Issues</li> <li>• Feedback on Childcare Issues</li> <li>• Youth Assembly 2004/2005 (academic year)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2004 2pm-4pm Council Chamber, Retford Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manton Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder – Work Plan for 2005 onwards</li> <li>• Arts &amp; Culture – Proposed Actions for future</li> <li>• BLSP Equal Opportunities Policy (Final)/ Diversity Issues</li> <li>• BDC Sports &amp; Leisure Projects (Tony Wright)</li> </ul>