

BRIDLINGTON LEARNING AND SKILLS FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 9.30AM AT BRIDLINGTON BUSINESS CENTRE

- Present:** Mike Heslop-Mullens – Bridlington Town Council
Adrian Brown – Pure Training Solutions
Chris Matson – Job Centre Plus
Sophia White – Christ Church Community Services
Sue Revell – Shaw Trust
Sara Fletcher – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Education and Skills Partnership
Jayne Nendick – Shores Centre
Tania Weston, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Bridlington Renaissance
Vicky Neilan – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Bridlington Renaissance
- Apologies:** Liz Philpot – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Bridlington Renaissance
Andy Levitt - Headlands School
Julia Thompson - WEA
Claire Tomlinson – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Children’s Centre

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

Minutes approved as true record.

2. **Community Led Local Development Update**

The Local Development Strategy was submitted on 31 August. A question was received at the beginning of November asking for clarity as to how much of the work would be focused in the 20% most deprived areas. LP submitted a response and a decision is expected very soon.

LP is attending a full application workshop today in Leeds with the aim of being ready to start work on the form if a positive response is received.

A Local Action Group meeting has been arranged for 15 December from 1.30pm at the Piebald Inn at Hunmanby. If no response has been received by 8 December this will be postponed.

Work is still ongoing by officers at East Riding and Scarborough to create links and discuss potential projects. It is expected that, if a positive response is received, no extra time will be allowed for the full application stage – this will still need to be submitted by the end of January with a final decision expected by March.

It was suggested that Alison Grey from East Riding College would be a good contact for the CLLD Local Action Group along with someone from the Troubled Families Team. Further suggestions for who to involve in the LAG or the process were invited from group members.

JN asked for details on whether grants would be given out on a payment by result basis. LP will be able to answer this at the next meeting.

Another question was asked as to the size of the grant pot and what level of grant will be available. This is something which the LAG needs to decide.

3. **Bridlington Employability Charter**

The group previously agreed that there was definite benefit in having an employability charter for Bridlington. Scarborough has just been chosen to be one of 6 pilot 'opportunity areas' and will benefit from a large pot of funding into education within the area. This was in part due to the Scarborough Pledge. It was, therefore, suggested that this might be a good model to base a charter for Bridlington.

There is also a Humber Skills Pledge which should be looked at alongside the Scarborough document. More information can be found at <http://www.humberlep.org/skills-pledge/>

Information on the Scarborough will also be sent with the notes for everyone to take a look at and come back with comments to the next meeting. SF will also engage with the schools at a later date and ensure they are involved in the creation of Bridlington's document.

4. **Post 16 Area Review – Sara Fletcher**

This is a national process which will take 18 months to complete. East Riding is being looked at collectively with North Yorkshire, York and Hull. The process involves both LEPs, representatives from local authorities, colleges and sixth form principals meeting on a regular basis to look at the educational needs of the area and make decisions about what the post 16 education offer should look like.

The process has already taken place in some other areas and reports with recommendations have been completed. These are available to view on the following link <http://feweeek.co.uk/2016/11/29/area-review-reports-and-recommendations-finally-published/> Various recommendations have been put forward including merging colleges and creating apprenticeship companies. There is no one approach across the country.

The local area has already had 3 steering group meetings out of a total of 5. Minutes from these groups are not available until the final report has been published which will be around summer.

If anyone has any further questions please contact sara.fletcher@eastriding.gov.uk

5. **Townscape Heritage Project- Tania Weston**

The Townscape Heritage Project is a 4 year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, ERYC and private match. It focuses on the Bridlington Quay Conservation Area and particularly buildings with historical and architectural heritage.

The main focus is to improve the town centre and compliment modern physical improvements. Grants will be given out to owners to allow them to repair their buildings and reinstate the original features. There will also be an economic impact in terms of reducing the number of empty properties and hopefully a domino effect – where owners outside of the funded area may be encouraged to carry out works on their buildings.

There is also a public realm element to the project which aims to get more people interested in heritage via improved skills, engagement and the capacity to volunteer.

TW showed a map as the fund only covers some of the conservation area, there are two levels of priority within the area and buildings have already been identified. Nearly all are privately owned, many of them by the Lord Feoffees.

As part of the project it is hoped to run specialist construction and conservation skills taster sessions to raise awareness of specialist construction. It is hoped to be able to use local firms if they have some knowledge and skills around repairing buildings within a conservation area.

Other activities will include an oral history project, seaside entertainment, a photo exhibition on King Street and a primary school learning package.

For more information please contact Tania.weston@eastriding.gov.uk

5. **Partner Updates**

Job Centre

Will be holding a job fair on 17 February 2017 aimed at pushing seasonal jobs. They are in the process of inviting employers and providers.

Shaw Trust

Office hours have been reduced to Monday to Wednesday, there is also a staff consultation process taking place. Referrals stop in March but the Work and Health Programme is not expected until at least October.

Active Humber

Have received funding from the Skills Funding Agency to start a programme for those with mental health issues to start in January. A successful pilot was held in Bridlington and this has now been rolled out to the whole East Riding. They are currently looking for referrals.

Pure Training Solutions

Delivering courses in the workplace for those who are employed. Also doing more train the trainer courses.

Christ Church Community Services

Also received funding for a project to help those with mental health, looking for 60 referrals by July. Will not be funded for those who have taken part previously. Would like referrals from GPs as an alternative to medication. SW will link in with the Better Care project running from Field House Surgery.

Shores Centre

JN is in the same position regarding the work programme. Shores have also received funding for an ESF employability programme which is due to start from January 2016 and run over 2 years. They have also secured funding for an additional project which is embargoed until 15 December – an update will be sent to the group after this date.

Town Council

Is linked with the newly established Bridlington Youth Coalition which is aimed at disengaged youths and identifying priority areas of action. One of the hopes is to get more young people interested in apprenticeships and training opportunities.

MHM also requested that the group take part in the East Riding Clinical Commissioning Group's survey on Minor Injuries Units via the following link <http://www.eastridingofyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/urgentcare>

5. **Dates for next meetings**

18 January 9.30am

15 February 9.30am

15 March 9.30am

19 April 9.30am

17 May 9.30am

14 June 9.30am

12 July 9.30am

16 August 9.30am

13 September 9.30am

18 October 9.30am

15 November 9.30am