



VCS

6th May 2009

Bourges Room

Present:

Richard Astle, Director, GPP
Naomi Jones, Involvement Officer, PCVS & GPP
Jenny Collins, Development Worker & COMPACT Officer, PCVS
Beth Collins, Volunteer into Employment Project
Martin Cooper, Age Concern
Byran Tyler, Disability Forum Manager, DIAL
David Parker-Radford, Young Lives
Jane Darlington, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
Graeme Clark, Greater Dogsthorpe Partnership Director
Jean Hunt, Senior Citizens Forum
Susie Hall, GPP Manager
Christopher Harper, Chair, South Team East Neighbourhood Panel
Mahebur Ladha, Director, Peterborough Racial Equality Council
Alan Lord, Family care
Julie Kelham, Voluntary Sector Forum
Margaret Lewis, Peterborough Family Mediation Service
Malcolm Turner, Peterborough & Fenland Mind
John Cunningham, PCVS
B U Shaik, Chair of Senior Citizens Association
Cate Harding, Acting Neighbourhood Director
Ed Murphy, Gladstone Connect
Louise Harrison, GPP Co-ordinator

In Attendance:

Steve Compton, Chief Executive Opportunity Peterborough

Absent:

Sandie Burns, Dial
John Place, Go-East
David Copeland, Mediate
Marie Flanagan, Women's Aid
Christine Greer, Drink Sense
Keith Jones, CAB
Sarah Fletcher, PCVS
Adrian Chapman, PCC
Lord Kenneth Montgomery-Moore

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Hilary Geisow, Susanne Doxey, Jawaid Khan, Lindsey Burrows-McGill & Brian Gascoyne.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Previous minutes from the meeting held on 24th February were agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising:

- It was agreed not to translate the LAA Summary document into 6 different languages, as it wasn't seen as a good use of resources. However, the Partnership were informed that a public focused document is being devised which maybe of better value to be translated.
- No further money is available for small organisations. To find out further information on the Grassroots Grant Peterborough please contact Jane Darlington on: jane@cambscf.org.uk
- May's issue of MEMO will include an article on how organisations can improve their environmental performance.
- Nick Goodman is involved in the organisation of the Cycling Tour Event, taking place on 4th June 2009. Volunteers would be welcomed, please contact Nick; nick@gpp-peterborough.org.uk for further information on how to become more involved.
- Environment Capital Partnership are working with Senior Citizen Forum – engaging with Senior Citizen's and the Young at Town Hall in July.
- Richard Astle is awaiting further information on the CAA and will update the Partnership i in due course.

4. Role of VCS, Involvement Officer and future meetings:

The role of the Involvement Officer is to engage the voluntary sector within the LAA and promote the VCS to the wider audience. Workshops are planned for the near future which will explain how people can become more involved.

Following from discussion with the GPP Executive Board and Outcome Lead Officers (OLOs) it was agreed that an annual meeting plan would support and enable effective performance reporting and monitoring. The annual plan provides a cycle for meetings of the GPP Executive Board, GPP Board, Partnership Boards, Outcome Lead Officers Group and the Performance Hub. **LH** to circulate new meeting dates, tying in with the new cycle.

It was agreed that the membership and ToR need to be revisited and to be reviewed on a 3 yearly basis. **NJ** to action and liaise with Alan Lord.

The Partnership was asked to feedback to Naomi Jones, naomi.jones@pcvs.co.uk on items wished to be incorporated within the agenda for the future and think of ways of sharing views that are discussed within the Partnership i.e the web.

5. LAA Performance Management Reports:

The draft March report was tabled.

It was requested for further information on where the geographic hotspots are within Peterborough, to ensure that our volunteers are informing the general public to be more vigilant. **RA** to follow up.

MJ to send draft school data to **LH** who will then circulate.

Ed Murphy's comments raised will be fed back to Children's Trust Partnership via MJ;

- Improving Skills and Education – school admissions seem to be causing a problem.

- Information required from OLO's of areas identified for improvement and subsequent action to be taken.

6. Growth Agenda & Discussion:

A presentation was given by Steve Compton, Chief Executive, Opportunity Peterborough, highlighting the plans for Peterborough and surrounding areas helping the 'growth' agenda. Please follow link to view presentation: <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/documents/VCSUpdateBrief060509SC.ppt>.

The meeting then discussed the plans with the following comments recorded:

- Housing Development planned was confirmed that it will be mixed including Housing Association
- The Masterplan was based on real stats and can/will be done, creating wealth within the city
- The need to communicate better with VCS
- Reassurance is required as there is concern that plans may not be implemented due to the economic circumstances
- Job scheme starts in September – need to work together led by GPP. RA has in hand
- Physical disability needs to be taken into consideration when building the new train station
- Can Peterborough manage with the traffic increase, getting in and out of the city?
- What incentive is being taken to ensure that people stay on the courses at the college, therefore lowering the 'drop-out' rate?

The partnership was asked to think about how to manage engagement with VCS and the growth agenda, feeding back to Steve Compton. **NJ** to action. Steve Compton suggested 4/5 reps from VCS to meet with Opportunity Peterborough once a month.

7. Volunteer Project:

Beth Collins updated the partnership on her role which is to ensure create new volunteering opportunities for those recently unemployed. EEDA have awarded funding to get the project up and running.

The role also includes helping volunteers to get back into work perhaps giving an opportunity for a change of career.

8. Real Help for Communities: Modernisation Fund 2009/10:

Jane Darlington informed the Partnership that funding is available for third sector organisations that have a certain income. A workshop is being held on 8th June from 9.30am-12noon at Alconbury. For more information please contact Jane on: jane@cambscf.org.uk

9. AOB:

LH to circulate details on PVE workshop which is taking place on 13th May. For further information contact Safeen Sethi: safeen@gpp-peterborough.org.uk

Date of Next Meetings:

15th July 2pm-4.30pm, H1.5 PCAE

20th October 2pm-4.30pm, ASBAH

26th January 2pm-4.30pm, ASBAH

Meeting closed at 4.30pm

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:
VCS MEETING 6TH MAY 2009**

| RESPONSIBLE | ACTION | DUE DATE |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| NJ | Draft new ToR and review VCS membership. | 15.07.09 |
| LH | Circulate the new dates when the Partnership are to meet, tying in with the new cycle. | 15.07.09 |
| RA | To find further information on the geographic hotspots within Peterborough. | 15.07.09 |
| NJ | Liaise with Steve Compton on how VCS can engage with Opportunity Peterborough and input on the growth agenda. | 15.07.09 |
| LH | Circulate information on PVE workshop. | 07.05.09 |