



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group Meeting

12th June 2007 – Hemmingwell House

Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Present: Gill Chapman – Wellingborough Council
Carole Stephenson – Wellingborough Council
Dipana Patel – Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit – NCC
William Thallon – Prosper Task Group
Insp. Ali Reynolds – Northamptonshire Police
'Funke Adedeji – Healthier Task Group
Chris Hill – Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit – NCC
Robin Burgess – Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit – NCC

Apologies: Cllr Alan Bailey – Chair of the Community Committee and Council Lead for Community Cohesion
Maria Thomas – Wellingborough Council
Hugh Fenton – Better Task Group and Voluntary Sector Forum

2. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

None

3. Wellingborough Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for 2007 – 2008

Now approved. It will be re visited at the July meeting to refine it and make it more performance driven.

Gill had contacted NCVA and they want to be involved with the NR agenda. They are taking over the Voluntary Sector Forum and will hopefully revitalise it. **Action: CH to meet Debbie.**

It was felt that the Chairs of the local NR partnerships are represented for the moment through MT CH and AR. However this will be reviewed to make attendance by the community more meaningful, possibly through meetings that have a focus on individual neighbourhoods. The Theme Group meetings will be reported to Neighbourhood Partnerships as appropriate.

4. Neighbourhoods Update

Hemmingwell

- Still supporting the Hope Project
- The Residents Association has reached a natural end. Other ways of engaging the community are being explored through the Hope project.
- Hemmingwell Community Centre is still vulnerable in terms of Wellingborough Council looking for savings. **Action: GC to meet with Simon Trundle.**

Croyland

- Allocation of the 106 monies has been completed and is as follows, Warwick Community Education Centre - £108,350
Kingsway Centre - £240,000
Methodist Church Hall - £110,575
St Andrew's Church Hall - £114,480
This was formally endorsed by the Theme Group.
Action: GC to do a briefing note for councillors and to organise a press release.
Action: CH to brief County Councillor Maureen Shram.
- Nothing has been heard regarding the application for a fast food outlet at the bottom of Wrenn School site.
- A play strategy has been prepared by Borough Council of Wellingborough (BCW) and this will form the basis of a bid to the lottery for play equipment for teenagers in Croyland Park. Consultation with excluded young people is currently taking place and they will be visiting a manufacturer in Nottingham shortly. This will then be rolled out on Queensway.

Swanspool

- Maria and Ali Quinn have been doing the groundwork to contact communities and have set up a community panel for 19th June. Swanspool will operate slightly differently to the other areas. The community panel will meet 12 weekly and the JAG possibly 4 weekly with partners invited for specific issues.

Queensway

- Very successful event on the 2nd June led by Places For People and the community.
- Resource Centre had a good AGM. Interesting speakers including young people who use the room. Good turn out from the community – the room was packed.
- Keep It Real Youth Group secured £6,800 for youth activities
- Older youth group took part in a residential. They are in the process of a graffiti arts project part of which is exploring the rights and wrongs
- Queensway Resident's Association has produced their summer newsletter and are currently delivering 4,000 of them.

Overarching Neighbourhood Projects

BCW have prepared a paper proposing 5 Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinators. It is for Maria's funding to continue and for a further 4 posts, 2 Urban and 2 rural. The paper has been to Corporate Management Team (CMT). The next stage is leadership team (Lead Cllrs + CMT) and if it goes through it will go to Resources Committee. One option if this paper is accepted would be to align the positions with SCT areas and strengthen partnerships. The paper will be stronger if partners also make some commitments.

Safer Group / Safer Communities Teams

There are new priorities for Queensway and Hemmingwell. Croyland are still working on their priorities. Swanspool and the rural team are consulting and will be setting theirs in the next few weeks. All are fully staffed.

CDRP issues. The H20 gang is still a problem on Hemmingwell. There is still a lot of criminal damage on Hemmingwell. The robbery sub group are looking at Kiln Way – a lot of the offenders are coming from this area.

Steve Carpenter is working with trained leaders around antibullying, robbery etc. and young people as victims. Violence, robbery, damage is being linked to education in Wellingborough.

Prosper

WT has contacted Nicola Dennis regarding the feasibility study for Wellingborough Skills Centre. The Prosper group were meeting on the 13th June and the feasibility study would be raised. Funding is likely to be an issue. **Action: WT to email CH regarding outcome.** Wellingborough Education Partnership might be the appropriate group to pursue this.

Healthier

"Choosing Health" work has been funded at the PCT and action plans are being developed to progress the work on the 6 priority areas of improving sexual health, mental health, alcohol and sensible drinking, smoking cessation, obesity and physical activity, and inequalities.

More appointments have been made at the PCT-Brenda Grimsley is the PCT's Older Persons Health Forum Lead-Base is Bevan House and Tel. no. is 01536 480379

Sexual Assault Referral Centres-a new bidding round is open and John Hughes from the PCT and Chief Supt Paul Fell from the Police are exploring the feasibility of joint working in the area.

A sexual health needs assessment is being undertaken-this includes a mapping of school and teenage pregnancy initiatives.

The national Chlamydia screening programme (NCSP) is soon to be established in Northants.

The Health Action Team/Health Trainers' pilot is being progressed in Corby, and Board proposals are being prepared for approval-Lead is PCT's John Hughes.

The Obesity agenda is being led by the PCT's Lesley Hamilton; and Steph Canning's work on Health Walks, Walk Leader development and Ditch the Chips school's programme should feed into the anti-obesity agenda.

An Alcohol project manager is soon to be appointed to take forward the integrated PCT/NCC agenda.

Better / Voluntary Sector

Air quality – there has been no significant rise.

The transport strategy and play strategy are out for consultation.

The off road motorcycle track is progressing – it is all about funding now.

Swanspool gardens development is going ahead.

The Voluntary Sector Forum had their AGM and now has a stronger steering group. Their next meeting will focus on young people.

Borough Council of Wellingborough

Extending provision for young people

Borough Council Members will be meeting starting in September to consider the development of work around young people in the Borough.

The new Chief Executive of Wellingborough Homes is interested in Neighbourhood Renewal. He has spoken to HF and is interested in the Theme Group. He has another meeting planned with HF

Northamptonshire County Council

The Mori survey is now complete. It is proposed that Gavin Chapman presents these results at the July Theme Group.

The Community Cohesion Group have produced a new leaflet

A presentation on the results of the LAA Policy Group workshops, one of which was focussed on the Hemmingwell Action Group is attached. Wellingborough Council expressed concerns that this process was rushed and they had no idea what to expect from the process or what was going to happen to the results. Not a good process

Date of Next Meeting: 24th July 2007 – Mori poll will be the main agenda item

Date of following meeting 11th September 2007 (to be agreed). The main agenda item for this meeting will be health issues for Wellingborough neighbourhood renewal areas