

DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP

Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe: 12th September 2016

Members Present: Derek Bramham (Chair), Wendy Lowder, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Noble, Claire Dawson, Alison Sykes, Alister Shaw, Cllr Gollick, Suzanne Story, Carl Hickman, Helen Jaggard, Gemma Cobby, Tom Smith, John Hays, Joe Micheli, April Fisher, John Carrington, Colin Buxton, Cllr Johnson, Carol Wordsworth, Carrienne Stones

Apologies: Cllr Gardiner; Alison Vint, Sarah Cartwright, Jenni Hobson, Jenny Batley,

<p><u>Welcome and Introductions:</u>- A round of introductions took place Apologies: - As listed above</p>	<p>Action By</p>
<p><u>Notes of Meeting held 11th July 2016</u> were accepted as a true record <u>Matters Arising –</u></p> <p>1) Cllr Noble informed the group that they had taken delivery of 44 bins for the area. These will be distributed and recorded through the housing workers here in the Dearne 2) CD and DB will be meeting with Antony Campbell in order to discuss the environmental theme on the 27th of September 3) The Renaissance centre are using the IT equipment so the Salvation Army have sourced alternative funding from the ward alliances to enable them to purchase items for the job club</p>	
<p><u>Discussion Items</u></p> <p><u>Healthwatch- Carrienne Stones</u></p> <p>CS presented a report that will be sent on to the Dearne Approach members.</p> <p>She updated the group with regards the work that had been done in relation to the access to GP consultation exercise undertaken in direct response to Cllr Gollicks discussion. Access had become an issue for residents, although finding showed that many people were attending GP services for social issues.</p> <p>Healthwatch set up a listening event in the Dearne but also worked closely with DIAL for those that needed extra support. 60 people in total shared their views and Healthwatch also discussed the other services that were available to them and if the residents were aware of those services.</p> <p>A couple of themes from the exercise were that booking an appointment was an issue and missed appointments were high.</p>	

The overall report will be available at the end of September and sent on for a response. Under Healthwatch powers they have 20 days to respond to the consultation.

See above attachment for a more in depth overview of discussion points

BCB – Steve Palmer and Big Local

In 2011 with the introduction of the Wolf report, training providers can no longer draw down government funding to deliver construction industry recognised qualifications unless the student is employed.

About the same time the construction industry national vocational qualification (NVQ) awarding bodies made it mandatory for all the NVQ qualification practical assessments to be delivered and assessed on site in a work setting.

Fortunately the housing project is not governed by “Time” for refurbishing the properties, although this outcome will be achieved eventually. From the onset the housing project was always seen as a vehicle for maximising employment and training for the residents of Barnsley and where possible for Goldthorpe and the Dearne residents. With Big local funding it created an ideal opportunity to develop a formula to overcome the issues of securing funding for training and in meeting the construction industries qualification awarding bodies standards, both huge barriers that prevent people from achieving their employment and education potential.

In a relatively short period of time the construction work that has been carried out at number 4 Wellington St Goldthorpe has assisted 64 apprentices in developing work skills and knowledge and provided the ideal work environment to fulfil their qualification assessment needs.

So far there has been 227 apprentice assessment & skills development days on site. From the time when the refurbishment project started up to press 12 apprentices have now moved into full time employment, greatly assisted by the experience gained whilst working at number 4 Wellington St.

This year we are working with Barnsley College in providing 69 training and employment opportunities and with ongoing support from our partners, we are confident that this target will be achieved.

BCB could have just instructed our own skilled construction team to complete the task; BCB’s construction services would have completed the job much sooner however this would not have been good for the apprentices

Health Theme update –Carl Hickman

C. Stones

<p>Carl updated the group with regards performance from November 2015- July 2016 (as above) He is currently working with other authorities on a sports England funding bid which will focus on physical activity. The figures attached are in relation to the many incentives that Carl performance manages including Bewellbarnsley and infant feeding service. Some issues have been highlighted including the women that suffer from depression and are prescribed medication in dealing with this, this potentially stops mothers from breast feeding.</p> <p><u>Jobs Education Skills Training update- Tom Smith</u></p> <p>Tom updated the action plan and circulated it to the group (attached) He also presented some of the progress in relation to the service. He is going to convene the sub group in Oct or Nov.</p> <p>Tom informed the group that Barnsley had had the best GCSE result so far , there was also a reduction in the NEET figures. He also stated that universal credit was coming soon and it would have an impact as we have more people in part or low level employment. Overall skills level had improve Tom will fetch the report back once finalised</p> <p>The group discussed the Skills bank and how it could be accessed in order to access funds and up skill staff. This could also be a launch pad to move into self-employment</p> <p>Henry Boot Construction Limited, in partnership with Barnsley Council, have been selected as a provider for a new employment support project across the Sheffield City Region. Building Better Opportunities (BBO) will blend therapeutic support and job coaching for people with mental health conditions, learning disabilities and complex needs. The programme is possible thanks to a two-year grant from the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund. The South Yorkshire Housing Association (SYHA) will lead a partnership of providers to deliver the programme.</p>	<p>TS to convene group</p> <p>TS report</p> <p>WL to send briefing</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Updates</u> <p><u>Big Local Thurnscoe – Derek Bramham (BLT Chair)</u></p> <p>The beach party was a success, interpretation boards are on the way. The fishing platform is slightly delayed as it has had to go out to tender. A concrete block is going to be placed around the rezza to stop quad bikes coming over the area. The winter wonderland is all planned and will take place on the 19th of November.</p> <p><u>Goldthorpe and Bolton Big Local – April Fisher</u></p> <p>The painting of Phoenix under pass has received some great feedback. They got NCS involved and it has been the best year for them. They group are wanting to put CCTV in the area as there has been some graffiti and fly tipping. Big local submitted a pro forma to Sheffield Uni so that they could complete one of their</p>	

live projects in Goldthorpe, specifically around the railway embankment. The our shed project is about to start and further details will follow. The fun day was very successful.

Questions were asked about the management of the houses and this will be done by Bernslai homes.

Thurnscoe Park- Pauline Philips

They have received section 106 monies to make improvements. They had a table tennis table donated it's been fantastic for the kids during the summer. A boot camp was organized but had to be relocated because of anti-social behavior. Robert Ogdan school have been attending the park regular.

Salvation Army- Alison Sykes

The salvation is extending its support of the food bank for working families as many of those are living in poverty, 15th October start date. Still going to Tesco for their surplus stock and distributing to those at need. The job club is still going well and they are about to purchase some new equipment funded out of the ward alliance.

Coalfields Regen Gemma Cobby

CRT had organized a job fair in Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe Library on the 29th of September. Employers had been asked to attend and it would be promoted through social media. Gemma is also organizing a dementia project in partnership with Alzheimer's society and has assisted them in getting a foot hold in the Dearne via a funding application to the Big local and development fund.

Town Centre Businesses- Carol and Colin

They have been involved in the making of planters and getting the high street looking lovely in the hope of increasing footfall. They will be completing a funding form to the Dearne area council. Jo advised them to watch out for the principle town initiative. Andrew Osborne to be invited to future meetings.

Goldthorpe Development Group – John Hays

The OAP events are still happening on a monthly basis, up to 90 people attend each event. They are currently planning the xmas market this will take place on the 9th of December. They are hosting a Halloween party at the playhouse 4-6pm. The bounce into summer was a good event and will take place on the 23rd of August next year. GDG have been involved in the bridge painting.

Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group- John Hays

The community event held at mansion park was great. They are looking into getting an allotment and are organizing their xmas event.

Claire Dawson

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Dawson**

<p>Allotment- was in the process of gaining funding to have a path put in that would make the site DDA compliant. The company shop are going to be attending</p> <p>Dearne playhouse- had advertised an ordinance with Brian Blessed that would take place on the 27th of January, tickets would go on sale on the 3rd of October</p> <p>Dearne ALC- the team had met two newly appointment community link workers and would send details on to April and Gemma</p> <p><u>BewellBarnsley</u></p> <p>Suzanne informed the group with regards the health steering group that would feed into the Dearne Approach.</p> <p><u>John Carrington and Helen Jaggat</u></p> <p>John updated the group regards progress in the Dearne this will be discussed further at the next meeting. Helen spoke of a joint project with NPS that will be managed through Bernslai homes.</p>	<p>C.Dawson</p>
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group thanked Joe for his involvement as this would be his last meeting; he leaves the authority at the end of September. • Police will be coming back to the area on the 9th of January 2017 • Healthwatch Barnsley have a new website and people will be able to review services it's a way of getting feedback. http://healthwatchbarnsley.co.uk/about-us/ 	
<p>Date of Next Meeting – 7th November the themes for discussion will be environment and housing, Salvation Army Hall 4pm</p>	
<p>Date of Future Meetings– To be held at 4pm in the Salvation Army Hall 9 Jan 2017 13 March 2017 15 May 2017</p>	