



RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Thursday 21st May 2009** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Aldershot Garrison	Colonel Tim Forster Garrison Colonel
Basingstoke Canal Authority	Mr. Ian Brown Director
Employee Volunteering	Mr. Ash Gasson Ms. Caroline Copley
Enterprise First	Mr. John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
First Wessex Housing Group	Mr. Matt Smith Community Regeneration Manager
Guildford Diocese	Canon David Tonkinson Partnership Development Officer
North East Hampshire Police Division	Chief Superintendent Mark Chatterton
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mr. John Harrocks Chief Executive
Princes Mead Shopping Centre	Mr. David Pickett Centre Director
Rushmoor Borough Council	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
Rushmoor Children & Young People's Partnership	Mr. David Bailey
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	Ms. Alex Hughes District Manager
Rushmoor Voluntary Services	Mr Greg Alexander Chief Executive

Sentinel Housing Association	Ms. Sarah Morrisen Ms. Alison Bone
Absent: Aspire Defence Services Ltd	Mr. Neil Johnston Garrison Facilities Director
Farnborough College of Technology	Mrs Christine Davis Principal
Hampshire County Council	County Councillor Roger Kimber Mrs Joy Smith HAT Co-ordinator
Hampshire Primary Care Trust	Mr. Andy Whitfield
NHS Hampshire	Dr Martin Ashton-Key Area Director of Public Health
North East Hampshire Police Division	Chief Superintendent Mark Chatterton
Parity for Disability	Ms Alison Cooper Services Manager
Rushmoor Healthy Living	Mr Tony Docker

In attendance:

Rushmoor Borough Council

Mr. John Edwards	Director of Community and Environment,
Mr. Peter Amies	Head of Community
Mrs Karen Edwards	Head of Strategy and Communications
Miss Annie Denton	Partnership Officer
Mr. Jon Rundle	Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications
Miss. Joanna Little	Policy and Performance Officer
Mrs April Moakes	Administrative Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Mr. Tony Docker (Rushmoor Healthy Living), Mrs Christine Davis (Farnborough College of Technology), Mr. Greg Alexander (Rushmoor Voluntary Services), Mr. Neil Johnston, Aspire Defence, Ms. Joy Smith, HCC, Roger Kimber, HCC and Christine Davis, Farnborough College of Technology

2. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2009.

3. “GET WITH” PROGRAMME

The Partnership welcomed Ms. Caroline Copley, Employee Volunteering.

The “Get With” programme started in 2005 in Basingstoke. The objectives were to provide positive youth activities during the school summer holidays to those children aged between 11 – 16 years.

The programme for 2009 would start on 27th July. Partners were invited to visit during the summer to see what the programme had to offer. Anyone wishing to do this had to notify Caroline in advance.

Presentation slides attached.

Action:

- Mark Chatterton to liaise with Caroline for a link via the Police facebook
- All Partners to consider how they could get involved in “Get With”

4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Partnership welcomed Mr. David Bailey, Chairman of the Rushmoor Children and Young People’s Partnership.

Mr. Bailey reported that there was a lack of awareness about the Children and Young People’s Partnership, more publicity was required to rectify this. There were significant funds available for a variety of projects but bids had to be submitted quickly. The funding was not directed at or limited to a particular area of deprivation .

Presentation slides attached.

Action:

- The Chairman asked that a letter be written to Hampshire County Council to express concerns at a change in the way the funding bids were to be submitted.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGY & PROGRAMME

Mrs. Karen Edwards led a workshop on Rushmoor’s neighborhood renewal approach to improving three areas that had pockets of multiple deprivation. These priority areas were Mayfield, North Town and Heron Wood.

A Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy had been drafted and action plans for each area were being prepared. A mapping exercise had been started to capture issues and current and potential future projects in the three areas.

Partners were invited to give their input to the mapping exercise by completing the questionnaires on neighbourhood renewal in each area.

Papers attached.

Action:

- All Partners to have completed the work sheets and returned them to Annie Denton by Wednesday 10th June 2009.

6. SENTINEL HOUSING ASSOCIATION WORK PROGRAMME

The Partnership welcomed Ms. Alison Bone, Neighbourhood Coordinator and Sarah Morrisen, Sentinel Housing Association. Apologies were given on behalf of Bill Flood and James Pennington who were unable to attend the RSP meeting.

Sentinel Housing were responsible for housing stock primarily in North Hampshire. They were responsible for 300 properties in Rushmoor, the majority of these were in Whetstone Road.

In 2008 forty military properties at Dukes Park were purchased from the MoD. These were completely refurbished internally at a cost of £750,000. There had been several community and military combined events that had contributed to the success of the unique scheme.

Sentinel Housing had focused on making improvements within the Pyestock development. A community portacabin was being used for a variety of projects including a police surgery. Planned events for 2009 included a rubbish raiders session, a fun day at Bartons Park and a residents week.

A community chest grant had been introduced. Residents could apply for a grant for any project that would make a difference to their neighbourhood. A community magazine was published quarterly.

Action:

- Colonel Forster recommended that Sarah Morrisen should speak about the development on Garrison radio.

7. IN BRIEF

Senate Meeting Update

The next meeting would take place on Friday 10th July.

Sustainable Community Strategy

The strategy is being refreshed in view of the new RSP vision and priorities. A draft would be distributed shortly.

Economic Recession Group Update

The two main pieces of work with residents and businesses would be continued.

Mr. Edwards reported that since the last meeting benefit claims were steadily increasing. There had not been a large increase in repossessions or evictions. The latest unemployment figures for Rushmoor for April 2009

showed an increase from 3% to 3.2%, 1800 local residents now claimed Job Seekers Allowance. In Hampshire there had been a general increase in unemployment figures, the South East as a whole now stood at 2.9% and the UK was at 4%.

Action – All Partners to consider any new ways in which RBC could help local businesses and residents through the recession

Alex Hughes reported that the Farnborough CAB had now moved into the portacabins whilst the extension work was carried out on their building.

The staff were dealing with a variety of issues, many related to the current recession. There was a dedicated resource to give advice on repossessions. Funding had been agreed to enable opening hours to be extended into the evening.

Paper attached.

John Mitchell reported that Enterprise First were still offering a rolling program of workshops. There had been an increase in enquiries about self-employment as residents sought to start part time businesses whilst working part time for an employer.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

Rushmoor Strategic Partnership –

4.00 p.m. Committee Room 1, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices,
Farnborough Road, Farnborough:

Wednesday, 8th July

Wednesday, 30th September

Thursday, 10th December

The meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.
