



Partnership Board Meeting Minutes



Meeting held on
Thursday 7 December 2023
10am-12noon
Chalvedon Community Centre

In attendance:

Keith Bobbin, Resident Member	(KB)
Gill Buttwell, Project Support Worker (minute taker)	(GB)
Andy Florence, Resident Member	(AF)
Ashley Gillam, District Youth and Community Commissioner, Essex Youth Service	(AG)
Tracey Griffith, Coordinator/Resident Member	(TG)
Paul Nagle, Resident Partnership Chair (meeting chair)	(PN)
Jan Stobart, Big Local Representative	(JS)
Carole Turkson, Resident Partnership Vice Chair	(CT)
Peter Wagner, Resident Member	(PW)

Apologies:

Peter Dickson, Resident Member	(PD)
Michelle Fairchild, Community Development, Basildon Borough Council	(MF)
Simon Johnson, Chief Officer, BBW CVS	(SJ)

Declarations of Interest: KB as Governor of Northlands Primary School/Basildon Academies and PN, TG & GB as Youth Club employees.

The minutes from the Partnership meeting held on 2 November were reviewed and AGREED.

UPDATES:

Pitsea Community Christmas Event

PN reported that The Christmas event held on Saturday 2 December had been very successful despite the extremely cold weather. It was good to see volunteers on the Heart of Pitsea stall and youth forum member Oli had done a fantastic job as event compere. Organisations that hosted stalls were Basildon Heritage, Neighbourhood Watch, Against All The Odds, the Essex Horse and Pony Sanctuary, the Pitsea Uniform Bank and Basildon Creative People and Places (who had also booked and provided the funding for an Elf 'Bubbleologist'). Essex Youth Service attended with their bus and lots of children had decorated gingerbread men. Heart of Pitsea had funded a free face painter stall and free arts and crafts in Pitsea Library. Stage entertainers included Reverend Simon Law from St Gabriels Church, the George Hurd Choir, a martial arts demonstration, La Danse Fantastique dance group and some young singers. £149.00 was raised from tickets for 2 side shows and 1 ride. The location for the event had been limited to the side of Pitsea Leisure Centre, due to the market extending to the top end of Northlands Pavement.

A.C.T.I.O.N. Crime Awareness Project

TG, PN, GB AND MF attended an A.C.T.I.O.N. meeting yesterday (6 December). TG and GB hosted pop-ups on Monday 6 November in Pitsea Market (near to Costa) and at Chalvedon Shops. They visited local businesses with the crime survey on that day. Some businesses hadn't experienced any crime, but the majority had. TG had returned to collect the forms - only one has been completed to date. The online survey form has been sent to local businesses or the HoP database but no submissions have been received to date.

The 2 Johns delivered internet safety sessions for pupils at Northlands School and Maple Grove School and an evening session for adults/carers at The Basildon Upper Academy on 30 November. Not all those who had booked onto the parent/carer session attended, but those that did attend had said that the session was very beneficial. During the evening session the 2 Johns had reported that girls are becoming less interested in learning and pursuing careers due to online influencers radicalising girls into believing they will find a wealthy husband to keep them.

2 new crime awareness films - covering anti-social behavior and coercive control - should be completed by the end of 2023 and may be launched at the BBW CVS 3rd Sector Summit. This would work well as Heart of Pitsea will be providing the CVS with a grant to continue the A.C.T.I.O.N. project within Pitsea.

The second crime awareness event was held at the Chalvedon Community Centre on Friday 24 November. Less people had attended than at the first event, but it was good to hold an event on the Chalvedon side of the HoP area. 6 organisations attended: Changing Pathways, The Illegal Money Lending Team, Against All The Odds, Neighbourhood Watch, the Basildon Resident Engagement and Safety Teams. 2 police officers dropped in too. The Illegal Money Lending Team representative showed an information film and gave a talk.

The London Bus Theatre Company have been booked to deliver drugs and medication workshops with Year 2 students at Northlands primary school. ASB/bullying DVDs have been purchased and delivered to the Basildon Lower Academy for PSHE workshops. TG will book the Chicken Shed to deliver workshops on peer abuse and domestic abuse.

The youth forum will be running a team debate at the older youth club in February 2024. 2 teams of 4 will debate 2 crime related topics: 'should US gun laws be introduced to the UK?' and 'should the death penalty be reinstated?'. Each team member will receive a £15.00 voucher for taking part and the winning team will receive a £35.00 voucher each.

Podcasts with crime awareness organisations will be arranged for early 2024.

Youth Clubs

20 members had attended the younger club yesterday and the session had been very lively. Members had the opportunity to make pom-pom fish. The older club members had the opportunity to take part in a 'chocolate challenge', with the chocolate prizes distributed to all club members. The planned closure of Pitsea Leisure Centre has been delayed due to a bat survey being carried out on the building.

Youth Forum & Big Local Connects

Our 2 youth forum members attended the annual Big Local Connects with TG and PN. They enjoyed attending the event and taking part in workshops. PN had attended an 'exit' workshop about creating stories and a 1-to-1 meeting to discuss our final publication.

Exit Planning

Exit Planning will be discussed at the January meeting.

ACTION: JS to investigate if Local Trust will run an exit workshop and will send links to other Big Local exit films.

Men's Shed

TG informed the meeting that frustratingly there was no update from our solicitor regarding the amended lease for the land from Basildon Council. Morgan Sindall had offered potential support with the footings and tools and for the Men's Shed to be added to their maintenance schedule. They would also like to use the shed for workshops to teach DIY to council residents. Locality workshop for trustees to be arranged. Men's Shed bank account to be opened.

Finance

The monthly finance sheets were viewed and no issues were found. BBW CVS has issued a refund for overpaid insurance payments. £60k drawdown to be received from Local Trust.

Essex Youth Service

AG reported that the Winter Shield programme has started and some youth club members had attended the first session outside Pitsea Leisure Centre.

Resident Get Together 15 December

Transport is available for residents.

Meeting ENDED: 11.14am

Next meeting (10am-12noon at Chalvedon Community Centre):

Thursday 11 January 2024