



Coventry Partnership Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April, 2010
5.00 pm – 7.00 pm at the Ricoh Community Space

Present:	Organisation	Representing
Stephen Banbury (Chair)	Voluntary Action Coventry	Voluntary Sector
Colin Green	Coventry City Council	Public Sector
Cllr Ken Taylor	Coventry City Council	Public Sector
Dianne Williams	Chamber of Commerce	Private Sector
Gary Hammersley	Audit Commission	Public Sector
Jane Beaver	Job Centre Plus	Public Sector
Jos Parry	Coventry City Council	Public Sector
June Jeffrey	Community Empowerment Network	Community Sector
Les Ratcliffe	Jaguar Cars	Private Sector
Michael Vincent	Age Concern	Voluntary Sector
Peter Woodward	Environment Theme Group (Chair)	Private Sector
Ray Goy	Henley College	Public Sector
Roger Lewis	Puegugeot	Private Sector
Sheila Bates	Community Empowerment Network	Community Sector
Simon Shilton	West Midlands Fire Service	Public Sector
Tony Prosser	West Midlands Fire Service	Public Sector
Steve Glover	West Midlands Police	Public Sector
Steve Mills	Federation of Small Business	Private Sector
Steve Stewart	Connexions	Public Sector
Sue Bent	Coventry Law Centre	Voluntary Sector
Inspector Doyle	West Midlands Police	Public Sector
Inspector Speed	West Midlands Police	Public Sector
Mick Abbot	West Midlands Police	Public Sector
Katie Buckle	NHS Coventry	Public Sector
Tim Holmes	Parenthesis	Private Sector
Usha Sundram	Coventry University	Public Sector
Saleem Sheikh	CEMAP	Voluntary Sector

Apologies:		In Attendance:	
Afzal Hussain	Coventry NDC	Dawn Ford	Coventry Partnership
Martin Reeves	Coventry City Council	Tim Coleman	Coventry Partnership
Richard Monk	Whitefriars	Sarah Perry	Coventry Partnership
Cllr Lakha	Coventry City Council	Jenni Venn	Coventry City Council
Cllr Foster	Coventry City Council		
Cllr McNicholas	Coventry City Council		
Janice Nicholls	Coventry City Council		
Charlie Gibbons	CAB		
Donald Pennington	Coventry University		
Dave Marr	GOWM		
Terry Cotton	GOWM		
Jon Baldwin	Warwick University		
Sarah Chand	Probation		
Cllr Mutton	Coventry City Council		
Stephen Jones	NHS Coventry		

Minutes of the Meeting

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and that apologies would be noted in the minutes.	
2.	Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising: The minutes of the 12 th November were accepted as a true and accurate record.	
2.1.	Matters Arising:	
2.2.	7. Conference – The Cohesion Conference "Our City – Our People" held on 3 rd December was well attended and feedback has been extremely positive. The Chair thanked all contributors and participants. The focus of next year's conference will be Climate Change.	
3.	<p>Coventry Local Public Service Board – Martin had extended his apologies for not being at the meeting. ~ The CLPSB at its last meeting approved their programme of work for 2010-11 which takes into account CAA priorities, LAA exception reporting and the outcomes of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments planned for 2010-11.</p> <p>Other items on the agenda were: Under 18 Conception Rate, which will now be a quarterly item and feedback from the Audit Commission regarding priority areas which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skills, economy and worklessness ● Health inequalities, health outcomes and the response to Health Improvement Plan, including teenage pregnancies ● Housing Look at strategic housing enabling services identifying housing need and plans to address. ● Children and Young People, particularly Care leavers, offenders and NEETS 	Report Noted
4.	<p>Be Inventive – Tim Holmes from Parenthesis informed the board of this initiative which is sponsored by the Coventry Image Working Group (IWG) which has representation from the Public, Private, Education sectors etc and look at the City's image both internal and external.</p> <p>Be inventive is a unique citywide initiative that seeks to define, establish and promote Coventry's 'vision and proposition' regionally, nationally and internationally, as a city of invention. To date the initiative has been successful in defining a vision for the city and a single, concise meaningful proposition that simply and expressly conveys its 'promise'.</p> <p>Tangible objectives for the initiative have been established and a detailed strategy revolving around '6 key sectors' has been proposed providing focus for implementing the city's 'promise' as we move forwards. Together with the strategy and objectives, an active consultation and engagement programme has been undertaken by the IWG over the last 12 months. The programme has involved over 50 stakeholders and partner individuals/groups of which 16 specific</p>	Agreed Coventry Partnership to Support Initiative

	<p>initiatives and events have been created, inspired by through the Be Inventive project.</p> <p>The project is now reached a critical stage and its future effectiveness over the next 10 to 20 years depends on a number of key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy and leadership - Be Inventive now needs to be driven from the highest level. City leaders need to demonstrate their advocacy and translate advocacy into directives • Communication and connectivity - If the city is to thrive there must be better quality communications about who we are and what we do and there must be stronger connectivity and collaboration amongst the commercial organisations and institutions of the city • Be Inventive Citywide Partnership - It is essential that all stakeholders come together in a formal Citywide Partnership to change the way the city operates and to begin to rationalise objectives and integrate activities <p>The backing of the Coventry Partnership for this initiative is being sort. The timescale of the project is the 18th June for the official signing off of the Be Inventive Concordat which is a public declaration of intent.</p> <p>4.1. Agreed That the Coventry Partnership would support and advocate the initiative.</p>	
5.	Community Payback – Deferred until 15 th July, 2010 due to illness.	Agenda item next mtg.
6.	<p>Violent Crime and Strategic Assessment – Chief Superintendent Steve Glover gave an overview of Violence Crime within the City and the ambition of the Community Safety Partnership is to have a great reputation for the city and a knowledge that all partners help support this ambition. Currently 24% of all Crime (8000 offences) are classed as Serious Violent Crime.</p> <p>Hospital admissions suggest there is 30% more Violent Crime than is recorded and both National and Regional Data suggest Coventry is a more violent city than others.</p> <p><u>Type of Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 81% - LSV ■ 9% - MSV (significant > since 2007) ■ 9% - Malicious Wounding <p>Formula for non DVA Violence alcohol + good weather + light nights x (busyness) = Propensity for Violence</p> <p>The above formula can be used to predict when violence might occur and 40% of all violence happens in People's homes. We need to break the elements of the formula and to see where the real difference can be made.</p> <p>There is an understanding of when it happens, where it happens and what causes it to happen and there are recurrent themes such as.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned behaviour – offenders know victims • Where you live and deprivation - in 3 residential areas there are 109 	Partners to identify where they can help.

	<p>offenders e.g. Willenhall, Stoke Aldermoor and WHEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Busyness' is a feature of where it happens and links to night time economy, public space permeate all types of Violence • Alcohol is the overriding factor in Violence - proportionally linked to severity to Violence. • Drugs allow people to drink more • Weapons – not significant knife problem, people pick up anything to use. <p>We need to break the image of a "Pint and a fight" as it impacts on us all through costs, reputation and resources.</p> <p>The challenges to the Coventry Community Safety Partnership and the Coventry Partnership is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that the collective partnership is behind the problem and the current statement of "Not in my City". • The complexity of the solutions and looking beyond the first layer of partnership influence • Need to target key areas e.g. employment, health, benefits, social landlords. • Need to give the same messages, we do not tolerate this behaviour • Future threat – engrained in the fabric of Coventry • Financial pressures on services – decision making and getting it right <p>Partners were asked how their organisations can help or if they can't to give a contact name and share information? 'Post it' notes were given out for Partners to leave details. All contacts will be followed up and discussed.</p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1.</p>	<p>State of the City Report - The 'State of the City: Coventry in 2010' summary report provides an outline of key messages arising from the analysis of a wide range of information including statistical data, performance measures, city plans and strategies, and consultation findings. A series of data tables is included at the back of the report.</p> <p>The report has been produced to inform the Coventry Partnership's review of Coventry's Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement priorities by identifying the key issues and emerging trends in Coventry.</p> <p>Some key findings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Rate - The estimated population of Coventry in 2008 at 309,800 was a rise of 3,100 or one per cent on the estimate for 2007. This rate of growth was higher than average for England in 2007/08 and double the rate for the West Midlands. It is estimated that by 2020 Coventry's population will be 326,000 • Young City - The city has an average age of 35 years, four years younger than the English average of 39. This is partly due to natural growth and also to the presence of the city's two universities which also means that the 20 to 24 years age group is the largest age group in the city. Coventry is expected to have an ageing population by 2018. • Equality and Cohesion – 1 in 3 of the population are from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Groups (26 per cent in 2007). A third of children in Coventry's schools are from a black and minority ethnic background. The younger age structure of the BME communities in Coventry means that ethnic 	<p>Action 7.2.</p>

<p>7.2.</p>	<p>diversity is set to increase and it estimated that by 2031 just over a third (35 per cent) of the city's population will be people with a black and minority ethnic background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment - Coventry has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of five tonnes per person between 2005 and 2007 the best in the West Midlands. Coventry has signed up to reduce its carbon footprint and aims to cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 40 per cent by 2025 and by 76 per cent by 2050. • Economy - Coventry's economy continues to undergo structural change. From the mid 1980's-mid 2000's jobs have increased in the city but this has now slowed as a result of the recession. Business formation remains low in Coventry (47 VAT registrations per 1,000 compared to 57 per thousand for England). Encouraging new business formation remains a priority delivered through the Enterprising Coventry initiative. • Crime - Crime rates have reduced by a quarter in Coventry since 2004, with a current rate of 95 crimes per 1,000 population higher than national and regional averages (2008/09). Crime is not distributed evenly across the city and the city centre, Foleshill, Hillfields, Wood End, Willenhall and Spon End all have higher than average crime rates for the city (2008/09) • Children and Young People - Educational attainment for GCSEs have improved. Performance in Coventry is now the same as the England rate for five GCSE's grade A* to C in any subject Over a quarter of children live in poverty in the city and this figure is set to rise as a result of the recession <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence base for review of Sustainable Community Strategy • Work in theme groups • Community and voluntary sectors to be consulted • Workshop to identify any changes to priorities • Consider consultation with wider stakeholders • Coventry Partnership to launch Revised SCS in April 2011 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Big Lunch - Sue Bent, Chair of the Equalities and Cohesion Group explained that the Big Lunch is a national event that happened for the first time last year and was the idea of Tim Smith who developed the Eden Project. We want to adapt for Coventry this year. It is not one Big Lunch but many small ones. It is one day to get together with your Neighbours on Sunday 18th July, 2010.</p> <p>It can be anything from a simple lunch in the garden to a full blown street party with music and a hog roast. Or you could organise a party in the park or anywhere else with enough space. It is about sharing food and getting to know one another, changing relationships and inspiring people to do nice things, something in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>All the details are on the Coventry Partnership website and partners were encouraged to participate and promote the day and to look what they might do to contribute. A steering group has been set up and met for the first time today and partners can nominate someone for the group.</p> <p>If anyone is interested please contact Sue Bent direct – contact details are on the Coventry Partnership website www.coventrypartnership.com.uk</p>	<p>Big Lunch details on Coventry Partnership website.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>Business Group Feedback – The Chair of the group Les Ratcliffe told the board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were still major concerns around businesses getting access to finance ▪ Issues around the introduction of invoice discounting (factoring) instead of the use of overdraft facilities which is causing problems for businesses – overdrafts are flexible – banks are getting business to sign upto invoice discounting and making huge charges ▪ Taxation – the HMRC are getting more aggressive when collecting, which could cause major problems for businesses ▪ The quarterly economic survey shows that we are not doing as bad as we thought we would be. ▪ Businesses are operating under capacity – keeping staff on as it is too expensive to get rid of them – therefore this reduces opportunities for young people, apprenticeships and graduates. This will lead to a skill shortage when the economy picks up due to the ageing workforce. ▪ Car Scrapage scheme ended at the end of March – Peugeot are anticipating a difficult/uncertain year ahead. ▪ There is a reduction in Corporate Social responsibility. ▪ Land Rover – last month best sales since 1948. Recently recruited 1000 people at Castle Bromwich. Continuing to take on apprenticeships <p>At the next Business Group meeting the implications of skills shortage will be looked at and what might be done to address this.</p> <p>Currently 4 of the 5 Business Places on the Partnership Board are filled, the group are looking to contact another private sector organisation to fill the remaining place.</p> <p>Dianne Williams informed the board that the Construction Group had stated that things were picking up.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the feedback report be noted.</p>	<p>Report Noted</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Thank You – Councillor Taylor presented Stephen with a thank you card for all his hard work this year as Chair of the Coventry Partnership and that the new Chair from our next meeting will be Roger Lewis.</p> <p>Sue Darling - The Chair informed the group of the sad news received, that Sue Darling, former Chief Executive of Coventry CAB and a long standing Voluntary Sector representative on the Coventry Partnership Board had passed away and that she will be greatly missed by all.</p>	<p>.</p>

	Cohesion Awards – A reminder was given to members that the closing date for the Community Cohesion Awards was Friday 30 th April.	
	The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and attendance.	
11.	Date and Time of Next Meeting – This has been arranged for 15 th July, 2010 – at The Chamber commencing at 5.00 p.m.	

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Coventry Partnership Meeting Dates for 2010:

14th October, 2010

20th January, 2011