

MINUTES



Meeting West Howe Regeneration Partnership Board

Date Thursday 25 January 2018

Time 09-30 - 11.00

Location Howe Croft Community Centre

Chair Gary Josey

Attendees

Gary Josey, BBC (Chair)	Martha Searle, BBC
Simon Bull, B2026	Cllr Roger Marley, BBC
Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Jane Kelly, BBC
Martyn Underhill, PCC & Chair of WHCE	Heidi Flory, BBC
Diane Humphries, WHCE	Seamus Doran, BBC
Janet Westcott, Libraries, BBC	Jane Trevett, BBC
Sarah Fordham, Sovereign Housing	Mark Avoth, Bourne Academy
Richard Burgas, Oak Academy	Teresa Stanley, BBC
Michael Garrett, Dorset Police	Martin Matthews, DWP
Andy Downs, Dorset Police	Jonathan Thornton, BBC
Dawn Simpson, BBC	Kay Errington, BBC
Zoe Bradley, CAB	Ben Paulley, Ocean Learning

Apologies

Brian Duffy, Dorset Police	Sam Crowe, Public Health
Rebecca Jones, Dorset Healthcare	Guy Nicholas, Dorset Police
Julie Munson, BBC	David Mc Arthur, DWP
Cllr Norman Decent, BBC	Ted Taylor, Resident
Deri Payne, Oak Academy	Tim Branson, BC
Geraint Griffiths, BBC	

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1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (GJ)	
	Gary welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received as recorded above.	
2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (MS)	
	Martha confirmed that WHCE have sent in a business case which she has sent on to Bournemouth 2026.	

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	<p>Seamus is commissioning WHCE to produce welcome packs for residents moving into the area.</p> <p>Martha updated on FCSA's rebuild: The Council have agreed the timescale for VAT purposes, however, the project will miss the 1st March funding application deadline as the tender process will not be completed in time for several reasons. They will apply instead in June. CMT have asked Michael to investigate with all the parties linking the project with Slades Farm. Depending on what is suggested, this may delay the project further as the community are very clear they want to remain playing at the Fernheath site and have a building there.</p>	
3	<p>Recap on the priorities: Place, Finance and Skills (MS, ZB, JT)</p>	
	<p><u>Finance</u> Zoe updated the Board on Bournemouth's CAB's merge with Poole - they are focused on providing sustainable debt support and budgeting advice, looking to pilot in Boscombe and West Howe but needs around £30,000 additional funding. They offer a specialism in Universal Credit which rolls out in West Howe next week. The West Howe outreach is seeing mostly debt issues. Action: Zoe to build stronger links between schools and CAB</p> <p>Action: Zoe and Seamus to investigate low numbers of referrals from Housing - it may be due to Karen Baker in Bournemouth Housing who helps around 300 Housing tenants with debt issues The Housing Benefit team in the Town Hall is closing, Zoe raised concerns this will lead to reduced communication. The Board shared concerns around the roll out of Universal Credit and the impact especially on private renting tenants.</p> <p><u>Skills</u> Martha updated the Board on the Skills project. WHCE's further funding will cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to coordinate and deliver activities currently running: Coordinate with partners ESOL, Creative writing and sewing. Deliver 6 x 2hr lets chat sessions to raise awareness and promote discussion around mental health. Identifying barriers to progression. Coordinate the re-booking of courses that were very popular and could continue with either minimal funding or coordination time, photography, adult cookery sessions. • Set up a skills and learning taster day on 9th February at the Henry Brown Youth Centre: Residents will trial several new activities at one time. Feedback gained from this day would inform the ongoing skills and 	<p>ZB, MA, RB, BP</p> <p>ZB & SD</p>

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	<p>learning activities to focus on between February – July 2018. The taster day would include a range of craft, practical and academic skills e.g. card making, knitting, sewing, cake decorating, jewellery making, DIY, cookery, hospitality, photography, IT, Maths and English.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up family learning events: in school holidays identified by participants. e.g. family cook, family dance, fun family science. • Coordinate training programme: Set up at least five new activities/courses identified from the taster day. Buy in experts to run activities, coordinate in-kind help to run activities, coordinate peer-led activities and seek additional external funding sources to further increase activities delivered in the area at present and increase future sustainability of the project. • Coordinate showcase/celebration event: Coordinate event where participants can showcase, and share skills learnt with the wider community. This will also act as WHCE showcasing their own good practice with others and further promoting their activities. <p>Samee Project This project is back on line after Sam had capacity issues last year. They will be approaching Bourne and Oak to deliver business masterclasses to the students, a session in Heathlands and offering one to one sessions and workshops to adults in West Howe. Support will include CV writing, mentoring by local businesses, business planning and budgeting, referrals to Outset and other providers.</p> <p>Bournemouth and Poole College We now have a contact, Marion Patterson, linking us with various departments including apprenticeships, courses for adults, marketing and Links to Work.</p> <p>Sovereign Housing Sarah Fordham is working in the area to support people of all tenures back into work, and improve children's outcomes at school. She is linking in with local projects and able to resource additional work.</p> <p>Outset Outset are providing support to people who'd like to set up their own business, and, through Team Challenge, supporting people at an earlier stage to develop skills that will be useful in employment or self-employment.</p> <p>We have lots of projects to support people out of work but they need more promotion, referrals and take up. Action: Martha to send out details of Skills related projects for everyone to cascade and increase referrals Comparing our activity with our commitment to West Howe, we haven't within this board focused yet on domestic violence, teenage pregnancy, addiction (although Addaction are working in the area) and anti-social behavior.</p> <p>Place Jonathan Thornton updated on the Place theme:</p>	MS

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	<p>Council Housing are working on 3 developments in the area: work will start on the 3 houses behind 35-37 Cunningham Crescent next week to a sustainability standard very close to passivhaus. The promotional materials for the wide scale community engagement project to look at the future of Cunningham Crescent and Moore Avenue Park are being prepared, ready to launch in late February.</p>	
4	<p>Around the table-What's your impact on West Howe? What barriers can we resolve together? (GJ/ALL)</p>	
	<p>This section was for each member to share the challenges to their work to see if others could help.</p> <p>Gary Josey and Jonathan Thornton (Bournemouth Housing and Communities) - the heathland protection zone enormously restricts opportunity to build the much-needed housing in the area</p> <p>Cllr Roger Marley - the Councillors have recently support WHCE through the Local Improvement Fund.</p> <p>Diane Humphries (West Howe Community Enterprises) - WHCE is restricted in their projects by their accommodation.</p> <p>Sarah Fordham (Sovereign Housing) - has only recently come to West Howe as Sovereign's community worker. Her focus is developing adult skills, employment and raising child attainment.</p> <p>Seamus - vulnerable tenants with multiple problems such as debt, safeguarding, drug and alcohol abuse need more support. Action: Martha and Seamus to raise awareness in Council frontline staff of community projects and support available.</p> <p>Janet Westcott (Bournemouth and Poole Libraries) - Library staff's ability to leave the building is restricted following the restructure so they aren't so able to attend community meetings or events. We need to make sure we keep sending them information so they don't become isolated.</p> <p>Kay Errington (Early Help) - the Early Help offers early intervention for children and young people and welcomes anyone working with children, young people and families to be part of the Family Support Hub. Kay advised that this board isn't sufficiently engaging with organisations working with under 5's, particularly the Children's Centre. Action: MS to follow up.</p> <p>Micky Matthews (Department for Work and Pensions)- is the school's advisor with DWP. He can provide careers information and advice,</p>	<p>MS&SD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MS</p>

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	<p>job fairs, mock interviews and needs to develop contacts in Bournemouth and Poole schools. Action: Mark and Richard to liaise with Micky.</p> <p>Martyn Underhill (Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, chair of WHCE) - PCSO role is changing and Police are now less visible to the public as so much crime is now web based. For WHCE, the major challenges are the high demand for mental health support and lack of provision, having suitable and affordable accommodation for projects, lack of health provision within West Howe, low uptake rates with the public and the need to recruit more trustees. Action: Martha to continue to support WHCE in negotiation with the Henry Brown.</p> <p>Simon Bull (Bournemouth 2026) - legacy funding for the priority areas will come to an end and their challenge is to develop a sustainable business model.</p> <p>Sgt Mike Garrett (Dorset Police) - reporting from the community has increased in quantity and quality, but we need to keep promoting this.</p> <p>PCSO Andy Downs (Dorset Police) - in the face of changed to policing, community engagement and the focus on quality of life is likely to be reduced.</p> <p>Teresa Stanley (Adult Social Care) - works in adult social care supporting vulnerable people. Action: Zoe, Seamus and Martha to build stronger links with Teresa. Martyn recommended the Board establish a vulnerable people working group to focus on those recurring challenges faced by some in the community including Zoe, Seamus and Teresa as members. Action: Martha to co-ordinate. Teresa to discuss options with Micky and schools through Proud to Care scheme to build caring skills and careers within schools.</p> <p>Cllr Jane Kelly - is preparing a paper for Cabinet on Inclusive Growth as part of the Key Cities scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Laurence Fear - the LIF is supporting WHCE. There is concern amongst residents about the continued emptiness of the Kinson Baths site. Gary is exploring options for that site.</p> <p>Ben Paulley (Heathlands Primary) - Heathlands is seeing success with their project based curriculum, better meeting the needs of those practically-talented children. Heathlands continues to struggle with financial viability, expected to worsen with the move to the new</p>	<p>MA, RB & MM</p> <p>MS & WHCE</p> <p>MS with ZB, SD and TS</p> <p>TS, MM, MA & RB</p>

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	<p>national funding formula. Domestic abuse and safeguarding continue to present big challenges in school.</p> <p>Richard Burgas (Oak Academy) - the SUN project is creating strong links between Oak and 6 universities, raising aspirations. Oak are closing their 6th form as it isn't financially viable. Richard raised the help families need to be confident to encourage their children to leave the area, even just to visit the sea. We need more trips and opportunities for the children to travel, raising aspirations.</p> <p>Mark Avoth (Bourne Academy) - rising social, emotional and mental health issues amongst young people including extreme exam pressure. Bourne employs a full time mental health worker. They have a number of business mentors working with students and are recruiting more. Please contact Vicky Woodings the career advisor there. They are also looking for work placements and apprenticeship opportunities. Action: Mark to link with Jenny Mauger-Garry at Bournemouth Council Mark to share information on the Gatsby benchmarks.</p> <p>Martha Searle (Community Regeneration) - The Neighbourhood element of the Community Infrastructure Levy may be suitable for some community projects. More information is available here: https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/communityliving/Helpingthecomunity/community-infrastructure-levy-neighbourhood-portion.aspx</p>	MA
5	Children and Young People's outcomes/ West Howe Virtual School report discussion (KE)	ALL
	<p>Jane and Dawn presented the West Howe Virtual School Report, focusing on the attainment of children living in West Howe. This is an illustrative example of the data that could be provided to the Board. Jane and Dawn have access to much 0-19 data and work closely with the adult data team and offered further support as the Board requires it.</p> <p>Kay and Mark encouraged caution in looking at this 2015 data as so much has changed since, especially with KS4 levels making this data not comparable with 2017 data. We need to be very sure that our focus is responding to current evidence.</p> <p>Kay invited the Board to consider what outcomes would the Board want to achieve, as there are so many needs and challenges including the increasing rate of exclusions, speech and language development in early years, developing aspirations, mental and exam pressure.</p> <p>Mark advised that the Southern Universities Network focuses on areas including West Howe and a bid from this area would be favoured.</p>	

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	<p>Gary recommended involving the Prince's Trust. Action: We are setting up a working group to define desired outcomes and develop projects to meet those. Martha to administrate, Kay to lead. Boards members expressing an interest include Jane, Dawn, Micky, Sarah, Zoe, Jo Fry, Mark, Ben, Richard and other head teachers and the Children's Centre.</p>	<p>KE, MS & group members</p>
6	<p>AoB - no further business was raised Recommendation for Vulnerable adults and Children and young people working groups to report to next meeting</p>	
7	<p>Date of next meeting: 17th May 2018 at 09:30-11:30</p>	