



Meeting Notes

Meeting: Boscombe Regeneration Partnership Board

Date: 4th September 2014

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Location: Chine Hotel

Attending:

Board Members:

(TW) Tony Williams, Chief Executive of Bournemouth Borough Council, BBC; **(JK)** Cllr Jane Kelly, Local Authority Representative; **(AB)** Anna Braczek, Dorset Race Equality Council; **(MC)** Mark Cribb, Chair of Boscombe CIC; **(MU)** Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner; **(JB)** John Browne – Chair of Boscombe Forum; **(PF)** Dr Paul French, Locality Lead; **(PR)** Peter Ruscoe, Sovereign Centre Manager; **(VA)** Viv Aird, BCVS Chief Exec; **(TT)** Tina Thompson, Bournemouth 2026

Theme Leads and advisors:

(SB) Sue Bickler, Head of Community Regeneration, BBC; **(CA)** Carole Aspden, Service Director For Children & Young People's Services; **(BC)** Bill Cotton, Executive Director - Environment & Economy; **(KA)** Kelly Ansell, Strategic Housing, BBC; **(CW)** Insp Chris Weeks, Dorset Police; **(CM)** Cat McMillan, Community Regeneration Officer, BBC; **(AL)** Alastair Lindup, Data Officer at Teach First; **(DJ)** Deborah Jones, Communications Officer; **(LM)** Linda Maguire, Community Development; **(SP)** Simon Philp, Highways department;

Apologies:

(DC) Debbie Clifton, Bournemouth 2026; **(AB)** Amanda Buttle, Job Centre Plus; **(CCW)** Cllr Chris Wakefield; **(TR)** Tina Ridge, Dorset Probation; **(BB)** Bob Boulton, Chair of Bournemouth 2026 Trust; **(JM)** Julie Munson - BBC Communications Officer; **(SC)** Sam Crowe, Assistant Director Public Health; **(JW)** Julian Wright, Achieve Together; **(SBest)** Stuart Best, Street Services Manager, BBC; **(HR)** Heidi Rees, Boscombe Regeneration Project Support Officer; **(AS)** Insp Alan Setchell, Deputy Neighbourhood Inspector, Dorset Police; **(AW)** Andy Williams- Safer Stronger Communities;

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1	Welcome & Apologies TW welcomed the attendees to the meeting and noted the apologies.	
2	Minutes & Matters Arising The minutes of the last meeting were recorded as accurate and all actions are either completed or in hand. TW thanked the Chine Hotel for their support and requested a thank you letter be sent. A letter had been received from the BBC regarding our complaint over the portrayal of Boscombe in their 'Inside out' programme. It was agreed that no further action would be taken.	SB
3	Theme Lead updates & Challenges Please find updates at www.bournemouth.gov.uk/boscombepriorities Housing	

	<p>Only the accessible bungalow at the Gladstone Mews development is still available, all other properties have been allocated to buyers from the Boscombe and Springbourne area.</p> <p>Two of the HMO's purchased require more work than originally anticipated- they will, however, be completed to a very high standard.</p> <p>Churchill Gardens- will be looking to develop a grant scheme for properties within the conservation area alongside the management plan.</p> <p>Empty Homes Officer now in post- has a list of target properties and will start work in Boscombe area first.</p> <p>The area lettings policy has received good support from landlords.</p> <p>Operation Galaxy has now undertaken 8 multi-agency inspections. They have found that it is the quality of the support rather than the accommodation which is causing concern.</p> <p>The Council have now exchanged contracts with the owners of the former Argos unit. The purchase will complete once the owners have completed their work to the accommodation.</p> <p>KA outlined the Street Weeks proposal for a 'Healthy Homes' programme for Boscombe. Possible funding through Health- would require approx £100k per annum to run. Strong links to all themes but in particular Housing and Health. It would need commitment from the wider Council and partners to pick up the additional workload that would be generated. KA will develop a full business case to explore the proposal in more detail. TT said that Bournemouth 2026 would be willing to look at the full business case if it meets their charitable aims. Board expressed a huge amount of support for this initiative.</p> <p>Employment and Enterprise</p> <p>Outset Bournemouth's quarterly newsletter was distributed. The programme is operating well and achieving all of its targets. It is performing particularly well in Boscombe where we are seeing good engagement with individuals wanting to start up a business. Need to start planning for the succession of the project beyond the European Funding (May 2015).</p> <p>Since taking over the running of Boscombe Market in April a lot of work has taken place to refine the location of the market to ensure accessibility and access for emergency vehicles. This has tied in with the decluttering of the precinct in advance of the shared space work. CB, the new Boscombe Centre Manager has had a heavy workload since coming into post and will present her work to date at the November board meeting. CJK asked that we minute our thanks to CB for the work undertaken as it has not been an easy task and improvements to the market are already apparent.</p> <p>The Old School House is open for business. There has been a lot of interest in bookings for the community room and it has so far hosted life drawing classes, theatre performances, training sessions, meditations sessions as well as a range of meetings.</p> <p>Education and Attainment</p> <p>AL introduced himself as the data analyst for Teach First. His role is to develop the baseline data that can be used to challenge and support the work within the Achieve Together schools. It also provides an evidence base for future interventions and to see if things are working. There has been some difficulty accessing some of the data that the council hold but a data sharing agreement is being developed with the Council to overcome this. Data is being gathered at Super Output Area level to look at things such as where pupils go to school and how far they travel comparative to other children. Attainment data can be linked to the 'Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indicator' (IDACI). This enables the</p>	<p>KA</p> <p>SB</p>
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<p>programme to improve outcomes for the most underachieving students in the most deprived areas.</p> <p>When will it happen? Recruitment for the teachers has already taken place and all schools have been carrying out projects. The impact of the projects is being assessed and hope to see this reported at the November meeting.</p> <p>The Boscombe Forum meeting on the September 13th will focus on education and JW and JP are attending to present and answer questions.</p> <p>Brian Hooper has been appointed as headteacher of Kings Park school to drive forward school improvements.</p> <p>Board expressed concern at the apparent lack of outcomes so far with Achieve Together and requested further information and involvement.</p> <p>Crime</p> <p>CW updated the Board with up to date crime figures for the area. Overall crime is down 5% (500 fewer victims). Burglary is down 12% (20 F V). Vehicles crime is down 40% (100 F V). We have seen a 17% increase in alcohol fuelled public violence, particularly Friday to Sunday evenings. There has been a national increase in this particular type of crime and it is not just a ‘Boscombe’ issue. Anti-social behaviour remains about the same.</p> <p>Under the recent operation to target street drug dealing 40 people have been arrested and 38 have been charged. In addition to the charges they face we are also seeking Borough wide ASBO’s for the individuals.</p> <p>CW is leaving his role as Neighbourhood Inspector- this will be filled by Inspector Alan Setchell. CW has a new role in Boscombe around the regeneration work (Operation Galaxy and Planet) and drug dealing.</p> <p>It was agreed that there needs to be more positive media around the work that is taking place. MH agreed to take this forward as an action around CW’s new role. SB to organise a meeting through licensing with local taxi drivers to talk about the work taking place along with MH, CJK, TW and CW.</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>SP introduced himself as the project lead for the shared space scheme funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). The scheme at the junction of St John’s Road/Christchurch Road is now complete. Work on the shared space scheme starts on the 15th September 2014 and will run until March 2015 with a two week break over Christmas and New Year. Leaflets have been developed to inform local residents and businesses about the works and a visualisation will be displayed in the Sovereign Centre for visitors to the area. Detailed discussion have taken place with Dots Disability and led to the inclusion of the formal crossing point by the Royal Arcade. JB expressed his concerns over the scheme. MC fully supports it and hopes the next phase will focus on linking the precinct to the sea front. PR is very pleased with the proposals but concerned over the short shut down period at Christmas. TW asked PR to bring footfall figures back to the November meeting and if there has been a decline against last years figures we will look at doing something for the businesses. The Board expressed thanks to SP for all his work on the project.</p> <p>The precinct improvements have included patching up damaged paving, decluttering redundant street furniture and refining the location of the market. Additional furniture has been ordered including new street lighting, benches, planters/trees and cycle racks. Considerate cycling is now permitted in the Precinct.</p> <p>Consultation was undertaken on a Traffic Regulation Order which included changes to some on-street parking- some objections were received and reviewed.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>MH SB</p>
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	<p>The bus station will undergo improvements as part of the LSTF in the New Year.</p> <p>Health SC was unable to attend. The health update had been circulated prior to the meeting. PF said that one of the difficulties was engaging with those who most need help. The healthy homes initiative could make a difference by getting directly to the individuals we want to reach.</p>	
4	<p>Communications DJ introduced herself- she is covering JM's role while on maternity leave. She has been looking at developing the DVD for a promotional video of Boscombe and it has been agreed that an online version would be better and could also be used by businesses, estate agents, schools etc to highlight the work taking place. The short film will be approximately 90 seconds long to ensure we don't lose people's concentration. There will be different target audience so several variations might be developed- one for families looking to move to the area, another to encourage businesses to invest locally. There is a lot of filming to do and we are moving into Autumn which has poor light conditions- some existing film footage might be suitable though. The film will be available between January and March.</p> <p>DJ is also focussing on the branding for the former Argos building- how it will visually look and the promotional material for a 'two years on' event.</p> <p>The 'Backing Boscombe' campaign is a finalist in the Community Relations Category of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations Pride Awards 2014 Southern England region. Winners are announced November 21st in Bristol.</p>	
5	<p>E Panel results CM gave an overview on the epanel results. We have seen an increase in awareness of the work being done around housing, crime and the environment. Most people are accessing their information from local newspapers. MU asked if the 'where did you hear' section could be adjusted to include partners details. CM to pick this up for the next survey.</p>	CM
6	<p>DLT special on Boscombe: feedback and consideration of stakeholder event The Council recently held a Directors Leadership Team (DLT) session on Boscombe at the Old School House. A provocative statement was provided for each of the themes to encourage and generate new ideas from the attendees. The Boscombe Commitment runs until 2015 and we need to start work on the longer term strategy for Boscombe. Some of the ideas generated from the DLT session will go into the development of this document. This will be brought back to the November meeting for a more in-depth discussion. JB said this was good to hear as the Forum had been asking for firm timelines for some time.</p>	SB
7	<p>AOB Window vinyl art now in the former TJ Hughes unit- thanks to PR for his support. Would like to roll this out further but agents do not engage. MH asked what would happen if you went ahead and did it anyway. CM and SB to explore options.</p>	CM/SB
	<p>Next Meeting 5th November 2014 14:00 – 16:00 The Old School House, Gladstone Mews</p>	

