

**Meeting of Bilston East Neighbourhood Partnership Steering Group
Parkfields Bilston High School
Wednesday 10th January 2007**

Present

Ann Nightingale, Beth Leach, Denise Pearson, Eddie Grizzle, Ken Brown, Cllr Louise Miles, Judy Watton, Chris Smiles, Jon Griffiths, Joan Oram, Mary Jacobs, Jas Purewal, Ron Wright, Lisa Ansell, Sgt M Tomlin, Ray Patel, Lisa Parmar, Anwar Ulhaq, Steve Poole, Tanja Korfkamp. Roy Hollingsworth, Raphael Duckett, John Ecclestone, Shaun Walker

1a. Introductions

Cllr Lousie Miles welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending. Anwar Ulhaq introduced himself as Mary's partner as Neighbourhood Manager. Anwar is contactable at the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Cllr Louise Miles introduced Joan Oram, who was happy to accept her nomination as a representative in liaison with the Primary Care Trust. Joan is a volunteer in the community and has been working with different community groups for the last 35 years.

1b. Apologies

Cllr Steve Simkins, Mari Gay, Nisha Ahir, Cath Cunningham, Doreen Pitcher.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

1st amendment – final page item 11 second sentence should read Local Action Plan not learning plan.

2nd amendment – Lisa Parmar was in attendance. Otherwise the Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Youth Involvement

Steve informed the meeting that he had met with Errol Bryan and Carol Fawdry, to devise a strategy to support young people. The document is in draft stage at the moment. Steve hoped there will be an in-depth version for the next meeting in February. As for consultation with young people in Bradley, youth services have been unable to resource this so far, but Steve aims that the information is provided by the next meeting in February. Cllr Louise Miles thanked Steve for his hard work he done.

Joan asked everyone if they had received the information form the PCT regarding the walk-in centres. If further copies are required please let Joan know.

Representation of Older People

Cllr Louise Miles –suggested Bilston East Neighbourhood Partnership to make contact with Link Line and an Officer from Anne Bailey's Team (W.C.C) and invite them along to a LNP future meeting. – Steve agreed to make contact with them.

4. Judy Watton and Chris Smiles (Enterprise plc) - Neighbourhood recycling initiatives.

Judy talked about the new Neighbourhood Recycling Initiative, which will replace Rubbish Action Zones.

They will only be collecting recyclable items such as plastic bottles, wood, electrical item, cardboard, metals and textiles. Chris said that they can no longer take bulky items such as beds etc, but if you have any re-usable furniture you need to dispose of, contact Community Transport on tel: 01902 496010 who will arrange a free collection and you can arrange a mutually convenient date for collection. Chris stressed that they need volunteers to help separate and load items on the vehicles.

Each LANA will receive 2 NRI's a year, so that's 30 a year. Everybody can get involved and the scope of each event is open to negotiation. The new emphasis is to get communities involved by working closely with LANA's. A handout was circulated regarding the provisional dates, which were 3rd March and 7th July. With regard to specific areas, the decision will be made by the individual LANAS.

Cllr Miles asked how colleagues want to deal with this. **It was agreed a decision is made at the next LNP meeting on 14th February.**

Judy Watton informed all that leaflets will be customised to go out to all areas. Mary queried whether alleyways could benefit; it was that alleyways will not be part of the recycling initiative. Discussions took place regarding bulky items and Enterprise said they would be dealt with separately through the Environmental Team. Lisa Ansell asked for clarification as no consultation on these changes went to the Community.

Tanja asked whether there were any recycling initiatives for schools in Bilston in terms of recycling i.e. compost bins. Chris responded that that they would have the recycling robots booked in again for July, where the children built Robots out of recycled materials.

Joan Oram informed all that she has previously got children involved from schools doing litter picks and the day has been a great success. Discussions took place around the NRI initiative and how community groups could volunteer to shift rubbish not covered by Enterprise.

Sitting of bins:

An example was given of the bin by the shops in Bradley; people are not using it they are walking and eating 100 yards and then dumping litter. Chris said he would be happy to speak to Street Scene. Enterprise said they wished to improve the recycling facilities in the ward, and would welcome feedback on where these should be located. **Agreed: Decision to be reached next meeting after reps have consulted with residents.** Discussion took place around where the major recycling centres in Bilston are. It was pointed out that there is a recycling centre in Hall Green Street. Cllr Louise Miles talked about the recycling centre at Bantock Park, which is spectacular.

5. Update from Community Safety Project – Lisa Parmar

Lisa said she has been in the process of analysing the 900+ household questionnaires and is a third of the way of inputting the results of the returned questionnaires. Lisa is

currently looking at target hardening in the private sector. 240 letters were sent to residents of Beckett Street, Ashley Street, Lunt Road and Fraser Street. So far Lisa has had 10 surveys returned. Lisa will be doing further door knocking to take up the free service and then looking at the next financial year for the alley gating at Beckett Street to take place. Lisa is also aware that Minor Works are being carried out in Beckett Street.

Discussions then took place around the purchase of a dome hawk camera for Bilston East. Lisa Ansell recently had conversations with someone at the Chad Centre who had submitted a successful bid for £8,000.00 to purchase a camera.

Cllr Louise Miles said she was aware of the anti social behaviour we are getting in Bilston East. Steve's concerns are that the dome hawk camera should be purely for this area. Sgt Tomlin replied that dome hawk cameras were normally situated in direct response to know hotspots of Anti Social Behaviour. Cllr Miles said she already aware of a prime site where the camera can go. Everyone agreed.

In terms of questionnaire, Lisa is a third of the way of inputting the results of the returned questionnaires.

Lisa congratulated Ann Nightingale, as Ann was invited to the Mayors Parlour having won one of city-wide awards for outstanding contribution to Community Safety. This was her third award. Ann had also been nominated for an award within Bilston Community Safety Champions and a Neighbourhood Watch Award.

6. Update on Cleaner, Safer, Greener initiatives:

Batmans Hill walkabout (handout)

Mary said the 4th walkabout had taken place and was very well attended. This information will be included on the database and will be considered by Steve Rose.

With regard to the small housing development on Hall Green/Brierley Lane, John did go away and look into this and we are aware now that there has been Planning permission for 10 flats. Cllr Louise Miles has asked Council Officers to maintain pressure on Sandwell Council to discuss the land at Weddell Wynd. Joan Oram said she had been campaigning on the need to monitor methane emissions from this land for 20 years. The land also has been nuisance with motorbikes and also dangerous as chicanes have been vandalised.

Graffiti

Discussions took place around graffiti removal. Mary asked those around the room for general locations where graffiti needs to be removed from. John Ecclestone talked about graffiti removal on private properties and also the indemnities from owners required as the machines are high pressure and also chemicals will be used. But it is up to the house owner if they want it removed, so in that case WCC is protected.

Cllr Louise Miles said that the programme is free but the machine is at a cost of £15,000.00. John confirmed that if the graffiti is racial or swearing they will remove it.

Roy Hollingsworth raised his concerns regarding the chemicals in the air when the water is sprayed. Jon confirmed that the machine has four functions and is environmentally friendly and also is COSHH registered.

Rocket Pool

Mary announced the Public Consultation on improvements to the Rocket Pool. An event is taking place on 29th January between 3.15pm-5.15pm; the venue will be Lower Bradley Community Centre. Prior to that questionnaires will be put through doors informing everyone of this.

7. Explanation of process for tonight's Open Meeting – Mary Jacobs.

Mary explained the process for the Open Meeting and its purpose, which will take place in the library. There will be eight different themed tables and Mary asked all to take time out to have a look at the issues raised and to move a card on to whether you think the issue is a priority for (now, sooner or later). Mary then explained if for any reason you totally disagree with an issue that has been placed, please place a red card over it. A facilitator at each table would be there to help.

Also there will be a sheet of paper on each themed table, where you can sign up to a theme sub group and you can sign up to more than one. So that in the near future, meetings will be set up for each theme where there is sufficient support.

8. Any other Business

- Mary talked about the photo shoot that has been arranged for Friday 26th January at Wilkinson Primary School, where Pat McFadden will attend and thank Holy Trinity, Field View and Wilkinson Primary schools for their hard work to build the Planning for Real model. Cllr's and the Bilston East Local Neighbourhood Partnership Team will also be present.
- Lisa Parmar then carried out the Prize draw for the Household surveys, the results were as follows:
£100.00 – Mrs Crids from Carder Crescent
£50.00 – Mr Owen – Bradley
£50.00 – Carmel Hydeckock – 65 Attlee Crescent
- Tanja from Bilston High highlighted the fact that she is currently working with 15 other schools in Bilston to put together another Summer Programme for Easter. Tanja welcomed any ideas and asked that people contact her should they want to discuss this further.

10. Date and time of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of this group will be held on **Wednesday 14th February 2007, 6.00pm. Venue to be confirmed.**

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