

Social & Community Development Sub-Group
20 September 2006
2pm-4pm
Goulding Suite, Carlton Village Hall
MINUTES

Attending:

Pauline Elliott (Chair)	BDC Regeneration
Nicky Corbett	NNC
Jonathan Dawson	NRCC/ BDC
Alison Gimingham	National Trust
Cllr Liz Jeffries	NALC
Frank Raspin	NCC Community Development
Vicky Rawson	FOYPIB
Joice Richards	A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd.
Malcolm Robson	BDC Planning
Stephen Saddington	Bassetlaw CAB
Don Spittlehouse	A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd.
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

Steve Brown (Vice-Chair), BDC Customer Services; Bernard Coleman, A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd.; Jackie Collins, Sure Start West Bassetlaw; Richard Edwards, MCA; Annie Fletcher, Centre Place; Sue Gill, Bassetlaw PCT; Kath Hobart, Tuxford MOI; Rob Packer, NCC Youth Services; Stephen Saddington, Bassetlaw CAB; Chris Salter; Age Concern Notts; Nicola Simpson, NCC Community Development; Kay Sutton, NN CLSP; Andrew Tatham, BCVS; Bob Wallace, NCC Communities & Partnerships; 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. **Update from A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd.**

Joice Richards (Change Performance Director) and Don Spittlehouse (Director of Technical Services) gave members present a PowerPoint presentation outlining the revised focus of A1 Housing as they work to gain 2-star ALMO status. A copy of the presentation will be circulated.

Question/ Answer Session

MR queried whether A1 Housing were ensuring 'lifetime homes' were created as part of the redevelopment of properties, and if so how many are/ would be available.

RESPONSE: Surveys are being carried out across the district in November 2006. There is no set percentage

FR queried the impact of the migrant workers on A1 in terms of housing demand.

RESPONSE: The number of enquires for accommodation had increased, however there is already high demand from Bassetlaw residents so they would not be able to get easy access to properties.

DS also noted that as part of the redevelopment works A1 were also working in partnership to achieve other improvements of the estates including play areas/ communal open space. The first area to benefit from this was Manton and £100,000 had been put forward for project materials, including support 'in-kind'.

5. **Progress on Key Projects in 2005-2006 Work Plan**

Arts

Members noted that an audit of provision in the District was now taking place. It was felt that a weekly 'What's on Guide' in the local paper (to expand on guides already in place) was a 'quick win' in terms of improving promotion of opportunities. It was noted that various guides were in existence both in the papers or produced by the Council and these needed to be looked at to ensure the possible new guide improved on current promotion.

It was also noted that Roger had produced a paper to BDC Cabinet for a P/T post for arts.

Action: PE to speak to RR re cabinet paper and Council's 'What's on Guide.'

Access

MR circulated a potential list of properties to be included in the website. AG and VR queried if this included 'Arts' venues, and VR also questioned the inclusion of schools and nurseries as public buildings (acknowledging that access would be subject to the schools' permission).

It was agreed to compile a complete list of public buildings before approaching businesses to be involved.

Action: (1) List to be circulated with minutes.

(2) BW and FR to present to Bassetlaw's County Forum on 21st September to establish interest, potential funding, and discuss inclusion of NCC buildings, schools/ libraries.

(3) JD to contact BCVS, as a VCS organisation to see if they had any money they could contribute.

Older People

JD agreed to talk to Andrew Tatham to assess if any mapping of groups had taken place/ could take place. Following the meeting it became apparent that a 'service providers' group was in existence – BEAN (Bassetlaw Elderly Action Network). This group is quite recently formed but is likely to cover the issues identified by members i.e. mapping of local groups, mechanisms to communicate with local groups, co-ordinating ways in which information can be passed to and from local groups.

Action: Partners involved in BEAN (Jonathan Dawson, Liz Jeffries, Andrew Tatham) to keep members informed of progress and provide an update at the next meeting.

6. 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

Proposed New Priorities:

- Priority 1: Community Engagement/ Consultation (Incorporates NLAA Outcomes)
- Priority 2: Equal Access to Services
- Priority 3: Community Leadership and local community planning (Incorporates NLAA Outcomes)
- Priority 4: Active Citizenship (Incorporates NLAA Outcomes)
- Priority 5: Housing/ Homelessness

It was agreed that 'Active promotion of Quality Parish Councils' should be added under Priority 3. It was also agreed to adapt Priority 5 to 'Promoting/Creating Sustainable Communities', as this would allow us to incorporate the areas where A1 Housing would link to the LSP, and be more of a 'catch-all' priority for projects that may not fit elsewhere.

Action: All partners to provide initial comments/ amendments on the Action Plan in time for the next meeting – deadline 16 November.

7. Rural Excellence Mentoring Scheme

JW asked partners to note the draft Actions Plans produced as part of the Rural Excellence Scheme, and pass any comments back to Steve directly on 01777 713767.

8. Proposed Dates for 2007

The following dates were agreed, and any venues booked so far are noted. Partners will suitable venues available on the remaining date are asked to contact Jo with details.

Wednesday 17th January, 2pm-4pm, BCVS Worksop

Wednesday 21st March, 2pm-4pm, Council Chamber, Retford Town Hall

Wednesday 16th May, 2pm-4pm, venue TBC

Wednesday 18th July, 2pm-4pm, Assembly Room, Worksop Town Hall

Wednesday 19th September, 2pm-4pm, Ceres Suite, Worksop Town Hall

Wednesday 21st November, 2pm-4pm, Ceres Suite, Worksop Town Hall

9. A.O.B.

There was no A.O.B.

10. Dates for 2006 meetings

22nd November 2pm-4pm, The Crossing, Newcastle Avenue, Worksop.