



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group Meeting

29th April 2008 – Hemmingwell House

Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Present:

Hugh Fenton (HF)	Better Task Group and Voluntary Sector Forum
Gill Chapman (GC)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Dipana Patel (DP)	Northamptonshire County Council – Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit
Maria Thomas (MT)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Funke Adedeji (FA)	Healthier Task Group
Chris Hill (CH)	Northamptonshire County Council

1. Apologies:

Insp. Ali Reynolds (AR)	Northamptonshire Police
Carole Stephenson (CS)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Cllr Alan Bailey (AB)	Borough Council of Wellingborough (Chair of the Community Committee and Council Lead for Community Cohesion)
William Thallon (WT)	Prosper Task Group

2. Matters arising (not on agenda):

None

3. Neighbourhoods update

Hemmingwell

- The lease for the community centre still needs finalising but this is in hand.
 - There is no update on the NEL bid yet
- Action: CS to advocate elected member representation and wider NR representation on the management group.**
- Action: MT to request that a steering group for the skills centre is convened.**
- Smart Water has been installed in 396 properties. This has generated interest by members for other areas of the borough. The Area Commander has asked CDRP to allocate some funding to role this out.
- Action: Smart Water evaluation to be circulated with the Theme Group notes.**
- The pathway to the front of the Well has been completed.

Queensway

- The second Resource Centre AGM is being held on 22nd May 08.
- Computer classes for both beginners and more advanced are starting 1st May.

Croyland

- The crime figures for the last year are very good with an overall reduction of 25%
- The motor cycle inhibitors have been installed on Croyland Park
- The speed humps on Kingsway have been replaced after much campaigning by various members of Croyland Partnership.
- A Partnership event is being organised for Saturday 28th June
- Buckingham Close gardens are looking very good (see attached photo)
- There could be an issue regarding the campaign to stop the Windsor Road development. There will be community members and Cllrs who are supporting this.

Action: CH and MT to avoid involvement and seek advice if necessary.

Action: GC to speak with planning to ascertain the reason it was stopped.

Swanspool

- The Community Panel have met again. In the main it is agency partners rather than community members. It is a roving meeting due to the nature of the area. There is good support from the councillors and many others are starting to get involved. The next meeting will be at the Daylight Centre with guest speakers Leslie West (Daylight Centre) and Carrie Masters (Project Development Worker – New Arrivals – Victoria Centre)
- The Castle Melor is being planned for August Bank Holiday and this could impact wider Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

Overarching Projects

- Skills Centre has already been reported

4. Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plans

The LAA emerging themes have been looked at to gauge what this means for Wellingborough and how they can be embedded in the NR Action Plans. It was proposed that the Wellingborough Action Plan is refocused to be more strategic and aligned with the LAA emerging themes and to include the 8 projects previously circulated. . MT, CH and MW have done some preliminary work on this. This will then be monitored by the Theme Group. The approach was agreed.

Action: DP and CH to develop this further

It was suggested that at this stage education representation on the Partnership should be reviewed with a view to strengthening the link with Wellingborough Education Partnership.

Action: HF to address this with WT

Currently all partnerships are evaluating what has been achieved over the last 15 months. It was suggested that this might be an opportunity for community members from each NR Partnership to engage with the Theme Group and present the outcomes of the evaluation.

This was agreed and the following programme suggested,

10th June	Croyland Partnership feedback
22 nd July	Theme Group business/NR survey
9 th September	Queensway Partnership feedback and Motor Vehicle Road Users Course
21 st October	Theme Group business
9 th December	Hemmingwell Action Group feedback
February 09	Theme Group business
March 09	Swanspool feedback

Action:GC/CS to prepare a briefing paper for members when the evaluation of the Partnerships has been completed

5. Youth Strategy

Feedback was given to GC who will collate it and return it to Wellingborough Partnership.

6. Wellingborough Community Strategy

- An event was held on 18th April and was attended by 65-70 stakeholders who did not disagree with the proposals. The Steering Group agreed targets need to be limited to 35. These will go for partner approval in June and for partnership consultation in July. The targets will only be those that can be achieved through partnership working not those owned by an individual agency. The partnership structure will be reviewed to ensure that it is fit for purpose.
- Dawn Vessey the Change Manager for Wellingborough Partnership is now in post and based at the WEP office in Weavers School.
- The Prevention Through Learning Programme (PTLP) is moving in to Wellingborough. There are three staff who are currently looking for a base.
- Positive Programmes 4 Young People led by Julian Elkington will be operating in Wellingborough over the summer
- The County Council are considering allocating £300k for preventative projects across the county with possible match funding from others. It's possible that Wellingborough may be a pilot next year.
- Wellingborough is leading in the county on the Integrated Youth Offer. Hugh is the representative for Wellingborough on this project and Kate Yates is leading for Wellingborough.

7. Any other business

- There is a joint mental health review led by the PCT and County Council. There will be two events, one on 1st May at Saints Rugby Ground and one on 6th May at Kettering Conference Centre. It is to develop a mental health strategy for 18-65 years. OA is part of the commissioning group.
- PR has been discussed previously but there are still issues where there is joint partnership working but individual agencies are issuing non partnership statements.

Action: Dipana to review where this can be taken.

8. Dates for Future Meetings

10th June (Croyland Partnership feedback); 22nd July, 9th September, 21st October, 9th December.