

**Social & Community Development Sub-Group
23 May 2007
2pm – 4pm
Council Chamber, Retford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Attending:

Frank Raspin (Acting Chair)	Notts County Council
Jackie Collins	Manton Sure Start Children's Centre
Liz Jefferies	NALC
Vicky Rawson	FOYPIB
Joice Richards	Change Performance Director, A1 Housing
Malcolm Robson	Access Officer, BDC
Stephen Saddington	Bassetlaw CAB
Sally Senior	North Notts College
Karen Tarburton	Rural Officer, NRCC
Andrew Tatham	BCVS
Bob Wallace	Notts County Council, Strategic Partnerships
Elizabeth Whittles	Policy Officer, BDC

1. Introduction and Welcome

Frank Raspin acted as Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of Pauline Elliott and Steve Brown who were unable to attend.

2. Apologies

Steve Brown (Vice-Chair), BDC; Pauline Elliott (Chair), BDC; Kath Hobart, Tuxford MOI; Jo Wilson, BDC Policy; Ann Vallance, NNC.

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. Jo Wilson to give full update next meeting.

4. Priority 1: Improve Community Engagement

Limited action had taken place to progress the development on the event planner, Jo Wilson to give full update at the next meeting.

JC began a discussion on a Community and Health project that has run successfully in Sheffield with PCT, which develops community activities. Successful Pilot at Langold Children's Centre and now want to roll out to other Children's Centres. Suggested this was something for Manton CAN to consider. It would also support Priority 3.

Bassetlaw PCT evaluating the project.

Suggested contact Ann Vallance at North Notts College who could bring a report to a future meeting.

5. Priority 2: Equal Access to Services

SS Gave a presentation on Financial Exclusion. CAB sees people who are financially excluded but these are only tip of the iceberg. Need to look in more detail at financial exclusion.

Work in Rotherham MBC has looked at local barriers.

There was a discussion on financial exclusion in Bassetlaw and these points were raised: local credit union, rural areas, closure of rural post offices, changes to the way benefits are to be paid, involvement of private sector, role of previous Community Legal Services Partnership, initiatives, Bassetlaw District Council Debt Strategy.

It was agreed that JW would co-ordinate the setting up of a small working group to look at these issues in more detail.

6. Report from Migrant Workers Event – 14 April 2007

FR thanked Rachel Bean for all the hard work involved in the success of the event. It was agreed that the information was useful.

EW Stated that all the feed back from the event was to be evaluated and reported to the Nottinghamshire Community Cohesion Board. The board wants to role out similar events in other districts of Nottinghamshire.

JC Reported that there had been follow up at the Children's Centre who organised a morning session with pregnant Polish women focusing on midwifery. They were asked if they wanted language or follow up advice.

There was a discussion about increase in ESOL uptake at North Notts College. Sally Senior stated that from August 2007 ESOL's charges would change.

EW reported that Local Government East Midlands Community Relations Network has posted a comprehensive Polish Workers Information Leaflet on its web site. JR requested information on Migrant Workers leaflet and the link to the East Midlands web site.
<http://www.zpwb.org.uk/eg/index.php>

There was a discussion around the collection of data on the new Migrant Worker population, which would help us to identify the age range, male/female and number of children. It was agreed that it should be raised at the next Migrant Workers meeting for further discussion.

7. Priority 4: Active Citizenship

EW explained the role of the Warwickshire University Action Research Project that aims to improve access to local democracy for Young People; improve the Councillor Leadership role; and improve Community Cohesion. The Manton Children's And Young People's Plan has been chosen as a case study. This has arisen as a result of the partners involved in the Manton Neighbourhood Pathfinder evaluation.

Action: EW agreed to circulate information to the group (copies attached).

8. Any Other Business

Operations Group

BW raised the issue of the Operations Group, which was suspended in November 2003 and what proposals were there to replace it. There was a discussion on how information was circulated between Sub-Groups to keep everybody informed of what was happening in other areas of the LSP.

There was a discussion on what happens in other areas and KT said that in Broxtowe LSP there was a direct link between the Board and the Sub-Group.

It was suggested that there should be a more co-ordinated approach and the Bassetlaw LSP web site be updated more frequently.

9. Date for next meeting

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

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

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