



VCS
2nd December 2008

Forli Room

Present:

Richard Astle, GPP Director - Chair
Sarah Fletcher, Peterborough CVS
Sue Rampal, GPP, Cohesion Team
Trevor Gibson, Director of Environment Capital, Opportunity Peterborough
Nick Goodman, Environment Capital Officer, GPP
Rev'd Dr Hilary Geisow, St Peter's Maxey
Christopher Harper, Chair, South Team East Neighbourhood Panel
Sheila Nithiyalingam, Performance Risk Manager, PCC
Mahebab Ladha, Director, Peterborough Racial Equality Council
Susanne Doxey, Neighbourhood Investment Area Leader, PCC
Julie Kelham, Voluntary Sector Forum
Lord Kenneth Montgomery-Moore, MANERP (Millfield & New England Regeneration Partnership)
Elizabeth Ingram, Chair of Voluntary Sector Forum
Louise Harrison, GPP Co-ordinator

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Pat Strachan, Lindsey Burrows, Ed Murphy, Malcolm Turner, Denise Radley, Sandie Burns, Geoff Smith, Keith Jones, Adrian Chapman, Jawaid Khan.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Previous minutes from the meeting held on 9th October 2008 were agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising: No Matters Arising

A copy of the Sustainable Community Strategy Summary 2008-21 was supplied which is the plan for the future of Peterborough and the surrounding areas.

4. Performance Management Reports from October:

Sheila Nithiyalingam, Performance Risk Manager, PCC, gave a presentation on progress with the priorities and outcomes of the Sustainable Community Strategy. A monthly reporting pack is now being produced which will be circulated to all partners, including members of the VCS Group.

Communication failure is an area that has been highlighted as a risk and a structure is needed to be put into place across the partnerships.

5. Partnership Board Reports: Tabled

A paper was tabled providing a summary of work in all the GPP partnerships.

6. Creating the UK's Environment Capital:

Trevor Gibson, Director of Environment Capital, Opportunity Peterborough & Nick Goodman, Environment Capital Officer, GPP gave a joint presentation on the progress and successes of the Environment Capital Partnership.

It has been recognised that there are gaps that need to be addressed. For Peterborough to become Environment Capital, relies heavily on the local businesses and the population encouraging them to be proud and striving to create this. Peterborough has the highest recycling rates of any unitary authority in the country.

Some suggestions were made on how the Voluntary Sector can contribute in helping to achieve and deliver a number of the Environment Capital Outcomes. Some examples given were for DIAL to educate individuals on reducing their energy consumption costs.

A community group has recently approached Anglian Water on adopting parts of the River Nene and taking ownership and maintaining it.

It was announced that there a number of good working relationships within VCS organisations across the City. The question that was asked and needed to be tackled was “How do we communicate with each other”?

Further discussions took place within the reference group along with suggestions on making Peterborough safer and greener:

- PECT to approach Voluntary Sector regarding recycling issues – **NG** to follow up.
- Make cycle ways safe and clean which will then encourage people to use them more – **NG** to follow up.
- Suggestion made to organise Roadshows tying-in with village events, bringing communities together and getting the stories across.
- **NG** to liaise with Councillor Holdich regarding rubbish issues within Glinton.

Within the paperwork supplied for the meeting, was a copy of the ‘fishbones’. Members of the group were asked to review and to send feedback to Nick Goodman; nick@gpp-peterborough.org.uk including on how their activities help to achieve and deliver the National Indicators. Feedback will be given at the next meeting.

7. COMPACT & Peterborough Infrastructure VCS Group:

The Peterborough Compact subscribes to the principles of the National Compact and sets out the principles and values of the partnership and aims to achieve a Compact way of working by helping the voluntary sector to:

Improve our communication with each other

Understand and respect each other's views

Work together more effectively to support the people of Peterborough

Please visit www.pcvs.co.uk for further information and a Welcome Pack.

The Group discussed Compact work in Peterborough and agreed that it would be important to use the GPP Executive to highlight examples of best practice but also to bring to its attention examples of breach of the Compact.

8. GPP VCS & 2009 – Future Objectives:

It has been agreed for the future meetings for VCS Reference Group to be themed, reporting on all of the 4 Priorities and Outcomes, supplying updates and keeping everyone informed:

2nd December – Creating the UK’s environment capital – led by Trevor Gibson

24th February - Creating strong & supportive communities – led by Paul Phillipson

6th May – Delivering substantial & truly sustainable growth – led by Steve Compton

15th July - Creating opportunities, tackling inequalities – led by Denise Radley

9. AOB:

MJ announced that there is some money available for small organisations before end of March 09.

MJ to send to LH for distribution.

Meeting closed at 4.05pm

Date of Next Meetings:

24th February 2pm-4pm Forli Room, Town Hall

6th May 2pm-4pm, Bourges Room, Town Hall

15th July 2pm-4pm, Bourges Room, Town Hall

Meeting closed at 4.05pm

Next Meeting 24th February, 2pm-4pm, Forli Room, Town Hall

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:
VCS MEETING 2ND DECEMBER 2008**

RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DUE DATE
NG	PECT to approach Voluntary Sector regarding recycling issues	24 th Feb
NG	Make cycle ways safe and clean which will then encourage people to use	24 th Feb
NG	To liaise with Councillor Holdich regarding rubbish issues within Ginton.	24 th Feb
MJ	To forward necessary paperwork regarding the money that available for small organisations before end of March 09, for LH to circulate to the reference group.	22 nd Dec