



# WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

*the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough*

## Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008 – St Andrews Church Hall

*Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting*

### **Present:**

Dipana Patel (DP)	Northamptonshire County Council – Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit (Chair)
Funke Adedeji (FA)	Healthier Task Group
Gill Chapman (GC)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Hugh Fenton (HF)	Better Task Group and Voluntary Sector Forum
Chris Hill (CH)	Northamptonshire County Council
Insp. Ali Reynolds (AR)	Northamptonshire Police
Maria Thomas (MT)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Kim Westrop	Community member of Croyland Partnership

### **1. Apologies:**

Carole Stephenson (CS)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
William Thallon (WT)	Prosper Task Group and W'borough Education Partnership
Cllr Malcolm Waters (MW)	Borough Council of Wellingborough (Chair of the Community Committee)

### **2. Matters arising (not on agenda):**

None

### **3. Croyland Partnership**

Kim Westrop represented the Partnership. Kim gave some background about how she came to be involved, starting as a Sure Start mum, being encouraged to volunteer for their editorial team. It was then suggested that she represented Sure Start on Croyland Community Association (CCA). As she grew in confidence she started to help the secretary Dorothy who was an elderly member, and needed help with computer work and delivery of flyers newsletters etc. Dorothy was a star in the community and was Kim's inspiration. When she died, Kim stepped in to her role with confidence and enthusiasm and as well as being the secretary, now leads on CCA activities for young people, and was the driver for Buckingham Close Gardens. She is also on the committee of the Kingsway Centre and supports the Bumble Bees Pre School.

She represents the CCA on Croyland Partnership and has found it a very positive experience. She feels all the agencies are committed around the table and it is like a marriage they all work together at trying to improve the neighbourhood. As a member of the community she feels supported and through the partnership able to influence. One of the skills she has learnt is fund raising, how to complete application forms.

Kim shared the draft leaflet which details the achievements of the Partnership over the last 18 months. She went through some of the actions completed and said she felt a lot had been achieved through partnership working. The last Partnership meeting was attended by Robert Wooth of the Police Authority as a fly on the wall inspector to evaluate SCTs and he gave positive feedback.

**Comments:** OA said that health was missing from the leaflet. It was explained that no specific local health actions had been completed but that health trainers had been appointed and would be the people to link in to the Partnerships to address some of the health issues. There is also a recently appointed Borough Council health post which is also starting to link in to the Partnership. These will feature in the next evaluation. **Action: CH to link with OA to discuss current health initiatives.**

HF suggested there might be a local contact added to the leaflet

Several members of the Theme Group suggested the leaflet should be distributed to every household rather than just handed out at the event. Printing costs are prohibitive.

**Action: CH to investigate printing costs and AR will see if any Police funding can be contributed to this.**

#### **4. Neighbourhoods update**

##### **Hemmingwell**

- The NEL bid is on hold at the moment because sources of revenue need to be secured. A Corgi registration business model is currently being looked at. In the meantime a learning and skills taster event is being organised – “Opportunity Knocks” - for 16<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 – 4.00pm.
- A clean up day with the Partnership is being planned. Jonny Whitmore has been approached to involve young people in a community based project.
- There has been an excellent piece of work by Hemmingwell PCSO which will influence the environmental work plans of Wellingborough Homes.
- Sgt Nick Lyall has produced an Arson Reduction Strategy for Wellingborough and this will start on the Hemmingwell.

##### **Swanspool**

- Work is in progress and a review is planned.

##### **Queensway**

- Nothing of exception to report

##### **Generally**

- The Young Detectives Scheme for Wellingborough is about to be launched. There will be a briefing at Croyland Primary School on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm for 7 schools. The projects will take place in a rolling programme in the next academic year.

- There is a lot happening for young people during the summer break. Northamptonshire Sport, Youth Service and Positive Programmes for Young People will be offering sports and activities on each of our neighbourhoods. Northamptonshire Dance have received funding to offer taster sessions of street dance on our neighbourhoods.

## **5. Safer Communities Team Update**

Inspector Reynolds gave details of latest crime figures. One of the most concerning is rise in autocrime. They have groups of 14 year olds + on each of the areas causing a lot of the problems/ anti social behaviour. Work is ongoing to address this.

All Joint Action Groups (JAGs) and Community Panels are operating effectively. There are concerns about two priorities that are not being solved. They are, antisocial behaviour on Kiln Way and Minerva Way and antisocial behaviour on the area around and on Wordsworth Road. There is good support work going on with some of the BME groups and over the last 8 -10 days there have been no incidents on Kiln Way and Minerva Way.

The bid to fund roll out for Smart Water for the industrial estates was not successful.

They are short of three staff and are having difficulties with recruitment. They are also losing a lot of PCSOs – due to a variety of reasons - but because of initial over recruitment this is not an immediate issue.

## **6. Dates for future meetings**

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Hemmingwell House, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> December