

INNER EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING GROUP

Thursday 7th March 2013, Reginald Centre

In Attendance: Councillor Hyde (Chair), Cllr Khan (BRH), Trudie Canavan (Strategy & Commissioning), Sarah May & Clare Wiggins (ENE Area Support Team),

1.0	Introductions and apologies
	Councillor Hyde welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Cllr Maqsood and Cllr Morgan. CW to add Sharon Smith to future meeting invites.
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
2.1	Minutes of the meeting held on 10 th Jan were agreed as an accurate record.
2.2	2.3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> funding has been secured for installation of wifi at Richmond Hill Community Centre through the Connecting Cities programme. SM has chased Peter Harding on this and is still awaiting a response re the wi-fi installation date. All other IT issues at Richmond Hill CC have been resolved. CW to develop a business case for installation of IT at Henry Barran, Kentmere and DFWCC.
2.3	2.5 – Re’new delivered two sessions but there was no one in attendance. Re’new did advertise the events via Job Centre Plus Outreach Workers and local networks. A report around this has been submitted to local Ward Councillors.
2.4	4.10 – Cllr Khan raised an issue re Lettings dealing with potentially interested groups. The message from lettings has apparently been that there are no caretakers in place and therefore some community centres are unavailable. The group agreed that the message from Lettings needs to be consistently positive and helpful and offer alternatives where bookings were impossible to accommodate.
2.5	SM and J Buck to oversee projects within Inner East community centres to support people into work and training. Some discussion took place around publicity. It was agreed that there was a need to package each centre and what’s on offer there. This could be done as an A5 leaflet (not glossy). This could also be placed in notice-boards at community centres (including the new one at Richmond Hill CC. In addition, they could be e-mailed to partners for circulation. Area Support Team to work on publicity.
2.6	The Lincoln Green IT suite will be formally opened on Tuesday 26 th March 1-2pm. The café will be open and plenty of activities. SM was congratulated on this project.

2.7	3.1 – The group discussed the signage issue at Lincoln Green. Members have now requested signage from the road from the road for Lincoln Green. Costs are being generated for this work. Until recently, no funding was available to action the signage as all BRH tasking funds had been committed.
3.0	City-wide review
3.1	TC confirmed that the Dennis Healey CC would be coming across to the Area Committee imminently. A report would have to go through Children’s Services and to AMB before Area Committee.
4.0	Updates on priority centres: Alston Lane, Lincoln Green, Nowell Mount
4.1	<u>Alston Lane</u> Cllr Hyde expressed his preference for Alston lane CC to be transferred to GIPSIL.
4.2	<u>Nowell Mount</u> Discussions focused on Nowell Mount. It was agreed that there would be a separate meeting with SM / CW / R Barke and BRH ward Members.
4.3	SM went through her report. The key features were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The centre is only used 3 hours per week (2 Youth Service + 1 x Councillor surgery) • There is also some ad-hoc use e.g. Police PACT meetings, but these are not due to continue. Also approximately 1hr per month of community group. • The Youth Service has advised that they do not have staff resources to increase their use and in any case would be unlikely to use Nowell Mount for increased provision. • The centre is costing £21,000 p/a to run which equates to £138 p/a • One potential user is Little Elves childcare. However, there are a number of unresolved issues in relation to this group’s application • There are no caretaking costs at the centre – all users are key-holders • Compared with Lincoln Green and Richmond Hill CCs, the current and potential future use of Nowell Mount is very weak
4.4	It was reported that Sam Leigh had put in a Letting application on 15 th February. Adele in Lettings had e-mailed Cllr Khan to confirm. Cllr K to forward this e-mail to SM / TC / CW.
4.5	It was agreed that there needed to be clarity on where any capital receipts from the disposal of Nowell Mount could be spent.
5.0	Updates on other community centres
5.1	<u>Harehills Place</u> The disposal of Harehills Place is being dealt with by Asset Management.
5.2	CW to confirm the % that would be retained locally and whether this would be ring-fenced to the Area Committee or the ward. The group queried whether any of these funds could be used to provide IT in DFWCC, Henry Barran or Kentmere CCs.

5.3	<u>Dame Fanny Waterman Community Centre</u> TC agreed to convey a message to Lettings stating that all lettings should be free for 12 months, as agreed at Area Committee.
5.4	<u>Kentmere & Henry Barran</u> Colleagues from the Area Support Team and Strategy & Commissioning have been working with North Seacroft Good Neighbours and Gipton Together to develop effective and sustainable future management models for these centres.
6.0	AOB
6.1	TC raised the issue of a potential transfer of the Shantona Women's Centre to Children's Services. The group confirmed that this seemed a sensible option and they supported it.
7.0	Date and time of next meeting
	Thursday 2 nd May 2013 at The Reginald Centre