


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

<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions:- A round of introductions took place</p>	
<p>2.0 Apologies: - As listed above</p>	
<p>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. 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 to add to actions in the draft action plan for Health.) 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 circulation with the notes from the meeting. The meeting commented that access to the GP’s had been high on the agenda</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CD EM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WL/ EM</p>

<p>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.</p> <p>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 invites.</p>	WL/ EM
<p>Jobs, Education, Skills and Training theme</p> <p>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.</p>	EM
<p>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.</p>	AF
<p>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 businesses in Thurnscoe to see if they were experiencing similar issues.</p>	DB
<p>With respect to the desire to support Local Businesses it was agreed that CD would consider potential to support small local businesses by building on the survey carried out in the South Area.</p>	CD
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Community Licence Scheme</p> <p>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 www.gov.uk website and that there was a financial penalty of £5,000 if anyone was caught without one.</p>	
<p>The principles of the proposed scheme are that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the ‘responsible’ organisation access will be allowed to the Household waste recycling site for the disposal of waste collected by community groups; • The limitation on the size of vehicle accessing the site will still apply but a van up to the size of a normal transit van would be permitted; <p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Services wish to pilot this and will monitor how the scheme works in practice; • Waste Management had expressed concerns about the health and safety 	CD

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 – Cllr 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.
- 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 this is being developed.
- It was noted that Bethany Sykes had been recruited as a volunteer and that 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 success 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 seeds for next year.
- GDG are planning to put on a Christmas lunch for the lonely and isolated.
- A secure lock-up is needed and it was suggested that Andy Mills may be able to help with this.

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5.5 Landlords Network – Alan Chapman / Elaine Mussett

- Cllr Noble asked if the minutes from the Landlords meetings could be circulated to the Steering Group with the calling notice.
- EM provided an update on the positive working party of landlords and waste management held on 4 August which has resulted in a landlord representative and Graham Young working on developing a commercial offer for landlords. GY has also been in touch with the education liaison officer from Shanks (the contractor responsible for the waste facility at Manvers) requesting some focused work to be delivered in the Dearne. CD asked that the Area Council 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 them.
- The landlords have also identified that there is always a problem with excess waste after Christmas, particularly food and cardboard and they have 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 some of the problems could be overcome if people managed their waste better through a campaign to encourage ‘crush your cardboard’ and ‘flatten your tins’. As well as possibly supporting people to share any spare capacity in their 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 their bagged excess waste in it? Suggestions to be shared with GY in waste management.

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5.6 Salvation Army – Alison Sykes Officer

- AS noted that over the summer there has been an increase in the number of

<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS also made a request for sleeping bags, flasks, torches and batteries for people who were presenting themselves to the Salvation Army as homeless. 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. <p>5.7 Area Council – Claire Dawson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. <p>5.8 Housing Update – Sarah Cartwright</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beever Street – negotiations are on-going 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. Dearne Playhouse Development – CRT are to submit their planning proposal at the end of August. Accreditation Service and Private Sector Management Service – SC to invite Richard Kershaw to attend the next meeting to give an update. Private Rented Sector Issues – acknowledged the importance of working collaboratively with landlords with Haydn Spedding being a landlord rep on the Strategic Housing Board. With respect to dealing with the absent/irresponsible landlords SC confirmed that the case for selective licencing is being developed with this being one of the Sheffield City Region Devolution 'Asks'. Infill sites – Future investment proposals - the feasibility plans to develop new council dwellings in partnership with Berneslai Homes are on-going. Local Plan – Statement of Community Involvement consultation – the link below will take you to the section on the council's web-site which sets out how planning are proposing to engage with local communities: communities http://consult.barnsley.gov.uk/portal/development/planning/sci/sci 	<p>SC</p>
<p>6.0 Any Other Business:</p> <p>Railway Bankings Working Party - EM explained that due to holiday conflicts she had been unable to set up the initial meeting but had met separately with Allan Sneddon who had advised on the activities that had already been implemented and</p>	

<p>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.</p>	<p>EM</p> <p>EM</p>
<p>7.0 Date of Next Meeting – 2 November 2015</p>	
<p>8.0 Dates of Future Meetings – All to be held at 4pm in the Salvation Army Hall</p> <p>11 January 2016 14 March 2016 9 May 2016</p>	