



MINUTES OF THE BA13+ PARTNERSHIP and AGM

Tuesday 2nd July 2013

Matravers School, Westbury

Present:

Carole King (Chair, BA13), Jonathan Burke (VC, BA13), Cllr Ian Cunningham, Dai Davies, Sabina Edwards (Community Librarian), Bill Fanning, Shona Holt (BA13), Steve Jarvis, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gordon King, Linda Layton (Leighton Rec), Phil McMullen, Mike Pearce, Paulene Whyte (Leighton Rec), Dawn Wilson (WFCAP)

Invited speaker:

Heather Leach (Matravers School)

1. Apologies:

Shelagh Carpenter, Steven Davies, Mike Franklin (Fire Service), Roy Inwood, Michael Walters (Asst Treasurer)

2. Minutes of Partnership AGM: 19th July 2012

Minutes of Partnership Meeting: 9th May 2013

Both sets of minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Feedback of future joint working by Extended Schools Services and Wiltshire Victim Support around the "Safe Places" project is anticipated in the autumn.

4. Community Plan

Agenda item brought forward. Carole King introduced the key theme of Arts, Culture and Leisure.

Matravers School

Heather Leach, Art Department.

The school has a continued desire to reach out in the community, despite budget cuts by central government relating to their Arts College specialism. Courses being run are now more expensive and the school is keen to find out what sort of things the community would like offered around contemporary arts. This requires a different way of working from the past in bidding for funding, and making links for joint fundraising in the community. Local ideas and projects are welcomed. Due to the nature and focus of bids, there is no long-term plan at present. However the school continues to work together with children and families, e.g. involvement with the Westbury Music and Arts Festival, and other arts projects and classes that are still running and highly valued by participants.

A question and answer session followed.

5. Chair's report

The Chair highlighted various areas of work by the Partnership over the past year, and began by referring to WFCAP's leaflet explaining what a community partnership is. Copies of the revised Westbury Area Community Plan for 2012-2017 were delivered with the White Horse News in October 2012. Partnership meetings were held in September and November where regular and

occasional members were heard on various topics. For 2013 it was decided that each meeting should focus discussion on the eight themes of the new community plan. In February the themes were Health & Wellbeing and Housing, with speakers Debbie Riddiford and Liz Carter (Westbury Group Practice) and Nicole Smith (Wiltshire Council) respectively. In May the focus was Community Safety with Sarah Hopkins (Extended School Services) and Julie Locks (Wiltshire Victim Support) as speakers. At this meeting, the theme is Arts, Culture and Leisure. The Steering Group meets between the public meetings where different members attend with updates and to consider grant applications. The Chair expressed thanks to Cllrs Sue Ezra, Christine Mitchell and Russell Hawker for their support on the Steering Group over the past year, but now stepped down, and welcomed Cllr Ian Cunningham as the Town Council representative. Grants totalling £1,660 were approved by the Partnership over the past year:

- + Westbury and District U3A – 1:1 teaching of computer/internet use £500
- + Westbury Area Schools Partnership – 6 week after-school club for families £375
- + West Wilts District Scout Association – Scout Camp Site/Youth Activity Centre £500
- + White Horse Children's Centre – Trip to Southwick Country Park for vulnerable families £285

The availability of Partnership grants is publicised in the White Horse News and on the Our Community Matters website to encourage applications from the community. Finally a presentation was made to Shona who is leaving the Partnership as Administrator, and Phil McMullen was welcomed as replacement.

6. Financial Report

The Partnership has a Treasurer vacancy, whilst Michael Walter serves as Assistant Treasurer. Phil will have some duties incorporated as part of his role. Regarding a previous query raised, Dawn Wilson confirmed that no annual audit is required as Community Partnerships submit a workplan and budget to the Area Board as part of the grant application process. Gordon King noted that all Area Board finance is now capitalised except the element for community partnerships. The circulated financial report prepared for the 12 months to June 2013 was agreed by all.

7. Election of Officers:

Officers were elected as follows and agreed by unanimous vote:

Chair – Carole King (proposed by Jonathan Burke, seconded by Dai Davies).

Vice Chair – Jonathan Burke (proposed by Carole King, seconded by Gordon King).

Assistant Treasurer – Michael Walter with Phil McMullen. It was agreed that this will be confirmed at the next Steering Group.

8. Member updates

+ Leighton Recreation Centre/Westbury Swimming Pool

Linda Layton and Paulene Whyte, Leighton Rec. Information was given about the facilities. The Wiltshire Council contract has changed from DC Leisure to People for Places Leisure Ltd. Classes run include Cardio-rehab and stroke and includes GP referrals. The gym is not big, but it is suitable for all ages, and an online survey with members is looking at early opening times.

+ Westbury Library

Sabina Edwards, Community Librarian for Westbury, Warminster, Mere and Tisbury. Working with schools, age 0-secondary, a variety of activities are offered, e.g. Rhyme Time, Summer Reading Challenge – which involved 400 children in Westbury alone – and Healthy Lifestyles. Other services offered through libraries include the Wiltshire Book Prescription

Scheme, IT sessions – including Learning Curve sessions that are well subscribed. Information is also available about opportunities for volunteers and getting involved with community events. E-books are a growing area, but currently limited due to sign up by publishers. Access to most reference books can be gained online.

Westbury Music and Arts Festival

Mike Pearce. This will be the fifth year of the festival, running 27th September to 13th October 2013. The past help from Heather Leach at Matravers has been much appreciated. The festival will be in the same format with poetry, jazz, choral music and includes sessions with local schools. A programme is available, see www.wmafestival.co.uk. A street fayre is also planned for 28th September. The Imber Service marks the 70th anniversary of the village clearance and will be broadcast on radio. Publicity will be in the White Horse News.

Westbury Area Wellbeing and Zumba

Information was shared about activities publicised by the Westbury Area Wellbeing Group – including the Good Friends Group and Tai Chi at Leigh Park Community Centre. A wide range of Zumba classes are also offered across the local area by Debbie Bailey.

Police and Crime Commissioner meeting

Gordon King provided feedback from the Local Performance meeting on 4th June. In 2 of the 3 performance areas Wiltshire is rated as good (tackling Violent Crime) or very good (Reducing Offending) and in the 3rd (Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour) as being Fair. Each area for assessment was broken down into 4 parts Volume and Reduction, Partnership Working, Dealing With, and Understanding. There were Red areas in 2 of the 3 performance areas and these relate to the areas of “Dealing With and Understanding”. This highlights that further work is to be done with partners before the final draft. This was the final report of the old authority as the PCC was elected in November.

White Horse Health Centre

Bill Fanning highlighted 3 items.

- 1) With the changes in primary care, early diagnosis for dementia care will now be provided at local surgeries where Alzheimer support workers are on site.
- 2) The White Horse Health Centre is one of the first practices in the UK to introduce an Electronic Prescription Service. This service will mean that your GP will be able to send your prescription electronically to the Chemist you choose to get your medication from. Despite teething problems, the service is viewed as reliable, secure and confidential.
- 3) The latest surgery newsletter is now available.

Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships (WFCAP)

Dawn Wilson. Following the AGM at Lackham there has been lots of positive feedback from the workshops. Notes from the key note speakers and workshop sessions are available on line – see www.wfcap.org.

9. Date of next Partnership meeting

Future dates will be set at the next Steering Group meeting this month.

10. Any other business

None.