



MEETING OF THE VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SECTOR

26th January 2010 @ 14:00

ASBAH, 42 Park Road, Peterborough

MINUTES

Present:

Lindsey Burrows-Howe, Chair
Richard Astle, Director, GPP
Naomi Jones, Involvement Officer, PCVS & GPP
John Cunningham, PCVS
Malcolm Turner, MIND
Leonie McCarty, PCC
David Parker-Radford, Young Lives
John Dewis, Age Concern
Maheub Ladha, Director, Peterborough Racial Equality Council
B U Shaik, Chair of Senior Citizens Association
Ed Murphy, Gladstone Connect
David Copeland, Peterborough Mediation
Major Adrian Maddern, The Salvation Army
Sharon Keogh, The Salvation Army
Dr Ihsam Ullah
Collins Usada, Zimbabwe, Peterborough
Louise Harrison, GPP Co-ordinator

Absent:

Byran Tyler
The Rev'd Dr Hilary Geisow
Brian Gascoyne
David Hedges
Alan Lord
Helen Mitchell-Stynes
Jane Darlington
John Place, Go-East
Denise Radley
Ted Fawcett

1.a Welcome & Apologies for Absence:

The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were given.

Apologies for absence were received from Graeme Clark, Jean Hunt, Keith Jones, Chris Harper, Adrian Chapman & David Bache.

1.b Matters Arising:

- We have been given another opportunity to place a 2nd bid for Future Jobs Fund for a further 6 months. This is in the process of being sent.
- The construction of the Partnership meetings for 2010 will now be in sync with the reporting packs.
- Richard Astle met with the Salvation Army to discuss their involvement with the Future Jobs Fund. It was confirmed that they are already involved at a national level and have committed to taking on 2 people.
- Thanks were given to MJ for bringing together the review group and putting together the report.

1.c Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18th November 2009:

The minutes were circulated with the following amendments required:

Additional names to be added to those present at previous meeting: David Copeland and The Rev'd Dr Hilary Geisow.

The minutes were agreed.

3. Report from VCS Forum Review Group

MJ provided an update to the members on the VCS forum review group.

The idea for the report is to see where the VCS group can be strengthened; looking at having up to 2 representatives on all of the GPP Partnerships and choosing the right people to represent the VCS; electing a vice chair; having own website and clarification of GPP's involvement.

Naomi Jones drafted the names of those that currently sit as the forum representative or voluntary representative. This matter will be taken to the Review (Executive) Group.

Clarification is required as to where decisions are made.

It was discussed and decided that there is a need to look at other partnerships that sit outside of GPP i.e Older People Partnership & Mental Health Partnership, to see if there can be any links made with VCS group.

It was reported that there are still issues in need of discussion by the Review Group (Executive) who will then provide an update.

2. Comprehensive Area Assessment and LAA Performance:

Richard Astle provided an update of the CAA which is an independent assessment by 6 inspectorates. Reports have been provided on how well local partners are tackling Peterborough's issues.

A presentation was given (also attached) highlighting the achievements and priorities within each outcome.

4. Priorities 2010-2011:

The agenda item on the CAA led into discussions to identify the priorities for 2010-2011 for the VCS Forum.

The following items were suggestions which then need to be narrowed down to 3 priorities.

- o Anti-social behaviour (ASB); looking at City Centre & Triangle
- o Skills
- o Equality; disability
- o Emotional; wellbeing for children & all
- o Poverty @ social exclusion
- o Jobs ; gainful employment
- o Crime
- o Shelter/homelessness

Any further suggestions are to be sent to Naomi Jones email: naomi.jones@pcvs.co.uk who will collate and forward onto the Executive Group.

It was agreed for the suggested priorities to be reviewed at the Executive Group, who will then put forward the proposals for the priorities for 2010-11.

5. AOB:

Ed Murphy will be attending the Growth Partnership meeting on 28th January as VCS rep if anyone would like any points to be raised please contact direct.

The meeting was closed at 4.00pm

Date of next Meeting: 27th May 2010 between 10 & 12.30pm, venue tbc

Future Meetings:

27th May 10-12.30pm – venue tbc

30th September 10-12.30pm – venue tbc

25th November 10-12.30pm – venue tbc

28th February 2-4.30pm – venue tbc

Summary of agreed actions		
REPOSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
Review Group	To meet and discuss the report further	5 th Feb '10
All/Naomi Jones	All to send any suggestions for priorities 2010/11 for VCS Forum through to Naomi Jones who will then collate and send onto the Executive Group who will then put forward the proposals for the priorities.	12 th Feb '10