

**Social & Community Development Sub-Group**  
**22 November 2006**  
**2pm-4pm**  
**Onyx Room, The Crossing, Worksop**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:**

Pauline Elliott (Chair)	BDC Regeneration
Steve Brown (Vice-Chair)	BDC Customer Services
Jonathan Dawson	NRCC/ BDC
Alison Gimingham	National Trust
Cllr Liz Jeffries	NALC
Cllr Mike Jenkins	BDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Housing
Frank Raspin	NCC Community Development
Vicky Rawson	FOYPIB
Stephen Saddington	Bassetlaw CAB
Andrew Tatham	BCVS
Bob Wallace	NCC Strategic Partnerships
Liz Whittles	BDC Policy
Jo Wilson	BDC Policy

**1. Introductions and Welcome**

PE welcomed everyone to the meeting, members introduced themselves, and apologies were noted.

**2. Apologies**

Jackie Collins, Sure Start West Bassetlaw; Richard Edwards, MCA; Annie Fletcher, Centre Place; Sue Gill, Bassetlaw PCT; Kath Hobart, Tuxford MOI; Malcolm Robson, BDC Planning; Chris Salter; Age Concern Notts; Nicola Simpson, NCC Community Development; Kay Sutton, NN CLSP; 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. Progress on Key Projects**

Arts

AG and VR gave feedback to the group. The next meeting was due to take place in early December and they now had the go-ahead for the Arts Strategy Officer post at BDC. They had now clarified the remainder of the information gathered through the audit process and this information would be passed to

the Arts officer when in post. VR had also written to 53 schools to include them in the audit i.e. do they have an arts co-ordinator, what arts projects were planned, any public events that could be advertised and facilities available for community use. VR also noted that the A4B website (Arts 4 Bassetlaw) was now live.

**Action: The BDC post (a part-time post) is to be advertised soon with interviews in December.**

### Access

It was noted that MR had been unable to attend the meeting at short notice and no update had been provided in his absence. It was agreed to try and source a report to be circulated with the minutes. BW and FR noted that they had raised the issue with NCC colleagues however, they required more information as to the funding already agreed and total cost of the project before they could consider any contribution from themselves.

Cllr Jenkins queried whether the work already carried out by Malcolm as part of the BDC Access Audits could be used by DisabledGo potentially reducing costs. This would be passed to Malcolm for discussion.

**Action: Final list of buildings and costs to be presented no later than the January meeting.**

### Older People

AT, JD and LJ gave a brief explanation about BEAN to the group and following this was a more detailed discussion about we could do as a group.

BEAN (Bassetlaw Elderly Action Network) is a Voluntary Sector group of reps. From agencies who provide services to older people. Primarily the focus is on larger organised group i.e. Age Concern, Rural Befriending Scheme rather than smaller self-help groups. They are currently in the process of producing a leaflet for older people detailing the types of services available to them – this will act as a Directory for Retford Action Centre and the work Lynn Tupling oversees there with a local older people's group

AT noted that they had looked in to whether it was practicable to assist in the creation of 'forums' around the district. These would not just be for 'tea & chats' and there was the need to cover the rural areas in equal proportion to the more urban accessible areas. However, the pilot 'forum' had shown that this model would not be appropriate due to the geography of the area.

It was noted that A1 Housing would be a vital partner due to the large number of tenants who were classed as 'older people', and that the TRA's may be a good way of relaying information.

BW commented that the 'Opportunity Age in Nottinghamshire' document should be the strategic lead on developing services. In addition based on the County's preferred model for services it was felt that Bassetlaw did not have a sufficient framework for the elderly. It was agreed that BW should organise a speaker for the January meeting and provide examples of the models used by other Nottinghamshire districts.

**Action: (1) Partners involved in BEAN (Jonathan Dawson, Liz Jeffries, Andrew Tatham) to keep members informed of progress and provide an update at the next meeting.**  
**(2) Bob Wallace to arrange a speaker from NCC to attend the January meeting to discuss the issue of Older People's Forums further.**

**5. New Community Strategy April 2007 onwards – Discussion of potential new Priorities/ Outcomes**

JW again raised the issue of the new Sustainable Community Strategy, which needs to be in place by April 2007. Members present discussed the draft Action Plan circulated which incorporated the potential new priorities for the group within the Strategy

JW raised the point that the draft Action Plan had a different focus to the current one, and as such recommended that the group review and amend their Terms of Reference, as well as membership to ensure the right colleagues were involved.

Following this was a discussion about whether the draft Action Plan was a true reflection of what the group should focus on, and it was questioned whether community engagement should be the focus of the group as some members felt this should be integrated across the BLSP. It was also questioned whether some of the items within the Action Plan were potentially a duplication of individual partners strategies/ delivery plans. JW reminded members that some things in the Action Plan needed to be there to enable the links to the LAA and regional/ national policies.

Cllr Jenkins and VR noted that cultural and community activities/ events where an excellent opportunity to engage local people, and they queried how arts and culture could fit in to the new action plan as a main mechanism of achieving quality community engagement.

It was agreed that an additional meeting should take place prior to the January meeting, to discuss the Action Plan further. The following members were to be part of the meeting:

- Pauline Elliott
- Jo Wilson
- Cllr Mike Jenkins
- Andrew Tatham
- Vicky Rawson
- Frank Raspin/ Bob Wallace

**Action: (1) An additional meeting to discuss the action plan and the potential way forward for the Sub-Group is to take place prior to the January meeting – JW to arrange.**

**(2) All partners to provide additional comments/ amendments on the Action Plan in time for the next meeting – deadline 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

**6. Rural Excellence Mentoring Scheme**

SB re-explained the scheme to members present. He also noted that a further best practice meeting was being explored to take place with

Shropshire County Council in relation to the young people's strand. SB also noted that the CAST project that Jonathan Dawson had been involved in had progressed further and it was likely that a regional centre would be built at Langold, or another suitable location within the District.

Some of the actions in the 'Transport strand' action plan link to the Integrated Transport Project (a one-stop information line for accessing services) which is currently being progressed, and it is likely that other activities could be integrated in to any future action plan the BLSP transport group create (this group is being reinstated by the Environment Sub-Group).

**Action: All comments or queries are to be passed to Steve directly on 01777 713767.**

**7. A.O.B.**

LW circulated copies of the final version of the Community Cohesion in Nottinghamshire Strategy, which was produced by partner organisations including Bassetlaw DC. It will operate countywide and all District Councils and other partners in the Nottinghamshire LSP's are invited to sign up to the Strategy. If you have any comments/queries regarding the Strategy or please pass these direct to Liz on 01909 5333270 or email [liz.whittles@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:liz.whittles@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**8. Dates for 2007**

If any partner has a suitable venue available for the May meeting please contact Jo Wilson on 01909 533189.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm-4pm, BCVS Worksop

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2pm-4pm, Council Chamber, Retford Town Hall

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm-4pm, venue TBC

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm-4pm, Assembly Room, Worksop Town Hall

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm-4pm, Ceres Suite, Worksop Town Hall

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2pm-4pm, Ceres Suite, Worksop Town Hall