

Rossmere Neighbourhood Action Plan

Tuesday 27th April 2010
10am
Jutland Road Community Centre
Jutland Road

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**Minutes of the Rossmere Community Forum
Tuesday, 23rd March 2010, 5.30pm
Rossmere Community Building**

Present

Rosemarie Kennedy	Resident Representative Rossmere
David Frame	HBC Neighbourhood Management
Susan Christie	Housing Hartlepool
George Springer	Resident
Robert Moore	PCSO Ward Officer, Cleveland Police
Fiona Stanforth	HBC Regeneration
Sue McBride	HBC Neighbourhood Services
Peter Joyce	Resident (Chair)
Steve Benvin	Resident
Cath McCluskey	Rossmere Allotment Association
Paul Marsey	OFCA
Julie Laking	Volunteering Project
Elsie Grint	Resident
Bill Spowart	Resident

Apologies

Ann Marshall	HBC Councillor
Tom Stewart	Rossmere Residents Association

Action

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Introductions and apologies were made.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting [16.02.10]

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

A short discussion took place about the Core Strategy, residents reminded that the deadline for comments on the Strategy was Friday 26th March.

4. Police Update

Robert reported that he would be attending the Forum with formal reports of crime statistics for the area. Robert highlighted that:

- There have been reductions in vehicle crime and household burglary.
- There has been a small increase in anti-social behaviour, mainly snow related

Reported that the crime statistics are positive news for the Rossmere area. Work is also ongoing on tackling the speeding problems reported by residents on Rossmere Way and Brierton Way.

Also reported that there is an issue with motor cross bikes at the weekends on Benmore Road, and there have been incidents of theft of metal. Information to be reported back to Sergeant.

PSCO Moore gave his collar number as 8241 and Cleveland Police's non emergency number as 01624 326326.

Housing Hartlepool reported that there was an issue with young people jumping over fences in Pickering Grove.

5. Community Network – Julie Laking

Julie informed the group of the services that are available at the Volunteer Centre on the different projects that they run. Julie informed the group of some of the benefits of volunteering and types of the volunteering projects that are available. Information booklets were made available for residents to take and informed that volunteer vacancies are available on the website (www.hvda.co.uk).

A meet the Volunteer Centre event will be held on 1st April from 10am to 3pm at the Grand Hotel, Hartlepool.

6. Project Updates

Youth Services

Sue Skelton was unable to attend the meeting.

Action – Fiona to contact Sue to get a project update and report back to the next Forum meeting. **FS**

Action – Sue McBride to pass on details of a BT offer for laptops that is being advertised in the Hartlepool Mail. **SMc**

OFCA

Paul gave an update on the employability project. Reported the numbers of people that were signed up to the courses. Monitoring of the project is ongoing.

Action – Sue to send out report with paperwork. **SMc**

7. Budget

Action – Fiona to send out prioritisation exercise with paperwork. **FS**

Fiona reported that the £696 underspend reported at the last Forum would need to be looked at and allocated as there is a risk that the funding would be lost. A discussion took place about the possible options for how to use the money.

Decision - Unanimously decided to commission OFCA to continue the Youth Provision project at Jutland Road Community Centre for a further 6 weeks

Cath McCluskey from the Rossmere Residents Association detailed the work that was being done at the allotments. Anybody interested in becoming involved should contact Cath. Cath offered an area of the allotment for a community garden.

8. A.O.B

- Reported that rent on Housing Hartlepool garages has increased by 50%. Sue Christie to report back concerns.
- Discussion took place about the lay-bys and parking issues in Benmore Road.

10. Time & Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th April 2010, 10am at Jutland Road Community Centre.

Rossmere Community Forum
27th April 2010

Report of: Fiona Stanforth, HBC COMMUNITY
REGENERATION TEAM

Subject: RESIDENT'S PRIORITIES BUDGET 2010/11

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update the NAP Forum on the current position of the Resident's Priorities Budget for 2010/11 and to consider potential schemes for funding.

2 CURRENT POSITION

Total Allocation 2010/11: **£18,000**

3 APPROVED SCHEMES

Project	Amount approved
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TOTAL

4 PROPOSED SCHEMES

Project	Amount approved
Youth Forum	£1,000
TOTAL	£1,000

5 SUMMARY

Total fund available	£ 18,000
Total fund committed	£0
Total cost of proposed schemes	£1,000
Total fund remaining if proposed schemes approved	<u>£17,000</u>

ROSSMERE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN

PRIORITISATION EXERCISE 2009/10 - FINAL

JOBS & THE ECONOMY – Identified as a priority

- **56%** of residents are in paid work which is higher than the **43%** NR Area and **50%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **25%** of residents are retired which is higher than the **21%** NR Area and **24%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008). This has reduced considerably from 2006 when **38%** of the Rossmere population were retired (Ipsos MORI, 2006)
- **4.3%** of Rossmere residents are claiming Job Seekers Allowance which is lower than the **6.5%** NR Area and **4.4%** Borough wide (JSU, 2008).

No.	Priority concern	Action for improvement	Key Contact & Organisation	Progress to Date	Proposals / ideas for NAP funding during 2009/10
1.	Training and skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invite HBC Economic Development to the Forum to advise as to what courses are available to residents of the Rossmere area to help people access jobs / training. ▪ Lack of accessible training facilities in the area that offer a variety of courses to suit all abilities / ages. 	Patrick Wilson Dave Frame Sue McBride Janet Murphy Gail Homes Avis Brough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioned IT, needlework and watercolour painting classes in 2007/08. ▪ Commissioned Family Caseload Worker for the Rossmere area, project aimed to get people into training and employment through offering information, advice and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I.T, literacy and numeracy classes in venues that can assist with childcare arrangements e. Sure Start.

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2.	Barriers to employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase access to basic skills / training provision. 	Patrick Wilson Janet Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Rossmere Forum commissioned IT, needlework and watercolour painting classes in 2007/08. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I.T, literacy and numeracy classes in venues that can assist with childcare arrangements e. Sure Start. ▪ Look at support through residents associations.
3.	Increase employment opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage the take up of employment opportunities, especially those from the Jutland Road area. 	Pamela Brookes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioned Family Caseload Worker for the Rossmere area, project aimed to get people into training and employment through offering information, advice and guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approach Jobcentre Plus regarding advertising of outreach worker in the Rossmere area.

LIFELONG LEARNING & SKILLS - Identified as a priority

- **27%** of residents have a GCSE (Grade A-C) which is higher than the **24%** NR Area and **23%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008). An improvement on the **19%** (Ipsos MORI 2006).
- **81%** of pupils attained Key Stage 3 (English) which is higher than **76%** NR Area and **80%** Borough wide (JSU, 2008).
- **13%** of residents feel they need to improve their spelling which is lower than the **14%** NR Area and equal to **13%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **21%** of residents of working age have no qualifications, compared to **20%** Borough Wide and **13%** Nationally (Ipsos MORI, 2008).

No.	Priority concern	Action for improvement	Key Contact & Organisation	Progress to Date	Proposals / ideas for NAP funding during 2009/10
1.	Raise aspirations towards lifelong learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore the opportunity of funding Skills for Life courses in the area, e.g. reading and writing to enable residents to access training and employment. 	<p>Dave Frame Sue McBride Janet Murphy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Rossmere Forum commissioned IT, needlework and watercolour painting classes in 2007/08. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I.T, literacy and numeracy classes.
2.	Barriers to learning opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase access to basic skills / training provision. 	<p>Patrick Wilson Janet Murphy Skillshare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Rossmere Forum commissioned IT, needlework and watercolour painting classes in 2007/08. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I.T, literacy and numeracy classes in venues that can assist with childcare arrangements e. Sure Start. ▪ Approach Skillshare about outreach service in the area.

HEALTH & CARE – NOT identified as a priority

- **14.5%** of residents are claiming Incapacity Benefit, in comparison to **17.8%** NR Area and **12.5%** Borough wide (JSU, 2008).
- **55%** of residents would rate their health as good, which is similar to **49%** Borough wide and **62%** Nationally (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **22%** of residents say they have a limiting long-term illness, which is lower than **29%** Borough wide and on par with **19%** Nationally (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **16%** of residents smoke cigarettes, which is lower than **40%** NR Area and **30%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).

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1.	Increase support for vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide activities and advice or those residents requiring extra support. 	Pamela Cairnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioned youth Workers to work with young people at Jutland Road Community Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioning Youth Workers.

COMMUNITY SAFETY – NOT identified as a priority

- Total crime rate (per thousand households) is **82.7** which is lower than the **232.3** NR Area and **98.1** Borough wide (JSU 2008, April 2008 – March 2009).
- **59%** of residents say they feel safe walking in their area after dark, which is higher than the **54%** NR Area, but lower than **63%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).

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1.	Anti-social behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce anti-social behaviour in the area, especially in Rossmere Park, Jutland Road play area and local shopping parades on an evening and weekend. ▪ Detached youth workers to liaise with young people on an evening and weekend to establish what activities they would like to see in the area. ▪ Quicker response rates from the Police when residents report incidents of ASB. 	<p>Dave Frame Sue McBride Neighbourhood Policing Team Manor West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dedicated PC and PCSO's working in the area as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Team. ▪ Detached youth workers working in Rossmere Park Friday/Saturday evenings for 12 weeks (January-March) offering diversionary activities (Funded through Rossmere NAP). ▪ Commissioned youth Workers to work with young people at Jutland Road Community Centre. ▪ Home and Away are working with HBC and Hyped to deliver a drugs/alcohol and sexual awareness course at the moment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission activities that the young people in 2007/08 identified as priority e.g. sexual health awareness.

ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING – NOT identified as a priority

- **27%** of residents think that speed and volume of road traffic is a serious problem compared to **26%** NR Area and **20%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **48%** of residents think that litter and rubbish on the streets is a problem compared to **62%** NR Area and **53%** Borough Wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **71%** of residents who use the parks in Rossmere are very or fairly satisfied with them in comparison to **75%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).

No.	Priority concern	Action for improvement	Key Contact & Organisation	Progress to Date	Proposals / ideas for NAP funding 2008/09
1.	Maintenance of Rossmere Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investigate the possibility of funding a feature to remain in the Park in Dave Cooper's memorial. ▪ Improve the appearance and maintenance of open spaces especially Rossmere Park. 	<p>Dave Frame Dave Mitchell Richard Harlandason</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Rossmere Forum approved two memorial benches in 2007/08. ▪ Friends of Rossmere Park looking at funding for improvements to the park. ▪ Operation Cleansweep trees and bushes trimmed, lighting improved, fences, football fence and benches painted and pathways improved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission extra features to be placed in Rossmere Park e.g. additional works to footpath or benches etc.
2.	Road safety issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues around the speed and volume of traffic on Rossmere Way. 	<p>Dave Frame Dave Mitchell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speed checks have been completed however finding do not warrant a speed camera however Cleveland Police will carry out intermittent speed checks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of Vehicle Activated Signs (VHS) on Rossmere Way and Brierton Lane.

CULTURE & LEISURE - Identified as a priority

- **13%** of residents are very satisfied with the area's public parks/open spaces, which is lower than the **17%** NR Area and **26%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- In comparison, **68%** of residents said they or a member of their household had used the public parks/open spaces in the last 12 months, which is higher than **54%** NR Area and **56%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **11%** of residents said they or a member of their household had used youth and community centres in the last 12 months, which is higher than **9%** NR Area and **8%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).

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1.	Activities in Rossmere Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase the usage of Rossmere Park through partnership working with Friends of Rossmere Park. 	Friends of Rossmere Park Sue McBride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Events have been held in the park throughout the year including summer Carnival, Ghost Walk and Carols by candlelight. The Friends of Rossmere Park are currently looking for new members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission events to be held within Rossmere Park.
2.	Neighbourhood policing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to build on the success of neighbourhood policing in culture and leisure activities. 	Neighbourhood Policing Team Manor West.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neighbourhood Police were involved in the Youth Work scheme in Rossmere Park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to fund youth workers in Rossmere Park (seasonal issue).
3.	Support new activities in the Rossmere area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to support new activities in the Rossmere area. 	Sue McBride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New activities in the Jutland Road Community centre have been supported in 2008/09. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to support new activities in the area that will fill gaps in service provision.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES - Identified as a priority

- **9%** of residents agree that they feel a great deal part of the community, which is higher than in both **12%** NR Area and **14%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- Only **17%** of residents did feel they could influence decisions, which is low when compared with **21%** NR Area and **23%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **82%** of residents did not feel they can influence decisions that affect their area, more than **73%** NR Area but higher than **70%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **66%** of residents tend to agree that the local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together, which is higher in comparison to **46%** NR Area and **43%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).
- **8%** of Rossmere residents have been involved in any local organisation on a voluntary basis in the last 3 years, compared to **11%** NR Area and **10%** Borough wide (Ipsos MORI, 2008).

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1.	Increase resident involvement in Neighbourhood Issues so more people feel they can influence decisions in their area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advertise the Rossmere Forum in the local area through mail drops and posters in central locations. ▪ Support new and existing groups and resident associations. 	Sue McBride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Posters are displayed in community Buildings and shops prior to each meeting. Leaflets have been distributed on numerous occasions. ▪ Training and capacity Building to be incorporated into NAP meetings from April 2008 ▪ Chair has attended training on assertiveness and chairing a meeting, Resident Representative has attended consultation around Hartlepool Partnership Governance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission a leaflet drop to advertise the Rossmere Forum. ▪ A community event could be commissioned in the area in order to publicise the NAP Forum and good news stories. ▪ Support new groups in the area especially those that address resident issues.

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2.	Variety of activities in the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support new activities in the Rossmere area. 	Sue McBride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Rossmere Forum commissioned IT, needlework and watercolour painting classes in 2007/08. ▪ Youth Forum have taken part in Encams Keep Britain tidy campaign by completing 2 events at Jutland Road Community Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission new activities classes to meet need in the area.
3.	Promote existing groups in the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide support to existing groups, including the Rossmere Forum. 	Sue McBride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support has been provided to various groups within the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to support existing groups and activities such as The Friends of Rossmere Park, Rossmere Residents Group and the Home and Away Club.
4.	Increase provision for young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide support, advice and guidance to young people. 	HBC Youth Service. Sue McBride. Manor West. OFCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioned youth Yorkers to work with young people at Jutland Road Community Centre. ▪ Support projects through the South Youth Forum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission services to provide young people with advice and guidance. ▪ Continuation of youth activities at Jutland Road Community Centre especially for the younger age group

Owton fens Community Association

March Update

As previously updated at the February meeting OFCA have continued to survey the residents within Rossmere/Seaton Grange area, trying to identify those wishing to go back into work or those already in work under the threat of redundancy, to provide assistance in the form of various training courses.

The survey work started week commencing Monday 8th Feb and ended yesterday Monday 22nd March. This has led to more people informed of the assistance available.

To date we have the following numbers for each course

First Aid – 14

Food Hygiene – 11

Health and safety/ manual Handling – 14

Employment Support Programme – 5

Because of the short time frame the training will now commence after the Easter holidays but please note that all funds will be spent by 31st march 2010