

Inner South Area Committee

Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

**Meeting held 21st January 2014
Tenants Hall, Middleton**

Attendance: Cllr Paul Truswell (Chair), Cllr Kim Groves, Cllr Judith Blake, Martin Hackett (LCC – SE Area Support Team), Neil Diamond (Housing Leeds), Tom Smith (SE LT), Carla Yeomans (BITMO), Ian Kenning (LCC), Pat McGeever (HFA), Graeme Ashton (P&C), Angela Hart (E&S LCC), Adrian Lee (LCC YS), Alice Greenwood (Middleton CC), Cath Nelson (LFHA), Martin Fox (LFHA), Jack Bennett (LFHA), Kathy Ashworth (Leeds City college), Shaid Mahmood (LCC), Bash Uppal (LCC), Peter Nuttall (The Learning Trust Sth Leeds).

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Joanne Hainsworth, Gerry Shevlin, Yvette Hammill, Amy Tolliday, Chris Simpson, Denise Kempton, Light Addaquay	
2.0	Minutes and Matters Arising	
2.1	The minutes of the previous board meeting held on 19 th November 2013 were agreed as an accurate record.	
2.2	<u>Matters Arising</u> 3.3 Leeds Lets Get Active - bespoke posters for the ward now produced highlighting that the provision was free. 3.4.2 Joanne Davis has now left. Bash Uppal will cover until position filled. 4.1.2 IK reported that 350 in the ward have now used food banks.	
3.0	Priority theme – Communities & Neighbourhoods	
3.1	Debt Forum – Ian Kenning (IK)	
3.1.1	A debt forum has now been established for South East Leeds. The aim of this group is to bring organisations together to share intelligence and information on issues related to debt advice, financial inclusion and financial literacy.	
3.1.2	The format mirrors similar debt forums already operating in East and West Leeds and has been established following consultation with partners across South Leeds.	
3.1.3	The Debt Forum is in its early stages and is developing an action plan to direct its work. The Forum will meet every two months and will be open to organisations across the whole of the South East Wedge.	
3.1.4	The next meeting of the South East Debt Forum is 28 th January at 10am at BITMO's Gate, Aberfield Gate, Belle Isle.	
3.1.5	IK circulated a draft action plan for the debt forum for comment.	
3.1.6	Cllr. Judith Blake asked that the leaving care team be contacted to offer improved financial literacy support to those leaving care.	IK
	The Following actions were agreed	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners were asked to promote South Leeds Debt Forum • Contribute to the mapping exercise of debt and financial support 	All All

	services in South Leeds. Send any information through to Ian Kenning	
3.2	Winter warmth packs for the elderly – Martin Hackett (MH)	
3.2.1	This project is a local response to the issue of fuel poverty and ever increasing fuel prices. It followed on from the presentation given by Robert Curtis at the NIB meeting in December.	
3.2.2	Following those discussions a number of actions were put in place including 'Green Doctors' attending group meetings and other sessions to provide support and information on avoiding falling into fuel poverty. Area Committee and Housing Leeds have also provided funding for the Neighbourhood Networks operating in Inner South to deliver winter warmth packages to its clients. The packages include hot water bottle, flask, gloves, thermal socks, blankets etc. The total cost of the project was £15,000 which provided 1,000 packages.	
3.3	Developing Project proposals: Middleton Skate Park – Martin Hackett (MH)	
3.3.1	The proposal to develop a skate park in Middleton has arisen from a group formed initially to convert the 'Middleton Marauders' changing facilities into a youth centre.	
3.3.2	Although the youth centre proposal is not now being pursued there is still potential to refurbish the building back to its former use as changing facilities.	
3.3.3	Having initially looked at a youth centre the feedback from young people was overwhelmingly in favour of a skate park development. A bid is being submitted to Grantscape for consideration at its meeting in April. The group are also looking at other sources of funding. The plan is to develop phase 1 of the skate park this year with a view to carrying out a further extension at some time in the future.	
3.3.4	The following actions were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IK to ensure the Middleton Group are fully constituted • All NIB members would try identify potential funding sources • Youth Service would work with the group to ensure there is a full consultation exercise with young people • There is a need to establish a parallel young persons group to consider all projects affecting young people in the ward 	IK ALL AL AL
4.0	Priority Theme – Employment & Skills	
4.1	Asda development – Cllr Groves/Angela Hart	
4.1.1	Cllr Groves updated on the ASDA development with the store expected to open in May.	
4.1.2	Local recruitment for the 300 plus posts is a top priority for Leeds City Council and as a result Ward Members have negotiated a deal with Employment & Skills to provide 3 pre-recruitment days for local people. These days will give attendees hints and advice on how to complete the on line application form and test and provide help with CV's etc.	
4.1.3	The training will be held at both the St Georges Centre and BITMO GATE. The dates are the 29 th , 30 th and 31 st of January. Posters/banners will be put up and information on South Leeds Life and other social media will advertise the events.	
4.1.4	Members of the NIB were invited to volunteer to help during these 3 days. Anyone interested in helping can give their details to Cllr Groves.	ALL

4.2	The White Rose Centre – Cllr Groves	
4.2.1	Applicants who are unsuccessful with Asda will be given a card inviting them to The Point (training base at White Rose Centre) for assistance with finding work there.	
4.2.2	The Point is currently promoting itself in the centre by placing vinyl's about its existence and what it does on escalators and various locations. The Point will also be offering a training programme for 14-16 year olds on retail that attend the 5 nearest High Schools.	
5.0	Priority Theme – Health & Well Being	
5.1	Dementia Awareness – Ian Kenning	
5.1.1	<p>IK distributed a paper on the dementia awareness sessions recently held.</p> <p>IK invited partners to attend a follow up session on Dementia friendly Belle Isle and Middleton. Monday 10th February 10-12pm at BITMO's GATE</p> <p>The purpose of the session will be to Improve understanding and awareness of dementia and to develop local actions to become a more dementia friendly community. IK stated that he hoped the session would develop stronger links between Belle Isle and Middleton and wider dementia support services in Leeds.</p> <p>The session will be lead by Peter Ruickbie, Services Manager, Alzheimer's Society and Maggie Graham, Leeds Dementia Action Alliance</p> <p>Carla Yeomans gave an outline of the work BITMO and Trinity Network were developing following the first Dementia awareness session back in November. They are launching "Movie and a Meal". A classic film will be shown at The Gate followed by a meal at Trinity Network. Partners were asked to promote.</p> <p>ACTION Promote the Dementia awareness session on 10th February, contact Ian Kenning to book a place.</p>	ALL
5.2	Smoking cessation and other health projects – Cllr Truswell/Bash Uppal	
5.2.1	The smoking cessation service has now been relocated to BITMO GATE. It is anticipated that the move to this location will increase attendance.	
5.2.2	Cllr Truswell updated the meeting on the smoking cessation action plan and the sub group. It has been agreed that the sub group will be broadened out to cover wider health and well-being issues including obesity, healthy eating, let's get active etc.	
5.2.3	BA reported that her team would be engaging with Schools on an individual basis rather than through the cluster.	
5.2.4	<p>New project 'Good Food Initiative' regarding healthier food being provided by takeaways is coming to the area.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that a report on this project would be brought back to a future meeting.</p>	BU
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	<p>City wide service on debt advice. SM reported that LCC are currently commissioning a city-wide advice service that will also provide debt advice. This brings the funding from Neighbourhoods and Housing, Adults, Children's and Public Health into a single contract for advice. The intention is for the contract, which has key performance requirements, to go live from April 2014.</p> <p>Separately to that there is work on-going around the high cost lenders campaign and the promotion of Leeds City Credit Union.</p>	

	Executive Board have set aside funding from the Local Welfare Support Scheme for initiatives with CCAB, Better Lives Leeds, Gipsil and St Vincent's to do more outreach work and to Leeds CAB to help establish a telephone-based service.	
6.2	Community Hubs – St Georges Centre is one of three community hubs being piloted in the city.	
6.3	Environmental Services. TS reported that enforcement officers previously with housing are now being combined with his team. The structures of the teams will be based on zones with Middleton Park ward having its own locality team. Action – it was agreed this this would be a substantial item for the next agenda.	TS
6.4	Community Led Local Development (CCLD) – PM reported that from 2015 £1 million will be available to develop enterprise, Jobs and skills. Action – agreed that more information will be provided at the next meeting. MH to speak with Kerry Courtney in (LCC European Funding)	PM MH
6.5	South Leeds Youth Hub – spring offer of courses that promote creativity and getting people into work.	
6.6	Offer for vulnerable 2 year olds. Cllr Blake felt that an item on this work this be included on the next agenda of the NIB.	MH
7.0	Date of Next Meeting	
7.1	TBA	