## DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP

## Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe: 24 August 2015

**Core Members Present:** A Fisher (Chair); W Lowder, T Smith; A Sykes; S Cartwright; C Dawson; Cllr M Noble; A Chapman; M Fisher; D Bramham; P Phillips; and E Mussett (notes) **Core Members Apologies:** M Farran; J Ellor; H Jaggar; J Micheli; A Vint; Cllr Gardiner; Cllr Worton; J Hayes; K Roberts (Community Shop) and A Gollick

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2.0 Apologies: - As listed above	
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3.0 Notes of Meeting held 11 May 2015:-	
These were accepted as a true record	
Matters Arising –	
Network Rail – Assurance was given that the condition of the railway bridges will	
be progressed by the Environmental Working Party as part of the long-term	
solution to the Railway Bankings.	EM
Camera Surveillance for Charles Street backings: Cllr Noble advised that in	
the 4 weeks following the erection of the warning notice of fines/camera	
surveillance no further rubbish has been dropped.	
AF advised that the G&B BL have now ordered 4 cameras. It was confirmed that	
these can be moved around and that the BL T can use any spare capacity with	
them paying for the cost of re-locating the cameras to where they are needed.	
Fly-Tipping Intensive Local Deterrent Publicity campaign – Discussed the	
offer made by Paul to provide a noticeboard on which details of Court	
prosecutions and the outcomes could be publicised at a location to be determined	
by the Steering Group. It was agreed that EM should respond to PB to say that the Steering Group was	
concerned that a noticeboard would be vandalised unless it was in a secure	
location, i.e. inside the library; the money might be better spent on publicising the	
information in the Chronicle; perhaps local businesses and Working Men's Clubs	
could be approached to put up posters inside their premises and that there should	
be an article on this in the Community Magazine – with information being required	
by CD by the end of September 15.	
Health, Well-Being Quality of Life theme:	
The meeting noted that CD is to map the services available across the Dearne	
and that this information will be communicated in the Community Magazine. (EM	CD
to add to actions in the draft action plan for Health.)	EM
WL advised that 'I 💙 Barnsley', funded through the Prime Minister's Challenge	
Fund, is exploring ways of improving access to GP's by piloting initiatives in the	
Town centre and Wombwell. WL to provide EM with the briefing note for	WL/
circulation with the notes from the meeting.	EM
The meeting commented that access to the GP's had been high on the agenda	

following the Turning Point research and although there had been some improvement things were now worse than ever. With particular issues being the need to have access to a phone at 7.30am in the morning in order to get an emergency appointment and the onus being on the patient to make contact to book appointments with other services. It was agreed that CCG representatives should be invited to the next meeting to help unpick the issues. WL to provide contact details and EM to send out the invited	WL/ EM
invites.	
Jobs, Education, Skills and Training theme Support to Local Businesses – Feedback was provided on the response from	
Steve Crofts following the request for local facilities signage on the by-pass from local businesses in order to draw trade back into the towns. EM to circulate the e-mail response from Steve with the notes of the meeting.	EM
Discussed were the limitation on signs that can be displayed on the Highway –	
questions were raised about signs on other pieces of local authority land adjacent to the Highway, or on trailers etc. It was agreed that the Steering Group Chair would e-mail Steve Crofts asking for further information and some details on costs.	AF
It was confirmed that businesses in Goldthorpe have been in contact with Cllr	
Noble requesting support. It was agreed that DB would make contact with the	DB
businesses in Thurnscoe to see if they were experiencing similar issues.	22
With respect to the desire to support Local Businesses it was agreed that CD	CD
would consider potential to support small local businesses by building on the	•••
survey carried out in the South Area.	
G & B Big Local Skills Workshop – Links with DWP - AF advised the meeting	
that she had checked with Ray Stables and Janet Fletcher and confirmed that	
they had already made contact with Joanne Dearnley from the DWP.	
Community Licence Scheme	
CD advised that following a meeting with Matt Bell in Waste Management a pilot	
scheme was in the process of being developed in partnership with a nominated	
community group. Discussions were on-going as to who the most appropriate	
group to be responsible for this should be. The meeting was informed that anyone	
transporting waste did need to get a waste carriers licence from <u>www.gov.uk</u>	
website and that there was a financial penalty of £5,000 if anyone was caught without and	
without one. The principles of the proposed scheme are that:	
<ul> <li>Working with the 'responsible' organisation access will be allowed to the</li> </ul>	
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community groups;	
<ul> <li>The limitation on the size of vehicle accessing the site will still apply but a</li> </ul>	
van up to the size of a normal transit van would be permitted;	
Clarification will be requested on whether it is a particular vehicle that needs to be	
registered or if it is the person accessing the site?	CD
• Waste Services wish to pilot this and will monitor how the scheme works in	
practice;	
<ul> <li>Waste Management had expressed concerns about the health and safety</li> </ul>	

of volunteers willing to support this initiative and have offered to provide training on manual handling, needles, and the legalities of accessing private land. This is to be progressed as part of the initiative.	CD
<ul> <li>4.0 Over-Arching Community Plan         It was agreed that to ensure that the community is able to influence the work of the themes that it was essential to build in a community link persons from the Steering Group for each theme.         The meeting considered that the next step was to identify the Lead and Community Link for each of the themes with the following being agreed:     </li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>4.1 Housing Theme <ul> <li>Theme Lead – Sarah Cartwright, BMBC Housing and Energy Services</li> <li>Community Link – Mark Fisher, Chair of the G &amp; B Big Local</li> </ul> </li> <li>4.2 Environmental Theme <ul> <li>Theme Lead – Manager from Transport and Environment – EM to contact Matt Bell to request that a suitable manager is nominated</li> <li>Community Link – April Fisher, Chair of the Dearne Approach SG</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	EM
<ul> <li>4.3 Health and Well-being Theme <ul> <li>Theme Lead – Wendy Lowder, Service Director, Stronger, Safer, Healthier Communities BMBC</li> <li>Community Link – Alison Sykes, Salvation Army Officer</li> </ul> </li> <li>4.4 Jobs Education Skills and Training Objectives <ul> <li>Theme Lead – Tom Smith, Head of Employment and Skills, BMBC</li> <li>Community Link – the meeting proposed Annette Gollick in her absence, in view of her success with the training initiative at the library. EM to contact Annette to ask if she would be willing to take on this role.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The meeting then discussed what else needed to be considered in order to support the Theme Leads and Community Links in the establishment of the themes and in the approximation and reporting of progress.</li> </ul>	EM
<ul> <li>on-going monitoring and reporting of progress. These included help with:</li> <li>Establishing lists of key Steering group contacts; and a list of supporting contacts</li> <li>Establishing how the theme would work and whether there was any need for actual meetings, or if existing groups could be utilised to share and report on the information of interest to the Steering group or if the best method of communications would be through e-mail and phone contact.</li> <li>Establishing the agreed objectives and targets for 2015/15 and 16/17 – based on the initial drafts considered and discussed at the Steering Group meeting held in July 2015.</li> </ul>	
Establishing a consistent monitoring process and schedule –it was suggested that this should be quarterly with 2 themes reporting into each Steering Group meeting presented by the Theme Lead and Community Link. It was also considered that what really needs to be reported are the exceptions, particularly the barriers being experienced and requests for support for the wider group and that a simple Red, Amber, Green, (RAG) system could be used to track process, and perhaps comments on positive publicity. It was agreed that potential this information could be shared in advance of the	

<ul> <li>meeting so that the meeting could focus discussion on specific issues.</li> <li>Establishing a consistent review process and schedule – It was agreed that once the targets and objectives for each theme have been established that there should be a mechanism to roll this forward on an annual basis with targets and objectives being updated to reflect any new activities.</li> <li>To demonstrate how this may work in practice EM shared the current draft of how this could look based on work done with SC on the Housing theme. (Copies to be circulated with notes)</li> </ul>	ЕМ
Housing Contact List;	
<ul> <li>Annual Summary of Key Objectives Targets and Performance Measures; and</li> <li>Quarterly Reporting Form for Q2 2015/16</li> </ul>	
It was explained that this theme is has been developed from the work initially carried out on the original Goldthorpe Housing Action plan with the remit having now been widened to cover the whole of the Dearne.	
Discussions with Sarah on the need for a physical theme 'group' for housing had identified that most of the information required for the steering group was being discussed and collated for other purposed such as at the Strategic Housing Board and the Quarterly Liaison meetings with the Federation and Berneslai Homes and that to capture any other information required for the quarterly report could be captured through personal contacts and discussion.	
Clarification was given that some of the figures had not actually been agreed by the partners; for example the Landlords have not been approached with respect to the proposal that they could help identify 10 empty dwelling to be brought back into occupation; and HJ had not had the opportunity to comment on the proposed figures for the increase in the number of Private Landlords becoming accredited or the number of landlords taking up the offer of the Berneslai Homes Private Sector Management Service and that there would be additional baseline information for 2014/15 that could be used to further populate the annual summary information.	
EM clarified that as she had been pulling together the information on work that was already progressing and the key/supporting contacts. It was her intention to work with the theme leads and community links to develop an initial contact list, annual plan, and quarterly report for each of the themes. With the theme lead then needing to take responsibility for taking these forward.	ЕМ
5.0 Updates, Positive News, Partnership Support Requests 5.1 Big Local Thurnscoe – Derek Bramham (BLT Chair)	
• Beach Party: Held Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August, fabulous family fun day in the Flower	
<ul> <li>Park was attended by over 1,000 people.</li> <li>Reservoir Fields Fishing Competition: in partnership with the Thurnscoe</li> </ul>	
East Angling Club. 20 young people (under 16's) took part and the overall winner was an 8 year old girl. DB reported that there was a lot of support for	
the fishers from family and friends and it was a really great event with some fabulous publicity every week in the Chronicle and that BLT is considering repeating this again.	
Green Space Project: Sensory garden project is progressing with 1 raised	

bed completed, 1 built awaiting planting and the walkway is still to be finished.

• **Small Grants Awards**- the 6 local groups awarded £250 to carry out activities to benefit the community received their awards at the Beach party.

5.2 Goldthorpe and Bolton Big Local – Mark Fisher (GB BL Chair)

- **Bounce into Summer Day** Held 12 August on the land in front of the Playhouse was a roaring success. They had catered for 200 free picnics and ice creams but handed out 800 wrist bands, (and ran out). It was noted that local community groups had also been supported through this activity with the Goldthorpe Development Group raising funds and the Dearne Playhouse being open for the facilities and their bar was completely sold out. It was such a success that GB BL will look to support it again next year on an even bigger scale.
- **Community Café** This is being developed in the Carnegie building in Bolton on Dearne and is moving forward. It was noted that a full stainless steel catering kitchen has been donated.
- **CCTV Cameras** 4 cameras are to be purchased and the support of Allan Sneddon on this project was particularly acknowledged. The technology for these cameras is an improvement on the ones already in use as the images can be downloaded on to a laptop from anywhere. 2 community members will be trained to do the downloading, although the downloading does have to be done under police supervision.
- **Raptor Conservation:** A donation has been made of £300 for new boxes and perches for a bird of prey conservation group that attends community events to publicise the work that they do.
- Housing BCB are working with GB BL to establish a Community Interest Company and have already started the process to purchase 4 properties. These will be renovated by local apprentices; the aim is for the apprentices then to move onto the new build scheme at the Dearne Playhouse and the renovation works at the Enterprise Centre which will hopefully provide them with at least 18 months/2 years work experience. The properties are to be rented out through the Berneslai Homes Property Management Service. It was agreed that MF would provide SC with a list of the addresses of the properties to be purchased.
- **Community Cinema** It was acknowledged that this is a joint initiative with BL T. It has now re-launched at the Dearne playhouse. The next showing will be 50 Shades of Grey and then the family movie Big Hero 6 will be shown as a free community event movie. The Playhouse is also organising Geek afternoons where cult movies will be shown back to back. It is hoped that these will bring people into Goldthorpe and that they could then be directed to the shops on the High Street to purchase refreshments etc. The GDG are also planning on running pensioner afternoons showing old movies and local Film Archive footage with teas and coffees being provided.

## 5.3 Dearne Playhouse – Clir Noble

• A new Trustee board is to be set up now that the facility has been handed over to a Community Interest Organisation and April Fisher has been asked to join the new Board of Trustees

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The devolved Ward Budget has provided funding to build up data on what	
people want to see it used for.	
<ul> <li>There is the potential for it to be used for National Citizen Service giving 30 hours of experience in developing workforce relevant skills – a role profile for</li> </ul>	or
this is being developed.	
<ul> <li>It was noted that Bethany Sykes had been recruited as a volunteer and that</li> </ul>	
this had been featured on the front page of the Chronicle; and	
The C-Beebies show being sponsored by GDG was promoted	
5.4 Goldthorpe Development Group – Cllr M Noble	
The car boot market being held at Goldthorpe has been a tremendous succe	ess
and the trial is being extended for 3 months. It is having a knock on effect in	
the town centre with Cooplands reporting that Sunday is now their best day	of
the week. MN also reported that the sale of produce from the Community	
Allotment has raised over £200 which will cover the cost of purchasing seed	S
for next year.	
• GDG are planning to put on a Christmas lunch for the lonely and isolated.	??
<ul> <li>A secure lock-up is needed and it was suggested that Andy Mills may be able to help with this</li> </ul>	le
to help with this. 5.5 Landlords Network – Alan Chapman / Elaine Mussett	
Clir Noble asked if the minutes from the Landlords meetings could be	
circulated to the Steering Group with the calling notice.	EM
<ul> <li>EM provided an update on the positive working party of landlords and waste</li> </ul>	
management held on 4 August which has resulted in a landlord representation	
and Graham Young working on developing a commercial offer for landlords.	
GY has also been in touch with the education liaison officer from Shanks (th	e
contractor responsible for the waste facility at Manvers) requesting some	
focused work to be delivered in the Dearne. CD asked that the Area Council	EM
be linked into any activities to be delivered in the Dearne. The meeting	
discussed the particular problems in the vicinity of the ASDA and it was	_
suggested that maybe the supermarket could do more to educate customers	
AF advised that she would pick this up with ASDA when she meets with there is always a problem with average	
<ul> <li>The landlords have also identified that there is always a problem with excess waste after Christmas, particularly food and cardboard and they have</li> </ul>	5
suggested that action should be taken now in order to minimize the problem	
They had suggested that there could be a community skip initiative developed	
and programmed for early in the New Year.	
The meeting discussed these issues in some detail and it was suggested that	at
some of the problems could be overcome if people managed their waste bet	
thorough a campaign to encourage 'crush your cardboard' and 'flatten your	
tins'. As well as possibly supporting people to share any spare capacity in th	eir
bins with neighbours with perhaps stickers saying 'Prepared to Share' that	
people could put on their bins to let neighbours know that they could put the	ir
bagged excess waste in it? Suggestions to be shared with GY in waste	EM
management.	
<ul> <li>5.6 Salvation Army – Alison Sykes Officer</li> <li>AS noted that over the summer there has been an increase in the number of</li> </ul>	f
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<ul> <li>families with starving children coming in for food and that there is an increased demand for food parcels. However, she also reported that the Trussells Trust had provided her with parcels for 9 families and only 3 had been collected and it was concerning that these families who really needed help were not taking up the support that was being offered to them.</li> <li>AS also made a request for sleeping bags, flasks, torches and batteries for people who were presenting themselves to the Salvation Army as homeless.</li> <li>The job club is going great and SY passenger transport are now providing Alison with free bus passes to enable people to get transport to attend job interviews.</li> <li>5.7 Area Council - Claire Dawson</li> <li>Clean and Tidy Service - has been commissioned and CD is providing an initial programme of action based on the already identified hotspots with ward members being involved in developing this programme going forward.</li> <li>Bulky Rubbish Collection Service – this is now up and running but as the funding is limited in the short term hot spot areas will be targeted and the demand for the service will be monitored closely.</li> <li>Coalfields Regeneration Trust - has employed a community development worker for the Dearne and is working with the Area Council to address the need to improve the skills of local groups, particularly around submitting funding applications etc.</li> <li>5.8 Housing Updat – Sarah Cartwright</li> <li>Beever Street – negotiations are on-going</li> <li>Options and Feasibility Study – Jane Ripley from Housing is to hold an initial meeting with key stakeholders to consider how to approach the wider consultation from an area profiling and spatial planning perspective.</li> <li>Dearne Playhouse Development – CRT are to submit their planning proposal at the end of August.</li> <li>Accreditation Service and Private Sector Management Service – SC to invite Richard Kershaw to attend the next meeting to give an updat</li></ul>			
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some of the solutions that had previously been proposed. He suggested that the initial meeting should be with community organisations representatives and local service providers and that this group should come up with the 'asks' to be made of Network rail. Meeting to be set up by EM who clarified that representatives for this meeting would be requested from: Goldthorpe and Bolton Big Local; Goldthorpe Development Group; Safer Neighbourhood team; Waste Management team ; Area Council team and the commissioned Enforcement & Investigations officers. Alan Chapman expressed an interest in being involved in this working party and EM to ensure that he is invited. **7.0 Date of Next Meeting – 2 November 2015** 

8.0 Dates of Future Meetings – All to be held at 4pm in the Salvation Army Hall

11 January 2016

14 March 2016

9 May 2016