

Minutes of Partnership Meeting

Venue	Monkton Priory School
Date and Time	7pm, Wednesday 23rd April 2008
Approved by Chair	

I. Apologies

Community Sector:-

Alison Beaumont; Gillian Duncan; Keith McNiffe; Dillwyn Davies; Bev Stephens

Voluntary/Business Sector:-

Julie Rice-Harvey (Clouds); Vanessa John (PAVS); Brenda Hancock (Haven Credit Union)

The Co-operative:-

Mark Robinson-Field

In Attendance

Community Sector:-

Pearl Llewellyn (Chair); Michelle Ferrier; Maggie Hart; William Rees; Angie Meredith

Voluntary/Business Sector:-

Audrey Thompson (Community Hall); Dot Lloyd (Monkton Voice); Pauline Waters (Monkton Priory Church Mother's Union); Liz Jenkins (Priory Farm); Michelle Bateman (Monkton Swifts)

Statutory Sector:-

Peter Stock (PCC); Sinead Henahan (PCC); Sally Thompson (Community Safety Partnership)

Communities First Support Team:-

James Roach John; Dylan Hurley; Liz Cook; Maria Jenkins (Secretary)

Absent

Community Sector:-

Nicola Cowan; Tracie Batchelor

Statutory Sector:-
Pam Owen (Health Challenge Pembrokeshire)

The Chair thanked all for attending.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

One amendment - Sinead Henehan wanted it noted that it had been agreed at the previous meeting that a copy of the report from Mark Robinson-Field was to be circulated prior to today's meeting.

James Roach-John added that he and the team had received the report by email this afternoon. Mark had given apologies as his son had been involved in an accident. All Members should take time to read the document and feed any comments through to Mark. Mark will be attending the next meeting.

The Chair confirmed that James had telephoned her to inform her of Mark's absence and she had made the decision to continue with the meeting.

Sinead Henehan commented that there was a lack of communication and that it was clear the report would not have been available prior to today regardless of Mark's absence.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Liz Jenkins and seconded by Pauline Waters. All were in favour.

3. Matters Arising

The Chair said the first meetings of several of the Action Groups had taken place. The Older Persons Action Group meeting for tomorrow was cancelled as it clashed with the PAVS Older Person's Forum.

Sinead thanked Liz Cook for cancelling the meeting as it is important that key people are able to attend the Action Groups.

4. Project Review by GRB

Item not discussed due to Mark's absence.

5. Any other business

i) Pauline Waters queried the process for feeding back information if Members had attended meetings and events. Liz Cook confirmed feedback should be given to the appropriate Action Group, who in turn, feed back to the main Partnership.

ii) Councillor Peter Stock said he had had sight of a leaflet showing that a Welsh Assembly Minister had visited Communities First and made a statement to the local

Labour candidate Dave Edwards, that Communities First funding would be maintained.

James Roach-John said that Sue Perkins had arranged the visit to Llanion and he had been informed that same day of the intent to visit Monkton.

Some Members felt that in this run up to the local elections this was an inappropriate political visit, and Communities First should be apolitical. The Chair was upset that she had not been informed and had been made aware of the visit by a member of the public. Several of the Members agreed that the Chair should have been invited. Peter Stock added that he should have been informed as Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities.

Peter Stock queried whether it was coincidence that both Dave Edwards and Brian Gibbons were visiting Monkton on the same day.

Councillor Peter Stock moved that the Partnership write to the Dr Brian Gibbons expressing concern and disappointment about how Members were not informed of the visit. The motion was seconded by Pauline Waters.

Action Point: Secretary to work with the Chair to write a letter to Dr Brian Gibbons.

iii) The Chair asked Members if they would agree to the responses to the Communities Next Consultation being reported back to the Assembly. All were in agreement.

iv) The Secretary passed around copies of the new application pack for the Events Fund. She had had advice from Lorna Unwin at PAVS and incorporated her suggestions. All Members were asked to look at the pack and return any comments to the office.

6. Date and time of next meeting

2.30pm Wednesday 21st May 2008 at Monkton Priory School. Two apologies were given.

Members then returned to 'Any Other Business'

Any other business (continued)

v) Dot Lloyd queried the rent for the Youth Club. Angie Meredith said Monkton Voice had agreed to apply for the rent on the Tanyard's behalf but this needs moving forward.

Pauline Waters added that if it had not have been for both Michelle Ferrier and Maggie Hart, the Youth Club would not be running and thanked them for their commitment.

The Chair read aloud a report received by Liz Cook from Hayley Wood, prepared for the Partnership meeting.

Action Point: Liz Cook to ensure all Members receive a copy.

Some Members discussed renaming the Youth Club to Monkton Youth, or Youth of Monkton.

Liz Cook provided a brief update of the Children and Young People Action Group.

- NEETS (young people not in employment, education or training) are hoping to bring a minibus into Monkton to attract young people age 16 plus to encourage them to engage in training.
- Looking at the re-introduction of play parks and Hayley Wood is linked in to Greenlinks, a project based at Pembroke Comprehensive and is concerned with vocational learning for children who are not engaged with the curriculum.

Action Point: Liz Cook to ensure minutes from the Children and Young People Action Group meeting are circulated.

Dot Lloyd added that Hayley is hoping to commence with either karate or judo on Wednesday evenings, at the Community Hall.

vi) Dylan Hurley provided Members with an update on the Jobs and Business Action Group.

- To look at where the biggest employers are and how public transport to and from Monkton currently operates. To also look at improvements to public transport if necessary.
- To encourage people to volunteer through linking to Springboard and offering accredited training leading to employment.
- Looking at how Monkton fits into Spatial, Convergence and local development plans.

The next meeting of the Jobs and Business Action Group is to be held on the 7th May at 9.30am at the Communities First office.

Dylan also reported on the Environment Action Group meeting.

- Trying to encourage skips in to the Courts area.
- Aiming to encourage more people to attend this Action Group.
- To look at the Tenant Compact to consider if it is meeting timescales.

There was a general discussion regarding the good work that the Council's maintenance workers are doing in Monkton.

Action Point: A letter to be written to Brian Maddocks at Pembrokeshire County Council complimenting the good work of the maintenance team in Monkton.

The Chair added that Monkton Voice hoped to make arrangements for a gardener for Monkton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.