



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group Meeting

22nd July 2008 – At Hemmingwell Community House

Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Present:

Carole Stephenson (CS)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
William Thallon (WT)	Prosper Task Group and W'borough Education Partnership
Dipana Patel (DP)	Northamptonshire County Council – Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit (Chair)
Maria Thomas (MT)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Insp. Pete Chisholm (PC)	Northamptonshire Police
Chris Hill (CH)	Northamptonshire County Council
DI Ali Reynolds (AR)	Northamptonshire Police

1. Apologies:

Hugh Fenton (HF)	Better Task Group and Voluntary Sector Forum
Gill Chapman (GC)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Cllr Malcolm Waters (MW)	Borough Council of Wellingborough and Chair of Community Committee
Funke Adedeji (FA)	Healthier Task Group

2. Matters arising (not on agenda):

None

3. Safer Communities Team (SCT) update

Inspector Pete Chisholm was welcomed to the meeting as the new Inspector managing SCTs. Ali Reynolds is now the new Detective Inspector and is in the process of handover to Pete. Resourcing has been an issue. There is a new PC lined up for the Kingsway to replace PC Farmer at the end of August but Warren Lay has now left Queensway and Nick Price will be leaving Earls Barton. They are still losing PCSOs as it is seen as a route to becoming a police officer.

Ali Reynolds was thanked for his assistance with the NR agenda and the Theme Group.

Concern was expressed about some disillusionment in the community about the level of presence of SCTs. Part of this was thought to be communication where old information was being left on notice boards so it was having less impact in neighbourhoods.

Action: PC will address this

The police are embarking on a key project in Swanspool Ward which is about engagement with the Muslim community. PC will keep the group informed.

4. Neighbourhood Renewal Survey

The results of the survey were presented. There will be two further presentations in August/September when partners will be able to attend and discuss the results for Wellingborough. If you have any specific questions or requests for the full survey results please contact DP.

5. Wellingborough Partnership Structure

Wellingborough Partnership is currently deliberating on the Community Plan which is out to consultation at the moment. To implement this plan it has been necessary to review the structure of Wellingborough Partnership. A revised structure was taken to Steering Group week beginning 14th July when it was approved. The implication for the Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group is that it will become the Neighbourhood Task Group, one of six task groups responsible for delivering the Community Plan. Neighbourhood Renewal is one element of this Task Group, it will represent neighbourhoods borough wide and will cover the cohesion agenda.

In future there will be representation from three faith groups (Christian, Hindu and Muslim), Northamptonshire REC, Wellingborough Education Partnership, Wellingborough Homes, Acre, Police and Neighbourhood Renewal.

The Neighbourhood Task Group will have targets within the Community Plan, will develop an action plan which will be subject to a red amber green rating.

Action: CS AND DP will consider the changes needed to the group to make the transition to the new Task Group. September meeting of the Theme group is cancelled and consideration will be made to use this meeting time to work through with partners/members as to what this transition may look like.

6. Neighbourhoods update

Due to time constraints the only item discussed was the neighbourhood leaflets. These have been produced for Hemmingwell and Queensway now and funding for printing has been agreed jointly between the Police and County Council.

Action: CH and MT to organise distribution with support from partners

7. Dates for future meetings

To be reviewed.