

INNER EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING GROUP

Thursday 20th September 2012, Reginald Centre

In Attendance: Councillor Hyde (Chair), Cllr Maqsood (G&H), Clare Wiggins (ENE Area Support Team), Trudie Canavan (Strategy & Commissioning).

1.	Introductions and apologies
	Councillor Hyde welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Cllr Khan, Cllr Morgan, Sarah May.
2.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
2.1	Minutes of the meeting held on 26 th July were agreed as an accurate record.
2.2	Cllr Hyde confirmed that he had met with Alan Bolton and Ken Morton and that no further action was required.
2.3	CW agreed to chase the summary of costs for provision of IT in all community centres, with a view to submitting a bid for funding to Area Committee and Area Panel. Contact is Peter Harding – Business Relations Manager in IT. The Area Committee has provided £10k for Lincoln Green and the establishment of a Job Club is dependant on IT being installed. Cllrs are eager to get it in asap.
2.4	The priorities for IT installation are as per the previous minutes and a funding strategy needs to be developed to implement this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> G&H – Wykebeck (and then Henry Barren) <input type="checkbox"/> K&S – Kentmere (and then Crossgates) <input type="checkbox"/> BRH – Ebor Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> No action to be taken for Nowell Mount or Alston Lane on IT
3.	City-wide review
3.1	A Board meeting was due to take place on Monday 24 th September. Information gathering is currently taking place in relation to type of activity, dominance of particular groups and investment. Initially, information on one centre in each patch is to be presented to the Board: 1) Richmond Hill, 2) St Matthews, 3) Little London. Otherwise the amount of information would be over-whelming.
3.2	TC provided an example of running costs – Richmond Hill: it costs £56k p/a to run, made £1k income last year and will make £7k this year, mainly due to Adult Social care. The centre is mainly used by Richmond Hill Elderly Action and the Youth Service who don't pay. The highest cost associated with the centre is £20k for the caretaker. RHEA tends to book lots of rooms, excluding other groups from using the centre and possibly generating an income. TC queried whether they really needed this amount of rooms.

3.3	It was noted that there is no monitoring system for those groups trying to book centres but being unable to due to lack of availability. This could help give a better idea of demand. For example, Cllr Hyde believed there to be lots of interest in Richmond Hill and Lincoln Green but potential users had been advised that there was no availability.
3.4	TC has information on running costs for each of the centres. She will forward on to CW to circulate to members of this group.
3.5	The group felt that the Review should include publicity of centres.
3.6	CW raised an issue in relation to Lettings who were putting potential users off booking. Les Reed had forwarded her concerns on to Lettings but CW had not received a response yet.
3.7	The Review would provide a comprehensive overview of each centre, with hard and soft data. The information would be circulated to this group as it becomes available.
4.	Updates on priority centres: Alston Lane, Lincoln Green, Nowell Mount
4.1	Members of Lincoln Green Diversity group visited Lincoln Green CC on 12/9. They are keen to use the facility but are wanting to negotiate for a free let, claiming that the prices are too high. TC confirmed that the group seems to have wound up in 2011 and is not on the companies registrar.
4.2	CW to speak to BRH ward Members about this and whether they want to support this through their Area Committee Well-being pot. The Partnerships Team within the ALMO can support. It must be re-iterated that there is a cost attached.
4.3	In relation to the previous proposal for BARCA to become involved in Nowell Mount and Ebor Gardens, Cllr Hyde advised that Cllr Grahame had clarified that this should not be pursued further.
4.4	Cllr Hyde requested Nowell Mount to go on the agenda for the next Burmantofts Neighbourhood Improvement Board. This should include information on running costs which TC will provide.
5.	Updates on other community centres
5.1	<u>Dame Fanny Waterman Community Centre</u> There needs to be a three month review mechanism in place to review usage of the centre. J Buck needs to develop a programme of activities to evidence community use in the case of the school going to trust or academy status.
5.2	A discussion took place around community asset transfers including potential for Dame Fanny Waterman CC and Kentmere. The group were keen to move all centres to a 'bottom up' approach.
5.3	The group were also keen to see the FEAST proposals developed at Henry Barren and Kentmere. CW to meet with Ann Eveleigh. A business plan is required for this project asap. It also needs to integrate food production and allotments as happens at Beechwood Primary School.

6.	AOB
6.1	Cllr Hyde confirmed that he had e-mailed Cllr Lewis regarding wanting a meeting with ward Members. Ward Members want to spend their proportion of the capital receipt on IT for Henry Barren or Dame Fanny Waterman Community Centre. CW to chase.
7.	Date and time of next meeting
	Thursday 15 th November 2012 – Reginald Centre