



MINUTES OF THE BA13+ PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2013

At BRATTON PAVILION

Present:

Carole King (Chair, BA13), Gordon King, Michael Walter, Cllr Ian Cunningham, Sarah Hopkins, Jonathan Burke, Sally Hendry (Community Area Manager) and Laura Pictor (WFCAP).

Invited speakers:

Jo Stoddart (Organisational Learning and Development, Wiltshire Council)

Tina West (Wiltshire Council, adult community learning team)

1. Apologies:

Phil reported that apologies had been received from Sally Willox on behalf of the Youth Centre, and Bill Fanning.

2. Minutes of last Partnership Meeting: 9th May 2013

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising reported.

4. Community Plan – Community Plan key theme: Economy, Jobs and Skills.

Tina West (Wiltshire Council, adult community learning team) thanked the meeting for the opportunity to talk about Wiltshire Council's role regarding learning in Wiltshire. She stressed that it was primarily aimed at 19+ year olds, and explained the range of training that was delivered, which encompassed health and social care, schools,

business admin, IT skills etc. They also delivered traineeships for 16 to 18 year olds, which involved a work placement and support to gain qualifications, job skills and work readiness. Each trainee has a mentor who undertakes workplace visits, for example. Gordon King expressed the opinion that Wiltshire Council could do a great deal more to encourage apprenticeships, which the presenters agreed with. Jo Stoddart went on to describe the work-based learning offering, the QCF. They are able to coach right up to Level 5 [degree level] in some specialisms, which can take up to 18 months to achieve. They are also beginning to offer e-learning modules to underpin their classroom-based delivery.

Tina briefly described Wiltshire Council's adult and family learning programme, which included six courses in the Westbury area last year and two outdoor adventure summer programmes at Brokerswood. Courses ranged from two-hour engagement sessions to 60 hour courses. There would typically be around 1,000 learners across the whole county in the course of a year. In terms of measuring outcomes, they are currently part of an initiative called "Reading with Dads", which measures the childrens' skills at the beginning and end of the process. Tina finally touched on the subject of Community Learning Trusts. There had been 15 CLT pilots undertaken last year, which had identified that there was no one standard model to fit every council. There were three providers in Wiltshire: Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire College and The Learning Curve. Together they had formed a Wiltshire Community Learning Partnership, which had established a strategy and three year plan. The important thing was to consult with the community and establish their needs and wants.

Jo promised to provide Phil with copies of the slides, which he would circulate to those present.

5. Member updates

Health Group

Bill Fanning reported by email that the new surgery is now a year old and that the White Horse News have printed an article about the milestone. Also to mention that "Healthwatch Wiltshire" is being

launched on 3rd October. Phil McMullen is hoping to attend on behalf of BA13+.

WfCAP (Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships). Laura Pictor reported that the WfCAP Forum and EGM is happening next Thursday evening, 3rd October, in Devizes. They are proposing to set themselves up as a CIO Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Ian Cunningham mentioned that Westbury Arts festival starts this coming weekend, with an opening on Friday evening. There is an arts and crafts fayre on Saturday.

6. Community Plan

Jonathan Burke said that the jobs club at Crosspoint has been extremely busy of late. A number of people have been travelling to Crosspoint from other towns such as Warminster.

Gordon King raised the point that Dilton Marsh Post Office is due to close later this month, and Westbury post office at the Co-Op is closing for refurbishment, so for 6 to 8 weeks there will be no post office service in the Westbury area. There is nothing in Westbury Leigh any longer. The only post office in the area will be the sub-post office at Bratton. This is of considerable concern to the elderly residents in particular.

7. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Partnership meeting is **4th December 2013** at the Laverton in Westbury. The theme is to be Transport. Phil said he would ask Kate Freeman from Devizes if she could give a presentation. Laura mentioned that the LEP had also been considering transport as one of their main themes. Sally said Liam Tatton-Bennett from Community First would be an interesting speaker on the subject of community buses.

There is a Steering Group meeting taking place Thursday 7th November at Crosspoint in Westbury.