



DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP

Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe: 15th January 2018

Members Present: Derek Bramham (Chair), Claire Dawson, Alison Sykes , Andy Denham, Joanne Sharp, Dianne McQueen, Lorna Lewis, Amy Parker, Jackie Kenning, Chris Shaw, Amber Goddard, Stephen Abson, Jen Macphail

Apologies: Alison Vint, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Philips, Cllr Gollick, Suzanne Storey, Helen Jaggar, sarah Cartwright, April Fished

<p><u>Welcome and Introductions:</u>- A round of introductions took place and new members were welcomed to the group.</p> <p>Apologies: - As listed above</p>	<p>Action By</p>
<p><u>Notes of Meeting held 13th November 2017</u> <u>Matters Arising –</u></p> <p>CD stated that the move of JCP would not be until later on in the month as the rooms at Mexborough were not fit for purpose yet. A working group had been established in order to review the service offer once the JCP depart from the area. A template of the offer had been developed and would be circulated.</p>	

Discussion Items

Jen Macphail-winter deaths cold homes. JM spoke to the group about the research the teams had been doing in relation to winter deaths, she stated it was higher than the national average. JM spoke about what the team were doing in relation to digging down into the data. In particular working with energy companies, promoting discount for installation and a series of events regarding fuel poverty.

David Malsom – said he would come and update the group

BMBC Housing – Sarah cartwright provided a update for the group

Sarah sent her apologies for the meeting and an update:

- 1) General Vested Declaration Served at Beaver St 8th Jan so basically all ours and we are progressing for demolition at earliest opportunity. Tenders are back for Beaver Streets new build – the team are just working through costs. This is for 6x Bungalows delivered by Bernslai
- 2) David Malsom (Empty Homes) working with property owners adjacent re: grants to improve these properties and BH renovating their stock on that block too.
- 3) David M and Housing Growth working with Big Local to look at any small infill sites to facilitate their new build aspirations for EE homes
- 4) Seasons PH2 at Planning Jan 2018 – bid submitted to accelerate and address viability issues on PH3

Bernslai Homes- Dianne McQueen

All Bernslai homes meet the decent homes standard. The talk abouts are continuing although the service getting relatively low feedback from them. The team are promoting the bulky rubbish scheme for those that need it. The team have observed that when the gardens are untidy there are sometimes underlying issues, so support is the key.

CD reiterated that the bulky rubbish scheme was for BH and the private sector housing officer to promote this time round. There is only a small amount in the pot so the team want to make sure it goes to the most at need.

Jobs, skills and training

• Andrew Denham-Adult learning

The service are able to deliver any Math, IT or English courses in the area if people had a group that required this training. The team were not getting many referrals through.

The group then had a discussion about the fact that some people on benefits were still reluctant to apply for courses in the fear that it would impact on their benefits.

**CD to invite
to the May
meeting**

<p><u>Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorna Lewis- HealthWatch Report Healthwatch had only had once response from a GP in the area therefore they were going to use their 20day powers in order to get them to respond. Lorna will keep the group updated. Lorna also told the group that they were having a blind and partially sighted consultation on the 24th of Jan if anyone wanted to join the focus group • Jo Sharpe- District Nursing There have been staff shortages over the last few weeks due to sickness and leave, but things are getting back on track. The service is still very busy. • Amber Goddard- Social Prescribing Referrals for this area are coming through really fast they have made some good links and working with the nursing team. Amber has been working with the area team and are looking towards doing a loneliness and isolation project. They have a meeting with “befriend “in February. 	
<p><u>Family Centre</u> The team are doing some 5-19 year olds engagement and a mapping exercise with regards provision in the area, the team do not want to duplicate what's already available. The parenting programme that the family centre delivers is really well attended. Rose voucher scheme is also doing very well and the team are looking to write a programme to compliment it. The parents that attend the programme have expressed an interest in undertaking a cooking course.</p> <p>Jen and Amy to make links</p> <p><u>BeWellBarnsley- Suzanne Storey provided a update for the group</u></p> <p><u>Dearne Area Council- Claire Dawson</u> All commissions are going well and have been extended until the end of March 2019. The team and area council want to focus on three areas this year, young people, isolation and mental health. The section drawings for the embankment have come back and were sent on to Network Rail on the 22nd of December. The group have also just got 15k for benches and railings. Plus an offer from Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership</p> <p><u>Salvation Army</u> The volunteers gave out 130 hampers that were collected from the Army during Christmas week. The major supermarkets have been fantastic and still continue to donate to the Army. They have just recruited a great volunteer that is going to be running the job club every Friday. The bike project as now got an additional 12 weeks funding. The ladies from rose vouchers get people to sign up at the Army and this has been successful. They hope to be working with the area</p>	<p>Jen&Amy</p>

<p>team and Big Local on a talking bench project. This will be where members of the team are located at different benches around the village for anyone that just wants to come and have a chat. The prom project is also progressing well with many items that have been donated. The dresses are now going to be based down at the ALC.</p> <p><u>Big local Thurnscoe</u></p> <p>The under the tracks project is now complete. The guy that did the graffiti etc did a fantastic job and the mosaic is up now. The housing project is nearly complete and they should go up for sale at the end of January. The group are waiting for BMBC to complete the play area. They are continuing with the raised beds and hanging baskets for the high street. However this year they are going to use the allotment to establish the flowers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 15th 12-4 pm they will be having a dinosaur event. • The beach party is on the 4th Of August • Halloween event on the 27th of October • They will also have a light switch on at Christmas <p><u>Goldthorpe Development Group- May Noble</u></p> <p>The health events continue to be really successful and the Christmas market and kids events went really well too. The xmas trees on the high street looked great with the group assisted with.</p> <p><u>Coalfields- Stephen Abson</u></p> <p>Richard will be leaving the organisation in February and Coalfields will be recruiting to that post. The properties at the side of the playhouse will be advertise shortly and should be ready by May.</p> <p>Cllr Noble said that one of the residents had complained about parking in that area. Stephen stated that they had received the same complaint and the service were looking into the issue trying to get a resolution for all parties. The group also had a discussion regarding loan sharks in the area. The group said it had been an issue for a while. CRT were looking into this issue nationally.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>All meetings are now in the diary for the upcoming year at the earlier time of 3.30pm</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting –</p> <p>12th March 2018</p>	
<p>Date of Future Meetings have all been put in the calendar– To be held at 3.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall</p>	