

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

**GROUNDWORK CRESWELL OFFICES, CLOWNE**  
**23RD AUGUST 2007**

**PRESENT**

T Trafford	(TT)	AHEAG
A Heath	(AH)	BCP
A Daykin	(AD)	East Midlands HA
J York	(JY)	CVP
N Boughey	(NB)	BDC
M Connley	(MC)	BDC
J Hodsdon	(JH)	BDC
L Krelle	(LK)	Groundwork Creswell
A Gibson	(AG)	Wm Saunders Partnership
K Sharpe	(KS)	Community Network (Langwith Society)
S Bentley	(SB)	BDC

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

D Edwards	National Trust
G Stokes	SMRA
A Rhodes	BDC
L Khella	BDC
J Sherwood	BDC
J Lewis	BDC
M Dalzell	Leicester Housing Association
A Wall	Housing 21
J Derricott	PCT
L Gregson	Env Agency
T Witts	Groundwork Creswell

A presentation was given by Alex Gibson on the proposed zero carbon housing project at the former Pleasley Colliery site. This was of interest to the group and it was agreed that this concept would be discussed at future meetings. Workshops would be held to which action group members would be invited.

**2/3. NOTES OF MEETING HELD 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2007/MATTERS ARISING**

**Pg 1, Pg 2 – Item 2/3 - Page 4 - Item 8 – TRAINING AND VISITS**

The allocated £3,000 for training/visits will be applied for in due course.

LK will follow up on arranging the visit to a completed energy efficiency property on Church Drive, Shirebrook.

**Pg 2, Pg 5 – Item 10 – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/NRF**

A date for a joint meeting of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all action groups had not yet been agreed.

JWS to report back on who is representing the action group at the joint meetings between CBC, NEDDC and Chart.

**Pg 2, Item 4, NOTTINGHAM DECLARATION**

TT had sent for a Nottingham Declaration pack but this has not yet been received.

DK had suggested showing the film “An Inconvenient Truth” later in the year. TT reported that this had been shown at Stainsby and had been well received.

**Pg 3, item 6/7/8, PLAN/HOUSING STRATEGY/LINKS WITH CHART/RSL ENGAGEMENT**

SB reported that the Housing Strategy is available for viewing on BDC website, there is no exec summary available. SAS to email out for discussion prior to the next meeting.

Diane Bonsor, BDC to be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the RSL Liaison group.

The Chair of the Chart Housing Group to be invited to attend a future action group meeting.

**Pg 4, Item 11, GREEN FLAG/PENNANT INITIATIVE**

An amendment to be made to the minutes to read “**Bolsover Improving Green Spaces**”.

**Pg 5, Item 13, ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Tyre burning incidents to be discussed at the next meeting as DK was not in attendance.

AH reported that he and Jo Rawson from English Heritage had worked on a bid for a grot to green project which has been accepted.

4. **PRESENTATION BY JULIAN THOMPSON – AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY**

The presentation had not taken place as Julian Thompson was not available. Sub regional work had been undertaken by Fordham Consultants who are looking at general issues around the housing market, and what housing provision should be delivered over the next 20 years in terms of affordability. The Local Development Framework will identify what

can be viably delivered. Mr Thompson will be making recommendations on local policy development based on his findings. He is available to attend the next meeting with his initial findings and to inform the debate.

NB advised that there was a meeting tonight of the Shirebrook Steering Group, information is available on the website and is a good example of using area based regeneration initiatives.

Looking at all available housing sites within the district has to be public led and it is likely that a steering group will be formed, NB thought it could be appropriate that members of the action group be involved.

NB thanked all those who had attended the event at Van Dykes, which had been very useful. A letter, debrief and a questionnaire has been sent to each attendee. Planning Services are open to suggestions on how they can support action groups with their action plans as a continued commitment. NB informed the meeting that he is leaving the Authority. NB will organise for a rep from Planning Services to attend the next meeting.

TT to liaise with CEPT office on writing action plans which can be fed into the Local Development Framework.

5. **NOTTINGHAM DECLARATION**

This item has been deferred until the next meeting.

6. **VISITS AND TRAINING**

Discussion took place on visiting an eco house at Nottingham. TT will circulate details at next meeting.

7. **HOUSING CORPORATION REGENERATION FUNDS**

AD advised that although Housing Corporation funding is for normally new build there is an indication that there may be funding for small scale rehabs. Further guidance is available in September. AD to keep a watching brief.

8. **CHART LINKS**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

9. **REPORT BACK UPDATE**

- **BCP and funding progress**

AH reported that funding for the next financial year has nearly been secured, core costs are approx £62,000 and the BCP are developing service level agreements with DCC Rights of Way Department and the

Countryside Service worth £25,000. DCC have also agreed to make £5,000 revenue available to the Partnership next year. BDC will continue to support the Partnership with an ongoing revenue commitment of £3,000 and are looking to extend this within exiting budgets. The BCP have also submitted a proposal to the Bolsover Wellness Programme and the Bolsover Community Sports Partnership to deliver health walks in the district worth approx £17,000 per year. In total some £50,000 has provisionally been secured leaving £12,000 outstanding.

BCP's Ben Arnold (Ranger) is leaving the partnership. Some discussion took place on outstanding works, AH to chase these up.

All work targets are on course at the moment and the BCP will seek permission to recruit shortly.

- **GROT TO GREEN**

Total allocation funding of £73,500. The 1<sup>st</sup> round closed in July and 14 responses, some of which were educational, had been received and all but 1 had met the given criteria. There was approx £47,000 allocated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, which has left some £27,000 for allocation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Ideas are required before 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007, it was noted that 2<sup>nd</sup> round take up has been slow. All paperwork to be submitted by the end of October 2007.

*Kath Sharpe left the meeting at 3.50 pm and tendered her apologies in for the next meeting.*

- **BOLSOVER IMPROVING GREEN SPACES INITIATIVE**

MC went over the 4 strands of project. MC has recently purchased the GreenSTAT visitor survey system from GreenSpace. Information can be found on the website '[www.greenspace.co.uk](http://www.greenspace.co.uk)' where there is a demonstration version of the system.

MC attends a Bolsover biodiversity network meeting which is chaired by the Lowland Biodiversity Officer. This is a district wide forum, which focuses on biodiversity issues. MC has recently commissioned Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to undertake two projects (a desktop habitat survey and a hedgerow survey)

MC is working on a Greenspace Strategy and an audit of open space and is currently compiling ownership details via the Land Registry. MC is also working on a play strategy and as part of that is looking at provision of play areas to identify which are the most deficient and well served areas, with a view to securing Lottery funding to improve the provision of play areas.

**10. COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY PARTNERS**

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<b>HILLSTOWN</b>	
Have asked if there are plans for green bins and any other energy saving initiatives	The roll out is delayed until the DCC composter is up and working. This may not be resolved for another 12 to 18 months.  Energy efficiency is actively pursued as part of LSP policy.
<b>WESTHOUSES</b>	
Any plans for litter bins and dog bins	Can be difficulties in siting and emptying of them. Enquiries should ring the main switchboard number and ask for them to be sited on a specific location.
<b>LANGWITH</b>	
Problems with drains full of rubbish and land on New Scott Street not cut or strimmed.	If the problem with rubbish is in the road gully this would be DCC Highways Dept, suggested ringing the elected member for DCC.

**11. FORWARD STRATEGIES AND REVISIONS TO ACTION PLAN**

TT reported that the ESG wanted the group to consider their forward strategy. Discussion took place on the outstanding projects. JH had been asked by Laura Khella to identify projects and asked that agreed actions be submitted to Laura.

It was established that the Green Waste Recycling Scheme was a one off contribution and therefore will not be carried forward onto the forward strategy.

Greenway and biodiversity projects are all linked in with Bolsover countryside partnership, AH is looking at a variety of funding strands. AH to lead on this and he is to submit the proforma electronically.

**12. ECO CLUBS**

AH reported that the Eco Clubs were being used to raise awareness and improve the area. The local school is also on board with this project.

**13. RESERVE PROJECTS**

There may be a potential under spend so funds will be over committed at this stage.

AH spoke about the Green Way Project at Creswell meadows which would join up the Frithwood trail which goes into Creswell through the UK Coal Site and will join up with the downgraded Craggs Road. This is an important strategic link to get people up to the Craggs and would avoid the use of the main road. Negotiations are taking place with the land owner. AH will send in paperwork although this has previously been submitted last year as a contingency project.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

JH to forward to Nicola Parsons an updated performance report for circulation. **(Subsequent to the meeting JH confirmed that there were no changes to any of the indicators and the report circulated in August will be valid for September. JH will review the NRF projects in October on her return).**

MC to submit a bid for putting in a path around the back of the skate park in the centre of Clowne. There is an issue of access for mobility problems. MC to put in an expression of interest for the next meeting.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 2.30 pm at Groundwork Creswell Offices, Clowne,