

**MINUTES OF THE CAERPHILLY  
LOCAL SERVICE BOARD  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2010 AT 9.15AM  
AT THE GATEWAY CENTRE, TREDOMEN**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor L.Whittle – CCBC – (Chairman)  
Anthony O’Sullivan – CCBC  
Rory O’Sullivan - WAG  
Mike Bridgman - GAVO  
Sian Martin – Aneurin Bevan Health Board  
Chief Constable Mick Giannasi – Gwent Police.  
Superintendent Jon Burley - Gwent Police.

Together with:

Dan Perkins – CCBC  
Jackie Dix – CCBC  
Dorothy Phillips - CCBC

**APOLOGY**

An apology for absence was received from Chief Superintendent Paul Symes – Gwent Police , Colin Jones - CCBC and Alison Palmer – GAVO

**1.MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2010 were agreed as a true record.

**2. FUTURE FOCUS – CAERPHILLY LOCAL SERVICE BOARD**

AO’S reminded members that the future direction of the Board would be discussed at this meeting and that Colin Jones had prepared a paper with a number of options for members to consider.

**Strategy :**

The LSB has previously committed itself to overseeing the delivery of the Community Strategy. However the strategy contains over 200 key objectives and the need to consider working towards a single plan was discussed.

JD reported that Powys and Cardiff Council have asked WAG for an extension to June 2011 to submit their work on a Single Plan (to bring together the new HSC& WB Strategy and the new C& YP Single Plan). **RO’S indicated that he would clarify this for the Board.**

JB referred to the recent ESF bid which if successful will fund a partnership manager to work towards a single plan. The result of the funding bid should be known at the start of December. JB also referred to the work by three strategic partnerships who have been working together to discuss a combined needs assessment.(The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow).

MG considered that the Caerphilly LSB was unique in drawing together actions and work that underpin it – there may be a danger in moving and rationalising and therefore missing what is done well.

It was agreed that discussing Management of Resources – staff, finance and asset management would set the context for the next meeting. The issues around staff employed on funding contracts would need to be addressed shortly. Rationalising of asset management could achieve big financial savings as all organisations on the board occupy a considerable number of buildings. Details could be provided on all the council buildings and measures being taken to rationalise them.

MB referred to the importance in the present financial climate of ‘pooling’ and sharing resources and staff.

SM considered that the planning process for all should be clearer in the next few weeks and it would be possible to then understand what everyone will be focusing on for medium and long term planning. It would however be helpful to have a ‘bigger picture’ from all members of the Board.

### **LSB Membership**

It was agreed that the membership of the Board remain as present. Extra members could be co-opted in as necessary and small sub groups could also set up if required.

### **Frequency of Meetings**

The present monthly meetings to remain although this could be reviewed again when a clear agenda is set in the New Year.

### **Community Strategy**

It was noted that the review of the Community strategy had now been completed and that a report on progress would be required in 2012.

MB considered that there was a lack of communication to the Voluntary Sector from the Board and made reference to the Compact document where a lot of information can be found on the Community Strategy.

It was however suggested that although the details of Board members and the minutes from the meetings can be found on the Community Strategy website the Board had taken the decision from the start that they did not want a public profile.

### **LSB and Community Leadership**

It was agreed that the Compact document would be focusing on the Community Strategy and how it is delivered. It was suggested however that the **next Standing Conference could focus on the LSB and the Community Strategy**. A few themes could be chosen for workshops to discuss what they are doing to contribute to the strategic aims.

### **Problem Solving**

It had been reported previously that very few problems had been brought to the Board which may have been because of the existing good working relationships between partners or that there have simply not been any. MB had at a previous meeting referred to the method used by the Voluntary Sector to address any concerns they have had.

## **Project Review**

The existing projects identified in 2007 were noted. SM indicated that she would provide an update on the Resource Centre to a future meeting as a proposition on the project is due to be presented to the Health Board next week.

It was agreed that the Valleys Regional Park could be deleted from the 2nd phase projects. The Neighbourhood Management project would link in with integrated services of social care and health – a 'Total Places' approach where services are more shared, more aligned and in the right order.

## **Content for Special LSB Meeting 7th December – Financial Climate**

It was agreed that each partner should consider presenting their position regarding staff and asset management in conjunction with a focus on their individual budget announcements.

There may be opportunities emerging for shared budgets and for some public reassurance through the austere times.

It was noted that the council have already agreed a four year mid term financial plan.

## **Any Other Business**

An invitation was given and accepted by the Board that meetings scheduled for 2011 would be held at the GAVO Offices at Dyffryn Withey Court.

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