



The Gosport Partnership

" Working Together For The Gosport Community "

Gosport Partnership Board Minutes Meeting held on 9 September 2009

Attendees:

Attendee	Organisation	Thematic subgroup
Members		
Marion Clist	Alverstoke Infant School	Gosport Education Improvement Partnership
Eric Halton	Hampshire County Council	Gosport Children & Young People Locality Partnership (GCYPLP)
Tim Houghton	Groundwork Solent	Gosport Transport & Sustainability Partnership (GTSP)
Ian Lycett (Chairman)	Gosport Borough Council	n/a
Chief Superintendent Karen Manners	Hampshire Constabulary	Gosport Community Safety Partnership
David Miles	Gosport Voluntary Action	n/a
Chief Inspector Jerry Patterson	Hampshire Constabulary	Gosport Community Safety Partnership
Steve Wain	St Vincent College	Gosport Employability & Skills Partnership (GE&SP)
Hazel Warwick (Vice-Chairman)	Portsmouth Housing Association	Fareham & Gosport Debt and Money Advice Group (F&GDMAG)
Supporting Officers		
Mandy Baggaley (Item 3)	Gosport Borough Council	n/a
Kate Fryatt	Hampshire County Council	n/a
Jo Hamilton	LSP Co-ordinator	n/a
Jamie O'Reilly (Item 3)	Gosport Borough Council	Community Safety Partnership

1.0 Apologies and minutes of previous meeting

1.1 Apologies were received from:

Neil Lockett, Hampshire PCT
Cllr Peter Edgar, Hampshire County Council
Reverend John Draper, Churches Together

- 1.2 The Older Person's Conference has been arranged for 8 October – Board members should receive invites as Jo had provided their contact details to the conference organisers.
- 1.3 The Learning and Skills Council did not provide funding to put towards the Skills Fair – this will be picked up under Item 4.

It was agreed to bring Item 3 forward.

3.0 Community Cohesion update

- 3.1 Mandy and Jamie presented the reports which had been circulated with the agenda. Need a Community Cohesion Strategy to achieve the SCS' vision and an action plan which everyone can contribute towards. Currently mapping thematic subgroup activities which contribute to Community Cohesion.
- 3.2 The results from the Place Survey were discussed. Out of the wards, Grange had the highest negative answers regarding community cohesion, closely followed by Christchurch, Town, Forton and Bridgemary. Gender wasn't significant in the results but age was.
- 3.3 From analysis some priorities have emerged:
 - Young people (most negative views)
 - Integration (improve for recent arrivals)
 - Ward (tailor approach based on need)
 - Celebrate the positive things about Gosport
 - Joint working
- 3.4 The next steps are:
 - Agree key priorities and draft strategy and action plan
 - Confirm how to monitor and evaluate progress
 - Targeted community consultation
 - Final strategy and action plan to be presented at December Board meeting
- 3.5 The Community Safety Partnership's Community Engagement Plan is an additional mechanism for community cohesion work. Neighbourhood panels will help.
- 3.6 It was agreed that the Chairs of the thematic subgroups would revisit the community cohesion mapping documents they had been sent and also consider what they would like to see in the action plan. There is limited

funding that the subgroups can access for activities which help to improve community cohesion.

- 3.7 It was agreed that the LSP needs to consider a wider Communication Strategy which would incorporate this and work to improve the perception of Gosport. Jo to follow up with Jamie/Mandy.
- 3.8 It was agreed to leave the 14 October Board meeting date in the diary in case Mandy/Jamie need to bring this issue back before the December meeting.

Actions:

- ***Jo to re-circulate request to thematic subgroup Chairs for existing/planned activities which relate to community cohesion and also priorities they would like included in an action plan***
- ***Mandy/Jamie to bring final strategy and action plan for approval to the December Board meeting***
- ***Jo/Jamie/Mandy to consider Communication Strategy.***

2.0 Big Day Out feedback

- 2.1 A report was circulated with the agenda. Jo drew the Board's attention to the recommendations set out on page 2:

- The Council's Economic Prosperity team to retain responsibility for daytime activities;
- The Council's Arts Officer to assume responsibility for the evening event;
- The Big Day Out planning group to be responsible for agreeing the format, content and publicity materials for the whole Day on behalf of The Gosport Partnership;
- The evening event be expanded to incorporate 'Alive & Kicking', i.e. showcase community groups during day/from lunch time onwards at Stokes Bay site and provide 'arena' events as part of the evening festivities. This would allow Council funding and resources to be 'pooled'.

- 2.2 The Board approved the recommendations with the proviso that Alive and Kicking stakeholders be consulted before any changes to the venue of that event are made.

Actions:

- ***Lynda/David to consult with Alive & Kicking stakeholders.***

4.0 Annual Review

4.1 Jo gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board which set out the format and content of the review:

- Setting the scene – reviewing the SCS action plan and thematic subgroups
- Future planning – reviewing 2009 data report, budget, considering potential additional actions

4.2 Setting the scene – SCS action plan delivered:

- Priority 1 – reduce traffic congestion. GTSP set up; linked to LAA as 'reduce' group for Gosport; website developed – www.travelgosport.co.uk; cycle maps produced.
- Priority 2 – Increase employment opportunities. Big Day Out to improve image of the Borough.

4.3 Setting the scene – outstanding SCS actions:

- Increase cycle lanes, particularly along commuting routes
- Skills Fair
- Increase adult training
- Lobbying role to reduce teenage pregnancy

4.4 Setting the scene – thematic subgroup review

Flipcharts outlining the main actions delivered by each subgroup were placed around the room and the six-monthly updates for each group were circulated with the agenda. The Chair of each group gave a brief summary to the Board:

- **Transport and Sustainability.** In addition to the actions identified above, Tim informed the Board that the GTSP is working closely with the council's Cycle Lane Working Group and is also working on innovative cycle storage at the Gosport Ferry. In terms of the outstanding cycle lanes action, funding has been secured via Sustrans for a new cycle lane from Stokes Bay to Lee and cycling will be allowed along the new BRT route. Tim would like to see the cycle lane action stay in the action plan, in particular cycling along Newgate Lane needs to be addressed.
- **Children and Young People.** Eric informed the Board that the CYP is being made more strategic and focused. It's impossible to report the details of hundreds of activities. One of the main key areas has been the obesity workshops.
- **Community Safety.** There has been an overall reduction in crime since this time last year. One of the major projects the CSP is working on is community engagement and has received £51,000 Home Office funding. A Community Engagement Plan has been produced and two events were held for the public to have their say

on crime. Next steps include the establishment of neighbourhood panels and a CSP website.

- **Debt and Money Advice.** The credit union multipoint at Rowner has 225 members and £48,000 worth of loans have been accessed by the community. Funding is in place until March 2010 and the group is currently reviewing what will be needed after that date.
- **Employability and Skills.** The group has just been set up and has submitted a funding bid to be considered by the Board. The group will be reviewing its priorities and in particular will review whether a Skills Fair and increasing adult training should remain as actions in the SCS action plan.
- **Health and Wellbeing.** Unfortunately there was no representative from this group although their update was also circulated with the agenda.

4.5 Future planning – Gosport Partnership Data Report 2009

The data report had been circulated with the agenda. Jo informed the Board that there were issues with the crime data within the report and that she would be working closely with Jamie to make sure that the crime indicators in the next report were more robust.

- The Board reviewed the data within the report and agreed that there were three areas of particular concern – teenage pregnancy, obesity in school children and job density. These would be items for discussion at future meetings to review in more detail.

4.6 Future planning – funding

Jo referred the Board back to the slide which outlined LSP funding. There is a total of £10,750 still available in the budget.

- The Board approved the funding bid which was submitted by the Employability and Skills Partnership for mapping employment and skills demographic and trends and developing an electronic prospectus.
- The Board agreed that thematic subgroups should be invited to bid for the remaining £6000 and that bids should be considered at the December Board meeting.

Actions:

- ***Jo to amend SCS action plan***
- ***Tim to ensure the GTSP considers the increasing cycle lanes action, in particular in relation to Newgate Lane.***

- **Steve to talk to the ESP and report back to the Board on whether a Skills Fair and increasing adult training should remain in the action plan, and if so, what will be done to progress them.**
- **Steve to talk to the ESP re job density and what action should be taken.**
- **Jo to email subgroup Chairs with the funding bid forms.**

Dates of 2009 meetings (1.30pm – 5pm):

Wednesday 14 October 2009 (note – 12pm-2pm)

Wednesday 2 December 2009

All meetings will take place at Gosport Voluntary Action:

Martin Snape House, 96 Pavilion Way, St George Barracks, Gosport PO12 1FG.

Directions: <http://www.gosport-voluntary-action.org.uk/contact.html>

ACTION	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
Re-circulate request to thematic subgroup Chairs for existing/planned activities which relate to community cohesion and also priorities they would like included in an action plan	JH	Sep 09
Mandy/Jamie to bring final Community Cohesion strategy and action plan for approval to the December Board meeting	MB/JO'R	Dec 09
Jo/Jamie/Mandy to consider Communication Strategy	JH/JO'R/MB	Jun 2010
Lynda/David to consult with Alive & Kicking stakeholders re Stokes Bay venue.	LD/DM	Dec 09
Amend SCS action plan	JH	Dec 09
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