

Meeting of the Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 18th November 2011
at Cottingley Community Centre****Present**

Cllr Angela Gabriel	Leeds City Council (Chair)
Christine Street	Job Centre Plus
Gill Clark	LCC – Regeneration Partnership Unit
Johanna Mawson	LCC – Project Co-ordinator City Centre & Rim
Cllr Ogilvie	LCC – Leeds City Council
Neil Diamond	Aire Valley Homes Leeds
Al Garthwaite	South Leeds Community Radio/Vera Media/Aspire To Succeed
Matthew Walker	Leeds Federated HA
Shaid Mahmood	LCC – Planning Policy and Improvement
Ian Pickup	Voice of Holbeck
Tom O'Donovan	LCC – Area Management South East
Jane Hopkins	LCC – Employment & Skills
Tom Smith	LCC – Environmental Services
Sally Blunt	Leeds City College
Ali Akbar	Unity Housing Association
Mahboob Nazir	Abu Huraira Masjid & KMWA Community Centre
Maggie Hartley	JESS Cluster
Gerry Shevlin	LCC - Community Safety
Ashley Dublin	Aire Valley Homes Leeds (Minutes)

Apologies

Bash Uppall	Health & Wellbeing
Steven Peacock	Cross Ingram Street
Steve Williamson	Re-New
Narinder Gill	Hunslet Moor Primary
Stephanie Burras	Leeds Ahead
Freda Bates	Community Rep
Michelle Anderson	Regeneration Service

1 Introductions & Apologies

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting Introductions were made around the table and apologies were noted.

2 Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 25th July and the Core Group of 30th September and matters arising.

- 2.1 The minutes were agreed as being an accurate and true record of the previous meetings.

3 Matters Arising

- 3.1 None

4 Terms of Reference

- 4.1 Cllr Gabriel explained the history of the partnership around information sharing

Action

between agencies and local people. The partnership has no budget responsibility.

- 4.2 The Council, through Integrated Locality Working is trying to become better orientated to find an improved way of delivering services. The Improvement Board would provide the delivery vehicle to create a better way of working and address priorities in the area.
- 4.3 Comments or ideas on the terms of reference were invited.
- 4.4 Cllr Gabriel suggested that there needs to be more communication between the Councils Strategic Board and the Improvement Board to ensure that targets are set within this framework.
It was suggested that this could be considered at the next core group.
- 4.5 Matthew Walker asked (when looking at section 3) how realistic can targets be collectively agreed within the Improvement Board.

It was suggested that negotiations between parties should identify some targets and ensure accountability from representative bodies.

5 Environmental Delegation

- 5.1 Tom Smith confirmed that some environmental services were now delegated to Area Committees and the functions include not only operational elements but also enforcement.
- 5.2 The environmental delegation will aim to be; clearer on outcomes, bring communities to the same standard of cleanliness, have more focus on what needs to be cleaned rather than just what is routine, have workers report directly and take the 'common sense approach' i.e. dealing with issues that aren't necessarily their direct responsibility. **The aim will be to deal with the issues first then deal with ownership afterwards.**
- 5.3 The structure of the environmental service has changed and is now an integrated service. The operational cleansing route has been revised to be more efficient and there is a new eight day cleansing rota. This will allow one day out of the cycle to concentrate on local priorities, with a potential to be influenced by the Improvement Board.

6 PFI

- 6.1 Gill Clark reported that this scheme in Beeston and Holbeck will include 275 new homes, the refurbishment of existing homes within Holbeck and the conversion of others such as Ingram Court.
- 6.2 In partnership with sustainable communities for Leeds (SC4L). There is hope that the contract will be signed in the New Year with a view to starting work in the spring. Meynell Heights to be one of the first for refurbishment works.
- 6.3 Jane Hopkins suggested that employment for this project should have a local focus. The group would like to see local people employed, possibly at entry level positions.

- 6.4 Cllr Ogilvie was concerned that not all properties benefited from 'Decency' works and would want refurbishments to those homes at the earliest opportunity.
- 6.5 Gill Clark stated the Contract Management Team would bridge any gap and would ensure that Councillors were involved in the development of the scheme. They would also want to ensure that local stakeholders are involved with contractors on the ground. Cllr Gabriel asked that Ward Members be briefed and consulted on regular basis.
- 6.6 Al Garthwaite asked who is responsible for properties that are steel sheeted and are earmarked for demolition. Some of these properties attract litter and shrubs are overgrown. Neil Diamond reported that Aire Valley Homes are responsible for the management of these areas until the PFI operator takes them over. Neil Diamond endeavoured to attend and deal with the specific site mentioned.

7 Health & Well Being

- 7.1 This item was deferred to the next meeting

8 Holbeck/Urban Village

- 8.1 Deferred to later in agenda

9 Cross Boundary Working

- 9.1 Tom O'Donovan gave a verbal update on work in priority neighbourhoods. Particular reference was made to the Cottingley project. The Inner Area Committee had agreed a programme to be delivered by the Outer Priority Neighbourhood Worker.
- A range of partners were involved including Aire Valley Homes. The Tenants and Residents Association were not registered with Aire Valley Homes but that was now in hand.
- It was planned to get residents to engage in scoping out their area and become more involved with the wider community.

10 City College – Joseph Priestley

- 10.1 Sally Blunt confirmed that the colleges have now merged (John Priestly College & City College) which will bring more potential drawing from a wider range of skills and resources to improve post 16 Education.

- 10.2 It has been found that interest in areas such as IT has dropped and they are now looking at new areas such as retail for job/career opportunities.

It is felt important to keep the community link with South Leeds on a strategic level as there is nothing in West or East.

- 10.3 It was agreed to develop capacity for smaller learning groups i.e. adult learning and learning for young parents. Although only a limited budget existed co-

operation with schools could help progress this.

Al Garthwaite stated it would be a good idea to establish pathways into college, i.e. mentoring for young people who are considering going to college.

11 Community Safety

11. Tasking

- 1 Gerry Shevlin reported that following a review of the work of the Divisional Community Safety Partnership new tasking arrangements have been put in place in Outer & Inner Areas. A briefing was tabled.

Burglary

Gerry went on to summarise the work of the Burglary Task Group. A recent OBA Workshop had provided the foundation for the development of an action plan. Which would be further developed with partners.

In conclusion Gerry announced that a report on the work of PCSO's around enforcement would be presented to a future Area Committee.

11. Cllr Gabriel expressed concerns around the sale of fireworks and lack of
2 consistency in involving the Council. Shops start selling fireworks and the council then have to make a number of enquiries to find out if these places have the proper licences. Ward members should be more involved.

11. Mahboob Nazir finds that young people tend to defer to crime due to them not
3 feeling as though they have a place in society and felt that it would be a good idea for groups working with young people to link up with community safety in order to work collaboratively.

8 Holbeck / Urban Village

- 8.1 Johanna Mawson The Holbeck Green Corridor project is on going and we are hoping to involve more public ground works. There will also be more work on the meadows, the cycle route and at least one public crossing.

An update on the plans for the south entrance to the train station – projected delivery within 3 years.

The Green Corridor has been nominated for a Leeds Architect and Design award.

Joanne Mawson also stated that she would like to set up a community clean up with the ALMO

12 Dates & Venue of Next Meeting

- 12.1 Friday 13th January 2012. 1.15pm Venue TBC

13 Future Agenda Items

To be considered by the Core Group
C&YP Group
Jobs & Skills – Jane Hopkins
ASB Team