



Minutes of Friday 29th June 2008

Solomon Centre.

ACTION LIST

Item	ACTION	Responsible
4.0	To provide background reading prior to each of the 3 workshops to all LSP members	JF
	To circulate dates for 3 visioning workshops to LSP members	NH
	All TWT partners to attend all 3 workshops if possible	TWT

Tunbridge Wells Together
Minutes of Wednesday 23rd April 2008
Salmons Centre.

Represented:

Sheila Wheeler (SW)	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC)
Graham Badman (GB)	Kent County Council (KCC)
Daniel Bech (DB)	Town Forum
Cllr Roy Bullock (RB)	Leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Sean Bone- Knell (SBK)	Kent Fire and Rescue
Caroline Highwood (CH)	Kent County Council
Tom Crookall (TC)	Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)
Russ Nyman (RN)	West Kent Police
Linda Prickett (LP)	West Kent Primary Care Trust
Nazeya Hussain (NH)	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC)
Jackie Matthias (JM)	West Kent Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Mandy Wynne (MW)	Voluntary Action West Kent (VAWK)
Rosie Serpis (RS)	AXA PPP
Keith Harrison (KH)	Action with Communities in Rural Kent
John Fisher (JS)	Local Futures Group

Apologies:

John McCready - Courier
 Caroline Shaw - VAWK
 Paul Turton - TCHG
 Clair Fisher - GOSE
 Chris Colgan - KFRS
 Cllr John Davies - KCC
 Mark Salisbury – West Kent Police

Item	Notes	Action
1.0	<p>Welcome and Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Cllr RB welcomed everyone to the meeting and the minutes were agreed as accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>RB took the LSP through the action points arising from the minutes, all actions had been undertaken.</p> <p>NH stated that the Local Futures presentation had been placed on the LSP website www.tunbridgewellstogether.co.uk.</p> <p>DB commended the Council on the layout and accessibility of TWT website.</p> <p>Action: None</p>	

2.0	<p>Feedback from Public Services Board</p> <p>SW stated that the inaugural meeting of PSB had taken place on 23rd April 2008. The key areas of discussion included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thematic Delivery Group – agreeing the structures and the development of the Terms of Reference. Work is now underway to develop the Groups and PSB have inputted with views around remit, membership and frequency of meetings. 2. Dr Brendan O'Connor gave a presentation to PSB on addressing health inequalities in the borough and how the Choosing Health money was being used within priority neighbourhoods 3. Place Survey – PSB looked at the draft questionnaire, and were considering any additional questions that we might want to add that provide information to the LSP. The Survey will be commissioned collectively across Kent and is due to be undertaken in early autumn. 4. Co-ordination of engagement and consultation- PSB discussed the potential synergy that can be achieved through collective consultation activity and this will be progressed over the coming year 5. Local Future Work – PSB discussed the development of a joint vision document for the LSP and agreed that a series of workshops should be arranged to develop this work further. The work would require buy in from all LSP partners to ensure it was a collective vision for the borough. 6. Kent Agreement Two – Following the LSP approval of the 35 prioritised targets, work is now progressing to develop County-wide actions plans for the targets. The Local Action Plan is being revised in light of the plans. <p>Action: None</p>	
3.0	<p>Children and Families – Delivery the agenda locally- Graham Badman CBE.</p> <p>GB commenced his presentation by outlining the key structures in Kent for children and families. This consisted of Children Trust which sits under the Kent Partnership as a statutory partnership and is supported by 23 Local Children Services Partnerships (LCSP) in localities.</p> <p>Tunbridge Wells has 2 LCSP, which has all produced local children plans based on the Kent Children Plan.</p> <p>GB presentation focused on outlining the following key points:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inequality in access to high quality education in localities ▪ The need to understand the inter –relationship between deprivation and outcomes for children, in particular poor housing, health and benefit dependency in families. ▪ The need to build resilience in families and communities ▪ The duty upon schools and head teachers to ‘co-operate’ places increased role of teacher at the centre of delivering the childrens agenda. ▪ Child poverty is a cross cutting theme in Kent Agreement Two <p>The partnership discussed the issue of cross border traffic in relation to children coming into (and going from) the borough to school in neighbouring areas.</p> <p>GB stated that there was a need to re examine schools admission policies to ensure local children could access quality education within the grammar school system</p> <p>RS stated that some girls schools were becoming more restrictive in terms of catchments areas being set within a couple of miles radius, but that this was not the case with boys grammar schools in the borough.</p> <p>Cllr RB thanked GB for his informative presentation.</p> <p>GB apologised, as he had to leave the meeting at this point.</p> <p>ACTION: None</p>	
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<p>4.0</p>	<p>Moving us towards a Vision – John Fisher, Local Futures Group</p> <p>JF took the Partnership through the next steps of developing a long-term vision for the borough. He stated that this would need to be a collective effort by all LSP partners if it was going to be successful. It was intended that the Vision would underpin a refresh of the Sustainable Community Plan in 2009</p> <p>He outlined the key steps that the workshops would consist of including the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Future drivers of Changes ▪ Understanding the challenges and opportunities and development of scenarios to mitigate risk and build on opportunities <p>RS stated that given the variety of backgrounds and sectors of TWT it would be important to ensure that everyone was provided with background material to ensure informed discussions at the workshops.</p> <p>JF stated that everyone would be provided with background material before the 3 workshops.</p> <p>Cllr RB stated that the Council had recently undertaken a similar exercise with Councillors and had based the session of developing stories about future outcomes for communities.</p> <p>Based on this work, the Council has recently developed a draft 2026 Vision. This set out the Council's priorities for the borough and it was hoped that this would support TWT work. This would be circulated to the partnership shortly for comments.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>JF to provide background information on 3 workshop to the Partnership, in advance of the meetings</p> <p>All partners agree to be involved and attend the workshops to ensure that the Vision is fully informed and reflects the membership of the partnership.</p> <p>NH to circulate new dates for Sept/October as the proposed dates were not suitable for all and ensure all arrangements are made for the workshops</p>	
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5.0	<p>Addendum to the Sustainable Community Strategy – Development Partner</p> <p>Cllr RB informed the partnership that the Council was in the process of entering a long-term partnership with John Laing/ Gladedale following a EU procurement process. The Council is developing this partnership under the Well-Being powers of the Local Government Act 200, which allows for the promotion, improvement of the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area.</p> <p>The proposed partnership has been developed since the Sustainable Community Plan (SCP) was revised in 2006 and therefore it is recommended that there is specific reference made to the development partner process in the SCP. Proposed Addendum to the SCP was outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>SBK and KH asked whether it was necessary to specify the name of the developer, or whether we could just refer to ‘preferred developer’</p> <p>Cllr RB that this was based on legal advice, and that the Council will seek further clarification and inform the partnership.</p> <p>SW informed the meeting that a presentation by the preferred developer had been scheduled for the November meeting.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>TWBC to seek clarification as to whether the name of the preferred development partner needs to be specifically mentioned in the addendum to the SCP.</p> <p>Agreed: Subject to omission of the development partner name, the LSP agreed the addendum to the Sustainable Community Plan.</p>	
6.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>RN informed that partnership that latest crime figures were very good with both actual reported crime and perception about fear of crime being among the lowest in Kent. The Community Safety partnership would shortly be doing some publicity around this good news.</p> <p>KH informed the partnership that Government Office for South East, would shortly be writing to the chairs of LSPs, to ask for a representative to sit on the newly established Rural Forum for South East. Further details regarding remit were still not available.</p> <p>LP informed the partnership that a new Health Profile 2008</p>	

	<p>was now available for the borough from the PCT.</p> <p>SBK stated that he had found the meeting really interesting and it was good to see that we were focusing on the long-term strategic development. He stated that Area Commanders from KFRS would be in attendance in LSP meetings, but that he was moving on and would be replaced by Andy Merriman.</p> <p>MW informed that VAWK was holding a seminar on 'sustainable funding for the Voluntary sector on 14th November and extending the invitation to the partnership and asked that it be disseminate within respective organisations.</p> <p>DB stated that the Town Forum was concerned about the additional C12 type of older people accommodation in the town centre and the impact on the infrastructure</p> <p>Cllr RB agreed to speak to DB about this outside the meeting to look at the details.</p> <p>SW informed the partnership that following a 'weak' Comprehensive Area Assessment in 2004, the Council had recently been successful in its bid to be re-examined by the Audit Commission. The inspection will be taking place from 10-14th November 08. It was likely that this may mean the inspector(s) wish to be in attendance at the next partnership meeting on 13th November 08.</p>	
7.0	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 13th November 2008, 2-4pm</p> <p>TWT to note that the Audit Commission may be in attendance as observers.</p>	