

**Meeting of Bilston East Neighbourhood Partnership Steering Group  
St Mary's Church  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**Present**

Tom Paterson, Lisa Ansell, Doreen Pitcher, M. Fitzgerald-Plummer, Nisha Sharma, Mel Passmore, Rev Raphael Duckett, Terry Percival, Steve Poole, Mary Jacobs, Jas Purewal, John Griffiths, Cllr Steve Simkins, Cllr Louise Miles, E Grizzle, Carol Fawdry, Ken Brown, Ron Wright, Tom Fellows, J Tomlin, Ray Patel, Barbara James, Andy Hubble, Cheryl Welsh, Harold Williams, Nisha Ahir, John Goalby.

**1. Introduction**

Mary welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending.

**Apologies**

Cllr Turner, Mark Connell, Lyn Law, Jean Hesketh, Brenda Richards, Tanja Korfkamp, Ann Nightingale, Joan Oram, Mel Jones, Rev Beth Leach, Denise Pearson, John Harpur, Roy Hollingsworth.

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

Mary circulated a copy of the minutes for the last meeting. The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

**Youth Involvement**

Mary said she had not had the necessary discussions with Crest yet as the team have been busy delivering household surveys.

Tom P queried if we still intended to write to young people. Mary agreed that this was still the intention.

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Mary confirmed that Mari Gay did in fact turn up to Parkfield High School for the previous meeting. Mary also confirmed that Mari Gay and Cath Cunningham will be attending the meeting today.

**Representation of Older People**

Steve Poole informed the group that Barbara Nelson from Social Services is on sick leave and as soon as she returns she will fulfil her role in the Partnership Meetings.

**Action: SP to re-invite Barbara on her return.**

**3. Open Item (20 Mins) for issues from Neighbourhoods**

A discussion took place regarding a problematic family evicted from Bradley. Concerns were raised that they will now be moved onto St Chad's or the Lunt. The authority does not have any obligation to house them and Wolverhampton Homes are being proactive in deterring private landlords. Lisa Ansell raised her concerns as two of the daughters might have a claim as homeless families. Nisha informed all that the necessary checks will be carried out.

Discussions took place on whether this was the right arena to be talking about this issue.

**Action: Mary suggested that the Partnership invite Wolverhampton Homes to a future meeting to give a presentation on the issues involved.**

**4. Mari Gay – Director of Community Services for Wolverhampton PCT and Cath Cunningham –Assistant Chief Executive, Wolves PCT.**

Cath said that they were both aware that they had not been as close as they would have liked to with the Local Area Forum and the Partnership.

Since last year a lot of planning has been carried out and she reassured people that the Health Community will not be in deficit on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007. The NHS has been looking at structures aligned to the parliamentary constituencies and a local Board will be set up in the South East if you would like to attend locally. A meeting has been arranged for January which is a Health and Social Care Partnership Board, where you can come and talk about particular issues, GP's also attend. Cath said there will also be a Health and Well Being Summit which will be held in March and this will take place every year.

**Action: Members to be informed of dates when known.**

Cath talked about the PCT's responsibility to plan all services and then commission services provided at New Cross, etc.

A discussion took place regarding GP's and shortages in Bilston, Cath hoped that the new building (Health Centre) would attract new GP's into the area. She has been involved in creating a strategy to address the issue in the long term. She would be happy to share contents of final document when its consultation phase is completed.

Mari Gay talked about a new service to be provided from the Phoenix Health Centre that is due to start in January 07. This will be a walk in service, which is Nurse led for minor injuries. Mel raised his concerns about people who are using public transport to get to the Phoenix Centre. Cath informed Mel that the PCT has made a commitment to work with the Local Authority to put something in place.

Tom P raised his concerns regarding cancellation of appointments; Cath suggested a rep from New Cross be invited to a meeting. Cath went on to talk about funding and how it works in the NHS. Kath was happy to hear from anyone if they have any further queries.

The partnership asked for progress regarding Bilston Health Centre, Mari fedback the discussions from the Primary Care Board last week. Kath also confirmed that the new Heart and Lung Centre has not closed.

Cllr Simkins raised his concerns about the recruitment of Nurses and training local people to go into this career and basically sign posting them; whether it's undertaking a degree or NVQ in Nursing.

Cath said they are committed to attracting nurses from deprived communities and are also working with 14-19 years olds, which is an initiative called Health Tech.

Mary suggested we invite Tony Mercer who is the joint commissioner for substance misuse and who could discuss Neighbourhood support services relating to drugs to attend a LNP meeting,

Cllr Miles thanked both Mari and Cath for attending.

#### **5. Nomination for memberships of the partnership.**

Steve Poole thanked all who had completed nomination forms. Please see attachment of Nominated members of Bilston East Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

#### **6. Voting in of Officers**

Cllr Louise Miles was nominated as Chair, and seconded by Cllr Simkins, and accepted the position.

Lisa Ansell was nominated as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Simkins, and accepted the position.

It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Management Team will continue with the support as the Secretary.

Rev Raphael Duckett was nominated as Treasurer, seconded by Lisa Ansell, and accepted the position

It was suggested that 3 people should be nominated to represent the partnership on the new S E health panel/board. Joan Oram was nominated in her absence and seconded by Cllr Louise Miles and Tom Patterson. Lisa Ansell was nominated by Cllr Steve Simkins and Tom Paterson, and accepted the position. Cllr Steve Simkins was nominated by Cllr Louise Miles and Ron Wright, and accepted the position.

#### **7. Up date from Community Safety Project.**

Lisa informed all she had a budget of £33,000 which is ring fenced for Wolverhampton Homes properties and Street lighting.

£1,300.00 had recently been spent on Planning for Real © consultation and household surveys etc. A cash incentive was also offered for the return of survey sheets. Planning for Real will conclude on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Lisa clarified the meaning of target hardening, which is all about securing properties and making it difficult for burglars to break in.

Lisa Ansell had a query in regarding to the household survey; Lisa confirmed that the questionnaire went out to all partners before they were delivered. If any one has any concerns please let Lisa Parmar know.

#### **8. Cleaner , Safer and Greener feedback**

John gave a presentation in regard to the environmental walkabouts and handouts were circulated. A discussion took place around Baileys Pool. Lisa Ansell confirmed that her Father in Law held the deeds for that. John said that the owners did not want to retain the responsibility because of the costs that would be involved in maintaining the land.

Discussions also took place around Coronation Park and the antisocial behaviour carried out there. Cllr Louise Miles supported all points raised. Steve Poole confirmed that he will be arranging for Youth Services to conduct a survey of young people in the near future.

John emphasised that a clean up needs to take place behind the Methodist Church in Loxdale. Cllr Simkins confirmed that he is currently trying to put in a scheme for this.

Ron thanked John for organising the walkabouts as they had been useful and very positive. It was decided that another walkabout would be arranged to go back to some of the areas omitted, such as Carder Crescent, Batman's Hill and the Town Centre.

**Action: Neighbourhood Manager to communicate times.**

## **8. Emerging projects**

### **(i) Neighbourhood recycling projects (use to be rubbish action zones)**

Two cleans ups are allocated to each LNP; members will need to determine the priorities. Alleyways in Loxdale have already been identified, but will need a site visit with Judy Watton to decide on details. A handout was distributed regarding the RAZ's. Mary said she would have the necessary conversations with Judy Watton to discuss the new criteria for inclusion as a priority includes:

Commitment is given by 15 volunteers who can help out on the day and the only bulky items to be collected are ones that can be recycled.

It was suggested that publicity for the Raz's is placed in the Bilston Forward.

**(ii)** Mary then went on to consult on the priority sites for graffiti cleanup, Andy Jarvis from Environmental Services has asked for lists from all LNP's

**Action: Louise requested a briefing report on all environmental funding and its criteria relevant to the LNP.**

### **(a) Planning for Real © diary dates and feedback.**

A list was distributed regarding all Planning for Real © consultations that had took place and also future dates for Planning for Real © Consultations.

Steve asked everyone around the room if they can keep him informed of any future events between now and Christmas so we can piggybank on to them with Planning for Real ©.

Everyone was informed that all the information from the Planning for Real © events will be compiled before Christmas ready to feedback to an open meeting in January.

## **10. Dates for the diary**

Breaking the Chains at St Leonard's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Community Champions Event

The Town Hall Clock switch on will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3 pm. The clock will be switched on by three local young people who participated in an art competition, entering their own representation of the Town Hall Clock, via pictures, paintings, computer images, stories and poetry. All of the entries will be on show at the

event. There will also be a special Bilston peel of bells at 3 pm, to coincide with the switch on.

Lisa Ansell advertised the children's Christmas party on 25<sup>th</sup> November at Daisy Bank Community Centre, which is open to all children up to the age of 9, especially children who are under privileged.

#### **11. Date and time of next meeting**

Mary proposed that the January meeting was an open meeting to everyone in Bilston East. It would be in the form of a Planning for Real © event where people could be involved in deciding priorities from all the issues raised via the public consultation work. This would enable a first **draft** action plan then the Local Learning Plan to be drawn up, which has to be achieved for the beginning of February 2007.

Mary suggested that the partnership members meet at 6pm and then the public meeting takes place at 7pm. It was established that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in a month would not clash with the Lunt Home Watch.

It was agreed that the next meeting of this group will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007, 6.00pm, followed by an open public meeting, 7pm at Parkfield Bilston High School, Prosser Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 0QD.**

#### **Point of information**

Anwar Ulhaq has now been appointed the other part time Neighbourhood Manager for Bilston East. Anwar will be still be working at Wolverhampton Community Safety Partnership, where he is based for his other 3 days work. Therefore, from now on Neighbourhood Managers will be available as follows.

Monday – Anwar

Tuesday - Anwar

Wednesday - Mary

Thursday – Mary

Friday - Mary