

Bromsgrove Partnership Board

7 April 2009

MINUTES

Present:

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| Cllr | Hollingworth | Bromsgrove District Council (Chair) |
| Roger | | |
| Hugh | Bennett | Bromsgrove District Council |
| Mike | Brown | Bromsgrove District Housing Trust |
| Marie | Green | BDHT |
| Graeme | Anderson | BDHT |
| Rachel | Jones | Worcs. Energy Efficiency Advice Centre |
| Phil | Street | Bromsgrove District Council |
| Della | McCarthy | Bromsgrove District Council |
| Maggie | Bryan | Worcestershire County Council |
| Andy | Coel | Bromsgrove District Council |
| Cllr Ed | Moore | Worcestershire County Council |
| David | Shaw | West Mercia Police |
| Phil | Street | Bromsgrove District Council |
| John | Morgan | Small and Medium Businesses (Vice-Chair) |

Item 1 APOLOGIES

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| Kevin | Dicks | Bromsgrove District Council |
| Ann | Sowton | Bromsgrove & Redditch Network |
| Mike | McCarthy | NEW College |

ACTION

Item 2 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

RH welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 3 MINUTES OF MEETING 4 DECEMBER 2009 & MATTERS ARISING

Item 9 – It was clarified that JM would be Vice-Chair. It was agreed that RH will now take up role of Chair due to new legislation.

Matters Arising

Town Centre – RH explained that the Police and Fire Authority have agreed to move to the site behind David Lloyd Leisure Centre. This has been passed by the Police Authority Board, but is still waiting to go before the Fire Authority's Board.

Town Centre Toilets - RH confirmed that the works on the proposed toilets in the Town Centre will commence in May and finished in June.

Tacking Areas of Highest Deprivation

They have decided not to reward Council's who have hit their target, but any money spare will be used in areas of highest deprivation.

The reward grant for the next three years is £2,000,000 between 7 Councils.

CPA

MB congratulated BDC on the work in achieving a 'Fair' rating.

Item 4 **BDHT COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

Marie Green and Graeme Anderson gave a presentation entitled 'Our New Promises' and requested support from partners. The LSP agreed to support BDHT's promises.

Discussion took place on how customers should be reminded of accomplishments and handling consistent complainants.

Item 5 **"MARC" Update**

A document entitled 'Making a Difference Together' relating to the Pickersleigh Regeneration (Malvern Hills) was circulated and discussed. Consideration was also given to the Project Initiation Document for the LAA Deprivation Reward Grant Bid which had been drafted by HB. PS/HB

PS informed the Group on the project and the need to bring on board other partners.

BDHT are giving the property to the project which is worth £15,000 but will incur associated costs.

RH informed MB that funding has been put in place to cover these costs and explained future sustainability.

It was noted that it was likely that in the future this would be referred to as 'Redeveloping Neighbourhood Services' instead of 'MARC'.

Item 6 **PERFORMANCE UPDATES**

CDRP

DS - Informed the Group of general reductions in crime.

An Armed Response vehicle is patrolling the northern border, so now have extra PCs at no extra cost.

The market in the High Street is blocking the view of a CCTV camera.

Amanda Bott is no longer Chief Inspector due to restructure.

Better Environment

Plans regarding affordable warmth were discussed.

A Climate Change Officer will be working between Redditch and Bromsgrove. It was suggested that he be invited to the LSP meetings.

Thermal Imaging Project - £92,000 is to be shared within the District.

Discussed all work on heat loss.

Economic Success

Longbridge – Group was informed as to why no development was taking place at the moment.

Town Centre – Update on public toilets. Market on the High Street is considered a success and has increased trade.

Employability – Discussed the economic recovery summit and proposals put forward.

Children and Young People

Discussed ‘You Decide’ event and outcome of meeting and Call to be Health Project in Bromsgrove

Housing

The housing target has been achieved for the current year with 150 units completed. The recent housing assessment has indicated the district requires 4000 units of which 1200 will need to be affordable. Actions required to secure this level of units.

- Item 7** **FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY STRATEGY**
HB gave a presentation on the “Sustainable Community Strategy Review”. It was stated that David Gallers from Learning to Deliver would be attending away days in June and September 2009. It was suggested that a discussion on the SCS review could take place on 22 June prior to the first away day on 26 June. HB/DM
- Item 8** **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
It was mentioned that the Chair and Vice-Chair would be meeting with all Theme Groups in due course. RH/JM
- Item 9** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Next meeting - 2pm 22 June 2009. It was noted a special meeting would also be arranged for May 2009 to discuss the refined proposal relating to the Redeveloping Neighbourhood Services (MARC) before it was submitted to Worcestershire LSP. HB