

## BRIDLINGTON LEARNING AND SKILLS FORUM

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2016 AT 9.30AM AT BRIDLINGTON BUSINESS CENTRE

**Present:** Sue Revell - Shaw Trust  
Chris Matson – Job Centre Plus  
Mike Heslop-Mullens – Bridlington Town Council  
Helen Swales – Shores (Work Programme)  
Jayne Nendick – Shores  
Sara Fletcher – Education and Skills Partnership  
Anthony Bryce – Humber Foundation NHS  
Melanie Brown – East Riding College  
Andy Levitt - Headlands School  
Sophia White – Christ Church Community Services  
Liz Philpot - East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Bridlington Renaissance  
Vicky Neilan – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Bridlington Renaissance

**Apologies:** Jacky Smith - East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Learning Partnership  
Adrian Brown – Pure Training Solutions  
Helena Moss – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Education, Employment and Skills  
Carol Shaw – BAM Construction Leisure World  
Laura Snow – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Children’s Centre  
Sarah Newsome – Humber Foundation NHS

1. **Minutes of last meeting/matters arising**

No issues.

2. **Community Led Local Development**

This programme aims at distributing the European Social Fund (ESF) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in the local area. ESF focuses on skills and getting people work ready whilst the ERDF focuses on business support, creating jobs and helping small businesses.

The funds are being distributed via LEP areas and in the York, North Yorks and East Riding LEP area this is the only CLLD programme. The total amount available, including the match funding needed, ranges between 3 million and 7 million euros.

The original call came out in October 2015 and the process is a two stage application. The original proposal was to cover the whole Yorkshire coast from Whitby to Withernsea focusing on the 20% most deprived areas along the coast with ERYC acting as the accountable body. A response came back in February with quite a few queries mainly concerning the geography and interaction between the towns.

A second proposal was then put forward in response just targeting Bridlington and Scarborough – this has now being accepted and has been contracted for the development stage.

Officers are meeting with representatives from Scarborough Borough Council on

Thursday to move this forward.

The development stage involves a small amount of funding to employ a development officer. A Local Development Strategy (LDS) needs to be worked up by 31 August 2016 and a Local Action Group (LAG) formed comprising of at least 51% non-public authority to cover both areas. This group will then become the decision making body if successful at the next stage. A shadow LAG will be formed as soon as possible. The LDS needs to identify intentions, priorities and who will be responsible and how we intend to deliver.

The LDS will be approved before the stage 2 application needs working up. It is anticipated that a decision will be known by October when there will be a 3 month window to submit the application. A final decision on stage 2 will be made by spring 2017.

Match funding for this stage will be made via officer time from both East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Scarborough Borough Council and a 3 month secondment for the development officer. ERDF funds will require a 70% match and ESF a 60% match.

The next Local Links Forum is not scheduled until June 2016 so it is anticipated that there will be a CLLD focused workshop organised for May.

Match needs to come from public funds – private match cannot be counted but could be used to increase the overall package. DONG energy have just announced a community fund which will be available for the next 20 years along the East coast distributing £500,000 per year which could be used alongside CLLD funds. Potentially there could be a pre match arrangement which will be explored. More information can be found at [www.dongenergy.co.uk/news/press-releases/articles/dong-energy-to-launch-%C2%A310-million-east-coast-community-fund](http://www.dongenergy.co.uk/news/press-releases/articles/dong-energy-to-launch-%C2%A310-million-east-coast-community-fund)

Links with the Local Growth Fund are also being explored in terms of community capacity building through the creative arts.

Travel is recognised to be a barrier to access to work – for example travel to holiday camps often requiring people to take taxis. The Education and Skills Partnership are currently mapping travel to learn data for 16-19 year olds and the transport survey has just been sent out to schools and colleges. A meeting will also be arranged with the transport teams at both councils.

All attendees were happy to be considered for inclusion on the Local Action Group at this stage.

### 3. **Coastal Community Team**

The full £10,000 grant has been spent. Two full day Great Bridlington Ambassador training sessions were held in March. A handbook to accompany this course was also created. The course was adapted from a Discover Yorkshire Coast course which was delivered in Scarborough last year and adapted just to focus on the Bridlington area offer. It was created and delivered by Tyro Training – part of Craven College.

The other element of the Coastal Community Fund was to purchase interactive touchscreen boards to display employment information at Headlands School with the aim of getting more students to access information. The first one has been installed and the

others are in the process of being branded. It is anticipated that these boards will be able to link with the CLLD. East Riding College are also keen to find out how successful the boards are with the possibility of purchasing some for the college sites.

#### 4. **Partner Updates**

Headlands School are holding an Ambitions Day for Year 9 students and are seeking employers to come in to give talks. This will be held on 8 July in the morning.

A national programme of post 16 education and training is taking place. The East Riding area is part of wave 4 review covering York, North Yorkshire and Humber LEP areas, starting September 2016. ERYC is invited to present a statement at the first review meeting and is currently working with other LAs in the review area.

Christ Church Community Services is in the process of creating a new website – [www.ccsbridlington.org](http://www.ccsbridlington.org)

Shores have been working in Bridlington delivering the Work Programme along with the Shaw Trust. They are also exploring creative and media opportunities in the area.

Job Centre Plus are involved in the roll out of Universal Credit which started in January. There are currently 813 people on Job Seekers Allowance in the town and 50 on Universal Credit. There are approximately another 2500 on Employment Support Allowance. These figures are expected to go down over the next few weeks due to seasonal employment.

The Shaw Trust are now working with the hardest to help after helping others into employment or training. They are also introducing a health and wellbeing angle in terms of a dedicated person.

#### 5. **Dates for next meetings**

Wednesday 25 May 9.30am

Wednesday 29 June 9.30am

Wednesday 13 July 9.30am

Wednesday 21 September 9.30am

Wednesday 30 November 9.30am