

Bromsgrove Partnership Board

4 December 2008

MINUTES

Present:

Liz	Altay	Worcestershire PCT
Tony	Beirne	Bromsgrove District Council
Hugh	Bennett	Bromsgrove District Council
Emma	Barton	BDC
Mike	Brown	Bromsgrove District Housing Trust
Maggie	Bryan	Worcestershire County Council
John	Cypher	Parish Councils Representative
Marie	Green	BDHT
Cllr	Hollingworth	Bromsgrove District Council
Roger		
Rachel	Jones	Worcs. Energy Efficiency Advice Centre
Cllr Ed	Moore	Worcestershire County Council
Elaine	Mortimore	Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness Forum
Ann	Sowton	Bromsgrove & Redditch Network
Phil	Street	Bromsgrove District Council
Mark	Weaver	Independent (Chair)

Item 1 APOLOGIES

ACTION

Item 2 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

MW welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 3 MINUTES OF MEETING 2 October 2008 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

Olympics – KD informed the meeting that an action plan will be taken to the Management Group in January 09. Worcestershire Partnership will need to raise £3,500. RH reported that companies in Bromsgrove are competing for some of the Olympic contracts

Don't Stop Me Now- AS and MB will be meeting to discuss funding. HB will chase the scrutiny exercise on Older People.

Theme Group Presentation – Older People – AS will speak to Anne- Marie Darroch about getting the Red Directory circulated to a wider audience.

Town Centre – RH reported that there had been a major setback for the town centre regeneration project. This being the English Heritage listing of Parkside School which was the proposed site

of the Health Centre and Police and Fire Stations. There is an appeal process which would take 12 months: it is unlikely that it will be overturned by which time the funding for the police station will have expired.

The application for listing was submitted by the Bromsgrove Society who did not consult with the Council. It was agreed that the group should put out a media statement, maybe an editorial to explain to residents how this listing affects the town centre regeneration plans. The Town Centre Project Board will have to look again at the plans to see how this major problem can be addressed.

HB

New College - This will be put on the agenda for January 09.

Core Strategy - RH reported the Regional Spatial Strategy Draft (RSS) has indicated that Redditch will need to provide around 6600 new homes up to 2026, due to the land constraints within Redditch the RSS has indicated around 3300 will need to be provided adjacent to Redditch town in Bromsgrove and or Stratford districts. Further work carried out by independent consultants has indicated that the figure to be provided outside Redditch is more likely to be in the region of 4,170 due to the urban capacity of Redditch Borough. The RSS is scheduled to go through a public examination in the spring where the issue of additional housing growth at Redditch will be debated. Further work commissioned by the Government Office for the West Midlands has indicated even further growth at Redditch although this report has met with significant objections from across the whole of the West Midlands region.

Item 4 THEME GROUP PRESENTATION: HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Liz Altay and Emma Barton gave a presentation on the progress of the Health and Well Being Theme Group.

Smoking - Charford Children's Centre, MARC staff and the Dolphin Centre have been trained to deliver brief intervention and NEW College also trained in smoking cessation. Future targets are for LSP to elect members to participate in training to deliver either brief interventions to signpost smoking cessation or support delivery of smoking cessation. The group will be promoting non smoking day- sponsored events, champions, campaigns in pharmacies, local business and families signing up to Heart Smart Brand

Mental Health – BDC in partnership with the Worcs PCT celebrated World Mental Health Day by running "Food and Mood" campaign on their training session for managers on stress awareness. The group will also be encouraging "Wellness Works" within the LSP and employers in Bromsgrove.

Older People

Affordable warmth training has been supplied for front line staff and surgeries offered to give advice to people living in fuel poverty. The group is also working on the Age Well Scheme and with the Fall's Prevention Coordinator to role out the Falls Prevention Strategy to be launched as a pilot in Redditch and Bromsgrove from 1st December-31st January

Alcohol – Countywide Alcohol campaign based on the “Know your Limits” Department of Health campaign to be launched on 2nd Dec- February 09. People will be sent out packs with activities and guidance to support the campaign

The group are in the process of setting up an alcohol sub group and will use the Alcohol Action Plan for the County and members of the sub group to develop an action plan in January.

Item 5 **WORCESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:**

LSP Funding

KD reported that the Management Group had discussed LSP funding at their latest meeting. Each LSP will be given £20k funding to contribute to outcomes for Councils.

KD

Olympics – This is funded by the reward grant which is decreasing and needs to be addressed.

Item 6 **TACKLING AREAS OF HIGHEST DEPRIVATION**

KD informed the Board that a paper regarding tackling deprivation was recently submitted to Worcester Partnership. The Partnership have agreed to target the super output areas.

KD

Item 7 **PERFORMANCE UPDATES**

Community Improvement Plan

The exception report for September to October was presented
2.1.6 Implementation of Scheme – this is almost ready to launch and will be a loft and wall insulation scheme for the over 60s'
5.1.39 Wheelchair Fencing – the remit of this has changed and will be looked at in January 2009.

5.2.11 Smoking Cessation – The MARC will be closing so there is a need to look for a new venue

8.1 Housing Strategy – This is running slightly behind original targets- Andy Coel to be invited to next meeting

10.1 Bromsgrove Train Station – HB will pick this up and report to the next meeting.

HB

11.3.13 Adoption of Parish Plans – HB to pick this up until a replacement for Louise is recruited

b)Key Performance Indicators - the report for October 2008 was presented

Item 8 **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

HB reported that the Communications focus would now be on putting out a media statement regarding Parkside School and how it has affected the Town Centre re generation plans.

HB

Item 9 **PROPOSED VICE CHAIRMAN**

The current Chairman – MW is stepping down from his role after this meeting .RH proposed John Morgan as a replacement. He will take up the role at the next meeting in February. The Board agreed and the proposal was accepted. RH proposed a vote of thanks to Mark Weaver for his commitment and dedication. MW thanked the Board for their assistance and hard work during his time as Chairman.

Item 10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

RH

RH informed the Board of the current status of the MARC which has closed due to funding running out. A group has been formed made up of representatives from the Police, Probation, Health, Youth and BDC to try and find a way forward for MARC and form a charitable trust. RH thanked BDHT for allowing them to use the building. It was agreed to set up a LSP project group to progress the MARC.

Item 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

2pm 5 February 2008.