

**Social & Community Development Sub-Group
20 July 2005
2pm – 4pm
Retford Fire Station Community Room**

MINUTES

Attending:

PC Bill Brown (Acting Chair)	Nottinghamshire Police 'B' Division
Jackie Collins	Sure Start West Bassetlaw
Cllr Teresa Critchley	Bassetlaw District Council
Jonathan Dawson	NRCC
Insp. Jill Davies	Nottinghamshire Police 'B' Division
Richard Edwards	Manton Neighbourhood Manager
Kayla Elkington	Work Experience Student – Elizabethan High School, Retford
Sue Gill	Chair Bassetlaw Children's Group/ Bassetlaw PCT
Alison Gimingham	National Trust
Cllr Liz Jefferies	NALC
Frank Raspin	NCC Community Development
Vicky Rawson	FOYPIB
Andrew Tatham	BCVS
Bob Wallace	NCC Regeneration
Elizabeth Whittles	Bassetlaw District Council
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council

1. Introductions and Welcome

BB welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained that he would be Chairing on behalf of Pauline Elliott as she had been unable to attend due to urgent Council business. He asked everybody to introduced themselves for the benefit of new members.

2. Apologies

Janice Booker, NNC; Bernard Coleman, A1 Housing Ltd.; Pauline Elliott, BDC; Annie Fletcher, Centre Place; Kath Hobart, Tuxford MOI/ MTI; Stephanie Hudson, NYON; Janice Hunt, Bassetlaw PCT; Malcolm Robson, BDC; Stephen Saddington, Bassetlaw CAB; Nicola Simpson, NCC; Kay Sutton, NN CLSP; Bob Whatley, 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

JDaw noted the comments under A.O.B. – Normanton on Trent are now going through their Parish Plan, there are now approx. 7 Plans. JDaw is doing a report on all existing and current Parish Plans.

JL explained that following the Conference there was a report going to the BLSP Board on the 28th to arrange a process of reporting info between the Board and the Sub-groups, and sharing information between Sub-Groups.

BB and Insp. JD noted that in regard to the changes to licensing that approx. 150 premises have applied out of approx. 500 premises within the District.

4. Local Area Agreements

BB introduced the Agenda item and there was general consensus from the group that LAAs needed to be a driver for change and deliverability.

RE and BB commented that S & CD covers all the LAA Blocks in some way and gives a wider viewpoint. It was also felt important that the targets were made relevant to neighbourhoods.

BB reconfirmed the Sub-Group Goals to direct the discussions.

JC noted that the Outcomes Framework from Every Child Matters included specific reference to support of parents and carers as a method of improving life chances for children. However in reference to the last meeting, the lack of childcare/ mapping of gaps in provision and changes to funding of adult education will have a serious impact on current work.

Children & Young People Block (CYP)

The 5 outcomes from Every Child Matters were agreed by the Sub-Group as appropriate outcomes for the LAA.

SG noted that she had received a letter from Pam Tulley, Director of Education at NCC that there was a deadline of 1st August for initial drafts for the CYP Block.

There was a general discussion by members present on the possible outcomes across all 4 blocks listed in the new LAA Guidance from the ODPM (June/July 2005), and the possible indicators attached to each outcome. On further analysis the majority of the indicators could be attributed to local service providers as something that was already measured. Members were directed to the ODPM website to download a copy of the new guidance www.odpm.gov.uk

Key priorities for the group from the Economic Development and Enterprise block were skills development and transport.

RE concluded that there were 2 main things for consideration by the Sub-Group:

- 1) Are we still signed up to the Sub-Group goals in the Community Strategy?

- 2) Should the LAA be targeted to specific neighbourhoods, or the whole District?

Further discussion on whether the outcomes should be focussed on specific neighbourhoods/ areas within the District, or the District as a whole, followed this. It was agreed that there was merit in targeting more disadvantaged neighbourhoods, based on current arrangements. This would include:

- Manton
- The area covered by Bircotes/ Harworth MTI
- The area covered by Retford MTI
- The area covered by Tuxford MTI
- Sure Start West Bassetlaw area – Carlton, Langold, Blyth
- North East Bassetlaw Forum
- South East Bassetlaw Forum

However to divide the District based on this would mean that certain areas of the District would not be addressed. For this reason it was agreed that outcomes should be worded to cover all areas of Bassetlaw and if necessary make reference to 'disadvantaged areas' or 'rural'.

Members agreed that the possible LAA outcomes should be mapped to the current Sub-Group Goals in the Community Strategy for members to easily see the links.

Action: (1) Mapping to be completed and circulated by Friday 29th July.

(2) Members to provide comments by Friday 5th August.

(3) Members are able to suggest additional outcomes if they feel there is a local need.

(4) Members to look through current SSCF Plan circulated at the meeting to see if there are any gaps.

5. BLSP Conference Report

There were no comments from members present on the report to be passed to the Board. There was general agreement that the actions identified to move the partnership forward regarding communications, accountability etc. were paramount.

Members wanted to see a co-ordinated approach to sharing LSP news/ issues and felt the Conference should be repeated on an annual basis.

BB suggested that there should be an audit of all media outlets in the District and some form of 'Press/ Communications Board' to get a Communications Strategy produced.

6. Items for next Board Meeting (28th July)

There were no items to be noted at the Board meeting, however members would like feedback on the discussions of the Conference Report etc.

7. A.O.B

FR had three items of AOB:

- (1) He has been working with a group of young people in Rhodesia who would like a local skate park, and they are currently looking to bid for funding. JC noted that she could pass on assistance from her work with the group in Langold.
- (2) He noted that Carlton Gateway was now operational and was a valuable resource for the local community and the District. The centre is comprised of 3 old council houses that have been knocked in to 1 community house. They operate schemes such as breakfast clubs and advice/ information sessions. This is something we should be promoting as an LSP as a 'good practice' project.
- (3) Mattersey Thorpe, as a rural community has serious issues accessing services. Residents are bidding for a community centre through the Coalfield Regeneration Trust (CRT). He requested a letter of support from the Sub-Group in support of the bid.

JC reiterated that the change to adult education provision was raising issues with childcare and take up of adult basic skills education.

Insp. JD noted that there were issues at the new Langold Skate Park, there had been glass on the site from older children breaking bottles, this was causing younger children to stay away from the site unable to use it safely. In addition users had found that their skateboards were sticking to the tarmac. Cllr TC queried whether CCTV could be used on the site to deter such activity. It was noted that once the café is operational there will be some form of CCTV however it will not cover all areas when incidents are occurring.

8. Dates for 2005 meetings

Wednesday 21 September, 2pm-4pm Venue TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bassetlaw Local Development Framework • LAAs
Wednesday 23 November, 2pm-4pm Venue TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda TBC