



*Neighbourhood Management
in Springbourne and Boscombe West*
Neighbourhood Management Board Meeting

Minutes

Venue – Kings Park Indoor Bowling Centre
Friday 25th February 2005

FINAL - PUBLIC

	<u>VOTING MEMBERS</u>	<u>NON-VOTING</u>
Present:	Resident:	Officers:
	Dee Henderson	Neighbourhood Manager:
	Harry Cutler	Sue Bickler
	Brian Glassock	Community Involvement Officer:
	Donald McQueen	Sue Warr
	Lisa Northover	Administration Manager:
	Yvonne Aloba	Helen Clarke
		Drugs and Crime Coordinator:
		Lindsay Caplen
	Business representative:	Street Improvement Co-ordinator:
	Fiona McArthur	Jo Keats
	Police:	Service Development Officer:
	Mark Kelly	Cat Jung
	Faith representative:	Disability representative:
	Rachel Bird	Steven Williams

PCT representative:

Joy Reynolds

Voluntary Sector:

Vivienne Aird

Elected Member:

Jean Moore

SRB Representative:

John Ludlow

Government Office:

Rosemary Bintlcliffe

Observer: Neil from Police

1. Apologies and Introductions

Apologies: Pam Donnellan (LA Rep), John Kingswell (Resident Board Member), Joy Reynolds (Health Rep), Rob Sly (JCP), Nigel Sherry (Resident Board Member), Steven Lugg (Accountant LA)

2. Conflicts of interest – None declared at this time.

3. Minutes and Matters arising

Matters Arising

Handbook – Dependent costs being confirmed for inclusion.

Safe and Clean – The council approved their budget on Tuesday and we believe, although await confirmation, that the costs for Safe and Clean and the Town Centre Manager were included.

Minutes – agreed as fair and accurate.

4. Correspondence

None to report at this time.

5. Progress Report

SRB – approved £15K for the Employment Outreach Worker funding. All funding now in place.

Housing Group – the Statement of Community Involvement was discussed and NM are very keen to be involved although it is felt that our involvement is not sought as much as it should be.

Rosemary suggested that GOSW may be able to assist in encouraging our involvement. The draft of the statement should be completed by May 2005.

Cavity Wall Insulation – as a result of the Energy Efficiency Research up to 700 units will benefit by the end of May.

Environmental Health Officer – Interviews are taking place next week

Accreditation – more activity is taking place now with more landlords applying.

Planning – Issues raised as to the proposed plans around an O2 mast in St Pauls Road. Board agreed that individuals could write and express their concerns but it is not at present considered a Board issue. Noted that the council have a policy on the erection of masts in residential areas and requested that this be brought to Board for discussion. **ACTION-**

SueB

Social Inclusion – The interviews for the Project Manager position have taken place, the position offered and accepted. The volunteer post is more complicated as BCVS are now unable to employ this position but other options are being considered

Worklessness – interviews for the Employment Outreach Worker are taking place on the 14th March.

St Marys – the planning application has not been considered as yet. The Conservation Officer has written to the architect outlining up to 20 concerns/queries. The Architect is confident that these can all be addressed satisfactorily. The Board feeling is that progress on this whole issue has been slow and that more positive responses could have been received, and there is now a need for more urgency. On the 1st March there will be a meeting between the Conservation Officer and architect followed by the Bourne Spring Trust meeting.

Environment Group – The signing of the SLA is scheduled for 28th February at 10.30am.

Street Rep Training – did not take place as arranged as is now scheduled for the 16th March at 6pm.

Youth – Saturday 10th September – Day Forum with the outcomes hopefully being fed into the Youth Strategy.

Traders – AGM scheduled for 23rd March 6-8pm at the Friends Meeting House.

The Crescent – Funding has been granted from GOSW for the implementation of a Local Area of Play, which will be informal play structures for pre school aged children.

Springbourne Library – By March/April we should receive the bid. Libraries are working on reducing the costs.

PR – Discussions took place on the options and it was felt that local colleges/University should be supporting Neighbourhood Renewal. The possibility of hiring a placement student part time with another organisation or offering a volunteering opportunity to a student was discussed but no firm decisions were taken. More investigation is required and a further report to the board in March. **ACTION- SueW**

Regional Champions Money – suggested and agreed that the money goes directly into the leverage 'pot'.

Budget Cuts – We will have our spend limited next year. No definite funding ceiling has been received from the NRU yet but this is due next week. Options will be discussed at a special board meeting on the 16th March at 22 Sea Road, from 4pm – 5pm. Rosemary confirmed that although ceilings will be put in place for next year the full funding award of £3.5million should remain unchanged. Agreed that the NM staff team will await confirmation from the NRU and draw up options for the board meeting. Noted that the Delivery Plan can not be submitted until the spend figures are confirmed but we can not receive a funding agreement for 2005/06 from GO until the Delivery Plan is submitted and approved.

6. **Town Centre Manager Appraisal**

Appraisal was discussed and it was recommended by the appraisal panel that it should be funded as requested. SRB was also applied to for funding but they have referred it and will look at it again. If SRB funding is not approved Sue W will investigate other funding options. Noted that the council have already agreed funding. **Vote to fund a total of £25,000 over a two year period. Agreed unanimously. CARRIED**

7. **Community Win Funding** – It was agreed at last board to allocate a 'pot' of £10,000 for community wins for 05/06.

Discussions were held about the best way to allocate this money but it was agreed that the limit for each community win should stay at £2,000. This was carried with 7 in favour and 4 against.

8. **Delivery Plan** – The Board were unable to approve the Delivery Plan at this meeting because we are awaiting the ceiling figures from the NRU. Changes were discussed and noted and will be implemented. Cat ran through the baselines, current positions, and targets and requested that if any changes are needed to contact her directly or through a sub group. The financial forecasts were discussed and noted that currently £761K is projected and this does not include any unallocated funds for 05/06. We would be hoping for a spend figure of around £900K but the ceiling will be well below this. The Board were reassured that all committed spend is guaranteed. At the meeting on the 16th March the ceiling figure will be known and a more informed discussion can take place.
9. **Elections** - It was agreed that Helen should move forward with the election process and employing the ERS for the 2005 Resident Elections following a similar process to the 2003 elections.
10. **Drop In**
The discussion was split into different issues.
1. **Concept of a drop in** – Lindsay explained the concept behind the drop in centre for vulnerable women and stressed that the main objectives were Support, Enforcement and Education. The idea involves a location to be open to vulnerable women two afternoons a week providing services from key partners. These partners /services include:
- a. Sexual Health Clinic
 - b. Domestic Violence
 - c. Park Lodge Hospital
 - d. Basic Skills Courses
 - e. Prison Liaison
 - f. Police Liaison
 - g. Drug Assessment Officers

The idea is to encourage women out of the lifestyle and help those that are vulnerable and at risk of taking up the lifestyle. The Police fully support the idea and all evidence from other areas shows that this coordinated approach can be very successful.

Mark reported that at the Boscombe Forum, once the concept had been explained, the question was asked 'who objects to the principle of such a centre?' and out of @ 80 attendees, only 2 people raised their hands in objection. The Board voted on the principle of supporting such a service being provided. This was agreed unanimously.

2. **Location** – Lindsay outlined an ideal location:
- a. 4 or 5 rooms with kitchen facilities, WC, reception/Lounge area
 - b. Located on the edge of the 'red light' area, but a maximum of one street away
 - c. Being overlooked for safety reasons. Must be discreet but not hidden.
 - d. To have a homely look, not clinical look/feel
 - e. Available for a minimum of two afternoons per week

Noted that for the majority of the time it is estimated that the centre would have one or two services users on the premises but up to a maximum of four at any one time. There are thought to be approximately 20 working women in the area and the likelihood is that up to one third of these would access the service.

107 Palmerston Road was discussed as a location and felt it could have been suitable for the following reasons:

- a. It has approximately six rooms
- b. No lease would be required, only a licence agreement with the owners, the Salvation Army.
- c. Refurbishment would be allowed although these would have to be paid for.
- d. No cost implications for hiring the building
- e. It is located near to the 'red light' area.

The main disadvantage was thought to be that there is an alleyway behind the premises and security would need to be looked into.
Currently on Friday evening the premises is used for a youth club.

The objections received to date include:

- a. The feeling that by locating it in Palmerston Road it would encourage working women to frequent the area when currently is it not felt to be part of the 'red light' area (some residents argue that Palmerston Rd is quieter now, others disagree and feel the area is still frequented by prostitutes)
- b. The area may become stigmatised

On the issue of the Consultation Process it was suggested that a difficult balance has to be achieved between anonymity for the building and consulting with residents.

Agreed - The Board felt that they do not need to know the location of the proposed properties and that the agencies need to agree on the most suitable location.

Agreed – Locations do not need to be discussed at Board but if any member does find out the proposed/confirmed locations they should keep this confidential.

11. AOB

Security– A new lock is being fitted at 22 Sea Road which will result in the door being locked all the time with a buzzer being located by the door for visitors to ring to gain entry into the premises. Panic alarms are also being fitted at Sea Road.

50+ Roadshow- 14th March 2pm –4pm. See Sue W for more details.

Disability Issues- Steven is meeting next week to discuss disability access on Boscombe Seafront and on the 14th April to discuss disability access to Boscombe Gardens. If you have any thoughts please email Steven via Sue W. Steven will report back at a future board meeting.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 16th March. 4pm – 5pm at 22 Sea Road, Boscombe

Wednesday 30th March. 5.30pm at Kings Park Indoor Bowling Centre.

The meeting closed at 13:00.