

## **Scholemoor and Lidget Green Big Local Meeting @ St. Wilfred's Church hall - 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2012**

Attendance – Please see Attendance Record.

All were welcomed by the Team of Bradford CVS and Bradford CNet. All were asked comments or amendments on notes from the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012. There were none.

Corine then gave an update on (1) Community Profile and (2) Community Plan, and the work that she had been involved in since the last meeting.

A discussion then took place as to why there was a low response. The meeting heard that there was a rumour being circulated in the area that the money had already been earmarked and so there was no point in either doing any consultation or becoming a Board member. Corine made it clear that this was not the case and wanted folk to know this and that it is vital that local residents do get involved and put themselves forward to be on the board and that residents ideas on what are seen as local priorities and concerns are recorded. It was suggested from the floor that an incentive should be given in order to recruit community researchers such as a shopping voucher.

Explanation was made as to what had been done since the last meeting;  
Both Children's Centres (Farnham & Lidget Green) are currently consulting parents and carers.  
Scholemoor Beacon and Khidmat Centre are involved in a number of consultations.  
The Youth Service will also be doing some consultations with their clients.  
A newsletter has been produced,  
An Article has been in the Telegraph & Argus.  
A Mobile Bus will be touring round the area on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Oct and information will be handed out.  
If recruitment has been completed, then we hope to have Board Members at our next community meeting.

A discussion then took place about holding the next meeting at another venue in order to attract more local residents. A suggestion was also made that there should be 2 meetings, one during the day (11am) at one of the Children's Centres and the other in the evening possibly at the Ukrainian Centre. These times and venues will be confirmed nearer the time.

It was also mentioned that the local schools are going to be approached to design a name, logo and strap line for the partnership. Someone from the floor mentioned that St. Antony's and Blake Hill primary schools should also be involved as a number of pupils live in the Big Local area.

A discussion took place on Quick Fixes, what could be provided by the Local Authority and what could be done through the Big Local. It was pointed out that there are several provisions that the Local Authority do provide, but due to the current climate they are being cut back. After several minutes on this discussion, it was suggested to consider a '*Pride in our Community*' Environmental Campaign at involving tackling the litter problem to include some sort of an education scheme, a clean-up of the area and a garden competition. This would need careful consideration and maybe pass it on as the first idea for the Board to consider. We could consider inviting an environment project to present their views at the next meeting.

Kantilal Mistry, a local businessman together with Bradford CVS and Bradford CNet launched SALG Business Forum. A proforma was passed around the local businesses, detailing information about the various businesses to be returned to Mr. K. Mistry.

Peter explained the work that was going in respect of the Spencer Playing fields. A local residents group has been set up to oversee it. Members of this group spoke about the group and mentioned that they were meeting at the Khidmat Centre on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm and everyone was welcome to it. They also said they were having a clean-up of the fields on Sat. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and again everyone was welcome to help out.

Peter then mentioned about a new employment scheme for young people that was coming in place in the near future, whereby organisations could provide placements. He hasn't got much information about at the moment but will distribute the full guidelines as and when he gets it.

Information was given out that Asda had appointed a Development Worker named Craig Watson to work with the community organisations in the area. Please do contact him for further information.

The attendees were then reminded about the closing date for applications for being on the Big Local Board (Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>), and encouraged them to get volunteers to come forward to become Community researchers. Date of next meeting was agreed to be held on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Times & venues to be confirmed. The meeting was then closed.