

NORTH DEVON COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Minutes of a special meeting of the NORTH DEVON COMMUNITY ALLIANCE held at the Cedars Inn, Bickington Road, Barnstaple on Monday 27th March 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Representing

Barnstaple Town Council: Councillor Hawes
Community Council of Devon: Mr J. Talbot
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary: Inspector T. Davies
Devon County Council: Councillors Cann and Mrs Jenkins
Exmoor National Park: Ms R. McArthur
Federation of Small Businesses: Mr S. Randall
Local Community Alliances: A. Bacon, Councillors Pearson, C.
Spear and D. W. Spear
North Devon College: Mr B. Vines
North Devon Homes: Mr M. Sellick
North Devon Hospice: Mr D. Trueman
North Devon Voluntary Services: Mr P. Hamilton and
Mrs P. Jackson
North Devon District Council: Councillors Ms Davis, Lucas and
Mrs Shapland (Chairman)
North Devon Primary Care Trust: Dr. K. Gronqvist
Parish Councils: Councillor Geen
Transform: Mr M. Taylor
Westcountry Ambulance Service NHS Trust: Mr N. Vine

Officers:

Devon County Council

I. Hobbs, County Community Strategy Officer and Ms A. Boyd, Assistant County Community Strategy Officer.

North Devon District Council

S. Pitcher - Executive Director, M. Mansell - Executive Director, J. Lee - Culture and Recreation Manager, M. Isaac - Community Development Co-ordinator and Ms B. Greenslade - Member Services Co-ordinator.

Also Present

Ms K. James North Devon and Exmoor Regeneration
Company - LSP Support Worker

34 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE/MATTERS ARISING

(a) Reorganisation Of Police Services: Update

Inspector Davies reported that the Home Office had recently announced that it would be deferring its decision on whether Devon and Cornwall would remain a stand alone Strategic Force or amalgamate with other Police Forces until May 2006. There was an expectation that Devon and Cornwall would remain a stand alone Strategic Force.

(b) Westcountry Ambulance Services NHS Trust

N. Vine reported that following the recent consultation on the reconfiguration of Ambulance Trusts, the Strategic Health Authority had announced that the Westcountry Ambulance Services NHS Trust would be merging with Dorset.

35 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY

The Alliance considered a draft Community Strategy (tabled).

M. Isaac reported that Lead Project Officers needed to be identified for each of the projects contained within Section 4 of the Strategy. The identified Lead Project Officers would be requested to report back to the next meeting of the Alliance outlining their project and how the project was to be delivered for inclusion in the action plan. Following the meeting of the Alliance on 24th April 2006, the Strategy would be circulated for consultation and would be considered for adoption by the meeting of the Alliance on 17th July 2006.

The Alliance agreed that the following amendments be made to the draft Community Strategy:

(a) Introduction (Page 2)

- (i) the diagram be amended to include the major strategic partners of the Local Strategic Partnership and that the full membership be included as an appendix;
- (ii) the time period of the strategy be included within the introduction;

(b) Section 1 (Page 3)

- (i) 1st paragraph - "over the next 3 years" be amended to stipulate the exact dates/period of the strategy (i.e. month/year) and the refresh/renewal dates;
- (ii) that the vision statement be broken down in to bullet points;

- (c) Section 2 (Page 4)
 - (i) that the paragraphs be re-ordered to ensure that the paragraph regarding crime is not the first paragraph in the section and to reflect the priority of the challenges;
 - (ii) 1st paragraph - Inspector T. Davies be requested to rewrite this paragraph;
 - (iii) 4th paragraph
 - (A) be strengthened to include reference to climate change, sustainable renewables, biodiversity, wildlife and the public realm;
 - (B) that an appendix be attached to the Strategy as supporting evidence;
 - (iv) that a new paragraph be included to reflect the rurality of North Devon which includes references to the challenges faced, access to services and agriculture;
 - (v) that a new paragraph be included regarding community involvement and democratic engagement;
 - (vi) that reference be made to the increasing ageing population;
- (d) Section 3 (Page 5)
 - (i) that reference be made to the Local Development Framework;
 - (ii) that M. Taylor be requested to prepare a paragraph regarding Transform and the MCTI involvement in the Community Strategy;
 - (iii) that reference be made to how the needs and priorities of the people and communities are going to be achieved;
- (e) Section 4 (Page 9) - that a glossary of acronyms be appended to the Strategy;
- (f) Section 4 (Page 10) - that the following amendments be made and Lead Project Officers be appointed for each of the Projects listed:

- (i) Project 1
 - (A) that reference to "through the scenario modelling process" be deleted;
 - (B) that North Devon District Council be the project lead;
- (ii) Project 2
 - (A) that "Local Development Framework" be amended to "Local Development Frameworks";
 - (B) that the description be reworded;
 - (C) that North Devon District Council and Exmoor National Park Authority be the project leads;
- (iii) Project 3
 - (A) that A. Bell and Chairman of the Biodiversity Group be the project leads;
- (iv) Project 4
 - (A) that North Devon District Council be the project lead;
- (v) Project 5
 - (A) that reference be made to older people and inequality of funding across Devon;
 - (B) that "public sector" be deleted;
 - (C) that K. Gronqvist be the project lead and be requested to rewrite the description of the project;
- (v) Project 6
 - (A) that I. Hobbs be the project lead;
- (vi) Project 7
 - (A) that the remit of the project be widened in terms of the "Safer North Devon Strategy";

- (B) that Safer North Devon be the project lead;
- (vii) Project 8
 - (A) that "co-ordinate" be amended to "support";
 - (B) that the project description be amended to reflect the wider community and voluntary sector;
 - (C) that P. Hamilton, Mrs P. Jackson and I. Hobbs be requested to rewrite the description of the project;
- (viii) Project 9
 - (A) that "parish plans" be amended to "community action plans";
 - (B) that reference be made to the needs of the communities within the Exmoor National Park;
- (ix) that a new project on "Access to Services" be included and that I. Hobbs be the project lead.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 12.08 p.m.