

Summary for Area Committee
of Coalfield Form Meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2008 at Dubmire
Primary School, Fence Houses

Present:	M. Lowthian	Sunderland Link
	Lesley Roy	Hetton Job Linkage
	Lisa Watson	Sharp
	A. Bewick	Barnardos
	J. Butler	SNCBC Job Linkage
	C. Stobart	Gentoo Sunderland
	J. Worthington	Moorsley Residents Association
	D. Day	Moorsley Residents Association
	L. Atkinson	
	Bridget Phillipson	Wearside Women in Need
	Bill Robinson	SES
	Dave Leonard	Sunderland City Council
	Chris Taylor	Libraries & Info Access Zone
	Christine Charlton	Sunderland CVS
	Andrea Carr	Sunderland CVS
	Christine Jones	Sunderland Community Network
	Vivienne Metcalfe	Sunderland City Council
	Susan Brown	Easington Lane Community Access Point
	Ann Owen	Coalfield Forum
	Joan Carthy	Coalfield Forum
	Doris Turner	Hetton Fellowship of Churches
	Elaine Talbot	Sunderland Childrens Centre
	Juliette Johnson	Herrington Burn YMCA

Apologies: Margaret Hope, Cllr K. Rolph, Cllr A. Hall, Fraser Kemp MP, Norman Rain, E. Richardson, J. Steel, Ian Wilkinson, Terry Hambleton, Colin Laidler, Harry Graham, Sylvia Haswell, Lauren O'Neill, Donna Hall, Mary Pattinson, Carol Bell, David Brennan, S Reddy, Stephen Wilkinson

Barnados' Presentation:

Audrey Bewick gave a presentation on the future of Barnados based in Fence Houses and the coalfield area. Barnardos have been in the coalfield area for the past 12 years. They first started on the Houghton Racecourse Estate. They have worked with asylum seekers and refugees, parental work with Sure Start as well as with the Community Allotment.

A Community Consultation took place whereby some people received a questionnaire on the future of Barnados the response of this being: 21 mentioned Moorsley, 1 Shiney Row and 3 Fence Houses and East Rainton had also been mentioned. The issues highlighted were lack of access to services in Moorsley. Mental health, Youth issues, more focus on working with Children.

The Community Allotment – This had achieved what it originally set out to achieve. They could keep the allotment or return lease of allotment to City of Sunderland. The response of the consultation was that 10 thought they should keep the Lease and 1 that they should return it to the City of Sunderland. They are now working with another Community Project that has taken the allotment over

Recommendations: Begin process of working in Moorsley using present model of working and to do research to look further into areas that were identified and develop an action plan. Barnados funding allocated to continue until March 2009. The Hive on the Racecourse is closed now and staff transferred down to Fence Houses, 10 Brancepeth Avenue, Telephone 3858673 also fax number 3855516.

Barnados have met with members of the public at Moorsley and looking at social questionnaire which they hope to do in next couple of weeks and visit Hetton Primary school to ask children what they like and don't like in the area and also to ask what they want. The children would build a model of the area and take this out to people in the area and ask them similar questions. Barnados voluntary funds will support this work from now until March but they will be looking for people to support the work after March 2009.

The Chair thanked Audrey for her report and said that the Forum noted the fantastic work Barnados have done in the Coalfield area and long may it continue.

Link Presentation:

Mr Mike Lothian, Development Worker for Sunderland Local Involvement Network (LINK) gave the presentation. Mr Stephen Wilkinson, Co-ordinator should have attended also but he had to go to another meeting. The LINK was taken from the Local Government and Public Involvement Act October 2007. The aims and expectations of health and social care services have an opportunity to improve when local people are more involved in planning services. Mike said that LINK commenced in April 2008 and they have started to recruit and empower local people. It is community based and hosted by voluntary sector organisations. Age Concern is the Host for LINK.

What will it do? Create a stronger more independent base, broader representation with a single approach to health and social care. Individuals can get involved, members of groups or organisations. You can be involved on an adhoc basis for specific issues or become a member whereby you would give regular commitment, or become a member of the core group and have management responsibility.

What do you need to do to join? Complete a registration form or online via website, which is being organised at the moment.

Powers of the Link: Legislation allows the link to ask commissioners and providers for information, receive a response within a set time, make recommendations and receive response. Enter and view specific premises

where care is provided. Refer matters for which we are not happy to Health and Well-being Review Committee after response. Sunderland LINK is not a body or organisation but a mechanism for involvement and public consultation and gives opportunities for people, organisations and groups to work together to improve health and social care services.

Different between PPIF and LINK. PPIF is not representative of whole community. Different enter and view criteria and only involved in NHS service. LINK is for anyone who wishes to become involved; it is member led and is for social care as well as health.

The aim of LINK is to bring all groups together and become one LINK. It is based at Stockton Road, Sunderland. Telephone No. 0191 5659045

The Chair asked how many workers there were at LINK and Mike replied that they had 2 workers plus an admin worker and a part-time IT Worker for the database and website. Meetings would be held around the City of Sunderland. At present there are 48 members who have only met once. This meeting was an infrastructure process and a skills analysis questionnaire was sent out, so that training needs could be identified. Look at demand of out of pocket expenses and next week they are setting up a series of workshops to explain how report mechanisms will work, methods of working with the Health Care Commission and Mental Health Commissioners. Audrey from Barnardos asked how would children be involved in this process? Mike said that children over 14 e.g. Youth Parliaments could be involved and they were very keen for young people to have a voice. The Chair said that the City of Sunderland is a huge place and that LINK have a huge job and would come across people who get 'bees in their bonnet' about things. Mike replied that there is governance in place. E.g. equal opportunities.

The Chair thanked Mike for his presentation on LINK and that they would be welcome to attend Forum Meetings at any time.

5.Coalfield Partnership Developments:

Vivienne Metcalfe gave a report on the Coalfield Partnership Project. She said that there were originally a group of workers working with projects in the coalfield area met to discuss the current funding climate. Therefore two weeks ago the coalfield forum facilitated a meeting with Management Committees of projects in the coalfield area to see how the coalfield area could look forward and join funding bids. If an organisation receives information on a piece of funding that is available the Coalfield Forum could facilitate this and invite people to come along. It is about people dipping in and out if relevant to their project. Vivienne said that if anyone wants to be involved in this partnership we could get information out and it would be a board decision if they wanted their board to be involved in this. This would be just for the coalfield area and if this model works there is no reason why other areas could not develop their own model. At present it is an idea of getting people to come to see what is involved. The Chair spoke on the Government want partnership working e.g. there is going to be big amounts

of money coming and the coalfield could be the arch to bring everyone together. The aim of this partnership project is that Coalfield Forum would not do bids but facilitate the process.

Information Sharing: - Funding News

(a) Janet Butler Job Linkage Co-ordinator introduced herself and co-ordinating coalfield regeneration trust, helping people wanting to go on course study, in work, and sustaining them.

(b) Kay – HRCAP and ELCAP application gone in. Lots of applications going into CRT

(c) Sangini – Hosted Diwali. ~Very successful event and over 300 people attended and willing to continue to deliver event every year. Sangini were first to develop event in Sunderland. There were eight celebrations altogether in the North East and it is becoming a recognised event across the whole of the North East. Wearside Women in Need attended Diwali and really enjoyed it and said it was a good event.

(d) Audrey, Barnados. Kier Hardie playground was developed from ideas from children of Dubmire School and the launch of the playground would be 5 November 2008.

(e) Christine Charlton, Compact Engagement Officer said that the Codes of Practice were on Website. Voluntary Community Sector has been slow in putting their views forward. A series of events will be held and the first one is at ELCAP on Tuesday 18 November. More information can be had from Christine Charlton. There is a Children's Services Day at the Stadium of Light on the same morning 8.15am to 12.30pm. Christine said she would have to look at this and the date for Compact could be changed.

(f) Sharp – Free Short Courses – leaflets available from Lisa Watson.

(g) Barnados – Food Hygiene Courses. Contact Jackie on 3858673 for people living in Fence Houses but if places were available people could attend from outside.

(h) Carol Bell from the Library could not attend Forum Meeting but had asked Vivienne to pass on her thanks to everyone for supporting the Literature Festival.

(i) Dave Leonard, Sunderland City Council. Informed the meeting that he was looking at structure for area governance and how it relates to communities getting closer. At the moment he is working with members and contacting partners, health, employment etc., to see how their relationships are working within the community. Trying to localise ways in which they work but by end of March next year hope to have local area plans. They will try to find out what communities want and make link with the city objectives and local objectives and that there is an ownership of plans at local level. The Area Committee will have budget and it is aiming to be more strategic with budget and more representative of what community wants out of this budget. We would be hearing from local area committees in the next few months e.g. by road shows etc. The Chair said that we have hosted lots of consultations with the Planning Department. People are interested in being involved when it is to do with their neighbourhood.