

**Social & Community Development Sub-Group
4th April 2005
2pm – 4pm
Council Chamber, Retford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Attending:

Pauline Elliott (Chair)	Bassetlaw District Council
Jackie Collins	Sure Start West Bassetlaw
Richard Edwards	Manton Neighbourhood Manager
Alison Gimingham	National Trust
Jo Lindley	Bassetlaw District Council
Frank Raspin	NCC
Malcolm Robson	Bassetlaw District Council

1. Introductions and Welcome

PE welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everybody introduced themselves.

2. Apologies

Gillian Blenkinsop, BDC; PC Bill Brown, Nottinghamshire Police; Eddie Burgess, Nottinghamshire County Council (Youth Services); Annie Fletcher, Centre Place; Sue Gill, Bassetlaw PCT; Mandy Green, Bassetlaw Women's Aid; Kath Hobart, Tuxford MOI/ MTI; Janice Hunt, Bassetlaw PCT; Rob Packer, NCC Youth Services; Vicky Rawson, FOYPIB; Nicola Simpson, NCC; Kay Sutton, NN CLSP; Bob Wallace, NCC; Bob Whatley, BDC; Elizabeth Whittles BDC; Mandy Woodhead, Notts Children's Fund; Tony Wright, BDC.

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

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

Matters Arising

Minute 4 – Items raised in discussion of Action Plan

JL noted that the members' comments about improving links with the Youth Assembly had been passed on the Eddie Burgess who was now the lead Youth Worker supporting the Assembly. He had agreed that this should be explored further.

JL discussed suggestion of leaflet identifying community buildings that are DDA compliant. At the moment BDC would only have info for Council buildings, not privately owned premises. BDC provide advice on how to adapt buildings to be compliant.

JL informed Steve Brown about possibility of including the 'Can Do Exchange' at BISCUIT Help Points.

There are no Travellers currently on the Citizen's Panel.

JL had informed RR about discussing the Arts Partnership Accord at a future meeting.

4. Sub-Group Work Plan 2005

JL discussed the Report circulated prior to the meeting, and reiterated the areas of work that members had previously discussed as areas for development.

Following discussion it was agreed the following areas should be taken forward:

Arts Partnership Accord

To be discussed at the July meeting. This should include information from Bassetlaw Studio Project, Acorn Project, and Bassetlaw District Council on current Arts/ Culture provision, in addition to any proposals/ development of the 'Accord'.

Leisure Facilities Provision

Continue to support the developments of the Multiplex Cinema, and Kilton Forest development, as well as the new Leisure Centres via PFI.

Volunteering

To be discussed at the July meeting. A key area of support within communities. There are also links to the Economy – How do volunteers fit within the local workforce? (Potential opportunity for joint-working.)

Equal Opportunities/ Diversity

NRCC and NCC Youth Service have been liaising with the REC looking at education to raise awareness within schools etc. Examine potential of a project with young people (including Youth Assembly), Parish Councils and local Councillors around raising awareness within their own local communities.

Childcare

To be discussed at the May meeting. Helen Richardson from NCC EYCDP will be giving a presentation on Childcare availability within the District (information current as of May 2005, and subject to constant change). From this members will discuss how the BLSP can be of assistance in promoting options available and supporting the NCC EYCDP to ensure they have up-to-date information. Examine potential of improving links with local Business Sector – how do they provide childcare information to staff.

5. BLSP Social & Community Development Key Targets

This item was deferred from the January meeting. JL discussed the Report circulated with the Agenda. It was explained that due to an error in the initial wording of Target S&CD 2 needed to be amended as detailed in the report.

In relation to S & CD 4 members felt it was important to find out why we still had 22% who were 'not satisfied with the area as a place to live'.

Members felt that S & CD 1 was still a valid measurement for the group to use.

In relation to point 4.2 in the report, ownership of the Targets was assigned as follows:

Target	Organisation
S & CD 1	Bassetlaw District Council, Economic Development & Tourism
S & CD 2	Bassetlaw District Council, Environment and Health Services
S & CD 3	A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd.
S & CD 4	Bassetlaw District Council, Policy & Performance Service
S & CD 5	Bassetlaw District Council, Environment and Health Services

Potential additional targets for the future could include:

- Monitoring young people's participation in leisure activities.
- Incorporating relevant PSA Targets from the Children's Services Framework produced following the Children's Act 2004.
- Monitoring the number and involvement in Befriending Schemes.
- Monitoring the numbers of young people in decision-making.

Action: Members agreed to the amendment of Target S & CD 2. All other targets to remain the same for now.

6. Updates on Action Plan

There were no updates from members for the Action Plan.

7. BLSP Feedback Conference

JL reiterated the format of the day to members. The day would include sharing key achievements, discussing how the Partnership/ Sub-group had worked so far (positives and negatives), and looking ahead to the revised County Community Strategy and LAA's.

8. Items for next Board Meeting – 28 April

PE to provide an update on Manton Pathfinder.

AT to ensure that Michael Newstead mentioned Volunteering Week and the activities planned for 'Year of the Volunteer'.

PE and JL explained the outcomes from the Board Away Day, and gave information on the Board Strategic Objectives:

- Improve the accessibility to opportunities and services for those in rural communities
- Increase educational attainment and raise aspirations

The Board is also moving the Diversity issue further by setting up a time-limited Task group of key organisations within the District to examine what is currently being done within individual organisations and collectively as a group.

9. **A.O.B.**

There were no items for A.O.B.

10. **Dates for 2005 meetings – venues TBC**

Wednesday 18 May, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 20 July, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 21 September, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 23 November, 2pm-4pm