



Meeting: Boscombe Regeneration Partnership Group
Location: Boscombe Regeneration Office, Unit 1, 8 Roumelia Lane, Boscombe.
Date: Wednesday 2nd May 2012 10.00 - 11.30

1. Attendees:

Cat McMillan (BBC); Tony Williams (BBC), Kelly Ansell (BBC); Emma Turner (Dorset Fire and Rescue); Sue Bickler (BBC); Cllr Jane Kelly (BBC); Judith Geddes (BBC); Chris Snelling (DAAT); Chris Weeks (Dorset Police); Adrian Dawson (PCT), Bob Boulton (B2026); Martin Hancock (BCHA); (Probation); Bob Boulton (B2026); Debbie Clifton (B2026); Mark Cribb (BCIC); Phil Robinson (BBC); Amanda Buttle (Job Centre Plus); Viv Aird (Bournemouth CVS); Anna Braczek (DREC).

Apologies:

Tina Ridge (Probation Services); Nicky Searle (Dorset Police); Mike Holmes (BBC); Julie Munson (corporate comms-BBC)

2. Minutes of last meeting

Approved as an accurate record.

3. Boscombe co-ordinated regeneration programme- Cat McMillan

Need to ensure the group captures all partnership working on the regeneration on Boscombe as relatively few members of the community aside from those groups engaged directly know about the work behind the scenes. Noted that some of the work within the group is confidential, however there is a general need for more generic and available information on a public facing document.

‘Boscombe Regeneration Programme’:

The Boscombe Regeneration Partnership will capture the good work in one working document: a ‘Boscombe Regeneration Programme’. This will highlight the relationship between the work and the Strategic Assessment (SA); provide information about what has been done in the past and what has been learnt; and what we are doing to address priorities as highlighted by the SA and subsequent BRP meetings. There are also themes which interweave between all the priorities such as Health, perception of the area and access to information.

CM will be working to draw together a document designed to inform people what the partnership are doing, highlighting issues and what’s being done since the SA: Kelly Ansell will be highlighted as taking a lead on Housing, Insp. Chris Weeks on crime via ATLAS etc. Will also be looking at planning policy, neighbourhood plans, HMO’s etc. This will help to identify and form

an action plan for each theme. This document will be launched in early July (July 6th tbc) in a public arena such as the Royal Arcade. Good publicity is required to ensure that members of the community and relevant partners are in attendance.

BRPG's role:

The group will receive reports on progress against the key themes and escalate and trouble shoot as necessary. BRPG provide updates to B2026 via a quarterly report. A standard reporting format is needed for continuity.

Partner comments:

- Need to agree and launch a vision first. Comments currently being collated for the vision. Vision to go out first for consultation with a comms strategy. This will be a live document which will be available to all via the web.
- Are all agencies on board? Not yet, it's early days and there is a lot to be done.

ACTION: develop draft vision over next 2 weeks for consultation (CM)

- Could a 2 side document be produced in summary of the document/ about the BRP?

ACTION: ST is currently producing a 2 sided flyer which will be completed upon the addition of an agreed vision (ST)

ACTION: first draft of the Boscombe Regeneration Strategy be circulated in the next three weeks- w/c 21st May. (CM)

4. Boscombe Housing Strategy -Kelly Ansell

Please see attached action plan and draft strategy for full details.

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ACTION: please submit comments ASAP to KA.

ACTION: KA to come back to group with more details regarding Churchill Gardens once they are more developed (KA)

KA will arrange consultation with stakeholder groups for housing.

Housing Management Officer- secondment imminent.

Add Neighbourhood Plan to list- future discussions need to be had around implementation.

Comments:

DWP have got the same emphasis as us and willing to make investment, it's harder to engage the smaller landlords.

If serious about a mixed tenure need to get tougher on private landlords- perhaps a shared housing approach. Shared housing has its place. Local Letting Plan draft works on this basis- trying to develop a mix in terms of residents. Goodwill of landlords is required.

Welfare Reforms- Amanda Buttle awaiting list of affected wards- important to take into account.

ACTION: AB to send list to KA when issued (AB)

5. Prostitution Strategy (Chris Weeks)

Recent focus of staff in Boscombe where need is assessed: important to reduce drug dealing, perception of crime and prostitution.

Police have been doing all they can to remove on-street prostitution which caters for 70% of reported anti social behaviour. The strategy looks to remove it altogether.

Visits have taken place in different areas to establish what might work in Boscombe: Ipswich model now tweaked for this area.

Formal launch on 15th May. The strategy is good to go but needs partner buy in and further moulding to produce a fit for purpose document.

Brief Summary of strategy:

- Prostitutes historically have been prosecuted.
- Prostitutes are vulnerable: what they need is help, guidance and support to get away from addictions etc.
- Kerb crawlers need to be prosecuted, identified and spoken to. Pull into interview, prosecute if want but would offer a change course.
- Change Courses would explain impact it has on women and area.
- Nationally Change Courses offer 99% success rate around not reoffending- 1st course last week.
- A small and dedicated team has been established to go out and get to know on-street prostitutes, offering support and assistance on way out of their circumstances.
- A handful of prostitutes won't engage with Police in which case an ASBO is issued.

6. Survey results

Boscombe West Residents' Survey 2012 results circulated.*

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Survey posted to households in area - 25% response rate achieved which is good. The results are Representative of Boscombe West ward and comparable to previous data in 2008, 2010 and 2012.

Summary of key points:

- Perceptions of anti-social behaviour have increased.
- Satisfaction with local area as a place to live have decreased
- Perceptions of teenagers hanging around the streets has increased
- Perceptions of drug use/dealing and drunk/rowdy behaviour still very high (83% and 79% respectively)
- Things that most need improving in the area are: levels of crime (67%), clean streets (51%), affordable decent housing (38%) and road and pavement repairs (34%)

- Reinforces that the BRPG are focusing on the right issues
- Group must be careful on how data interpreted by the public
- 32% felt that can influence local decisions-higher than Bournemouth (28%)

ACTION: results to feed into action plan (CM)

Results are there to be used but won't be issued as a formal press release. Key communications plan is now key: via Backing Boscombe campaign look to achieve balanced reporting.

ACTION ALL: If you have any success stories please promote them.

ACTION: Establish key phrases for press releases etc which all partners can use (JM)

ACTION: Look to buy an extra question in the next Bournemouth 'Place' survey to measure perception of groups work (CM)

7. Attendance of BRP meetings- All

BRPG needs to reduce number of people around table. Proposed Boscombe Regeneration Partnership Board document circulated.*

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8. AOB and future agenda items.

AOB:

Cllr Jane Kelly thanked CW for Police support for residents and for stopping the recent application for an HMO.

Future Agenda Items:

Bob Boulton requested that 'Communications' be added as a future agenda item, ensuring a more coordinated response to work in Boscombe via a joint communications plan for B2026, BBC etc. It was noted that this is already being worked on and will be followed up by JM and CM.

Dates for next meetings (now quarterly):

- 4th July, 10:30-12:00, venue tbc
- 18th October, 1pm-2:30pm, venue tbc