

**MINUTES OF THE BETTER PLACES PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Peter Hillman (Chair), Haringey Council
 Anne Fisher, Haringey Council
 Ann Marie Connolly, Haringey TPCT
 Dave Morris, HFRA
 Philip Dale, HA21 CSG
 Pam Moffat, Mobility Forum
 Andrew Billaney, Hornsey Housing Trust
 Judith Hanna, English Nature
 Diana Holba, Environment Agency
David Anstey, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
 Peter Livermore, Transport for London
 Catherine Stenzl, Friends of Park Forum
 Ellen Struthers, London Remade
 Deborah Harris, HarCEN

OBSERVERS & GUESTS

Gill Hawken, HTPCT & Haringey Council
 Janice Robinson, Haringey Council
 Sule Nisanaoglu, Haringey Council
 John Morris, Haringey Council
 Beverly Taylor, Haringey Council
 Sule Nisancioglu, Haringey Council
 Chris Downs, Halcrow
 Nicolas Mattis, Haringey Council

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
BPP01.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>(Agenda Item 1):</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following Members:</p> <p>John Brown, Haringey Fire Service Bruce Mottram, Thames Water Paul Hand, Haringey Metropolitan Police Symon Sentaine, NDC Maxine Simons, Transport for London (represented by Peter Livermore)</p>	
BPP02.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS:</p> <p>(Agenda Item 2):</p> <p>None.</p>	
BPP03.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</p>	

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	<p>(Agenda Item 3):</p> <p>None</p>	
BPP04.	<p>MINUTES:</p> <p>(Agenda Item 4): To approve the minutes of the BPP meeting held on 12 October 2005.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes were approved by the BPP and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of proceedings.</p>	
BPP05.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There were a number of issues relating to the membership of the BPP. It was suggested that community contacts should be fully integrated into the core membership of the Partnership and the Chair stated that all partners/agencies should clarify who their representatives would be and that the membership would, in future, reflect this.</p>	
BPP06.	<p>THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMPACT:</p> <p>(Agenda Item 6):</p> <p>The BPP was given a joint presentation by HAVCO and the Haringey Voluntary Sector Development Team on behalf of the Haringey Compact Working Group. The presentation outlined why the BPP should use Haringey's Compact highlighting some of its benefits in terms of contributing to, for example, achieving aims, developing Local Area Agreements and providing a platform for the BPP to consult and engage with local communities NRF. The BPP heard that there would be a 13 week consultation for the draft Compact with Haringey and invited Members to contribute to this consultation by 8 February 2006. The presentation concluded by inviting the BPP to take on the Compact challenge by becoming a Compact Champion.</p> <p>After the presentation the BPP discussed how the Compact could be kept on the agenda for future BPP topic discussions and fed back to the HSP. It was highlighted that a Compact Health check would ensure its work was fed back via the appropriate channels thus keeping it on the agenda. There was a further short discussion on Compact's continued work to improve the involvement of the private sector in its work and this was reflected in the Compact's work plan.</p> <p>The BPP agreed to the following recommendations:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPP Partners to agree to consider the draft Compact agreement and to take the agreement to their individual management boards. • BPP to actively support and encourage the commitment to the “buy in” of Haringey’s Compact. <p>BPP to agree that the Compact will underpin the partnership work of all partners and the partnership board.</p>	
<p>BPP07.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ISSUES:</p> <p>(Agenda Item 10):</p> <p>There were updates on behalf of HarCEN and the Mobility Forum which were accompanied by short reports which can be seen appendix one and two respectively.</p>	
<p>BPP08.</p>	<p>THE PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT:</p> <p>(Agenda Item 7):</p> <p>The BPP was given a presentation by the Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust entitled <i>Growing up in Haringey</i> which highlighted to the BPP the five themes of <i>Every Child Matters</i>, namely being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution, and achieving economic well-being. The presentation focussed on statistical data relating to the above themes in Haringey emphasising deprivation and health and illness issues as significant factors for the BPP to consider. BPP Members were presented with the full <i>Haringey Health Report 2005</i> for their perusal. The Chair emphasised to BPP Members the importance of taking these issues to other HSP themes boards and the channels to do this were explained.</p>	
<p>BPP09.</p>	<p>SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:</p> <p>(Agenda Item 8):</p> <p>There were three sections to the Item (i,ii,iii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) There was a presentation by Halcrow Water Services which highlighted to the BPP the need for a water strategy within Haringey. The presentation introduced the work undertaken during the inception stage of the flood management strategy, and presented the main findings and the big issues identified during the inception stage. The BPP were encouraged to consider the next phase of the strategy preparation (ii) This Item, a presentation on climate change, was withdrawn due to time constraints. <p>This Item, a presentation on strong and sustainable local communities, was withdrawn due to time constraints.</p>	

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BPP10.	NRF PROPOSALS: (Agenda Item 9): The BPP was given a brief presentation about the NRF and Safer, Stronger Communities Fund. BPP Members were informed that the fund would require greater partnership working in order to secure and manage effectively. The fund would also enable a raft of new projects and priorities to be established which would be manifest by a next steps programme. BPP Members were invited to attend a special workshop which would look into the new funding in more detail and would enable all partners from the community groups and the voluntary sector to be fully engaged.	
BPP11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 10): (i) The BPP was informed about the Building Safer Communities Awards ceremony which would be held on 28 February 2006 and was asked to put forward nominations to the Safer Communities Unit. (ii) The BPP offered its good wishes and thanks to Beverley Taylor, Environmental Services Assistant Director (Street Scene), who would be leaving Haringey Council before the next meeting of the BPP.	
BPP12.	ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 11): None	
BPP13.	DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS (Agenda Item 12): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4pm - 8 March 2006, venue tbc The meeting finished at 17:45	

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Councillor PETER HILLMAN

Chair, Better Places Partnership 2005/6

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**HarCEN January Update
Better Places Partnership**

1. Consultation - Community Transport Review

HarCEN will be working to deliver a review of opportunities for Community Transport over the next quarter in partnership with the Mobility Forum.

2. BPP Representation

HarCEN has confirmed its commitment to support the representation of the voluntary and community sector on the partnership. Interim representation has been confirmed following the BPP briefing meeting on 10 January 2005. The process has been agreed to be through a wider BPP Community Engagement Forum (see below).

3. BPP Community Engagement Forum (BPPCEF)

HarCEN will be working with existing known groups and smaller more marginalised groups to widen the participation of residents and interested local organisations in the BPPCEF. The first meeting of this Forum is planned for February 2006. A steering group drawn from the Forum will need to be confirmed.

HarCEN has committed to provide secretariat support and initial start-up funding of up to £5,000 for this quarter.

4. Area Assembly based Small Project Funding 2006

The funding programme for small projects at area level has been organised to include up to seven projects that focus on three themes that fall within the remit of the BPP:

1. Sport, Leisure, Art and Culture Facilities and Opportunities
2. Environment and green issues
3. Housing and Transport/ Mobility

Up to £2,500 is available for local projects in line with existing small grants Community Chest funding operated by HarCEN (managed by Scarman Trust) in 2005



What is HarCEN?

HarCEN is the Haringey Community Empowerment Network. CENs work with local community, voluntary, faith groups and active residents. We are a company limited by guarantee with charitable aims.

HarCEN, like other CENs around the country, has been set up with the support of central government to help community and voluntary sector groups, and residents, to participate in delivering Neighbourhood Renewal in Haringey. We do this in various ways: members elect representatives to sit on the Haringey Local Strategic Partnership (HSP) - this is the partnership group made up of the council, police, health service and other statutory bodies as well as the local voluntary and community groups, youth and interfaith representatives and other key partners. The HSP works to provide joined-up sustainable services that meet the needs of the communities in Haringey.

What is the need for HarCEN?

As an independent network HarCEN has the ability to be a 'critical friend'. We are well placed to be able to challenge services delivery where it may exclude marginalised groups and individuals as well as encourage greater participation of residents and groups to continue to take a greater responsibility for building and contributing to the community in which they live, work, worship and play. HarCEN also works with the related sub groups of the HSP that deal with particular issues (e.g. health, crime, housing), or neighbourhood areas.

We look to contribute to aspects around the delivery of the objectives of Neighbourhood Renewal (through grassroots monitoring and evaluation). CENs also ensure effective communication with local people and groups about Neighbourhood Renewal issues in their areas and facilitate consultation and discussion through a variety of means, and so support their members sitting on LSPs.

The progress so far.....

An important element of HarCEN's role is making active connection with small, marginalised groups and individuals, particularly those based in the most deprived areas and estates, who have not had much say in the past about decisions that affect their lives. This is a constant process as populations are always changing. In 2003 HarCEN commissioned local opportunities for discussion around three of Haringey's major specific themes of Safer Communities, Health & Social Care and provision of Services for Children & Young People. In addition HarCEN launched six general issue forum groups: Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) issues; Forum for Women; issues around Carers; an Interfaith Forum; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues (GLBT); specific Refugee & Asylum Seeker issues. For 2005/06 HarCEN has extended the BME Forum to include partnership activities over Black History Month and will also support and develop a Better Places Community Engagement Forum

Who Gets Involved with HARCEN?

HarCEN membership is open to voluntary and community organisations, faith groups and local residents. HarCEN has completed elections for representation on HSP Executive and is working with the Themed Partnership Boards to confirm and support representation at this level as well as the themed subgroups. Please contact us for information.

Whatever reasons for becoming involved, HarCEN has many opportunities for the local voice to be heard and views to be listened to. We focus on partnership to become part of a stronger community that works together, representing joined-up solutions for change.

For more information on HarCEN, upcoming activities and events, details for any of the Theme Groups or Forum Activities please contact the Administrator Beulah Messies on 020 8885 6575 (email info@harcen.org.uk) or see our website www.harcen.org.uk

REPORT FROM MOBILITY FORUM IN HARINGEY
Presented by Pamela Moffatt, Chair Mobility Forum

At a recent meeting of The Haringey Older People's Forum on Life and Leisure, lack of a COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SYSTEM featured strongly. Groups of eight to ten people met to discuss what they wanted firstly as leisure activities and secondly what constraints there were in accessing these.

There were requests for access to, and safe usage of parks and gardens with facilities needed by older people as well as access to various activities in the way of transport.

Out of 12 separate groups 11 mentioned lack of transport as being a problem.

There is certainly a need for a community transport system in Haringey and the Mobility Forum is working towards fulfilling this need. Nowadays there is emphasis on combining areas for running community transport systems and Transport for London is seeing a role for them in the proposed modernised Community Transport sector in London.

Community Transport will be discussed at the Mobility Forum Annual General Meeting, to be held at Northumberland Park School, N17 0PG on 11 Feb 06, 11am-3pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Salome Simoes, Streetscene on 8489 1161 or salome.simoes@haringey.gov.uk

