

SSP OMG Plus 30th March 2010: Notes of Meeting

Present: Tom Charnock (TC), Steve Henderson (SH), Daniel Rose (DR), Cllr Brian Mattock (BM), Dave Brown (DB), Mark Ormrod (MO), Alison Chamberlain (AC), Janet Beattie (JB), Pam Gough (PG), Judith Hawkins (JH), Karen Leakey (KL), Keith Smith (KS), Linda Ford (LF), Ruth Kiddle (RK), James Griffin (JG), Fidelma Meehan (FM), Ram Thiagarajah (RT), Marilyn Beale (MB)

Apologies: Juliette Randall (JR), Carolanne Bond (CB), Mike Pringle (MP), Martha Parry (MPy), Matthew Pearce (MgP), Dorothy Brown (DaB), Jacky Thomas (JT)

Chair advised that Paul Gregory had tendered his resignation from the Board. Group thanked Paul for his contribution over the years and to the success of the group.

Key issues and decisions:

- **New member from Equality Coalition for SSP OMG – Nick Stephenson**
- **Equality Scheme Cabinet report – link to group – Nick Stephenson**
- **DS Presentation sent to group - JB**

Discussion and Decisions

The Chair welcomed the new geographical representative for South, Dave Brown to the group.

1. Notes of last meeting and matters arising – notes from the last meeting were agreed and signed off.

2. Equalities update

NS updated the group on the Equality Scheme and the changes to the Coalition Structure. The Equality Scheme will be taken to Cabinet on 14th April 2010 for approval. NS advised that the review of the five Coalitions that had taken place over the last two years had been completed and from January 2010 there is only one Equality Coalition for Swindon. This coalition won't just exist with meetings but will have a website presence, focus groups, telephone surveys and three or four events will be held each year. The first event was held in February at St Joseph's School, which saw more people attend over the course of the afternoon than at all previous meetings. This will be taken forward with more structured events during the year. There is the opportunity for Community Groups to get involved. The SSP newsletter and VAS ID were used to promote the February event and communication of future events will be investigated.

RK asked which community groups NS worked with as she had not been aware of the West Cluster being approached. NS confirmed that he has not been to Cluster Meetings but tried to distribute information via the Cluster Leads, although this is an avenue that needs more work, he also wants to link up with existing networks to get more people involved.

MB asked if there was space in the new Coalition structure for the renewal areas. NS replied that he is keen to get an understanding of the groups around age, geographics, gender to get more involved in the Coalition without trying to segregate or identify specific groups of people but to recognise that there will be issues to be addressed.

AC advised the group that following the restructuring of the Coalitions, Paul Gregory has resigned from the OMG and asked NS if he would be able to find a new representative from the new Coalition. NS agreed.

TC asked if NS had a schedule of events for the year ahead. NS advised that a schedule hadn't as yet been drawn up but it is hoped that the next event will be in July, this will be advertised through the SSP Newsletter, VAS ID, Link magazine, BBC Wiltshire Radio, Community Radio, flyers and web-presence. Group debated various free magazines and newsletters that are available. Group asked NS to send them the link to the Cabinet report once it was available.

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3. Destination Swindon

JG updated the group on Destination Swindon and talked about the next steps. The content will be tested in May with Members through the doorstep download and with Partners. OMG will be one of the Partners that this will be tested with. Group discussed the doorstep download and suggested that all candidates have the opportunity to feedback, not just the successful candidate for the seat. Group thanked JG for the update and requested a copy of the presentation.

4. Connecting People Connecting Places

PG updated the group on where Connecting People Connecting Places currently is and detailed events in each Cluster. A report went to Cabinet in March detailing the first year of CPCP, this report had been circulated to the group prior to the meeting. PG outlined the 7 key steps moving forward:

- Locality working – this had started in Children Services, 4 Locality centres incorporating SBC/Health/Police – local people can access the services and bring issues
- Family Life Project
- Freshbrook Community Centre – SBC worked with Community Centre Management team
- Pinetrees Community Centre – how community can be involved in developing and planning how it will look
- Support and sharing of information, better communication
- Talking to Partner organisations
- Learning and Development – identify what's been learned and build on it to support staff to work together better as an organisation.

BM reflected on CPCP and how it's the glue that holds things like DS and Equalities together and added that it's not about the cluster meetings, but about how we communicate with our communities.

MB added that CPCP was sold as better more meaningful engagement, a considerable amount of work has been done in Penhill and this should not be lost. SH agreed that it would be a waste if the idea fell flat through non-engagement.

5. AOB

- **Conference** – AC advised that the conference date is set for Friday 8th October 2010. The venue is to be decided. AC asked the group for ideas for the day, and requested that these are sent through to her. Ideas so far include;
 - CPCP from a Community Viewpoint
 - Young People – SYEP; Platform
 - Destination Swindon
- **Young People** - DR will speak to Pam Gough about getting young people involved in CPCP and TC suggested that DR brings some ideas to a future OMG Plus meeting. Action JB.
- **Interfaith Partnership** – JH advised that Nazma had voiced her concern at the last Interfaith meeting around Cluster meetings being held in pubs and wanted to feedback this concern.
- **Presentations** – RK requested that anyone coming to future meetings with a presentation be encouraged to provide handouts of that presentation to the group.

Date and time of next meetings

OMG – 18th May 2010, 12-2, Function Room, Civic Offices

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