

# **Blakenall & Bloxwich Local Neighbourhood Partnership –5th April 2007**

## **Community Action Group Update**

### **Purpose of the Report**

To provide an update on the progress of the Community Action Groups

### **Recommendations:**

1. For LNP members to continue in attendance at the Community Action Group meetings.
2. For the LNP to note progress of Community Action Groups
3. For the LNP to note the Terms of Reference for the Communications working group.

### **Update**

#### **Health & People CAG - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007**

The Health and People CAG received an update from the Young People sub group, the CAG were informed that the sub group had not meet since the last CAG but were in the process of collating information to present to them at the next Health and People CAG. The presentation will show the mapping exercise that has been undertaken by the young people which highlights gaps in provision, the achievements of the group to date and what Young People would like to see in the LNP area. The recommendations from the Young People Sub group will help review and form new pledges for the Health and People CAG. The Health and People pledge review will take place at the next CAG meeting in April.

John Morris, the Community Learning Champion for the area also attended and outline his role, he informed the CAG that he would be co-ordinating free training that is available in the LNP area. For further information please contact John on [morrisjohn@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:morrisjohn@walsall.gov.uk) .

Debbie Reyonlds, the Active England Co-ordinator also gave a presentation on the Active England programme which offers free club saver passes for children. This is something the next CAG will explore further and try and incorporate in the new pledges.

Following the Bloxwich Library presentation at the LNP meeting in February, a questionnaire was circulated to all CAG members requesting them to complete and thus allowing them the opportunity to be involved in the consultation.

A communications working group has also been established. The group met up and collated a number of actions that they have prioritised. These include compiling a list of LNP/CAG achievements and identify groups that information should be presented to. Please see the Appendix one for the Communications Working Group's Terms of Reference.

### **Safer & Stronger CAG - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

During the Safer and Stronger CAG the pledge review workshop was undertaken. The CAG discussed what progress had been made against the current pledges.

Temporary dispersal orders were also discussed. A suggestion was made to set up a forum at a strategic level to discuss a way forward with dispersal orders, anti-social behaviour and young people.

Concerns were also raised about the LNP/CAG not being informed of planned consultation events regarding the Bloxwich Red Route Consultation to move the public toilets from Bloxwich High Street. Engineering and Transportation services have stated that the removal of the toilets are being proposed as part of the consultation, if people would like to see them replaced with new facilities there are funds to do this or if people want them to stay as they are, the toilets can remain as they are. Further information regarding the Red Route proposals are also available on the internet on [www.walsall.gov.uk/index/transport\\_and\\_streets/transport\\_schemes/red\\_routes/red\\_routes\\_bloxwich.htm](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/index/transport_and_streets/transport_schemes/red_routes/red_routes_bloxwich.htm) The Bloxwich Red Route will be an agenda item for the next LNP meeting after the municipal year.

### **Next CAG meetings**

Between now and the next LNP meeting the following CAG's will take place:

Health & People CAG, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007 6pm – 8pm: **Blakenall Village Centre**  
Thames Road Walsall WS3 14Z

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# **Appendix 1      Terms of reference for the Blakenall and Bloxwich Communication Working Group**

## **Purpose of the Blakenall and Bloxwich Communication Working Group**

Communication Working Group will provide guidance in developing ideas that will effectively allow clear communication between the LNP/CAGS and its members as well as between local individual members in the community and organisations.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **A) Communication Working Group**

1. To work in support of the delivery and implementation of the LNP/CAG Communication Strategy
2. To establish clear communication links locally for the LNP/CAGs and advice in the development of a local communication strategy for engaging with contacts in the community
3. To oversee and advice with the production of communication literature sent out to members, local individuals and organisations
4. To oversee the production of a regular newsletter of value and interest to the local community and organisations
5. To monitor and appraise the effectiveness of communication links between the LNP/CAGs and the local community and Organisations
6. To consider and develop events of interest to promote the work of the LNP/CAGs and wider community activities
7. To assess effectiveness of communication tools and strategies on a local level with the LNP Programmes Officer.

### **B) LNP Programmes Officer**

- Oversee Blakenall and Bloxwich Communication Working Group – calling meetings as required
- Meet regularly with the Communication Sub Group
- Plan content for newsletters and advice on potential articles

### **C) Communication Volunteers**

- Act as a community liaison to the LNP Programmes Officer
- Provide local input on communications needs of their respective LNP
- Provide information on local achievements and accomplishments to highlight to the LNP members across the borough

### **D) Reporting**

#### **CAG meetings**

- The Communication Working Group will provide a verbal report at each CAG meeting.
- Printed materials will be circulated as required.

### **E) Support Staff**

The LNP Programmes Officer and Neighbour Partnership Officers will provide appropriate administrative support to this group.