



Stronger Communities Partnership Board Meeting
Thursday 11th November 2021
14:00pm-16:00pm
Teams
Minutes

Member	Organisation/Service	Attended	Apologies	Deputy
Board Members				
Councillor Jenny Platts (JP)	Elected Member – BMBC	X		
Councillor Brenda Eastwood (BE)	Elected Member – BMBC	X		
Phil Hollingsworth (PH)	Service Director, Safer, Stronger, Healthier Communities – BMBC	X		
Jayne Hellowell (JH)	Chair of Early Help Adults group, Head of Commissioning & Healthier Communities – BMBC	X		
Wendy Lowder (WL)	Executive Director Communities	X		
Jane Holliday (JHo)	CEO – Age UK	X		
Tara Ramsden (TR)	Third Sector Dementia Alliance Chair - Making Space		X	
John Marshall (JM)	Chief Executive – Barnsley CVS		X	
Carrie Abbot (CA)	Service Director Public Health & Regulation – BMBC	X		
Rob Holmes (RH)	Fire & Rescue Services - SYFR		X	
Julie Chapman (JC)	Service Director, Adults Social Care & Wellbeing, People Directorate - BMBC		X	
Dave Fullen (DF)	Director of Customer & Estate Services – Berneslai Homes	X		
Gill Stansfield (GS)	Deputy Director of Operations - SWYFT		X	
Jill Jinks (JJ)	Community Health Services – SWYFT		X	
Niall O’Reilly (NO)	HWBB Provider Forum – SYHA		X	
Jamie Wike (JW)	BCCG – Barnsley CCG		X	
Garreth Robinson (GR)	Public Health Practitioner - BMBC		X	
Amanda Bannister (AB)	Principal Social Worker - BMBC		X	
Board Support				
Shiv Bhurtun (SB)	Strategic Governance Partnership and Transformation Manager – BMBC	X		
Helen Ibbotson (HI)	Contracts and Relationships Officer – BMBC	X		

Attendees				
Jacqueline Atkinson (JA)	Service Manager – Improvement, Programmes and Assurance – BMBC	X		
Rachel Payling (RP)	Head of Stronger Communities – BMBC	X		
Anne Asquith (AA)	Senior Commissioning Manager – BMBC	X		
Cath Bedford (CB)	Public Health Principal - BMBC	X		
Chris Booth (CBo)	Commissioning Officer - BMBC	X		
Rhonda Riachi (RR)	Age Friendly Communities Manager - BMBC	X		

Action Summary	
<p>7. ACTION – CB to make contact with Emma White to discuss links into the Stride project.</p> <p>10. ACTION – JH and DF to meet to discuss BMBC’s relationship with Homeless Veterans further.</p>	
1.	Apologies and Introductions
<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made, and apologies noted as above.</p> <p>The chair welcomed Rhonda Riachi (Age-Friendly Communities Manager) to the board to share, ‘Centre for Ageing Better’ perspective of Barnsley’s journey in respect of the Age Friendly work. RR’s clarified her role, which is to focused on bringing people together to help improve life experiences in later life. RR expressed that she found her role a privilege and has welcome hearing about the success in Barnsley as well as offering advice and guidance around challenges and new ideas. RR shared how impressed she was with the work undertaken in Barnsley to date referred to the digital pilot work that Barnsley had undertaken recently. RR acknowledged the organisation’s understanding that many projects are being delivered well with little to no funding and good partnership work. RR also referred to other Local Authority areas which were in receipt of lottery funding but struggling to achieve similar results in contrast. RR further acknowledged SB’s and CB’s regular involvement in networking meetings which has been very supportive in sharing of good practice across the national network and peer groups.</p> <p>The chair thanked RR for acknowledging the excellent work which has been undertaken in respect of the Age Friendly agenda in Barnsley.</p> <p>CBo echoed comments from the chair.</p>	
2.	Previous Board 03.06.2021
<p>Previous minutes from 19.08.2021 agreed to be a true record.</p> <p>Previous actions reviewed: -</p>	
4	DF and DA to meet outside of the board to discuss Harry’s Pledge further and highlight any links into the Support to Carers Strategy. Put lead officer.
5	SB to take comments into account in respect of the SCP Board Plan on a Page and action appropriately.
	Dave Fullen / Dominic Armstrong
	Shiv Bhurtun

8	SB to review forward plan in respect of the next board, taking in to account time restraints.	Shiv Bhurtun
3. Stronger Communities Partnership Refreshed Plan - Phil Hollingsworth		
	<p>PH shared updated refresh plan and advised that the full version of the plan had been shared with papers alongside the presentation pack for this meeting.</p> <p>PH referred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To the <u>10 identified key areas</u> of work which the Stronger Communities Partnership Board oversees. • To the new look paper pack for the board. • Highlighted that high-level overview (updates) against the 10 key areas of the plan was being presented at today's board. <p>PH clarified that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving forward each lead for the 10 key areas will be asked for an update on a quarterly basis which will be included in the presentation pack. • Not all project updates will be required to be in full for every quarter as these will be scheduled as per the forward plan. • Project leads presenting full updates will be invited to attend the board and provided with 5-10 only to provide update via 1-2 slides. Project can also circulate any additional papers where appropriate. <p>PH explained that the new reporting method on progress will be more effective for project leads and will also help's board members to assimilate information and follow progress more easily</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>None.</p>	
4. Age Friendly - Shiv Bhurtun / Chris Booth		
	<p>SB shared updated on AFB.</p> <p>SB referred to the information provided and noted that if any members required a more in-depth update they could contact Shiv Bhurtun – ShivBhurtun@barnsley.gov.uk direct.</p> <p>SB shared some positive result where Age Friendly approaches are now embedded within some Council's departments and working practices that creates the opportunity for teams to reflect on when developing new systems and procedures.</p> <p>CBo referred to a challenging 18 months but praised the work that led to make the 2021 Age friendly Barnsley Festival a success. CBo shared the range of activities undertaken throughout the borough in that period, giving some example as below: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age Friendly Barnsley flag flew over the town hall for the week. - Bu3a Old Blowers Brass Band playing outside Library at The Lightbox. - Age Friendly Barnsley positive images of Ageing Presentation at Library at The Lightbox. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital champions out and about helping to get older people online. - Tai Chi. - Community walks, led by Walk Well Barnsley. - Walking football and bowls invitation matches. <p>CBo added that all event attendees were further provided with an information pack which included service information e.g. falls prevention, 'Able like Mable' service, 'Take a seat Barnsley' campaign.</p> <p>JHo further added to observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That more than 400 people attended the scheduled events with many more passers by becoming involved. 2. The success of the 'Walking football event'. 3. Direct feedback from participant expressing satisfaction and appreciation of this effort by AGE UK Barnsley and all others. The participant also endorsed the opportunity because the alternative could have been staying at home alone. <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>The chair confirmed that she had attended an event at Darton Darby and Joan Club, a singer had provided entertainment with a Tai Chi session also undertaken. The event had been well attended with positive feedback received, the chair congratulated the event organisers.</p>
5.	Dementia Friendly and Early Support - Shiv Bhurtun / Tara Ramsden
	<p>SB shared light overview of progress as this item is schedule for the next board meeting.</p> <p>SB noted that work was ongoing by scrutiny task and finish group in respect of a review of dementia in Barnsley. That recommendations to emerge from this process will be shared with the board in due course.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>None.</p>
6.	Good Food Barnsley – Anne Asquith
	<p>AA shared presentation.</p> <p>Good Food Barnsley's partnership was established to increase food access for all. The golden thread through the partnership is that access to food is a basic right for all.</p> <p>The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme agreed for 2021 is supported by DFE providing £1M funding to Barnsley. To enable the delivery, work was undertaken with internal colleagues from Barnsley School Catering Service, Berneslai Homes and Waites. The DFE had put HAF in place to support free school meal for eligible children during the April, Summer and Christmas holidays. Barnsley Council has also committed to provide funds for the programme to run during the May and October holidays. Due to covid restrictions the April and May programme consisted of food</p>

	<p>hampers going out to eligible families. During the Summer and October holidays this had moved to face to face activity provision.</p> <p>Work on the Christmas HAF provision continues, which will be face-to-face activities.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>The chair noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent successful visit to a HAF provision at Laithes Lane Primary alongside the Mayor and Councillor Tattershall. • Excellent environment provided to the children for activities and support by the Mayor to one of the activity centres. <p>PH highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The passion which had come through during the presentation in respect of HAF work • How Barnsley were ahead of the game when looking at its 'pantry model' of working. <p>PH suggested perhaps there was a possibility for seeking some external recognition for this area of work.</p> <p>WL echoed comments from PH. Noted how the work undertaken had enabled the connecting of people and organisations to provide the required level of support.</p> <p>The chair thanked everyone who was involved in the ongoing work.</p>
7.	Wellbeing Support – Cath Bedford
	<p>CB shared her slide with board members.</p> <p>CB noted the two very important areas of work which were currently being worked on, CB referred to the pandemic seeing a rise in the obesity agenda requirements.</p> <p>JHo confirmed that the 12 months falls prevention pilot commenced in October 2021. Tai Chi is now running in 3 areas with a view to build on this. The pilot will then be broadened out and begin to look at walking groups as well as exercise underwater.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>PH referred to discussions undertaken in a recent Care Close to Home Board with the project Stride being expanded in Barnsley. PH noted that it would be beneficial for CB's work to link into this. Pick up a call with Emma White in the first instance.</p> <p>ACTION – CB to make contact with Emma White to discuss links into the Stride project.</p>
8.	Customer Engagement – Cath Bedford
	<p>CB shared her slide with board members.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>None.</p>
9.	Financial Resilience – Jayne Hellowell

	<p>JH shared her slide with board members.</p> <p>JH noted that the group had been established over the last 12 months, the group now has oversight of just short of £20million.</p> <p>At the last meeting the group had taken a deep dive on Barnsley’s Foodbank, discussions centred on contingencies in respect of the possibility of the Foodbank reaching capacity. Demand on the foodbank remains sustainable, this continues to be monitored on a week-by-week basis.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>PH noted the huge amount of work which had gone in to establishing the group. The group are now providing a comprehensive report of spend across the borough.</p> <p>WL highlighted that work being undertaken had provided an insight in to spend, alongside the data which makes the figures understandable. WL highlighted the relationship between financial resilience and food, when people’s finances become stretched the first place effect tends to be food. WL thanked JH and her team for the work which had been undertaken.</p> <p>WL questioned the vulnerability index and queried whether this had been used in respect of an awarding criteria in respect of Household Support Grant (HSG). JH acknowledged this comment and highlighted that the vulnerability index had been pulled together on a need’s basis during the pandemic. JH noted how things had moved on since the index was developed. The HSG required a more refined approach hence the use of data in respect of Council Tax Support.</p> <p>DF highlighted plans to invest in a new piece of software which would specifically look at the rents and income side of things and provide an improved insight into our customers and their circumstances. DF agreed to keep JH updated on the progress against this.</p>
10.	Supporting our Armed Forces Community – Jayne Hellowell
	<p>JH shared slides with board members.</p> <p>JH noted the vast amount of work being undertaken behind the scenes. Events continue to be scheduled into diaries ensuring Mayoral attendance. Work on the Armed Forces Day in Penistone 2022 is also underway.</p> <p>JH noted that the Covenant now required re-signing, Barnsley Council currently don’t have their own Covenant in place, this is in sight.</p> <p>Promotion in place in respect of the relaunch of the armed forces walkway.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>DF queried homelessness and whether this had linked in with Homeless Veterans. JH noted the challenging relationship with Homeless Veterans, JH and DF to meet outside of today’s board to discuss further.</p> <p>ACTION – JH and DF to meet to discuss BMBC’s relationship with Homeless Veterans further.</p>
11.	Digital Inclusion – Jayne Hellowell
	<p>JH shared her slide with board members.</p>

	<p>JH referred to the vast amount of work which had historically been undertaken in isolation both internally and externally. This is now becoming more joined up to ensure there is no duplication. The newly established groups is enabling these discussions to take place more consistently and progress is ongoing on this front.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>None.</p>
12.	Community Capacity Building – Rachel Payling
	<p>RP shared information with board members.</p> <p>The Mutual Ventures 7-month project will launch next week. This will offer a 5-day support opportunity in respect of business planning and sustainability.</p> <p>All findings following the community listening events have now been collated, a deep dive on this data will be shared widely upon completion.</p> <p>Q2 narrative report has gone out to all board members as part of the agenda pack. This has been aligned to Barnsley 2030 priorities, feedback on the report can be sent direct to Rachel Payling – RachelPayling@barnsley.gov.uk</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>PH acknowledged the fantastic work which continues to take place.</p> <p>WL - Historically the narrative report has been taken to cabinet as part of the quarterly performance report. WL noted that on reflection she noted whether this was too low key, with progress and work not being heard, understood, or recognised. WL queried whether an annual report would be more appropriate moving forward. The chair agreed with WL's comments and acknowledged the excellent work which was happening.</p>
13.	ASC Better Lives Programme- Julie Chapman/Jacqui Atkinson
	<p>JA thanked the board for her invite on to the agenda.</p> <p>JA shared her slide with the board members.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>None.</p>
14.	Support to Carers – Jo Ekin
	<p>PH shared the slide with board members, noted that information provided was for update only.</p> <p>If any further information is required, please contact Jo Ekin – JoanneEkin@barnsley.gov.uk direct.</p> <p>Additional comments/questions</p> <p>None.</p>
15.	Refresh of All Age Early Help Strategy – Phil Hollingsworth

PH shared slide with board members.

The revised strategy will give a clear distinction between the Stronger Communities Partnership board and the Children’s governance agenda going forward.

PH referred to the task and finish group now been established and noted that if anyone had an interest to join, they could contact Phil Hollingsworth – PhilHollingsworth@barnsley.gov.uk direct.

The ‘All Age Early Help’ Strategy will be brought back to the board in February 2022 with a view to publish in March 2022.

Additional comments/questions

None.

16. Any Other Business

PH requested feedback /reflection on the new progress reporting format to board members.

Feedback was provided as follows:

DF - The new format had reduced his preparation time significantly, enabled high-level discussion swiftly, clear focus on delivery aspect of projects and also their respective outcomes. This allowed the board to remain focussed. DF noted the passion which had come through from presenters and the excellent work being undertaken.

CA - echoed comments from DF above. CA reiterated the significant amount of time saved in respect of preparation for the board as well as the time saved by presenters. CA highlighted the enthusiasm which had come through from presenters making hearing about progress more valuable.

WL agreed with comments from DF and CA, highlighted how discussions had remained focussed on work being undertaken as well as plans moving forward. WL queried whether additional board members were missing. PH acknowledged this comment and noted that there were several existing key partners missing from today’s discussions. PH noted that the membership of the board would be monitored on a regular basis.

The chair referred to the board new format as “excellent”, the chair added that future boards would follow the same layout.

Future Meetings

	Date	Time	Venue
	18.02.2022	12.30-14.30	Teams/ In Person?
	19.05.2022	14.00-16.00	Teams/ In Person?
	18.08.2022	14.00-16.00	Teams/ In Person?
	10.11.2022	14.00-16.00	Teams/ In Person?