

Minutes of Rural West Area Partnership Board

Held on: 23/07/10

Venue: HQ, Chester

Present

Alison Roylance-White – Cheshire Community Action (Chairman)

Debra Brown – CW&C Rural West Team

Rob Callow – Area Manager Rural West, CW&C

Elaine Grant – CW&C Rural West Team

Robin Hughes – CH64 inc.

Pat Johnson – Western Cheshire PCT

Steve Kent – Director of the Environment, CW&C

Rebecca Mead – University of Chester

Chris Mitchell – Connexions

Colin Rutter – CW&C Council

Carol Weaver – Rural Parishes Representative

Jane Williamson – CW&C Council

Apologies

Carol Berry – 3rd Sector Assembly Representative

Martin Dowle – Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service

Paul Knight – Chester & District Housing Trust

Phil Hodgson – Cheshire Police

Cllr Stuart Parker – CW&C Council

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Notes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising

The notes from the last meeting were agreed.

Constitution

The constitution and membership item was ongoing with Winsford APB still to give their recommendations. The outcome will be reported at the next Rural West APB meeting in October.

Older People's Day Care Centres

Carol Weaver reported that the day centre closures had been pushed back to the end of the financial year. A meeting had taken place last week with further representations and proposals going forward and another meeting had been planned for August with the aim to find out who is interested in running the services.

3. APB Update Report

The Rural West ABP update report highlighted the key activities and strands of work that the APB had been involved in recently. Community engagement had significantly increased by holding events such as the two Wellbeing events in Malpas and Neston, the Participatory Budget event in Tarvin and the recent Mickle Trafford Forum that had been planned around a barbecue. A report had also been produced for the Neston Travel Group that mapped out the travel services available in Neston to the surrounding areas using case studies to highlight travel details.

Actions:

- Suggestions/ideas relating to increasing the wider marketing and circulation of the APB report to be emailed/ phoned to Rob Callow (ALL)
- As a result of recent government changes within the NHS regarding more local GP decision making, it was suggested that a health representative be elected to become involved with the GP consortium as it was forming. To be raised at LSP/ Thematic groups (PJ/ARW)
- A report on the Participatory Budget event to be circulated to the Board complete with updates from each of the successful groups (ARW)

4. Rural West Asset Management Plan

Jane Williamson reported on the Strategic Area Asset Management Plan for the Rural West Area which focussed on CW&C and stakeholder property. Jane stressed that this was a draft document and that the aim of bringing the report to the APB's attention was to both introduce and to feed in information. A list of all CW&C properties was included in Appendix 1 with a stakeholder portfolio's being listed in appendix 2. Jane explained that by mapping out existing known properties, opportunities and efficiencies of sharing property with partners had been highlighted but greater efficiencies were still to be made by the collection of accurate property data.

5. Reducing Health Inequalities Research

Rebecca Mead, research student jointly sponsored by NHS Western Cheshire (PCT) and the University of Chester, briefed the APB on her PhD research project. The project aims are to understand how the local public health system works in translating public health policy aspirations, such as improving population health and reducing health inequalities

into local delivery plans and activities. Rebecca had already taken her project to the Local Strategic Partnership and as a result had been asked to give regular feedback. The thematic groups and the APB's were now being briefed on her research and permission was being sought by Rebecca to observe all future meetings. Rural West APB were asked for their help and support with the research which will improve understanding of partnership working and policy implementation.

6. Access to Services – Mapping Proposal

Access to Services is one of Rural West's APB priorities and it was suggested that this priority could benefit from further research and mapping to gain a better understanding of the issues e.g. which areas are worst affected and which services people are unable to access. In Rural West there is one Lower Super Output Area with barriers to housing and services within the top 30% most deprived areas in CW&C and Cheshire East across all domains. Goway North 4L4 is ranked the second most deprived Lower Super Output Area in CW&C /Cheshire East for barriers to housing and services (this area contains around 1400 residents). The Area manager asked for input from partners on the APB to help map the area and to look at how they could target activity and support residents for access to services.

Action:

- Steve Kent and Rob Callow to discuss how to take the mapping exercise forward and report back at the next APB meeting in October(SK/RC)

7. Community Forum Update

Carol Weaver informed the APB that the Broxton Community Forum that had taken place in Tilston in June had provided the local community with useful presentations on the topics of Transport and the Waste consultation.

8. Dates for Futures Meetings

15th October 2010, Tarvin Community Centre, 2pm - 4pm