

South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Co-ordination Group
Wednesday 3rd March 2009

At the South Derbyshire District Council Offices, Swadlincote

Present: Councillor Heather Wheeler (Leader – SDDC) LSP Board Chairman
Jo Smith (Vice Chairman of the LSP Board and Vibrant Communities Chairman)

In attendance:

Mike Roylance (South Derbyshire District Council)
Chris Smith (South Derbyshire District Council)
Mick Evans (Derbyshire County Council)
Mark Alflat (South Derbyshire District Council)
Stuart Batchelor (South Derbyshire District Council)
Martin Guest (South Derbyshire District Council)
Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council)

Meeting commenced 9:30 am Councillor Heather Wheeler in the Chair.

SCG/96 Apologies

Apologies were received from: -
Chief Superintendent Andy Hough (Safer Communities)
Clive Keble (Sustainable Development)
Vicki Price (Chairman of the Healthier Communities Group)
Malcolm Roseburgh (South Derbyshire District Council)
Frank McArdle (Chief Executive, South Derbyshire District Council)

SCG/97 Approve the Minutes of the SCG Meeting held 27th November 08

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

(SCG/89) – 'A511 Greening Project' – Sites not yet been identified.

Arts Development Officer interviews take place – 11th March 2009.

MUGA in Newhall has been completed.

Children & Young peoples actions – in progress.

SCG/98 Approve the Minutes of the LSP Board held on 17th December 2008

The draft minutes from the LSP Board – 17th December 2008 were circulated for information and to progress any actions that may need doing before the next Board Meeting. No actions to progress.

SCG/99**Performance Monitoring – Reports from Working Group****Sustainable Development**

SD6.2 – It will not be possible to deliver this Action due to lack of clarity of aims.

Vibrant Communities

VC1.3 – works progressing, the original timetable ambitious. Floodwatch scheme to be presented to Parish Councils.

VC5.1 – SB gave an update from the NFC. An updated report with comments from NFC will be done for the Board.

SC**Safer Communities**

SC1.1 – Review of ASB underway. Agreed to change to Amber. Need to decide whether action is kept in - project will continue.

SC3.3 – Park Watch – agreed to wait and see outcome of Review.

SC4.3 – Pub Watch – Swadlincote pub watch up and running. Still looking to get involvement from Melbourne licencees.

Updates were given by the theme group chairs

Sustainable Development - MR updated the group on the Business Navigator – this grant has been spent with good performance from businesses to reduce CO2 emissions. Award ceremony and publicity still to be completed.

Vibrant Communities – An Environmental Forum is to be held on 4th March 2009.

Safer Communities – CS informed the group of a successful Domestic Abuse Conference held on 25th February at Bretby Conference Centre – 100 delegates attended and the feedback was excellent.

SCG/100**Economic Downturn – Mike Roylance**

MR briefed the group on the overriding issue for the Sustainable Development group of the impact and response to the economic downturn.

A key priority is to raise awareness amongst individuals and businesses of the advice and support from which they could benefit.

SDDC have organised a series of business briefings in specific sectors to highlight the range of support available – the most recent was 'In the Pipeline' tour of local manufacturing facilities for Architects and buyers.

ACTION

MR was asked to take flyers and details of the tour to show the LSP Board.

MR

The impact upon services provided by both public and voluntary sector was discussed. With a greater demand on debt counselling, homelessness, fuel poverty together with growth of crimes and domestic violence. It was agreed a key issue when looking ahead at the new Community Strategy action plan should be 'community support' for those affected by the downturn.

ALL

For information a number of advice guides have been published including "Dealing with the Recession" by the IDeA.

The SC Group asked that the Sustainable Development group to look at supporting the unemployed and review unemployment figures regularly.

MR

Possible partnership working with the Job Centre Plus is currently being reviewed.

SCG/101

Sustainable Community Strategy – Update

JS gave a brief overview of the 'Fit for the Future Event'. Feedback from the event had been evaluated and some points to learn had come out of this:

- Consultation time to be longer
- Better use of Area Forums
- Rethink on paperwork

It was noted that the event had a good mix of representation from the community. The LSP Board representation was disappointing, particularly the public sector representation.

Following on from the Event the Sustainable Community Strategy working group will be attending a meeting on 13th March 2009 facilitated by Helen Bovey from Icaurus a consultant whose role is bringing together the data for the Community Strategy.

Feedback from the 'Fit for the Future' Event will be emailed out to the public with a link – to download findings from the event. Those who have not got an email address will be written to and hard copies can be requested.

MG to provide Cllr Wheeler with a copy of Sue' Grief's report.

MG

ACTION

SCG/102 Agenda Items for the LSP Board Meeting – 25th March 2009

LDF Link and Role of LSP Board and Financial Inclusion (Sylvia Green) was carried forward from the previous LSP Board. SB to check with SG/IB

SB

The Agenda Items were agreed with the following additional items: -

- Show the DVD on the Toyota Gardening Project
- Show the Toyota Event DVD
- Update on the SD LSP Communications Review that will be undertake on 16th/17th March. Update to be given to Cllr Wheeler before the Board. The name of the 'Partnership' and the LSP branding was discussed this will be researched at the Communications Review and be reported to the LSP Board.

MG

SCG/103 Any Other Business

None.

SCG/103 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SCG to be rearranged.

SC

Meeting finished 10:30 am.