

**Queensway Partnership Meeting  
Tuesday 19th January 2010  
Resource Centre Brooke Mews**

**Attendance:** Maria Thomas (BCW) Matthew Beams (Penrith Children's Centre), Marie Rose (Fire and Rescue Service), Cllr Lora Lawman (BCW) Chris Hill (NCC), PCSO Rachel Head, Louise Taylor (Whomes), Louise Parrott (Ruskin School), Mandy Cuthbertson (St mark's Church), Suzanne Binley (Relate), Toni Gerrard (Places For People), Lorraine Flute (Youth Service).

**Apologies:** Cllr Allebone (BCW), Susan Galloway (ABC), Cllr David Dean (BCW/NCC), Lee Percival (Hardwick School), Sgt Steve Chatburn (Police)

**Matters arising:** Minutes agreed.

Bonfire incident – unauthorised bonfires around November 5th were identified as an issue at the last partnership. It was agreed that a plan to address this needs to be in place for coming year. This was taken to CDRP where it emerged there is a problem with missing paperwork which invalidates the Bye Law. This is to be addressed by Jo Hubbard/Carole Stephenson. It was agreed that this would support the other actions identified last meeting.

**Action: Sgt Chatburn/Marie** to convene meeting of relevant partners, and involve Councillors in the awareness raising with residents.

Eagle Public House – Maria has liaised with Robert Vaughan. It appears at this stage that there is no plans to reinstate the building but the property manager needs convene a meeting with the lease holder to fully discuss the situation. Broken fencing was highlighted as an issue by the police.

**Action: Rachel** to email Maria with details so that she can forward to Property Services. All issues to be forwarded to Maria as single point of contact.

**Places For People:** Completed a walk about recently. The main issues were a rise in dog fouling possible due to the bad weather (Sure Start have also noticed this), graffiti and rubbish. The dog warden has been called and removed three dogs. Places For People organised a skip amnesty on 4<sup>th</sup> January. Skips were full in four hours and then removed, seems to have solved problem fly tipping and was cost effective compared to having to deal with fly tipping incidents. They have issued three ASB contracts to tenants and this seems to have had the desired effect.

**Action: Maria** to take back issue of ASBO's as it needs to be more joined up.

**Action: Maria** Dog bin leading from Dale and Windermere to Olympic Way is overflowing.

**Wellingborough Homes:** 4 Walkabouts have been completed this year and four more are planned for the coming year. Wordsworth has been identified for the capital improvements programme and they are about to start consulting with residents about what they would like done. They have planned activities during the school half term at Thomson Court which include mosaics for the over 7's, rocket making and arts and crafts.

**Action:** It was suggested that some of the mosaic work could be used to produce some community art (as has happened on Hemmingwell) at future holiday schemes. **Louise** to take back to Whomes.

They have weekly advice sessions at Thomson Court provided by Women's Aid, Job Mates, and Health Trainers.

Bins being left uncollected was identified as a problem from a particular family.

**Action: Louise** to ensure the tenant is made aware that this is unacceptable.

Education regarding recycling was identified as an ongoing issue, all to promote.

**Safer Community Team:** actions were updated on the JAG Action Plan.

In addition the following points were discussed,

- Re painting of Wellingborough Underpasses. The ASBIM (Antisocial Behaviour Implementation Management Group) sub Group of the CDRP has allocated funding to be spent by the end of March which will be used to get rid of all graffiti in underpasses. Probation have committed to doing this and it has been agreed that the appropriate anti graffiti paint will be used.
- Re rubbish being dumped in the brook. Councillors and Wellingborough Council Officers are committed to tackling the dumping of rubbish at source. Clearing it is an ongoing problem which often involves bulky items and 'garden clearance' that has been dumped. They will be looking at encouraging residents to report incidents and provide witness statements.

**Action: all partners** to feed in constructive ideas for how this can be tackled to Maria.

**Action: Louise** to investigate possibility of taking photo's of gardens which have been identified as having unacceptable rubbish with a view to this being used as evidence if later found tipped in the brook.

**Action: Louise** to investigate the possibility of W'homes organising regular skip amnesties similar to that organised by Places For People.

- Parking around the Tesco Store on Queensway continues to cause problems with residents' parking on yellow lines and zig zags. The Police are contacting the Tesco Area Manager.
- The zebra crossing by St Mark's Church needs urgent repair. The road markings are very faint, it has serious pot holing and the beacon has been knocked down on one side.

**Action: Cllr Dean** to contact Highways and if necessary consider using some Empowering Councillors funding to make the necessary repairs.

**St Mark's Church:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month they run a cup of tea and service for mature members of St Mark's. Although there is no youth work happening at the moment they are still looking for volunteers and opportunities.

**Penrith drive Children's Centre:** The Sassoon Mews site is operational for drop ins although attendance was hit by the bad weather. The group at St Mark's is attracting more people again. The Police have negotiated the Prevention Through Learning Team sharing some accommodation at Penrith Drive with the early years support team so there will be some sharing of resources and good partnership working.

**Ruskin Infant School:** They have secured some of the Disadvantaged Subsidy Monies so they will be providing some out of hours provision based at the school site such as dance workshops and Tai Quando and also helping some families to access extra trips and outings. They are doing some parent support work with 12 parents and linking in to facilities at Weavers School.

**Relate:** They have evaluated the Schools Counselling project for 2009. They are currently working with 5 schools in Wellingborough and last year provided 600 appointments and have received some very positive feedback. In 2011 they are hoping that they will again be able to secure some funding through Children in Need. Relate are currently investing in training staff to work with families which will benefit the schools counselling project. They are running free training in parental support which is available to Children's Centres and anyone working with parents. The courses will run in March and are limited to two people from each organisation. Contact Suzanne for further information. They have received a limited amount of Government funding to work with individuals who have been affected by the recession. This is to be used over the next two years. The Domestic Abuse Counsellor based at Penrith Drive has seen an increase in referrals. Sure Start have budgeted this service for the coming year but there could be an issue in 2011 and alternative funding will need to be sought.

**Service 6:** No update.

**Councillors Empowerment Fund:** Cllr Dean has received a number of bids which he is currently considering.

**Alliance For Black Children:** They are currently re advertising their Community Programme development Officer because of a poor response previously.

**Youth Service:** They are running a number of projects at The Fairlawn Centre,

- Motorbike project in partnership with Connexions – young people have their own moped to strip down and learn about the mechanics.
- Babysitting course – twelve week accredited course in which they learn about protective behaviours for themselves and also get a first aid accreditation.
- Virtual Baby Course. They are currently doing a round of school assemblies to promote this
- Vibes Youth Club runs on Thursday evenings
- They have some Money for Youth for DJ workshops. There could be a possible link with The Hope Project music studio which has just been completed.
- They have submitted a bid to Councillors Empowerment Fund to do workshops at Queensway Resource Centre around knife crime and protective behaviours
- They are doing an assembly at Friars School

**Neighbourhood Renewal:** Continuing to develop learning opportunities in the Resource Centre. Information Advice and Guidance sessions started on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January and two people had signed up. IT for the Terrified starts Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January and is fully subscribed. Craft activities to build confidence are planned.

**Any Other Business:**

- Sure Start are having talks with Friars School re holding activity sessions for mums at the Penrith Centre
- Action For Children have been successful with the Future Jobs Fund project and will be offering 3 traineeships, two family workers and one admin. post.

### JAG Actions

Date	Community Priority	Actions	Lead	S,M,L	Update	Result
24/11/09	Concern about the underpasses under Queensway and from Shelley to Park Farm	Visit with Highways	Chris	S		Visit arranged. Highways have inspected the lighting and found it to be in working order.
24/11/09	As Above	Depending on outcome from above, Cllr Dean to liaise with other Ward Cllrs regarding funding to paint the subways	Cllr Dean	M	Since this time the ASBIM group have allocated funding to be spent by the end of March to re paint all Wellingborough town subways. Probation Services have	

					committed to doing this.	
24/11/09	As above	To look at having the rubbish removed from the brook alongside Queensway underpass	Maria	M	BCW routinely clear twice a year at set intervals and in between respond to serious problems. Will be looking at longer term solutions.	
24/11/09	As above	To increase patrols at the subways	Police	S	Patrols increased.	
24/11/09	Parking problems at Excelsior/Goldsmith	Letter to residents about inconsiderate parking and reporting incidents	Police	S	Problems have reduced.	
24/11/09	As above	Link with Whomes regarding problems with specific tenants	Police/Whomes	S	As above.	