

**NOTES OF THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**  
**HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

**GROUNDWORKS CRESWELL OFFICES, CLOWNE**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

**PRESENT**

T Trafford	(TT)	AHEAG
A Heath	(AH)	BCP
N Price	(NP)	BLSP
K Sharpe	(KS)	Langwith Society + CEN
J Neeve	(JN)	CVP
G Stokes	(GS)	SMVRA
D Betts	(DB)	New Houghton Community Association
L Wallace	(LW)	CVP
D Kelly	(DK)	PCF
T Oliver	(TO)	BDC

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

T Glover	(TG)	Junction Arts
J Sherwood	(JWS)	BDC
J Derricott	(JD)	PCT
P Campbell	(PC)	BDC
J Lewis	(JL)	BDC
C Cooke	(CC)	BCP

**2/3. NOTES OF MEETING HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2006 / MATTERS ARISING**

**Page 2 – Pg 5, Item 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Dennis Skinner had taken the amber/green assessment challenge forward, however, the assessment is to remain at Amber/Green.

**Page 3, Item 5 – NGAGE AND INVEST TO SAVE PROJECT**

Martin Stone, CED, had been asked by ESG to put forward a bid.

**Page 3, Item 5, POSSIBLE EXTRA SPEND FOR 07/08 ON MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE**

Monies allocated for 06/07 had been spent. Funds had been ring fenced for the next financial year for items within the Master Plan.

## **Page 5, Item 6, LANGWITH SOCIETY**

Langwith Society are to submit an application form for final approval to the Big Lottery Fund.

TT confirmed that reserve projects had been approved at the ESG meeting in January.

AH spoke about the following schemes all of which are managed by Peter Storey from DCC consulting and contracting:

Improvement to the link between the Five Pits Trail and the Silverhill Line, this is ongoing and will be completed this financial year. Works on the Silverhill Line itself with the first phase of works scheduled for completion by the end of March, including the element funded by the LSP. Works at Tibshelf Bridge that are designed to improve the Five Pit Trail and surrounding area that currently suffers from anti- social behaviour. The minor scheme to combat anti social behaviour at the greenway link with the station area in Shirebrook.

AH also spoke about two LSP funded projects that are being managed by the BCP, including the resurfacing of the path around Wollen Meadow and fencing works at Pleasley. Both will improve the registered wildlife sites and will be completed by the end of the financial year.

#### **4. REPORT BACKS**

##### **BCP**

The target for the number of volunteer days had been exceeded, 1237 days had been recorded with 807 days in the last quarter.

Slightly down on education contract days, because of involvement with grot to green schemes (CVP), NP agreed that these days could be included in the target.

The Bolsover Biodiversity and Countryside access schemes were progressing well.

The target for Greenways had been 3 but BCP were managing 6 at the present time.

The range of work undertaken at sites was very varied and included tree felling, pond and reed bed construction and management, building viewing screens etc.

## **GROT TO GREEN**

JN reported that 5 out of 12 projects were complete, 6 further projects would be completed in the following 3 weeks. JN was waiting for volunteer and valuation monitoring forms.

Invitations to be sent out to the exhibition and celebration of Grot to Green schemes.

JN explained that although the financial status is indicating below target spend this was based on quarter 2 data. There had been a slow start and funds had been not been received until June 2006. JN was confident that all monies would be spent.

### **5. COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY PARTNERS**

The following queries had been received by JN as follows:

Does the recycling scheme stop in New Houghton for the winter months	Yes
(Langwith) - Who is the direct contact for flooding and pot holes problems on highways	DCC Highways - Ian Wickham
(Creswell) - Who is the direct contact for street lighting problems on Colliery Road	Welbeck Estates
Who is responsible for the removal of graffiti.	BDC – Street Services on public property, however permission would have to be granted to remove it on private property.

GS asked if the green bins would be given out at Shirebrook Model Village. DK explained that there was insufficient funds to roll the programme out.

GS was aware that BDC will collect garden waste following a request.

Green bins collections have started in some areas and collection in the remainder of the district would start in April. A calendar advising residents of collection days had been circulated. Reasonable priced composting bins were available.

TO spoke about a pilot scheme in another area called Compact Power. TT to look for details on the Energy Saving Trust website.

A new generation of compact, mobile, waste to power machines

Fans of Wallace and Gromit will be used to the idea of fantastic inventions being made in Bristol. And here's a contraption that sounds like it ought to have come off the Ardman drawing board. You put the rubbish from a landfill site in one end and electricity comes out the other. Compact Power has been running a pilot project. The local authority is so impressed they are looking at using a larger version which they

say could deal with all the city's waste and power thousands of homes into the bargain. The government has already said that it will invest some money. Our reporter Leyla Delbelge ( Day-Bel-Gay) went to Bristol to see the waste to power machine in action.

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**6. ACTION GROUP MEETING DATES FOR 2007**

Three dates had been set – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June. The remaining dates and venue locations would be circulated with the minutes.

KS informed the group that the museum opening day would be on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

**7. GROT TO GREEN PHASE II – 2007/08**

JN confirmed that there would be sufficient interest to take up the allocation within the action plan. However, as these schemes were labour intensive further discussion with LW would be required. There are issues around administration costs.

CVP are undertaking a strategic planning exercise and will determine their priorities for the next 2-3 years.

CVP were considering employing a part time administrator for Grot to Green schemes which could be funded by NRF monies, NP confirmed that no additional admin costs could be included if NRF funds were used for that purpose.

NP asked that an evaluation be undertaken before agreement to fund administrative duties was taken.

TT had tabled this item for discussion as monies had been ring fenced and he didn't want to lose the momentum by having delays in the continuity of funding.

NP suggested that communities be asked in advance for ideas for schemes. It was stated that CVP will work in partnership with BCP, parish and district councils to identify schemes.

**8. TRAINING AND VISITS**

Discussion took place on the proposed visit to the Hockerton Project. The dates allocated for the visit were 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007, 15 places per day. TO requested NP assist with the administration of the visit.

Transport would be available and would be leaving Sherwood Lodge at 8.30 am. Outdoor clothes and sturdy shoes were recommended.

The majority of the day will be spent indoors and the venue was disabled friendly. The visit involved going out onto a roof, however, this is optional.

The invitation would be extended to Chairs and Vice Chairs of other LSP groups. SAS to send out email with information and contact details asap.

DB asked for a place on the 20<sup>th</sup> and KS the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**9. GREEN SPACES/GREEN FLAG INITIATIVE**

NP confirmed that this project had been deferred until the next financial year and the allocation would be rolled over.

DK informed the group that a bid would be submitted for a project at Creswell Model Village Green.

**10. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/NRF**

Discussion took place on the new Housing Association 'Decency' indicator. Significant reduction in non-decent housing association properties between 2005 and 2006. District performing well against this indicator.

During the 05/06 car amnesty 195 abandoned vehicles had been disposed off. Despite this, the figures are still well below the national average.

No other data updates.

JN said that a local voice questionnaire, giving a broader survey than the Citizens panel would be sent out to each community in BDC area. This would be completed by end of July and when collated would be reported to BDC.

Quarter 3 project progress was not available but verbal updates were given by project leads.

CVP may need to liaise with Community Safety Partnerships if grot to green scheme phase 2 is commenced.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

TT reminded the group that the post of Chair and Vice Chair had to be elected.

It was unanimously agreed that TT would continue as Chair. JWS had sent his apologies and asked that he not be considered for Vice Chair due to other priorities and commitments. Discussion took place on the nomination and it was agreed that Ailsa Daykin from East Midlands Housing Association and Peter Campbell from Housing Services BDC be approached to TO.

As a result of a cross cutting workshop 3 projects are currently out to tender, PCV, HGV and Construction training. Pre-qualification (Expressions of Interest) to be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> February the deadline for full tenders is 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

NP confirmed that by next year every commission brief would need a single source tender justification form completing and a decision made as to whether the scheme would need to go out to tender if the project was above 50K. It was not always appropriate to go through the tendering process.

TO informed the group that this would be her last meeting as she was leaving BDC. TT expressed the groups best wishes and thanked TO for her assistance and input.

**12. NEXT MEETING DATE**

5<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Groundwork Creswell Offices in Clowne commencing at 2.30 pm