

Leicestershire Stronger Communities Board

Meeting of the Leicestershire Stronger Communities Board held on
Wednesday 11th March 2009 at 10am
at The Samworth Centre, Melton Mowbray

MINUTES

Present

Anita Chavda	Leicestershire County Council
Anna Oultram	Melton Borough Council
Bob Scott	Leicestershire Police
Diana Cook	Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)
Martin Gage	North West Leicestershire CVS
Michelle Skinner	Leicestershire Volunteer Centre Network
Mick Fattorini	Leicestershire County Council
Neil Lambert	Voluntary Action Charnwood (Chair)
Nicole Rickard	Leicestershire County Council
Peter Yates	Diocese of Leicester
Rachel Seagrave	NHS Leicestershire County & Rutland
Sue Hill	Voluntary Action Oadby & Wigston

In Attendance

Joanne Bettles	CVS Community Partnership (taking minutes)
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1. Welcome and Apologies

Introductions were made and apologies received from:

Alex Lea	Leicestershire County Council
Andrew Ingles	Voluntary Action Blaby District
Alyson Oliver	Voluntary Action Oadby & Wigston
Janet Mills	Government Office East Midlands
Jeremy Prescott	Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)
Joanna Hamilton-Colclough	Voluntary Action South Leicestershire
Kathy McKinley	Voluntary Action Melton
Lynn Aisbett	Melton Borough Council
Paul Hackwood	Diocese of Leicester
Richard Tobin	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
Sue Cavill	NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland
Lynn Aisbett	Melton Borough Council

2. Minutes of the last Stronger Communities Board meeting on 10th December

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

3. Matters arising

3.1 Community Anchors

Martin Gage thanked everyone for suggesting community anchors in

Leicestershire. A definition of a community anchor can be found in Paper 1. He informed the Board about the approaching Community Builder's Fund for community anchors. The Leicestershire list of community anchors will be continual, but funding should be available from Spring 2009.

3.2 Presentation by District Councils at last meeting

Nicole Rickard presented an additional paper 'Audit of Consultation and Engagement and Information Provision by Local Authorities'. Jo Bettles is to add Comprehensive Area Assessment item on subsequent agendas. Jo Bettles is to send Stronger Communities Board contact details to Danny Myers, so he can invite people to subscribe to Leicestershire Together enews.

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3.3 Commissioning of the Work

The task group have received tenders for hosting Stronger Communities posts. Three Interviews are to be held on Wednesday 18th March.

4. Stronger Communities Update

4.1 Questions arising from update report

Jo Bettles presented the update report, Paper 2. The last Interfaith Forum meeting had to be cancelled because of bad weather conditions. The meeting is being rearranged and Paul Smith from Leicestershire Police is to be the key speaker.

4.2 Leicestershire Hate Incident Monitoring Strategy

Anita Chavda presented Paper 3 'Leicestershire Hate Incident Monitoring Strategy'. Martin Gage suggested Hate Incident Monitoring training for Neighbourhood Workers.

5. Leicestershire Local Area Agreement 2

5.1 Stronger Communities Strategy - Delivery Plans

Martin Gage introduced Paper 4 'Stronger Communities Delivery Plans'. Neil Lambert asked that the job title of the Volunteering Co-ordinator post encompass the whole County. Martin Gage has been in discussions with the Police about an additional volunteer coordination post.

The board approved:

- £10,000 towards a Volunteering Coordinator post with the Police Force from the £25,000 targeted recruitment budget
- £5,000 to support youth volunteering initiatives by existing Quality Parish Councils.

5.2 Targets

Martin Gage thanked everyone for their feedback on targets for Local Area Agreement 2. The targets have been accepted by Government Office East Midlands.

Martin Gage displayed a diagram 'Empowerment Pyramid' to show how targets would be met. National Indicator 4 may form the most pressure, due to the government drive on empowerment. It was agreed that the Stronger Communities Strategy should be updated by the Stronger Communities Coordinator to include the term 'Community Cohesion' where appropriate.

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6. Review of Board Membership and Terms of Reference

The Leicestershire Together Theme Partnership Terms of Reference were circulated. It was agreed that this document should be brought back to the next meeting of the Board for discussion.

It was suggested that a representative from Voluntary Action Leicester should be included in the membership of the Board and who represents each district should be revised. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Board meeting.

7. Any other business

Co-ordinator Posts

Martin Gage is leaving North West Leicestershire CVS at the end of April. He hopes still to be involved with Stronger Communities. Michelle Skinner's secondment as Volunteer Centre Network Coordinator finishes at the end of March. Both were thanked for their contributions to the first Local Area Agreement and planning of the second.

8. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at The Kings Centre, Wigston Magna on Wednesday 10th June, from 10am until 12noon.