

Social & Community Development Sub-Group

19 January 2005

2pm – 4pm

Ceres Suite, Worksop Town Hall

MINUTES

Attending:

Jo Lindley (Acting Chair)	Bassetlaw District Council
Helen Carrington	Bassetlaw District Council
Jackie Collins	Sure Start West Bassetlaw
Jonathan Dawson	Bassetlaw District Council/ NRCC
Janice Hunt	Bassetlaw PCT
John King	BDC Planning
Frank Raspin	NCC
Vicky Rawson	FOYPIB
Stephen Saddington	Bassetlaw CAB
Kay Sutton	CLSP
Bob Wallace	NCC

1. Introductions and Welcome

PE's apologies and GB's apologies were noted, JL had agreed to act as Chair for the meeting, and would also take minutes. JL welcomed everyone to the meeting and members introduced themselves for the benefit of new members/ presenters.

2. Apologies

Gillian Blenkinsop, BDC; Janice Booker, NNC; PC Bill Brown, Nottinghamshire Police; Eddie Burgess, Nottinghamshire County Council (Youth Services); Bernard Coleman, A1 Housing; Cllr Critchley, BDC; Richard Edwards, Manton Neighbourhood Manager; Pauline Elliott (Chair), BDC; Sue Gill, Bassetlaw PCT; Annie Fletcher, Centre Place; Sue Gill, Bassetlaw PCT; Alison Gimmingham, National Trust; Kath Hobart, Tuxford MOI/ MTI; Malcolm Robson, BDC; Nicola Simpson, NCC; Andrew Tatham, BCVS; Ann Vallance, NNC; Bob Whatley, BDC; Elizabeth Whittles BDC; Mandy Woodhead, Notts Children's Fund; Tony Wright.

At this point in the meeting Item 6 – Presentation by John King, BDC Planning on Bassetlaw Local Development Framework – was addressed to allow John to leave the meeting due to other work commitments.

6. **Bassetlaw Local Development Framework (LDF) (Local Plan) – Presentation by John King, BDC Planning**

JK gave a PowerPoint presentation to members present on the current situation in the development of the new Local Development Framework, previously the Local Plan. He explained the difference between the existing Local Plan, and the new LDF. The key difference is that the Local Plan was one all-encompassing document, whereas the LDF is a suite of documents.

Following the presentation there was a short questions and answer session:

JD – How are you involving people in consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement?

JK – Planning have contacted all Parish Councils, and have access to the BCVS database. They will also be contacting all residents who have already made a direct response in the Issues Stage. In addition they will be using newsletters and advertising. Parish Plans produced will be incorporated as far as possible.

FR – Will you be using the new CEN when it is operational?

JK – This would definitely be a resource they would use. JL noted that it would be available from May onwards.

JC – When the drafts are presented for consultation what formats will they be in – text/ visual?

JK – They will be mainly text but some maps will be included.

FR – You mentioned that the Inspectors decision is binding, could you expand on this.

JK – The adoption of the LDF, once completed, is governed by the Planning Inspectorate from ODPM. Previously under the old Local Plan system they would have looked at the actual policies contained within the Local Plan document. Under the new legislation, they will concentrate on the processes used to produce the final document i.e. how they consulted to ensure the Plan is a true reflection of public opinion and the objectives of other key documents i.e. Community Strategy. This will be the method by which they test the 'soundness' of the Plan.

JC – If the community wanted to get rid of a derelict building is there any legislation that would support their case?

JK – The Planning Service could only become involved if a viable alternative was assured. The land could be Compulsory Purchased if the Council had a partner who had legally entered into a contract that would see the site developed. However, the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) would only go ahead if the development was for the public good. Building Control can demand demolition (at the owners expense) if the property is deemed dangerous to the public.

FR – How would that work if the landlord could not be found?

JK – You can seek to find the landlord by placing a public notice in the local press. BW noted that it was generally a very long process, which can be very difficult.

JK noted that they would be circulating a copy of the Local Development Scheme for information, although this would not be consulted on. Following this they will consult on the Statement of Community Involvement in March/ April 2005.

Action: Copies of the PowerPoint Presentation to be circulated with the minutes. Planning to seek further consultation around March/ April 2005.

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 5 – Equal Opportunities and Diversity

The completed Equal Opportunities Policy had been passed to the Board for ratification. This is likely to happen at the April meeting, unless a Special Board meeting is called before then. The issue of Equal Opportunities and Diversity is a key issue for the Board and a meeting is being arranged for the beginning of February to meet with representatives from existing groups/ agencies within the District addressing these issues.

Minute 6 – Childcare

A report has been received from the Children's Information Service at NCC, which outlines current provision within the District. A meeting is taking place on the 10th February where they will discuss the next steps. The current thinking is to carry out a mapping exercise of the County, using Bassetlaw as the pilot District. Helen Richardson, who JL has been liaising with, would be willing to come to the March meeting to discuss how the Sub-Group can get involved with this area of work.

JC commented that it would be useful for the mapping to show what exists and where, as she was aware of deficiency in the number of places for a certain age group within the District. Her experience through Sure Start currently indicated that for under 2's demand exceeded availability.

Action: JL to pass this information on to Helen Richardson.

4. **BLSP Social & Community Development Action Plan**

JL explained that through discussions by the Operations Group, it had been agreed to have a detailed discussion of the Sub-Group Action Plan as a key feature on the January Agenda, and feedback as a regular item on future agendas. On discussion of the Action Plan the following updates were noted.

A.1

Members were informed of the 'Can Do Exchange'. The agency provides training through the Scarman Trust. It is an on-line exchange similar to 'ebay', where the public – individuals or groups – can register to offer services/ resources/ advice/ skills, to others within the locality. A link was being placed on BCVS website and would be publicised in the next issue of Bassetlaw Community News.

Action: Information to be passed to Steve Brown as potential inclusion at BISCUIT sites.

A.8

FR noted that they were currently identifying buildings in Manton available for hire that were fully accessible for disabled users. This would be put in to a leaflet.

Action: It was agreed that this should be passed on to Malcolm Robson and suggested that this was something that the Sub-Group could look to do on a District –wide basis.

A.7

JD queried whether there were any travellers included on the Citizen's Panel.

Action: JL to query with Anne Cocking.

B.1

The issue of how we monitor the progress of the ALMO was raised. There were also concerns over whether there would be a potential increase in evictions following the transfer to the ALMO. JL explained that the tenants were still Council tenants not A1 Housing Ltd tenants, and she was not aware that A1 Housing could have an impact on the number of evictions.

Action: JL to get clarification from Bernard Coleman at A1 Housing.

C.1

- It was queried whether Sporting Chance was operating in all Bassetlaw Secondary Schools.
- It was noted that through the Leisure PFI Scheme the facilities will be available outside of school hours, and in some cases during school hours when the facilities are not required by the respective school.
- A Skate Park was to be built in Langold thanks to securing external funding.
- A Motor Project was up and running in Harworth (key contact = Jan Shales). In addition there was also BAP – Bircotes Auto-crime Project.

- Friends of Langold Country Park were currently assessing what community events could be held in the park to raise its profile and generate community involvement.

Action: JL to contact Peter Clark/ Tony Wright to find out current operation of Sporting Chance and how the Sub-Group can get involved in promotion and take-up of the scheme.

C.2

There was a general consensus that the Sub-Group should be more involved with the BDYA. It was suggested that we looked to support them on a specific project.

Action: JL to raise the issue with NCC Youth Engagement Team.

C.4

There was a general discussion over the development of Children's Centres within the District. Concerns were raised over some of the developments including location within the District and attachment to schools.

Action: JL to seek an update on the situation from Sue Gill.

D.1

The development of an Arts/ Culture strategy was discussed. VR mentioned an Arts Partnership Accord that had been developed by Roger Ranson and noted at the recent meeting regarding developments at the Regal Centre. VR noted that the 'Accord' when agreed would be an LSP agreement for the District.

Action: JL to raise issue with Gill Blenkinsop and Roger Ranson.

E.1

- FR noted that MCI have some funding issues. They are actively seeking co-funding for ongoing revenue costs. They now have a new employment advisor in post.
- Young Manton Project currently has 6 months left of their current funding.

E.9

It was suggested that Children's Centres could be used as a mechanism for delivering Debt Advice to parent's.

Action: JL to pass on suggestion to Sue Gill.

5. BLSP Social & Community Development Key Targets

This item was deferred to the March meeting. Members were asked to look at the Targets listed within the Summary and Full Strategy document and considered whether they felt they were still appropriate measures to assess the Sub-Group's progress.

7. BLSP Feedback Conference

JL explained that the Planning Group for the Sub-Group had met the previous week to have initial discussion on what to include on behalf of the Sub-Group. KS briefly summarised the outcomes of the discussions and copies of the minutes were circulated to members.

A second meeting is planned for the beginning of February.

8. Key areas of work for 2005

To be discussed further at the next meeting. However, the following were noted as key issues:

- BDYA
- Obesity – links to leisure, raising community awareness.
- Children's Group – ensure full integration in to all LSP theme areas.

9. Updates/ Items for next Board Meeting

The structure of the next Board meeting will not include updates in the usual format. This item was therefore not discussed.

10. A.O.B.

There were no items for A.O.B.

11. Dates for 2005 meetings – venues TBC

Wednesday 23 March, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 18 May, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 20 July, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 21 September, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 23 November, 2pm-4pm