

# Leicestershire Stronger Communities Board

Meeting of the Leicestershire Stronger Communities Board held on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 10am  
at the Marlene Reid Centre, Coalville.

## MINUTES

### Present

Neil Lambert	Voluntary Action Charnwood (Chair)
Bob Scott	Leicestershire Police
Diana Cook	Leicestershire & Rutland Rural Community Council
Kerrie Fletcher	Leicestershire Volunteer Centre Network
Louise Driver	Leicestershire Rural Partnership
Lynn Aisbett	Chief Executive Melton Borough Council representing District Councils
Martin Gage	North West Leicestershire CVS
Mick Fattorini	Leicestershire County Council
Nicole Rickard	Leicestershire County Council
Panita Chohan	LeicesterShire Ethnic Minority Partnership
Paul Hackwood	Diocese of Leicester
Richard Tobin	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
Shamsher Chohan	LeicesterShire Ethnic Minority Partnership

### In Attendance

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

Apologies were received from:

- o Andrew Ingles                      Voluntary Action Blaby District
- o Jane Barratt                        Government Office East Midlands
- o Jeremy Prescott                    Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Community Council
- o Joanna Hamilton                  Voluntary Action South Leicestershire
- o Richard Mugglestone            Midlands Rural Housing
- o Sue Cavill                            Leicestershire County and Rutland Primary Care Trust
- o Sue Hill                                Voluntary Action Oadby & Wigston

## 2. Minutes of the last two meetings of the Stronger Communities Board held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008

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

## 3. Matters arising

### 3.1 Further Joint Work with the Safer Communities Theme

Jo Cheney has asked Phil Hawkins for dates of a possible meeting between Safer and Stronger Themes.

- **Martin Gage to contact Rob Nixon regarding partnership work**

### 3.2 Community Development Network

Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership will be arranging a regional meeting around early June to begin the Network.

## 4. Stronger Communities Update

### 4.1 Questions arising from the Stronger Communities Update report

A full report on Voluntary Action Neighbourhood Work to date will shortly be available.

The terms of reference have been drawn up for the Faith Forum in Leicestershire. Rather than having elected membership, the forum is inclusive of anyone with an interest. The forum is to be a non decision-making arena, but one for networking and link making. Currently there are people from Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh faiths involved. People of other faiths are also being contacted, for example, Bahá'í, Jewish, Pagan and Buddhist. Paul Hackwood is co-ordinator of the forum, Resham Singh (Chair of the Leicester Council of Faiths) is Vice Co-ordinator. There are plans for four sessions of the forum annually, based around a theme and including guest speakers. Other plans involve a possible one day conference around a particular theme.

- **Nicole Rickard to send Jo Cheney a list of initial interest**
- **Jo Cheney to send Paul Hackwood's contact details to Kerrie Fletcher**

### 4.2 Rural Social and Community Programme Evaluation

With the Rural Social and Community Programme funding coming to an end, the Board suggested ways in which funding to continue the work could be gained.

## 5. Stronger Communities Strategy for Leicestershire

### 5.1 Response to comments on the strategy

The development of the Stronger Communities Strategy will be an ongoing process.

### 5.2 Community Anchors

Information was given about plans for Community Anchors (please see Additional Paper 1). There will be £10M available nationally for community anchors.

- **Anyone with suggestions of potential community anchors in Leicestershire to contact Jo Cheney**

### 5.3 Local Area Agreement Targets

The Board were updated on the targets under negotiation for the next Local Area Agreement. There is currently no government funding ring-fenced for Stronger Communities work.

## 6. Sustainable Community Strategy for Leicestershire

Kerrie Fletcher suggested a small alteration to the Strategy around Children & Young People and Older People.

- **Nicole Rickard to make the amendment to the strategy**

## **7. Any other business**

### **7.1 News from Leicestershire Police**

A new Interagency Community Safety Bureaux is forming in Leicestershire.

### **7.2 Hate Incident Monitoring Project**

Following a request, Martin suggested that the Board receive quarterly reports from the Leicestershire Hate Incident Monitoring Project with an annual briefing and discussion. This was agreed.

## **8. Date of the next meeting**

The next meetings will be held at the following times:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 12noon**

**(at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall, Dorothy Avenue LE2 9HT)**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 10am - 12noon

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 10am - 12noon