

Leicestershire Stronger Communities Board

Meeting of the Leicestershire Stronger Communities Board held on
Wednesday 10th September 2008 at 10am
at Age Concern in Earl Shilton.

MINUTES

Present

Neil Lambert	Voluntary Action Charnwood (Chair)
Alex Lea	Leicestershire County Council
Andrew Ingles	Voluntary Action Blaby District
Diana Cook	Rural Community Council Leicestershire & Rutland
Janet Mills	Government Office East Midlands
Martin Gage	North West Leicestershire CVS
Mick Fattorini	Leicestershire County Council
Nicole Rickard	Leicestershire County Council
Paul Hackwood	Diocese of Leicester
Richard Tobin	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
Sue Cavill	Leicestershire County and Rutland Primary Care Trust
Sue Hill	Voluntary Action Oadby & Wigston

In Attendance

Joanne Cheney	CVS Community Partnership (taking minutes)
Nadja Rein	Charnwood Borough Council

Action

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from:

- Anita Tailor Leicestershire County Council
- Bob Scott Leicestershire Police
- Louise Driver Leicestershire Rural Partnership
- Jeremy Prescott Rural Community Council Leicestershire and Rutland
- Panita Chohan LeicesterShire Ethnic Minority Partnership
- Peter Yates Diocese of Leicester

2. Minutes of the last Stronger Communities Board meeting on 11th June 2008

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Community Anchors

Jo Cheney has not yet received any suggestions of community anchors in Leicestershire. **Jo will send a reminder email to the Board with a deadline.**

JC

3.2 Further Joint Work with the Safer Communities Theme

Martin Gage and Neil Lambert have met with the Safer Communities Leads. New

indicators were shared and discussion took place around sharing specific resources, intelligence and data.

3.3 Rural Social and Community Programme

Jo Cheney has sent out Rural Social and Community programme brochures. If anyone else requires one, please contact her.

3.4 Thanks to Kerrie Fletcher

Kerrie Fletcher the Leicestershire Volunteer Centre Network Co-ordinator has now left. Martin Gage acknowledged that Kerry's contribution to volunteering across the County is very much valued.

4. Stronger Communities Update

4.1 Stronger Communities Update report

Paper 1 (Stronger Communities Board Update) was presented to the Board. Preparation for the Social Capital Survey is underway and local volunteers are being sought. The next Interfaith Forum meeting is on Monday 6th October on the theme of tackling discrimination. A mass of opportunities are arising from a Pathfinders Find Your Talent project following the requirement that children have access to five hours of high quality cultural activities per week.

4.2 Leicestershire Hate Incident Monitoring

The Hate Incident Monitoring Annual Report will be released by December.

5. Leicestershire Local Area Agreement 2

5.1 Stronger Communities Strategy – Delivery Plans

Paper 2 (Draft Delivery Plans) were presented by Martin Gage. These have been submitted in draft, but the final submission will take place after the Board's approval. The following discussion took place after each delivery plan was presented.

Delivery Plan 1 (NIs 1, 2 and 4) - Additional Paper 1 was presented (Comments by the Rural Community Council on Stronger Communities Delivery Plan). A discussion took place around the balance in funding between the work of the Voluntary Action Neighbourhood Workers and the Rural Community Council Community Development Officers. It was decided to submit this plan without amendment to the funding and discuss the detail of budgets once the funding amount was clear. It was decided that work around public involvement in health care decisions be included in this delivery plan. This would involve the Primary Care Trust as a key partner. **Martin Gage to amend the delivery plan to include public involvement in health care decisions.** **MG**

Delivery Plan 2 (NI 6) - It was agreed that this delivery plan need not be amended.

Delivery Plan 3 (LI 1) - It was agreed that resource of £10,000 be added to the financial section of this delivery plan for the Rural Community Council to support Parish Councils in community consultation. **Martin Gage to amend the delivery plan to include the extra funds detailed above.** **MG**

Delivery Plan 4 (NIs 6 and 110) - It was agreed that this delivery plan need not be amended.

Contribution by Leicestershire and Leicester City Learning Partnership
It was agreed that this proposal for work could be funded from the Initiatives Fund, if obtained.

Contribution by Head of Regulatory Services, Leicestershire County Council
The Board agreed this work should involve submitting a separate delivery plan.

Martin Gage to advise the Head of Regulatory Services to complete a separate delivery plan, possibly including Safer Communities indicators. **MG**

It was agreed that Martin Gage would write a paper to pull together the delivery plans and state Delivery Plan 1, 2 and 3 as priorities. **MG**

5.2 Volunteering Targets – Older People

Volunteering involving older people now has a wider agenda in the Local Area Agreement. It is hoped that £10,000 per year can be provided to support this work.

6. Community Cohesion Framework

Nicole Rickard introduced Paper 4 explaining projects taking place around Community Cohesion by the County Council. This included:

- A review of Citizenship Ceremonies in Leicestershire
- The new Welcome Pack to Leicestershire
- Events around the County
- Seminars on Cleaner Greener issues

7. Any other business

There was no other business raised.

8. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held:

Wednesday 10th December, 10am - 12noon

Kibworth Grammar School Hall, Kibworth Beauchamp