

**Meeting of Bilston East Neighbourhood Partnership Steering Group**  
**Parkfields High School**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Present**

Dannie Hinds, Tracy Hickman, Andy Hickman, Ann Nightingale, Carol Fawdry, Megan Fitzgerald-Plummer, Denise Pearson, Doreen Pitcher, Eddie Grizzle, Joan Oram, Lisa Parmar, Mark Connell, Ron Wright, Roy Hollingsworth, Steve Poole, Tanja Korfkamp, Anwar Ulhaq, John Goalby, Cllr Miles, Mary Jacobs, Jas Purewal, Lisa Ansell, Terry Percival, Ray Patel

**1a. Apologies**

Craig Gutteridge, Sgt Marcus Tomlin, Mel Jones, Nisha Sharma, Sue Brown, Tom Paterson, Nisha Ahir, Cllr Turner, Cllr Simkins, Andy Hubble, Errol Bryan, Richard Kelly.

**1b. Introductions**

Cllr Miles thanked all for attending and extended a warm welcome to Dannie Hinds.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Cllr Miles referred to the previous minutes,

1<sup>st</sup> amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> page the meeting was held at Lower Bradley Community Centre not The Lunt Community Centre.

2<sup>nd</sup> amendment - 1st page misspelling of Ann Mooi, should read Ann Modi.

3<sup>rd</sup> amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under matters arising (in italics) where Joan confirmed that 18 points on Humphries Crescent and Batman's Hill **had been asked** this should read **had been checked**.

Otherwise the Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

Lisa Parmar informed all that the WCSP Board meeting will be held in May, Lisa will update all at the next meeting.

Steve Poole and Carol Fawdry have not yet managed to carry out the Youth consultation, but were pleased to inform all that Steve and Carol will carry out Youth Consultation on Monday evening.

Mary circulated a handout to all regarding the LNP Budget Spend. Mary went through each item.

Page 4 - No Matters Arising.

Page 5 – Joan Oram was happy to announce that the reunion for people living in Wesley Street, Cross Street which took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, was a tremendous success. 110 people attended, £210.00 was raised for the Cancer Unit at New Cross Hospital.

Ron Wright highlighted that 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph should read Golden Lion Pub not the Crown and Cushion. Ron was concerned that decking had been put up for a smoking area and it was over looking into private properties. Ron has looked into this and no planning permission has been submitted.

Joan Oram raised her concerns regarding the camera which has caused anti-social behaviour to move from one side of Rocket Pool to another side of Rocket Pool, and it was now behind some trees by the bus route on Stirling Road. This was obviously causing problems regarding cars being parked on the bend.

**Agreed - Cllr Miles suggested Mary asked Sgt Tomlin to look into this.**

Cllr Miles was also aware that some work was due to start on Stirling Road for the off road parking scheme and also to move the bus stop.

Lisa Ansell suggested perhaps its something that the Traffic Wardens could pick up.

#### **4. Bilston Urban Village – Mark Connell, Regeneration Manager**

Mark confirmed that an objection had been lodged regarding Dudley Street reconfiguration. Mark said he was still working with Simon Lucas on this, but he expected a response to be ready for the May LNP.

In terms of the Bilston Urban Village, the deadline is the 11th May for expressions of interest for developers to build on the site.

Mark talked about a report on the transportation issues related to the Bankfield site that suggested there was no negative traffic implications caused by the Dudley Street reconfiguration.

Cllr Miles suggested that a presentation is given to a future meeting specifically around the issues raised by the document Mark had referred to. Mark circulated a copy of the brochure which was launched at the International Fair for Developers in France.

**It was agreed that the BUV transportation issues would be discussed at a special meeting to discuss this as a sole agenda item.**

Mark alerted LNP members to a report on HGV's on Oxford Street; and that they are more than welcome to attend the Regeneration Forum Group meeting to be held tomorrow at 6.30pm, venue St Leonard's.

**Cllr Miles confirmed that the Dudley Street closure will be an item for the next LNP meeting.**

#### **5. Update on Public Consultation Questionnaire design**

Mary informed all that she had recently met with the Policy Team and had the relevant discussions around what we are trying to achieve. Mary apologised that she had been unable to come with copies of the draft because she had only received her copy 20 minutes before tonight's meeting. Mary outlined what the questionnaire would cover.

There was some concern that the questions were asking about **all** providers in the area, including church groups.

Some members felt the questions should be isolated to include only the council owned providers like Daisy Bank and Innisfallen House.

Some members underlined the importance of the service the Church based groups provided.

Anwar highlighted that the purpose of the questionnaire is to tease out the lack of provision across the area and that this consultation process should be identifying this.

Cllr Miles suggested that everyone around the room gave ideas as to what sort of questions they would like to be asked on the questionnaire:

- Personal details (optional)
- How long individuals have lived in the area
- Provision -what is in the area?
- Do you use local provision?
- What kind of things do you like/attend?

- What provision would you like in the future?
- Is there a group you already attend?

Steve Poole suggested that interested parties set up a working group to devise the questionnaire and also suggested that perhaps the questionnaire could go to the Leisure Group. Every one agreed, volunteers from the meeting were as follows:

**Lisa Ansell**

**Andy Hickman**

**Mary Jacobs**

**Anwar Ulhaq**

**Carol Fawdry**

**Ron Wright**

**Megan Fitzgerald-Plummer**

### **Pinpointing**

Mary said that following on from the last LNP meeting, she had promised to give everyone feedback on Pinpointing. Pinpointing is similar to Planning for Real, in that it does not depend on meetings and written reports, but seeks people's views using pictures and post it's. Pinpointing is used most usefully when you have got a collection of data, particularly in focus groups and is well used with young people.

Lisa Ansell pointed out that she had used pinpointing and she would recommend this.

### **Coverage**

Debate took place with regards to the areas covered by the consultation.

Megan Fitzgerald confirmed that BRATS members from Ashley, Beckett and Fraser Street area believed they were part of Loxdale and therefore wanted to be included in the consultation.

Some LNP members argued against this, expressing the view that this area had more affiliation with the Lunt and Bilston town centre area.

Anwar emphasised that the area of benefit was agreed at the previous meeting, the map detailing the area is available from the Partnership office for any clarification.

Discussions then followed with regard to an article in the paper around the heritage of Daisy Bank. Andy Hickman asked Cllr Miles if she could follow up whether they could have Daisy Bank listed as a heritage building.

**Cllr Miles will report back to the next meeting.**

### **6. Action Plan – Current status**

Mary informed all that the draft action plan was circulated at the March meeting. Mary said meetings had been held with service providers as the team want to negotiate targets related to future service delivery. Mary informed all that these discussions were already bearing fruit in some instances, e.g. a team of detached Youth workers will be moving into Loxdale this June.

Mary alerted all that both she and Anwar will be meeting with Jan Hickman and Malcolm Green, Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor at 11.30am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April to receive some final amendments.

The final document will be circulated in the summer.

### **Timetable for LNP Theme Group Meetings.**

Anwar informed the meeting of the dates of future theme group meetings as follows:

The first Environmental theme group meeting took place yesterday, which was very positive; the next date of the group meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm – Venue TBC. Please contact John or Anwar on the office number.

10<sup>th</sup> May – Crime Group Meeting, please contact Lisa Parmar on 550695.

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Leisure Theme Group Meeting, please contact Steve Poole.

The above dates will be advertised in the Bilston Neighbourhood Partnership Newsletter, which will be going to print next week. Please inform the team if you are interested in attending any of the above theme group meetings as the team need to know of numbers, so a suitable room/venue is booked.

Joan Oram told the meeting that she have no feedback from the Locality Health Panel meeting, as she has not been kept informed of any future dates.

Mary also informed the meeting that she attended the Health Summit and was disappointed that LNP Health Reps were not invited. **Agreed - Mary confirmed that Jas would follow up why this was the case.**

**Clr. Miles also stated she would write to PCT to express her disappointment about the lack of communication with community representatives.**

## **7. Outstanding items**

### **BME Housing Strategy Presentation.**

Anwar informed the meeting that the Partnership team has received information from Lesley Williams requesting they attend a future LNP meeting to give a presentation on the BME Housing Strategy consultation. Anwar asked the meeting if they were happy for this to take place and would they prefer a May of June Meeting.

**Agreed – The Partnership were happy for Lesley Williams to attend a May meeting.**

### **Audit of Children and Young People**

Steve Poole also reminded the meeting that he is currently carrying out an audit. Steve informed all that it was coming together well, but would still like to meet with Lisa Ansell for some final details. Cllr Louise Miles said it was important that the Partnership take a role and if this information is not ready for a May meeting, she suggested it be taken to a June meeting.

### **Health Topics**

Joan raised her concerns around the PCT policy regarding Clinical waste

Joan asked the meeting to pass on the City Direct number 01902 551155 to those who are not having Clinical Waste collected.

Cllr Miles suggested we also invite Dr Adrian Philips to give the Partnership the health profile of the Ward.

**This was agreed for a future meeting.**

### **Richard Ashwell – Skills and Knowledge**

Anwar asked the meeting if they would like Richard Ashwell (Wolverhampton College) to come along to the next LNP meeting.

**It was agreed that Richard Ashwell be invited to the June LNP meeting to outline his proposals for providing training for Partnership members.**

## **8. Any other business**

### **Appeal for volunteers for the Summer Programme**

Mary appealed again for volunteers for those who wished to help deliver the Summer Programme, as this was mentioned at the previous LNP meeting.

## Zip Theatre

Mary circulated a poster from Zip theatre regarding a Multi Media Day.

Anwar gave a report on the Wardens' service for Bilston East

The Neighbourhood Wardens and Street Crime Wardens service are currently undergoing a review to deliver the decision made by the Scrutiny panel and were approved by Cabinet in June 2006. This will be a 'one-warden' service combining the street crime and neighbourhood wardens' schemes, to include revised job descriptions.

For a variety of reasons the service is currently experiencing a high level of vacancies. These are due to staff leaving the service, medical absence and annual leave. The existing service consists of an Operations Manager, 5 Senior Wardens and 21 wardens (currently a combination of Neighbourhood and Street Crime Wardens) this team is managed by Lisa Green, Head of Neighbourhood Safety – presently there is only 1 Senior Warden and 13 wardens (1 of which is currently part-time and 2 are new members of staff).

Lisa Ansell asked Cllr Miles to raise an issue regarding an alternative venue for Bilston by the Sea – which cannot not take place on Hickman Park this year.

**Agreed -Cllr Miles will write to the Council for further information.**

Lisa Parmar was pleased to congratulate Ann Nightingale who recently received a Home Office Respect Award for "Taking a Stand" against crime and anti-social behaviour. Ann has been involved in numerous activities for the past 40 years. In that time she has fought to help make her estate a safer and better place. Ann thanked Lisa Parmar for nominating her, Lisa said it was very humbling to be there with Ann.

## 7. Date and time of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of this group will be held on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 6.00pm. Lunt Community Centre.**

There was some discussion as to why Daisy Bank or Innisfallen House was not the venue.

**Agreed – Cllr Miles informed all that the June Partnership meeting would be held at either Daisy Bank Community Centre or Innisfallen House.**