

Supporting Local Community Groups

One of the key functions of the group is to act as an Information Network for officers working with community groups, and other agencies involved with community development and providing support to local groups. The group will provide letters of support to local projects where the outcomes of the project meet the goals of the Sub-Group. In addition where possible we can signpost residents involved in projects as to where funding may be available and agencies they could contact to assist them with their project.

One example of a project supported by the group this year includes Mattersey Thorpe Tenants and Residents Association (TRA). We endorsed their bid for funding for a partnership project with Mattersey Football Club. The purpose of the project – to provide a community building/sports facilities – will be of a great benefit to the local community.

Proposed activities which could be catered for in the new building include:

- ▶ Youth Club
- ▶ Adult Education classes
- ▶ Community social events catering for all age groups – allowing people to meet socially thereby combating isolation which can be experienced in rural areas either through geography, age, disability or other social factors.

The project is a testament to the ongoing community development support provided within the District and supports 4 Goals of the Social & Community Development Sub-Group of Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership:

- ▶ Ensure that everyone has equal access to services
- ▶ Involve young people more in issues which affect them
- ▶ Make it easier for people to enjoy leisure activities
- ▶ Work closely with communities to tackle deprivation and its causes

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