



PLAY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH FEBRUARY 2009

AT BAYARD PLACE

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| Present | Nick Goodman, Chair, Greater Peterborough Partnership Trudy Mitchell, Children's Services, Peterborough City Council Charles Clay, Landscape Architect, PCC Val Callis, Children's Integrated Disability Service (CIDS), PCC Penny Baker, Children's Integrated Disability Service (CIDS), PCC Simon Brooks, Play England Chris Akrill, FWA projects Lynn Jervis-Chafaa, Community Development Officer, PCC Steve Wells, Early years, PCC Chris Fisher, Children and families service, PCC Hugh Cripps, CEO, Peterborough Environment City Trust Rachel Price, Wildlife Trust |
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1. Apologies and Introductions:

Apologies for absence were received from: Kevin Tighe, Adrian Chapman, Steve Welby

2. History of Play Partnership + Role of Greater Peterborough Partnership

Chris Fisher gave an outline and brief history of the Play Partnership. The group last met in September 08 to specifically explore and develop the pathfinder proposal (which was unfortunately unsuccessful in getting funding). The play strategy and action plan should be central documents to the Play Partnership and the ongoing work on the Playbuilders project (£1.1million for 22 sites across the city) should be overseen by the Play Partnership.

Given the cross cutting nature of play, its links to the environment, health, cohesion, disability and planning it was felt by CF and NG that the co-ordination of the Play Partnership, the chair and the development of the group should be undertaken by the Greater Peterborough Partnership.

The Play partnership appeared to be in agreement on this matter and NG will take on the role of chair. The challenge now is to ensure that the Play Partnership is in a position to support the Playbuilders work, provide that cross cutting approach to play and support in the delivery of play (inc. provision, accessibility and

promotion) in Peterborough. NG stressed the importance of promoting our activities around play, to give it greater visibility (internally and externally) and to raise awareness.

NG to circulate Play Strategy – available at www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk in due course. NG will advise when available.

4. Play England

Simon Brooks gave a brief overview of some of the work of Play England and confirmed the date for this year's play day – 5th August 2009 with a theme of *Make time!* Simon welcomed the cross cutting nature of our Play Partnership and encouraged us to use Play England for support and guidance.

During a Q+A session a number of themes were raised including best practice guidance on play provision (10 Design for play guidelines), generational play and the importance of engaging young people (properly!) in consultations and through this partnership. It was also felt that as a partnership we need to provide best practice and disseminate information across the city.

NG to explore the opportunities for getting a young peoples representative on this group – although it was recognised as quite difficult as commonly play would be aimed at below the teenage years and therefore the Youth Council might not be the best route.

5. Playbuilders

Work on the Playbuilders is on-going but unfortunately Louise Wilcox was not at this meeting to give a thorough update. The first 6 sites have been identified and in most cases some work (whether consultation, planning or building) has begun. This still leaves another 16 projects around the city for this Play Partnership to influence and the general feeling around the table was that we need to act quickly on this.

The Partnership recognized the need to develop a robust method to influence what sites were chosen and in what way they were developed. Including

A set of quality standards that guides the work of the Play Partnership – derived from the play strategy
(NG, Charles Clay, Simon Brooks and Trudy Mitchell agreed to develop)

A set of scoring criteria to identify actual site locations **(NG to develop for next meeting)**

A set of scoring criteria and a design panel to assess the suitability of individual designs for sites **(NG to develop for next meeting)**

We then need to design a process/mechanism which shows how the Playbuilders project could work, and particularly how the Play partnership and any Design forums can feed in.

Lyn to check NI and site consultation data and feedback to Nick.

6. Development of play across the city

It was felt that the current Play Strategy was too big and cumbersome to be a practically used day to day. It was agreed that NG would work with CF to develop a dramatically condensed version.

NG to work with CF to produce a condensed, digest version of the Play Strategy.

Associated with the Play Strategy was an action plan. This action plan is now out of date and needs some attention. Nick requested that Play partnership members comment on any progress/activities that they are aware of that relate to the action plan. Once comments are received then we can begin to refresh/refine the action plan.

NG to circulate an action plan comments proforma – all to comment

Following a comment about having access to all the relevant documentation NG agreed to set up a Play Partnership area on the GPP website.

NG to set up a Play Partnership page on the GPP website.

7. Play partnership, membership and relationship to others

In addition to the current membership it was suggested that we encourage representation from **(NG to invite)**

- Youth Council/Young people
- Planning
- Transport – accessibility
- Community Safety
- Accessibility of actual site design – equal access issues

We also need to provide clear, simple and accessible information for the Voluntary Sector (and indeed all sectors!) – rather than large text heavy documents. It was provisionally suggested that the Play Partnership could report into the *Enjoy and Achieve* sub group of the Children's Trust.

8. Next steps

Follow up on actions and get input from Louise Wilcox and the Playbuilders project. Another meeting in 6 weeks **assuming actions have been followed up.**

9. Next meeting

Friday 3rd April – 2-4pm – Town Hall, Viersen room

| RESPONSIBLE | ACTION | DEADLINE |
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| NG | Circulate Play Strategy | asap |
| NG | Explore the opportunities for getting a young person's representative on this group | Asap |
| NG, CC, SB and TM | Develop a set of quality standards that guides the work of the Play Partnership – derived from the play strategy | Asap |
| NG | Develop a set of scoring criteria to identify actual site locations | asap |
| NG | Develop a set of scoring criteria and a design panel to assess the suitability of individual designs for sites | asap |
| LJC | Check NI and site consultation data and feedback to NG. | asap |
| NG and CF | Produce a condensed, digest version of the Play Strategy. | Next meeting |
| NG | Invite suggested new representation onto the Play Partnership | asap |
| NG | Circulate the play strategy action plan comments proforma – all to comment | asap |
| NG and GPP | Set up a Play Partnership page on the GPP website. | asap |