



Meeting Notes

Meeting: Boscombe Regeneration Partnership Board

Date: 5th November 2014

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Location: Old School House

Attending:

Board Members:

(TW) Tony Williams, Chief Executive of Bournemouth Borough Council, BBC; **(BC)** Bill Cotton, Executive Director - Environment & Economy; **(PD)** Pam Donnellan, Chair of Bournemouth 2026; **(JK)** Cllr Jane Kelly, Local Authority Representative; **(MC)** Mark Cribb, Chair of Boscombe CIC; **(PR)** Peter Ruscoe, Sovereign Centre Manager **(TT)** Tina Thompson, Bournemouth 2026 **(AW)** Andy Williams- Safer Stronger Communities; **(CS)** Chris Snelling, Bournemouth DAAT

Theme Leads and advisors:

(SB) Sue Bickler, Head of Community Regeneration, BBC; **(CW)** Insp Chris Weeks, Dorset Police; **(CB)** Carol Butler, Boscombe Centre Manager, BBC; **(DJ)** Deborah Jones, Communications Officer; **(LS)** Laura Snowden, Strategic Housing, BBC; **(SC)** Sam Crowe, Assistant Director Public Health; **(JW)** Julian Wright, Achieve Together; **(SBest)** Stuart Best, Street Services Manager, BBC;

Apologies:

(CCW) Cllr Chris Wakefield; **(TR)** Tina Ridge, Dorset Probation; **(AB)** Anna Braczek, Dorset Race Equality Council; **(MU)** Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner; **(VA)** Viv Aird, BCVS Chief Exec; **(JB)** John Browne – Chair of Boscombe Forum; **(CM)** Cat McMillan, Community Regeneration Officer; **(HR)** Heidi Rees, Boscombe Regeneration Project Support Officer; **(CA)** Carole Aspden, Service Director For Children & Young People's Services; **(KA)** Kelly Ansell, Strategic Housing, BBC;

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1	<p>Welcome & Apologies TW welcomed the attendees to the meeting and noted the apologies.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes & Matters Arising The minutes of the last meeting were recorded as accurate and all actions are either completed or in hand.</p> <p>TW welcomed everyone to the Old School House, and thanked all those who had been involved in developing the building and creating an arts hub in Boscombe.</p> <p>A special welcome to Pam Donnellan, the newly elected Chair of Bournemouth 2026 Trust.</p>	
3	<p>Theme Lead updates & Challenges Please find updates at www.bournemouth.gov.uk/boscombepriorities Housing Main area/rear of building, Royal Arcade Development. Arnewood Estates have not agreed to sign off permission for cycle racks and bin stores to be placed in the alleyways and Graham Warren is going through litigation to resolve this.</p>	

	<p>Only one property, No 8, in the Gladstone Mews development is still available, all other properties have been reserved with £500 deposit and sales are proceeding, subject to legal work being completed.</p> <p>HMOs- 70 Walpole Road on track, completion end of December. 30 Churchill progressing, completion expected Feb 2015 5 x 3 bed houses ex police houses in Gladstone Road East, completion approx December.</p> <p>Under the Area Lettings Policy, 23 properties have been allocated through the Council's housing register in the first year. The area lettings policy has also received good support from private landlords who attend the Boscombe Landlords Forum.</p> <p>SWRAC – 13 cases with 4 no longer sex working. A further 2 sex workers have been assisted with housing and no longer working without being referred to SWRAC.</p> <p>Operation Galaxy has now undertaken 9 multi-agency inspections. 44 specific interventions have secured improvements in standards of accommodation and/or support. £35K funding from PCC has been approved and looking to appoint an analyst.</p> <p>Gladstone Mews - A video with 2 minute description of the scheme is on the Bournemouth 2026 website.</p> <p>MC asked if information was available about the purchase of Princes Court. He understands 40 tenants have been evicted and 30 flats have been sold at approx £60K each. LS has tried to contact the new owner, and will try again.</p> <p>Employment and Enterprise</p> <p>SB reported that Outset Bournemouth's programme is operating well and achieving all of its targets. Planning is underway to find funding to continue the programme beyond the middle of next year. New European Funding may be available but there is a gap before this can be accessed. J P Morgan have been approached to see if they can help as we don't want to lose it. TW asked SB to contact BC to discuss the European Structural Investment Funds –ESIF.</p> <p>The Old School House is open for business, and take up of the meeting room has been good. Re the work space, 1 full time business has taken 3 desks and 7 or 8 are using it occasionally. SB requested the members to promote the facility through their networks. Wi-fi problems are now resolved.</p> <p>SB circulated two leaflets, one on the 'Shared Space' initiative which started in September and is due to continue until March 2015, and one on the Boscombe Precinct Improvements.</p> <p>CB gave a presentation on the Boscombe Precinct Improvements, specifically on the market and plans to extend and improve it. MC suggested National Tourism Academy might be able to support plans for training and developing market traders. SC asked if there were plans to promote Street Food on the market, CB advised that Bournemouth Street Food co-operative have been present on the market recently and we now have a 'Food Court' with 4 regular traders offering a variety of food. PR asked about parking on the precinct, and CB explained the Precinct Permit scheme, which allows loading and unloading before 10am and after 4pm, but parking is not permitted at any time. PR also suggested the Boscombe Christmas Carnival and Light Switch On could be held on Thursday late night shopping rather than on a Sunday. PR asked whether the council had progressed any offers on reduced Business Rates. TW said this was a much wider discussion than just Boscombe. TW asked if CB could be</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>SB</p> <p>ALL</p>
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<p>approached directly with any other questions. TW advised that City Fibre are again working with the council on Digital Strategy 2, and will invest in Bournemouth to improve the council's IT structure and to bring cable into Bournemouth, with Boscombe a priority.</p> <p>Education and Attainment JW reported that they are looking at why schools in Boscombe have more problems, and have identified that 2 priorities; a) English as an additional language in primary schools with attainment significantly lower in Boscombe and b) there is a higher risk of young people in Boscombe become 'NEETS' and more work needs to be undertaken in years 7-11. They have forwarded details to every school giving a School Profile, and a data agreement is being signed with Bournemouth Council so that specific pupils can then be supported. They will then work with schools on Impact Projects. Teach First are working in Boscombe and West Howe where issues have been identified in their schools. TW felt that it was important to involve other agencies to support parents. Public Health are working with schools on a wellbeing and health project looking a educational attainment. SC suggested inviting parents into schools outside school hours. TW suggested an event in the Sovereign Centre engaging with 14-15 year olds. MC has many Eastern European staff and can pass information through to them. JW will involve the Board and broader partners in the development and implementaiton of impact projects.</p> <p>Crime CW circulated two papers, one an update on crime statistics and the second a funding bid re the CSPOs. The Crime Statistics are the best in the past five years. Operation Furlong targeting on-street drug dealing has seen 7 warrents issued, with 20 arrested for supplying Class A drugs. Churchill Gardens features highly, and the constant supply of drugs in the area is concerning.</p> <p>A summary of the positive impact of the CSAS was given. This includes a package including the Police Box and CSPOs. Since May they have attended 1,400 incidents, 800 have been dealt with without needing Police support. 35% reduction in shop lifting, 6% reduction in anti-social behaviour. They provide guaranteed cover during core hours in the centre of Boscombe reassuring the general public. PR feels the impact is massive, increasing sense of security, moving on rough sleepers and street drinkers. The initial funding ends in April 2015, and a sum of £60,000 is needed for the service to continue for a further year. It is hoped the Coastal BID will put in £20K, PCC might put in £20K. Is there an appetite from the council to put in a further £20K? TT was concerned that they might not be stopping behaviour, but merely displacing it. Outreach work of CRI is focussing support to break cycles of behaviour. AW feels activity in the precinct has reduced and feedback is very positive. There is an element of displacement but the homeless without a local connection are encouraged to move back to their home towns where they can access support directly. The Board has £35K allocation from Bournemouth 2026 Trust. TW confirmed that he might be able to offer support for 2015 but not beyond. TW to confirm whether the Council can support. DJ will work with the Police Communications team to get out some good news stories around this.</p> <p>BC took over chairing the meeting as TW had a prior commitment.</p> <p>Environment SBest gave an update on the Shared Space initiative and improvement to the precinct. A deep clean will be undertaken shortly to remove chewing gum, which</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>TW</p> <p>DJ</p>
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	<p>will include the bus station. Trees and shrubs have been cut back in Hawkwood Road car park and the next stage will be improved fencing. DOTS Disability have looked at the car park and suggested lowering kerbs around ticket machines and filling of potholes. A ‘Glutton’ street cleaner, working like a vacuum cleaner is being trialled in Boscombe shortly. SBest to advise dates. Following the improvement in Windsor Road with Communal bins, this is being rolled out to Salisbury Road/Carnarvon Road. It is hoped that the junction of Hawkwood Road/Sea Road could be improved with a shared space approach. Improvements to the bus station are proposed to design out anti-social behaviour and cut back trees and shrubbery and remove brick planters. CJK asked for removal of shrubbery and trees to be trimmed back in Gladstone Road West where there has been a lot of antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>PR advised that footfall in the Sovereign Centre had declined since the start of the shared space work, and asked if there might be any funding from the council to try to improve this before Christmas. SB expressed surprise as she did not feel the impact had been too great. Concerns expressed about old signs on lamp posts not being taken down and finger posts pointing the wrong way. SBest will add this to the deep cleanse.</p> <p>Health</p> <p>SC spoke of the reduced life expectancy in Boscombe compared to other areas of Bournemouth and men at risk of dying prematurely of heart disease. Six practices are delivering health checks in the Boscombe area for men aged 40-74 but numbers are low. We rank 148th out of 152 for diabetes. PD expressed concern. PR offered the Sovereign Centre for health screening. Currently working with AFC Bournemouth to raise men’s health issues. There are now 10 No Smoking champions. SC is recommending to his board that they continue to fund work in Boscombe. TW will be asked to raise these issues at his quarterly meeting with the 6 Boscombe GP Practices. SC to continue discussions re primary care input.</p>	<p>SBest</p> <p>SBest</p> <p>SBest</p> <p>TW SC</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Communications</p> <p>SB reported that a closed meeting had been held with Boscombe Area Forum Committee, who presented research they had undertaken, which broadly reflected our findings. They are concerned that the Partnership is not communicating it’s message well. It was a positive meeting of Probation Services, Police, PCC and Bournemouth Council.</p> <p>DJ circulated a paper on objectives and outcomes. The Argos Building has suffered some delays, but it is hoped we will be occupying by early spring. 2nd Boscombe Commitment event is due in December. PR team is working with The Echo to hold Q & A session. More work has gone into improving Social Media. BH Life will have a dedicated Boscombe page in the edition due out in late November. SB suggested the Forum are circulated with approved Press Releases for information.</p>	<p>DJ</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>DLT Report and Long Term Strategy</p> <p>SB reported on the Blue Cafe event – a paper had been circulated earlier. This was a meeting with Service Directors to see what more could be done to support Boscombe Regeneration. The Commitment Document runs out next year, and a longer term plan is now needed, and SB felt that we should now “score” ourselves against the Commitment. The original document was well laid out, easy to read and established a vision for the whole of Boscombe under the 6 theme areas. The issues have not changed significantly, and a new 10 year strategy is needed. SC commented that indicators re children at age 5 have</p>	

	<p>improved considerably. CMcM is updating the Strategic Assessment. Are priorities still valid? The Theme leads will refresh and extend their vision. Legislative changes are needed to increase the council's powers, especially the payment of housing benefits and planning. SC wondered what the Board thought about Neighbourhood Plans. CJK has met with KA and invited Boscombe Forum to be involved. BC wants to keep the momentum going, and asked for volunteers for a Task and Finish group. SB felt the Theme Leads would provide this. CJK was asked to be involved. SB advised that the Strategy should be adopted by March 2015.</p>	SB
7	<p>AOB SB asked for a decision on how regularly the Board should meet in 2015 – bi-monthly, quarterly? It was decided to meet 5 times in the year, with a break in the summer.</p>	SB
	<p>Next Meeting TBA</p>	