

NOTES OF THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

GROUNDWORK CRESWELL OFFICES, CLOWNE
21ST JUNE 2007

PRESENT

T Trafford	(TT)	AHEAG
A Heath	(AH)	BCP
A Daykin	(AD)	East Midlands HA
M Cox	(MC)	CVP
J York	(JY)	CVP
N Boughey	(NB)	BDC
J Sherwood	(JWS)	BDC
D Row	(DR)	Clowne Wildlife Group Chair
D Edwards	(DE)	Hardwick Hall (National Trust)
P Storey	(PS)	DCC
G Stokes	(GS)	SMVRS
D Hutchinson	(DH)	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue
D Kelly	(DK)	BDC
M Connley	(MC)	BDC
J Lewis	(JL)	BDC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

D Betts	(New Houghton Community Association)
D Finch	(Housing 21)
R Whitehouse	(MVMP)
P Campbell	(BDC)
L Khella	(CEPT)
T Glover	(Junction Art)
A Rhodes	(BDC)

2/3. NOTES OF MEETING HELD 17TH MAY 2007/MATTERS ARISING

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The CEPT office had agreed, subject to approval, the allocation of £3,000 for training purposes. It was noted that the only group to make use of the training fees in a consistent way over the last two years was Hsg and Env.

JWS to arrange a visit to a completed energy efficient properties on Church Drive as soon as possible. **JWS to report back at the next meeting on available dates.** MVMP have chosen a developer for the remainder of the site and as part of the contract energy efficiency works are included.

Pg 4- Item 8 – CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

NB reported that invitations had been sent out regarding an event to be held at Van Dykes Hotel on the 2nd July 2007, to which LSP members had been invited.

Pg 5 – Item 10 – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/NRF

TT had raised at an ESG meeting the possibility of holding a joint meeting between Chairs and Vice Chairs of all action groups. This had been agreed and would be arranged.

DK queried who would be representing the action group at the joint meetings held between CBC, NEDDC and Chart at future meetings. **JWS to check and report back.**

4. **NOTTINGHAM DECLARATION**

All local authorities within the East Midlands had signed up to the declaration. TT suggested that the group look at this on behalf of the ESG. **TT to download information and discuss this further at the next meeting.**

DK suggested that the climate change film 'An Inconvenient Truth' be shown at a forthcoming meeting. TT also advised that this is to be shown at the Stainsby Festival.

5. **COMPLETED NRF PROJECTS/GREENWAYS DEVELOPMENT**

PS thanked the group for their support for the various schemes which had been completed during 06/07. PS spoke about the projects and funding details. Cross cutting targets had been hit covering transport, crime and disorder and health and wellbeing.

ESG funding was discussed TT asked that reserve projects be considered as any late allocated monies would have to be spent by end of March 2008.

6/7/8. **ACTION PLAN/HOUSING STRATEGY/LINKS WITH CHART/RSL ENGAGEMENT**

It had been suggested that the group reconsider their action plan and make linkages with housing strategy.

AD reported that there is some funding available from the Housing Corporation for regeneration, small scale refurbishments. However, to receive funding all strategic linkages should be in place, eg social services, health etc. The bidding round for 2008-2001 concludes mid October 2007.

NB commented that relevant linkages and delivery of long, mid and short term strategies would be discussed at the seminar to be held at Van Dykes. The Planning Dept at BDC is jointly tendering for a housing needs survey with CBC and NEDDC. The appointed consultant to be invited to attend the next meeting. NB will make it a requirement of the contract to inform the action group of progress.

A RSL liaison meeting will be held with the 3 local authorities. **Di Bonsor, Principal Housing Officer from BDC will be invited to attend one of the action group meetings.**

It was agreed to invite the Chair of the Chart Env/Housing Group to attend a future meeting. **DH to supply contact details.**

JWS to revisit the Housing Strategy document and circulate to members.

TT to circulate current action plan.

9. **REPORT BACK UPDATE**

- **BCP**

AH reported that BCP's focus this year is funding, as the main funding expires at the end of March 2007. BCP are working with DCC to develop Service Level Agreements for woodland work and access improvement targets.

CC and TT had had a supportive and constructive meeting with Wes Lumley (CEO), Eion Watts (Leader) and Steve Singleton, Head of Leisure from BDC. Heads of Service would be approached to see if there is a possibility of generating revenue through project work.

AH and CC are also looking at bids for biodiversity and a project to interpret the social and landscape timeline from ice age to present day.

- **GROT TO GREEN**

The funding offer letter had not been received until the 20th June 2007. JY had been recently taken up the post of clerical assistant. The criteria for bids had been amended and tighter terms and conditions added.

Flyers, posters and press release had gone out. The first round of bidding would close on 21st July 2007.

It was noted that the CPA Inspectors were interested in Grot to Green as part of their inspection. AH had manned the exhibition during the CPA inspection.

MC is completing the green space audit. Information is being inputted into GIS indicating type, location and ownership of green space.

Consultants will be engaged to undertake a green space strategy.

MC is in discussions with GreenSpace about how best to set up GreenStat (on line user surveys) for Bolsover as Bolsover District Council is not the managing organisation for all open spaces of interest.

Funding is available to bring 5 sites up to Green Flag Award standard. Further funding is available for biodiversity projects. Two projects, including a district wide desk top habitat survey and a hedgerow survey covering Glapwell and Clowne will be commissioned very soon.

Local Voices Questionnaire

There had been some difficulty in achieving 100 completed questionnaires from each village, Corinna Beatson, BDC User Engagement Officer is to send out a further 1000 questionnaires. The final report must be complete by September 2007 and MC will report back on its findings in due course.

JL spoke about 3 allotments into a community garden and the community would like to put this forward for a green pennant site. **MC will pass contact details on the JL and DE.**

Any community garden may be eligible for entry for a green pennant award and this could be taken back to community groups via CVP.

DE spoke about a school in Matlock which was aiming to be self sufficient in regards of food production and had sought guidance from National Trust staff at Hardwick Hall. DE offered the services of her staff to assist any other local school projects along similar lines.

12. **FORWARD STRATEGIES**

Previously covered in other items

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion took place on the problem of burning waste at Shirebrook. Fire officers were called out recently to an incident involving burning of tyres which had resulted in thick black smoke late at night. GS was advised to contact Env Health via the contact centre to report incidents or if out of hours the CAN Rangers who could witness any smoke and report back to Env Health. **DK will discuss this tyre burning incidents with his colleagues and DK said he would also make some enquiries.**

JL had organised some clean up days in Shirebrook to combat fires caused by secondary burning. A further day to be held in Creswell.

Discussion took place on the possibility of setting up eco clubs in local schools and community groups. This initiative could be tied in with a grant to green project and could involve CVP, Fire and Rescue, BCP and National Trust. Schools have been involved previously as part of their science projects.

NB told the group that had been working with consultants on Shirebrook Town Centre Master Plan and they were about to submit their report. Drop in events are to be held as follows:-

10th July 2007 – 4 pm – 8 pm at Shirebrook Salvation Army Hall
14th July 2007 – 9 am – 1.00 pm on Shirebrook Market

and LSP members are invited.

DE asked for comments about a scheme that she was expecting to consult on over the next 12 months. The scheme, at Hardwick Hall, would consist of a shop, restaurant and plant centre. This tourist attraction would be open 364 days a year and could be accessed without having to enter the Hall. DE is meeting with BDCs Planning and would be seeking opinions from local groups.

General consensus was very favourable towards the idea. TT offered to provide a formal response from the group if required. The employment and enterprise action group may also be interested.

JL spoke to the meeting about a food co-op on the Castle Estate which enabled residents to buy fruit and veg at a cost of £2.50 per bag. Volunteers are being sought to bag up produce.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

16th August 2007 at 2.30 pm at Groundwork Creswell Offices, Clowne,

PLEASE NOTE - the date has been subsequently changed and the meeting will now be on the 23rd August 2007