

Bolsover LSP / CHART LSP Transport Action-Theme Group Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 20th April 2007 at 9.30am
Room 3, Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield

Present

Steve Cannon (Chair)	DCC
Jamie Singleton	DCC
Rebecca Pennyfather	DCC
Derrick Betts	CVP (Bolsover District)
Fee Unwin	CVP (Bolsover District)
Sue O'Donnell	NEDDC
Jonathon Hendy	BDC
Mary Carr	NEDDC
Norman James	STAR/ Alliance SSP
Steve Lee	CHART LSP
Sue Dixon	CHART LSP

1. Apologies

Helen Fairfax (NEDDC), Natalie Priestley (CHART LSP), Elspeth Mallowan (DRCC), Natalie Price (BolsoverLSP), Catherine Rossall (CBC), Cameron Philpot (NEDPAA), Mark Shewring (CBC), Richard Madin (Bolsover LSP)

Steve Cannon introduced Mary Carr from NEDDC's Forward Planning Team and Fee Unwin and Derrick Betts from CVP Bolsover, and welcomed them to the meeting.

2. Minutes of meeting of Friday 2nd March 2007

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

P1 Accessibility Planning – Rebecca Pennyfather circulated a paper to the group and this can be viewed on DCC's website under Transport & Roads, Transport Planning, LTP Annex A3, page A3.55 of the Accessibility Strategy.

P2 Action – Kath Jephson has been provided with details of the Shirebrook Masterplan.

4. Action Plan

Steve Lee told the group that the sub group arranged at the last meeting had taken place on 4th April to SMARTen the Action Plan and clarify some of the issues.

Steve took the group through the revised plan and advised of the changes that had been made. Some of the broad actions have been broken down into smaller specific projects. The plan will be a living document that can be changed as funding for projects becomes available.

The group discussed individual actions and Sue O'Donnell said she would bring ideas from the Neighbourhood Partnerships to the group. She also raised the issue of public transport to the Royal Hospital and the group debated this and the closure of GP surgeries at length.

Action: Sue O'Donnell, Rebecca Pennyfather, Jamie Singleton and Steve Cannon to arrange meeting to discuss Royal Hospital public transport issues.

The group also discussed Community Transport and the various benefits and difficulties of running a scheme. Rebecca reported that the two Rural Transport Partnerships in Derbyshire have ceased operating as no further funding is available. She asked if it is possible that these could be replaced under Accessibility and funded by the STAR/ SSP Alliance programme. Norman said that the problem was that spend needed to be capital, not revenue.

5. North Eastern Derbyshire Local Transport Plan

Steve Cannon updated the group on the LTP. Schemes have been identified for 2007/08 and suggestions for schemes for 2008/09 should be forwarded to Rebecca Pennyfather before the next meeting of this group.

The group discussed some of the schemes on the list for 2007/08 and the types of schemes that might be suitable suggestions for 2008/09.

Paper copies of the document detailing the 2007/08 schemes are available from Rebecca on 01629 580000 ext 6721 or the CHART Office on 01246 345051.

6. LSP/County Round the Table Initiatives Update

NRF Schemes - Steve Lee told the group that there was not a representative from Bolsover LSP to provide an update.

Access Alliance Programme – Norman James reported that research has been carried out to identify priority projects that would provide quick wins, but that none of the ones they have looked at so far have met the criteria.

There will be three calls for funding, the first of which opens in May for two months and it is envisaged that the proposals will be assessed by early August. The types of schemes that would be suitable are those which provide enhancements to existing bus services, new bus shuttle services to business parks, community transport type schemes, informing people how to access transport information etc, however it should be borne in mind that some matched funding is required.

There is to be a seminar on 26th June 2007 at the Markham Vale Environment Centre. There will be an introduction to the programme, help on the

application process and monitoring and there will be enough time for bids generated by the day to be included in the first call.

An Accessibility Alliance Forum is being established. Initiations to the first meeting, which is due to take place at the end of May, will be sent out shortly and Norman is keen for representative members of this group to attend.

There is to be a Conference on successful sustainable schemes and the way forward at the end of September, details to be circulated via CHART when available.

Steve Cannon asked if Norman is confident that the whole target audience for the Access Alliance Programme is being reached and Norman explained that he is not, which is why partners are being asked to help and the reason for the conference.

Fee Unwin offered to circulate any relevant information to the groups she is involved with and help with surveys and leaflet distribution if required. She also invited Rebecca Pennyfather to attend the next Grass Roots meeting.

NEDDC Project – Steve Lee reported that NEDDC are looking into a cycle project along the Canal Towpath based on a Dutch scheme of free cycle 'hire'. Factors such as insurance and maintenance are still being investigated and these might mean that provision of bike parks is a better option.

Rebecca advised that DCC can fund bike stands through the LTP and Steve thanked Rebecca and said he would pass on this information to NEDDC.

7. CHART LSP Response to Local Government White Paper

Steve Lee reported that the LGWP Working Group had considered the structure of the CHART groups and would be meeting in the near future to finalise issues. It had is unlikely that all Theme Groups will be Chaired by Elected Members. This group will not be affected but an Elected Member will attend meetings. CHART LSP will start being Performance Monitored by NEDDC, Bolsover LSP is already being monitored by BDC.

8. Any Other Business

Fee Unwin asked if Community feedback could be a regular agenda item.

Derrick Betts raised the issue of bus services to Sportsworld in Shirebrook. Jamie Singleton reported that he and Norman James would be holding a meeting to discuss this next week to see if anything could be done in the interim before the new service that covers this starts next year.

Derrick also pointed out that there is no access for electric scooters on the Robin Hood service. Rebecca said that DCC are aware of the problem and that replacement buses are cost prohibitive, however, where possible raised kerbs could be installed to overcome this.

Another issue raised by Derrick and Fee is the timetabling of bus and rail services about which they receive many complaints. Rebecca asked for details to be forwarded to her so that her team can look into these matters where appropriate or otherwise signpost them to the relevant department.

Local Development Framework - Mary Carr spoke to the group about the work being carried out by NEDDC and CBC on the Local Development Framework. The LDF is replacing the Local Plan and comprises a core strategy supported by supplementary planning documents, and will be developed over the next three years.

The LDF will reflect the spatial aspect of planning for sustainable communities and will reflect the aspirations of local people and help deliver joined up services. The Local Government White Paper places a strong emphasis on community involvement and Mary is keen to develop links with the Theme Groups who she sees as playing a key role in this.

The Forward Planning Team at NEDDC has carried out an in-house evaluation of the Community Strategy to identify land use elements within it and has looked at the aims and sub aims to see where the LDF can contribute. Please refer to the attached paper for details.

Mary asked the group to consider her paper and feed any comments back to her within the next two weeks. mary.carr@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

Action: Rebecca Pennyfather to provide Mary with a contact for the National Cycleway.

Steve Cannon thanked Mary for her presentation.

9. Dates and Times of 2007 Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
Friday 22 nd June Accessibility – Potential Schemes for 2008/09	9.30	Meeting Room, Bolsover LSP
Friday 7 th September	9.30	Meeting Room, Bolsover LSP
Friday 30 th November	9.30	Meeting Room, Bolsover LSP

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