

Bude Partnership

Theme Groups

Youth and Community



Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2007.

Present: Sharon Ham (NCDC), Vicki Morrison, Jaqi Heard and Ali Rowe: facilitator.

Agenda:

- 1 What (if anything needs changing in preparation for the second public consultation event on 10th Nov?
- 2 What can be pulled out from the comments so far, and what research can we be carrying out now?
- 3 How and when will this group meet next?

1 Further Consultation Event(s)

The comments etc on the subject of Youth and Community had been circulated before the meeting. From these it had become clear that many people do not know what is already available in Bude. There is a lot of 'good stuuf' going on in Bude and we must make sure that people are aware. This evoked a discussion about the need for better information and communication in and around Bude.

It was agreed that a paragraph on what is available [for youth, in Bude] should be added to the sheet on the wall on Saturday. Vicki will supply a paragraph or list for Ali.

2 Comments so far (To be read in conjunction with the précis of comments previously circulated.)

Youth Clubs/ Youth Café

While a youth club already exists on the top floor of Neetside, the idea of a youth café was welcomed. Jaqi reported on the youth scheme of which she is a part in Holsworthy, which has premises in the re-furbished Memorial Hall (Lottery etc funded.) It was agreed that such a scheme would be ideal in Bude

Foyer

Vicky reported on plans for the Foyer scheme to be extended into Bude. North Cornwall District Council (NCDC) alongside Stoneham Housing have plans to build a Foyer as per others in North Cornwall (Appendix A attached on Bodmin Foyer) which will provide support etc for young people leaving home. It is understood that this will be built behind the Post Office where the old toilets etc are now, and that the funding for this is in place. The Theme Group suggested that a youth café could be built as an integral part of the foyer and a voluntary sector partner should be sought to assist the maintenance of such

a venture. Vicky reported that she was already presenting the idea of a café space to those responsible for planning the actual building development.

Networking: It was reported that various youth organisations (e.g. Cornwall Youth Team, Youth Offending Team and Connexions) already work together as the Integrated Youth Support Services but voluntary groups do also need to be included.

Child Fun Days and Activities

As well as a call for more events for children, comments had also been received about the safety of young people on skateboards around the Castle and it was reported that the new Education Officer involved in Life-long Learning at the Castle (Claire Manning) will be initiating events etc.

Ali reported that there had also been comments about the dirt and rubbish around Bude. It was agreed that the young people could play a part in tidying Bude. Sharon will supply litter 'pickers' and Vicki will speak to others about the possibility of arranging the young people into working parties, e.g. school perimeter, right of way near Wroes.

CATS - Community Action Through Sport

Vicki reported that CATS (see Appendix B) has been nominated to receive funding from ITV 'peoples' millions' and filming was taking place on Thursday for the this head to head Broadcast (voting will take place on 26th November) and she thought that as well as being a service for Bude, film of the young people clearing litter would be excellent for publicity – and therefore for votes.

Community

Requests had been received for support for clubs and societies in Bude. Vicky reported on 'Interlink' -a service funded partly by NCDC and provided by the East Cornwall Centre for Voluntary Services (ECCVS) within North Cornwall. This helps with courses on forming committees, fund-raising etc. and the East Cornwall Centre for Volunteers. Ali explained that the comments were more about the need for physical administrative support

Older People

It was noted that there was a request for a centre in Bude similar to the Betjeman Centre in Wadebridge. The John Betjeman Centre in Southern Way, Wadebridge is a charity run by Wadebridge Concern for the Aged and has a selection of books, gifts and postcards on show admission is free.

The centre attached to the Memorial Hall in Holsworthy, including a day centre, lunch club, trips etc is also a good model.

Vicki reported on recent filming work carried out by young people in Bude, based on the reminiscences of older people.

Astroturf

A call for further development of the Astroturf pitch was noted, but as this is a school facility, this might be outside the scope of this plan. (?)

Raft Race

A request to re-start the Raft Race was welcomed and it was agreed that this should be referred to Andrea and the Canal Society. Vicki will also consider this as part of her youth work.

Croquet Club

It was noted that Claire Manning at the Castle was already considering starting a croquet club and that croquet sets can be hired at the castle.

Subsidies

It was noted that swimming at Splash is already subsidized. Such subsidies could not be extended to Bowling as this is privately owned.

Cinema / Theatre

Discussion took place around the old cinema building which appears to be empty (again) but is privately owned. The CUC (Combined University in Cornwall) may be looking for a venue and the Bude Partnership should bear this in mind. The suggestion that tiered seating might be provided in Parkhouse, so that this could be used as theatre or cinema was noted. Unfortunately a proportion of arts funding has been channeled to the Olympics. It was remarked that local villages in Devon have cinema clubs supported by Beaford Arts.

Jaqi agreed to investigate whether such film and projection equipment loan schemes were also available in Cornwall.

Art /Literature Festivals/ Cornish Art

This was generally welcomed as a good idea. It was noted that one room has been kept as a 'art gallery/ open space' and this could be used for exhibitions etc. John at the museum would be the contact for this.

Events Publicity

There was agreement that there is a need for better publicity and information dissemination in Bude. It was reported that there used to be a newsletter/ events diary but this had ceased. Neil Hudson was reported to have tried a website of events in Bude, but of course not everyone has computers, and they would have to actively search for an event to benefit from this medium.

Café for use of young parents

It was suggested that if a young persons' café is achieved (as in 2.1 above) this should be a community café and double up for the use of young parents – and possibly older people too?

Allotments

This idea was welcomed, and a discussion took place around a possible site. It was suggested that this might be part of any community development on the site opposite Morrisons. Ali to pass this idea to NCDC planning people.

Footpath through Broadclose

Ali reported that respondents had reported that the footpath was closed. Ali had found reference to a diversion notice and it may be that this diversion was not in place. Ali to raise with NCDC planning people – Peter Phillips

3 Future Meetings:

It was agreed that Ali should send copies of the minutes to all those on the Youth and Community Theme Group who had not managed to attend today, for their comments and information. All members will communicate with each other on their actions etc between now and the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Theme Group was fixed for 11 a.m. on Monday 10th December, provided everyone can make that date and it is agreed that a meeting is needed.

4 Any Other Business

Cornish Identity

It was agreed that this was an theme that would run through all the other work being done by the Partnership and therefore did not require a separate Theme Group. Ali reported that comments had been received about the need to promote Cornish heritage, Cornish language, quality of life and pride in 'Cornishness' and Ali confirmed that this would be in the plan when it is written.

Actions - Summary

- Ali to circulate minutes etc to all Theme Group members and take other action.
- Vicky to present the idea of a community café space to those responsible for planning the actual building of Foyer development
- Sharon will supply litter 'pickers' and Vicki will speak to others about the possibility of arranging the young people into working parties, n.b. filming for CATS.
- Re start of Raft Race: to be referred to Andrea and the Canal Society. Vicki will also consider this as part of her youth work.
- Jaqi agreed to investigate whether such film and projection equipment loan schemes were also available in Cornwall.
- Ali to pass this idea of allotments as part of a community development on the site opposite Morrisons, to NCDC planning people.
- Ali to raise footpath closure and diversion notice with NCDC planning people – Peter Phillips
- Ali to include need to promote Cornish heritage, Cornish language, quality of life and pride in 'Cornishness' in the plan when it is written.

Foyer Scheme in North Cornwall

Press release 13 June 2007.

Councillor Linda Spear opens Chestnuts Foyer, Cornwall's first all encompassing complex for young people

Councillor Linda Spear from North Cornwall District Council is opening a new one-stop provision in Bodmin providing local young people with housing and information.

The complex on the site of the old Chestnuts Hotel is owned by Devon and Cornwall Housing. They have developed two distinct areas providing accommodation and a centre offering a wide range of support services for young local people.

The accommodation, set back from the road, has shared and self-contained flats for people between 16 and 25 years. Residents learn general life skills as well as getting help with appropriate educational and employment training giving them the confidence and ability to move from dependence to independence. The high street frontage houses the Chestnuts centre bringing together Connexions, Share and the Bodmin Youth Project giving young people one easily accessible drop-in centre. The new community facility gives free, impartial information, advice and guidance on a range of topics including education, training, employment, health, housing, benefits, leisure and volunteering opportunities - providing a cohesive service within the IN TOUCH Programme in Cornwall.

The complex was developed through a partnership between Devon and Cornwall Housing, North Cornwall District Council, the Government Office South West and The Housing Corporation and forms one part of a district wide strategy for young people developed and implemented by the district council.

Councillor Linda Spear says: "North Cornwall and Bodmin in particular should be very proud of the Chestnuts Foyer. The accommodation complex and the Chestnuts centre itself are super buildings. All the partner agencies involved are to be congratulated on this quality development, which will have a real, positive impact on the lives of local young people. Chestnuts is the third stage of the unique North Cornwall Youth Foyer, which offers support for young people across the district. We already have successful local foyers in Launceston and Padstow and two more are planned for Camelford and Bude. Throughout the whole process we have consulted young people, local communities and our partner agencies to ensure that we deliver services tailored to meet local needs."

Gordon Faddy Chair of Devon and Cornwall Housing's Cornwall East Regional Committee will welcome guests who will learn from young people what living in a Foyer is like and how it is changing their lives before going on a tour of the complex to see what is on offer to young people. Gordon Faddy says: "this is the largest of our three Foyers in North Cornwall. It involves us working very closely with a number of partners and I have to say that we are delighted with the way in which the partnership and the project have turned out. There is a range of accommodation giving young people the chance to progress to independence and then we have the Chestnuts centre and the wonderful services they provide."

Mrs Terry Lello CC, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People & Families, says: "Chestnuts represents a great opportunity to bring together Information Advice and Guidance for young people in one place, and as such it enables us to pilot the concept of a one stop shop. This is a major feature of the new integrated youth support service, branded In Touch by young people, and due to be launched in the spring of next year."

Jenny Rudge, Chief Executive Connexions says: "We are really excited and pleased to be working in close partnership with all these services. A unified front will directly benefit the young people, providing them with all the information and tools they need to have a fulfilled adult life."

Publicity about CATS: Community Action Through Sports

Nomination time for positive community action

Do you know of any young person or people who are doing something positive for our community?

After considerable National success, the C.A.T.S (Community Action Through Sport) committee are looking for more young people from Bude and the surrounding area to be nominated for awards. C.A.T.S are delighted that the Town Council have agreed for us to host our 3rd presentation evening at the Parkhouse Centre on Wednesday 9th May.

The C.A.T.S. scheme is being adopted in the East of Cornwall and is spreading further in North Cornwall, which is a testament to the impact and recognition that C.A.T.S. awards have gained in the County. Make sure YOU are part of this initiative! C.A.T.S are looking for young people who have had a positive impact in the community to be nominated for an award. Over 500 nominations have been made since the launch in May 2005.

Award Winners

Previous award winners have helped out at clubs; run primary sports festivals; organised events; cleaned beaches; decorated a bus shelter and planted a sensory boarder for a local school. Awards are presented on three levels and have been generously donated by local providers who support the C.A.T.S scheme.

Awards donated so far

Level 1 - Swim/Trampolining voucher

Level 2 - Half day activity: climbing; sailing; windsurfing; team building; health salon voucher.

Level 3 - Full day activity: river expedition; surfing; tailored sports activity; health salon voucher.