

**Social & Community Development Sub-Group**  
**17 May 2006**  
**2pm – 4pm**  
**National Fluid Power Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:**

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| Steve Brown (Vice-Chair) | BDC Customer Services                  |
| Alison Gimingham         | National Trust                         |
| Liz Jeffries             | NALC                                   |
| Nicola Corbett           | NN College (representing Ann Vallance) |
| Frank Raspin             | NCC Community Development              |
| Vicky Rawson             | FOYPIB                                 |
| Malcolm Robson           | BDC Planning                           |
| Chris Salter             | Age Concern                            |
| Nicola Simpson           | NCC Community Development              |
| Bob Wallace              | NCC Communities & Partnerships         |
| John Weaver              | Groundwork Creswell                    |
| Liz Whittles             | BDC Policy                             |
| Jo Wilson                | BDC Policy                             |

**1. Introductions and Welcome**

SB 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. Members introduced themselves.

**2. Apologies**

Bernard Coleman, A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd.; Jackie Collins, Sure Start West Bassetlaw; Jonathan Dawson, BDC/ NRCC; Pauline Elliott (Chair), BDC; Annie Fletcher, Centre Place; Kath Hobart, Tuxford MOI; Len Hull, BDC; Rob Packer, NCC Youth Services; Stephen Saddington, Bassetlaw CAB; Kay Sutton, NN CLSP; Andrew Tatham, BCVS; Bob Whatley, BDC; 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.

#### 4. Presentation from DisabledGo

Members present received a PowerPoint presentation from DisabledGo explaining the organisations work and how this could be used within Bassetlaw. Please see PowerPoint circulated with minutes.

DisabledGo is a national accessibility project, which produces online guides to 30 different areas in the UK. Their current target is to increase this to 45, and March 2007 they hope to have completed 60 geographical areas. The guides are free to use at the initial point of contact.

The information provided as part of the guide produced allows a much wider choice for disabled people in terms of accessing recreation, shopping etc.

DisabledGo works in partnership with LAs to carry out the background research on behalf of officers when producing the guides. Part of this is to ensure that the information included is 'uniform' across all authority areas covered by DisabledGo.

The average guide covers approx. 1000 venues at £33 per venue. There would also be a £6,800 annual maintenance. Smaller guides could be done for 330/ 500/ 750 venues.

**Action: Partners interested in moving forward with this approach should contact Jo Wilson (01909 533189) or Malcolm Robson (01909 533195) to confirm their interest. Similarly if partners would be willing to contribute funds towards the project contact the above.**

#### 5. Rural Excellence Mentoring Scheme

SB explained more about the scheme, and the principles of sharing best practice from Beacon and Pathfinder Councils. Our lead contact is Peter Simpson from Hambleton DC.

The two issues that will be the focus of the project are Young People and Transport/ Access. The program will run for a year and the aim is to produce tangible outcomes. The Council are currently looking for partners to be involved with the project.

The first meeting took place on 11<sup>th</sup> April to start the scoping of potential work areas, and further meetings are being planned as well as visits to other authorities to gather best practice.

All partners with an interest in being involved should contact Steve directly on 01777 713767. A newsletter will also be produced on a regular basis throughout the scheme to keep partners informed of progress.

#### 6. Progress on Key Projects in 2005-2006 Work Plan

An updated copy of the Work Plan is attached which includes the updates given at the meeting, and future actions to be taken.

**Action: Partners involved in the projects to keep members informed of progress and provide an update at the next meeting.**

**7. Follow-up on engagement discussions at March meeting**

Members present discussed possible ways forward to map current engagement. JW noted that some mapping work had taken place as part of the Community Engagement Best Value Review. It was agreed to use this as a starting point and build upon it, and it was noted that this information would likely only cover BDC engagement.

**Action: JW to circulate a copy as part of the next agenda.**

**8. Update for the next Board Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

This is to include an update on the Key Projects, and a request for partners who may be interested in being involved if the project with DisabledGo goes ahead.

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

JW notified members present of the planned date for the next BLSP Conference/ Development Day to be held in the autumn. The aim of the day is to evaluate the outcomes from the current Community Strategy and agree priorities/ outcomes etc. for the new Strategy to commence April 2007.

JW also requested that any members who had not completed the evaluation survey circulated, to send completed copies back as soon as possible.

**10. Dates for 2006 meetings**

19<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm-4pm, venue TBC  
20<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm-4pm, venue TBC  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2pm-4pm, venue TBC