



Meeting Community Forum Meeting

Date: 27th September 2017

Present: E. Parker (Newground), Cllr Z. Khan (BwDBC Audley Ward), S. Patel (BwDBC Audley NLC)), Cllr T. Humphrys (BwDBC Shadsworth & Whitebirk), L. Haining (Intack Primary, S. Issa (Lancashire Police), A. Raynes (Christ Church Blackburn), F. Conway (Christ Church Blackburn), M.Rathore (BCHS), S. Hussain (BCHS), J. Carne (BwD Youth Justice), L. Mercer (CANW), B. Wolfendale (BwD Public Health), R. Ray (Lancashire Mind), D. Atkinson (Headteacher BCBS), S. Aldred (Headteacher Audley, M. Patel (Audley)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action & by Whom
Welcome and Introductions	M. Rathore opened the meeting and welcomed members old and new. Brief introductions were made around the table.	
Minutes of the Previous Meeting	No previous minutes as this is the first meeting of the new academic year.	
Updates and Upcoming Community Events	<p>Cllr Khan advised the meeting that he is working with Places for People who, along with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust, have secured funding to provide sporting activities for young people between 8 and 18 years. They would like us to identify suitable individuals from this area who could avail themselves of the sessions on offer. As BCBS is a community use school BCBS has the facilities. The sessions will run between January and August. Transport cost for youngsters from outside the area may be available.</p> <p>Cllr Khan asked if an estimate could be provided of schools charges and what facilities we are able to provide.</p> <p>M. Rathore advised that she could supply this information by the end of Thursday 28th September. S. Hussain added that school has been looking at focussing and engaging disaffected boys.</p> <p>Cllr Khan stated the sessions are open to both boys and girls with a minimum of 20 per session. We also have the opportunity to match some of the funding with the Big Local.</p>	<p>Suggestions to Cllr Khan – zamir.khan@blackburn.gov.uk</p> <p>MRA to find out charges and notify Cllr Khan.</p>

SHN stated that school has also looked at raising confidence and self-esteem and this could be done through a scheme like this.

Cllr Humphrys added that the Big Local supplies funding and he works to get youngsters from his wards, who attend BCHS, to have access to this funding.

S. Hussain added that our white British students would be an ideal focus for this type of funding and we are looking to extend our interventions into the community.

Cllr Humphrys added there is a bid to purchase Shadsworth Sports Centre in an attempt to centralise and improve accessibility to sporting opportunities for dis-advantaged youngsters.

S. Hussain asked if there were any other provisions in the local community.

S. Aldred replied that Audley provide free cricket which is well attended. These sessions run from 10.30 for younger students and 11.30 onwards for the older children on Saturday mornings.

F. Conway advised that Christ Church run rugby groups on Tuesday from 6.15 to 7.30 for primary aged children, from 7.30 to 8.45 there is a group for 11 – 14 years old. The children also receive refreshments and story time.

M. Patel asked if there was any provision for adults.

Rev'd Raynes replied there is a toddler group for parents and young children on Wednesday at 09.30. We are hoping to extend this out to local Primary Schools and it may be suitable for BCHS.

We also do English classes at church on Tuesday morning and we have capacity to extend or move these classes. The classes are basic access skills and learning English.

S. Hussain added we have a class on Wednesday and this is well attended and we are looking to expand so the group at the church would be ideal. The class is a qualification class for functional skills. M. Patel added there are parents who are not yet at this level and provision is needed for basic English skills for these parents.

S. Patel explained there is provision and he would share information in due course.

Discussion took place about the possibility of using The Children's Centre and other possible venues. It is evident that demand is

S. Patel to share information.

outstripping supply.

M. Rathore added that the school website automatically translates all the information on the website into the chosen language.

E. Parker advised that Newground are open for referrals. The criteria for applications was outlined as:

- Not in work
- Claiming or not claiming benefit
- Preferably social housing

B. Wolfenden outlined the life course strategy (Eat Well, Move More, Shape Up) which is being developed across ante-natal right through to older people over the three strands. One of the pieces of work is around Primary School Food Policies. Secondary Policies will follow in due course. We are also initiating work around food poverty. We have had a workshop recently at City Learning Centre and one is coming up at the beginning of October in Darwen. In November there will be one at Blackburn Youth Zone and an open forum public workshop at the end of November/beginning of December. This is to formalise BwD Food Alliance. She asked for any involvement from anybody.

SHN added many of our families are affected by these issues and we try to address these issues but there is massive deprivation in some families and she asked how Newground could help our families.

B. Wolfenden replied that this is very much a work in progress but we have the Foodbank on board right through to the prevention of Food Poverty. This is a massive area and this is why we are holding the workshops to try to get feedback from anyone on their experiences and what they can provide. We are aware that this will not change overnight but we are hoping to track some external funding to help us make a difference. Food growing and using local allotments is an excellent way to address this issue.

M. Rathore asked for an invite to the workshops and added that we can get this information into the community.

Following discussion about the help that is available at the moment M Rathore suggested producing a timetable of what is available, when it's available and where it's available.

B. Wolfenden will share information flyer about the workshops.

	<p>Cllr Humphrys informed the meeting that last year Big Local funded a program for the Garden Centre which was taken over by Together Housing. Many people helped out with clearing the area and planting. The problem was, during the summer holidays, there was no-one available to harvest the goods. We now have commitments from sources who will take over a box for planting and harvesting. We would welcome anyone who can help with the upkeep of these facilities.</p>	
IMO – Brief Information Sharing		
A.O.B	<p>A. Humphrys expressed his view that the students from BCHS who attended the Youth Zone had exemplary behaviour and represented themselves and the school very well.</p> <p>Cllr Humphrys advised there will be a massive drive on Flu Vaccinations and information will be shared through mosques etc. If people don't want the injection there is a spray alternative. All this information has been/will be shared amongst schools.</p>	<p>Cllr Humphrys will ensure all up to date information will be shared with schools.</p>
	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 23rd November	