



# WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

*the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough*

## Neighbourhoods Group Meeting

### Notes of Inaugural Meeting

21st October 2008

At Hemmingwell Community House, Wellingborough

*Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting*

#### Present:

Dipana Patel (DP)	Northamptonshire County Council (Chair)
Maria Thomas (MT)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Insp. Pete Chisholm (PC)	Northamptonshire Police
Gill Chapman (GC)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Chris Hill (CH)	Northamptonshire County Council
Tina Bryant (TB)	Northamptonshire PCT
Mo Baker (MB)	Wellingborough Homes
Hugh Fenton (HF)	Better Task Group and Voluntary Sector Forum

#### Apologies

Funke Adedeji (FA)	Healthier Task Group
Carole Stephenson (CS)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Rachel Abbott (RB)	Northamptonshire ACRE

#### 1. Welcome

DP welcomed all to the first meeting of the Neighbourhoods Group. New organisation/ representative of the group include Wellingborough Homes, Northamptonshire ACRE, and Northamptonshire Racial Equality Council (NREC).

Noted that apologies has been received from Rachel Abbott (ACRE) who for personal reasons could not attend but wished to express that she was looking forward to working on the group.

Anjona Roy (NREC) was expected but due to leave early from the meeting.

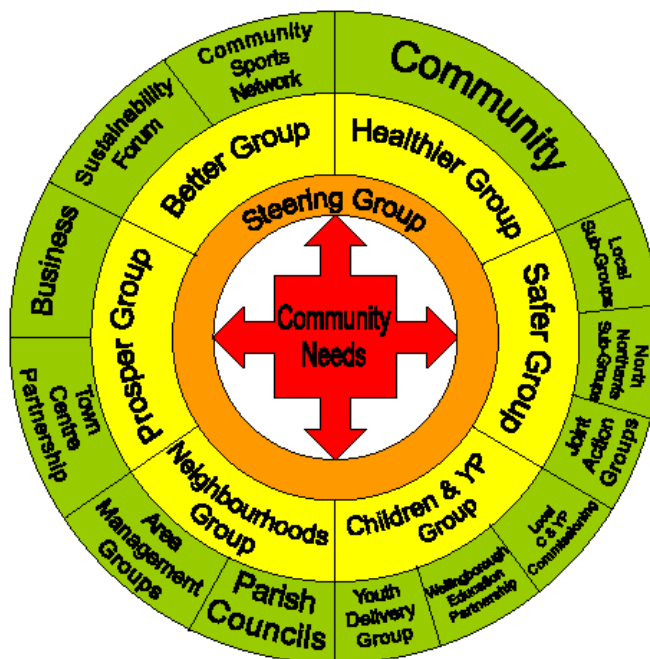
Tina Bryant was representing Fiona Grant/ Funke Adedeji in their absence.

## 2. Development of the Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group to the Neighbourhoods Group

Background to the previous Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group (NRTG) was provided, in terms of composition, work programme. The meeting was informed of how the Wellingborough Partnership had refreshed its structures, resulting in the formation of the Neighbourhoods Group which was tasked with meeting 3 key indicators/ outcomes. These are:

- Reduction in deprivation in the priority urban neighbourhoods
- Communities that get on well together
- Increased empowerment and engagement in rural parishes

HF shared the following diagram to show how all the groups inter related in delivery of the ambitions expressed by Wellingborough's communities through the Community Plan.



3.

### Current Draft Action Plan

Current draft action plan, previously circulated and required for a meeting of the Wellingborough Partnership on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008, has been collated based on partners' contribution to the neighbourhoods agenda – either from existing plans or work programme.

Status report - RAG rated (red amber green) – showed that the direction of travel for the Neighbourhoods Group was green which equates to good and on track. However, this is for the Wellingborough Partnership Steering Group indication in terms of overall performance management of the various groups and action plans. For the Neighbourhoods Group this should be read as the correct direction of travel but in terms of content of the action plan it

may be challenging both politically and financially and hence the group must not be complacent about the delivery of the neighbourhoods agenda.

Action plans were agreed subject to some minor insertions and typos.

**Action: GC to speak to Anjona Roy and clarify some of the detail relating to community cohesion element of the action plan.**

#### **4. Terms of reference and future membership**

DP apologised for not bringing hard copies of the previous terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Renewal Group (NRTG). It was felt that these could be adapted to form the basis of the new terms of reference for the Neighbourhoods Group. It was suggested that 'Encourage Best Practice' should be added. This was noted.

**Action:**

- a) CH to circulate NRTG Terms of Reference**
- b) All to consider with comments returned to CH by 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008**
- c) AR to consider the old Equalities Group terms of reference and see how they could dovetail**
- c) Agenda Item for the next meeting with a view to approve**

The following organisations/individuals were agreed for future membership:

- Representative from Safer group (Police)
- Healthier Group (PCT)
- Borough Council of Wellingborough
- Northamptonshire County Council
- Wellingborough Education Partnership
- Voluntary sector and Better Group
- Community Cohesion (NREC)
- Rural (Acre)
- Wellingborough Homes
- Borough Council of Wellingborough - Borough Councillor with cabinet responsibility.
- It was agreed that "Faith" representation via three faith representatives (Muslim, Christian, Hindu) should be strived for

**Action: Invite the County Faith Worker to attend next meeting to help develop this further.**

#### **5. Handover to new chair and administration**

DP had chaired the NRTG for the last two years. She expressed that due to current internal reorganisation NCC neighbourhood renewal were committed to end March 2009, however from April 2009 resources may not be the same.

Comments were expressed about NCCs role in chairing groups of the Wellingborough Partnership. DP reiterated that NCC were committed to the partnerships agenda. This group needed to be supported through its transition and BCW were possibly best placed to do this considering its new remit. BCW has offered to chair and administer the group. There

being no other nominations it was agreed that Gill Chapman would Chair the meetings in the future.

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

9 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	9.30 – 11.00 – Tithe Barn
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2009	9.30 – 11.00 – Board Room, Wellingborough Homes, Thomson Court
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2009	9.30 – 11.00 – Board Room, Wellingborough Homes, Thomson Court
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	9.30 – 11.00 – Board Room, Wellingborough Homes, Thomson Court
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