

PLAY DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING, MIP – 18/3/09 (9.30am to 11.30am)

Attendance:

Jane Bullows (JB) CHAIR SDC, Hannah Drew (HD) SDC, Leo Milton (LM) Play Gloucestershire, Pip Levett (PL) Play Gloucestershire, Neill Hutton (NH) Play Gloucestershire

Apologies : Steve Miles, Graham Ross, Pete Gilbert

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p><u>Previous actions:(JB) :</u> JB followed up actions for working with Youth Council and no outstanding ones remaining for this meet</p>	-
<p><u>Play Ranger Pres (LM):</u> LM fed back with PL on the first year of delivery 0809 for this service; All going extremely well and surpassed expectation with 1301 play visits by C & YP and 79 adults. Frustration with Extended Services in terms of lack of understanding by the cluster groups that capacity is limited for extra delivery from Play Gloucs and additional funding is required for more delivery too. PL and JB thanked LM for his delivery and excellent partnership working in year one, as he will be leaving on March 25th for pastures new – a replacement lead ranger TBC on 23rd March 09 and to continue delivery as stated in the SLA for year 2. PL fed in that exiting the year one delivery areas has been hard and C & YP do not want the Rangers to go and funding to sustain via the communities is nil or very limited. JB fed in the Nailsworth has now got outreach for sport from Psalms Christian Org and there is potential to evolve that to play as well. Group agreed that the following exits will happen:- Lawnsdie – continuity options with Psalms and possible Rangers pending further discussion with PL and JB Top Of Town – exit permanently in April 09 Stonehouse – hard to gauge if there is a strong enough need still and may be issues with road crossing/Oldends field being too open – exit permanently after April 09 at present. PL fed in that June 15th will be the first date of delivery in the year 2 areas. t</p>	<p>LM and replacement Ranger to do a recce of the 3 sites for year 2 delivery (Cam& Dursley/Berkeley and Stone)</p> <p>new ranger to consider split delivery for warmer weather and colder/darker nights at 2 sites in the above areas</p> <p>PL to link with JB to discuss exit options from year 1 re: area that could seek to remain in</p> <p>LM to contact MM at Lawnsdie re: exploring the opps for Psalms to deliver play as well in 09 onwards</p> <p>LM to link with JB on 23rd march to confirm replacement and set up new email address/pass etc</p> <p>LM to hand in pass and van keys to JB on wed 25th march 5.40pm</p>
<p><u>Stroud Play Strategy Update: (JB):</u> JB fed in that all is progressing very well and both Strategy Action Plan work and capital builds in budget and on target ; JB opened to the group the opportunity to celebrate all 5 project builds one evening in May 09 – group felt that this would be good idea and TBC</p> <p><u>Project builds:</u> Cam Boulders-completed/launched and working well Lawnsdie MUGA-completed/launched and in spite of a few snagging issues working well (SDC have added 2 benches and the Residents Assoc have gained extra funding to add to the MUGA – SDC successfully gained planning permission to raise the goal end and will use the funding to complete this and buffering by the end of March 09) Stratford Park Skate Park – completed/launched and working well (SDC added surfacing around 3 edges and will continue to work with Stroud Ramps to part fund and deliver new annual skate festival Aug 09 onwards). New recycling bin still to be added via project from Youth Council. Kings Stanley MUGA-completed/launched and working very well with school use in down times during the day Uplands MUGA-final build on track to be completed end of</p>	<p>JB to contact all project build leads to see if they would like to get together to celebrate the builds in May/June 09 by April 30th 09</p>

March 2009 in spite of the snow in Jan ! launch to take place April 09 TBC

Strategy Action Plan:

JB had 2 more meetings with the Youth Council and they have agreed the new webpage design and content – this is funded by BLF and SDC budgets. The Youth Council also agreed that consultation should be face to face by either market research or focus groups in areas where they are or that have youth forums in place.

JB fed in that capacity in-house is not there to deliver a separate Annual Play Day 2009 and that SDC would do the following:-

- have a day of making time for play in the SDC Summer Playscheme (Kapers) on 5th Aug 09
- raise the profile of play day to all SDC staff via newsletters and HUB to encourage staff to play in the lunch hour on 5th Aug (have space hoppers/toys etc in the car park)

PL added that Play Rangers could do as they did in year 1 and have the play day theme ('make time for play' 2009) run throughout the week of delivery from 3rd Aug 09. Group agreed that this was a good idea.

Evaluation:

As agreed at the last meet, the group did not feel that another consult event was required, but that Play Rangers evaluation would suffice with possible market research/discussion via Youth Groups in Aug 09 around use of new play builds and in general.

County Update - Playbuilder(JB):

JB updated the group on this pot of monies; This funding pot is another BLF pot that is separate to the Play Initiative funding. It is owned/administered by the County Council (it was originally a Pathfinder bid that was not successful and then automatically became at Play Builder) . The County gave extremely tight time frames to apply to it and in December all 6 district councils were tasked with enabling their communities to send expressions of interest; SDC subsequently created an application form and set of marking criteria and zapped these to all Parish/Town councils, community groups and organisations across the district. In Jan 09, SDC then set up an assessment group made up of key professionals and marked every application against the set criterion. As a result, SDC put forward 9 projects to County to be considered for the Playbuilder funding year 1 and 2. All successful applications have to be innovative and natural play (not based in school sites or replacing like for like equipment). At the time of this meet, JB was able to confirm that County had selected 2 builds per district for year 1 funding and would be confirming how the money will be devolved and split for year 2 in when the final report of Playbuilder goes to their Cabinet on 8th April 09. We are currently awaiting the final list to confirm areas for year one and RJ will be informing them as soon as we get it this end (Cam Woodfield and Norton Wood have been verbally agreed and the written confirmation via letter from County will be needed before we can action any further)

AOB:

JB fed in that the BLF compliance visit for all year one projects is likely to be April/May 09 and TBC very soon
JB asked all partners to please be aware that due to SDC signing

JB to confirm the go ahead with Frontline Communications April 09 onwards

JB to borrow Play Rangers equipment on 5th Aug for 1 hour (1pm to 2pm) to enable playing at work

JB to link back with Youth Council re: links to Youth Forums and how it could work this Summer May 09

JB to continue to update at each meet

PL to ensure that play ranger emails to Play Gloucs webmail are redirected to SDC email address for lead ranger

up to the County GCSX Security Policy for I.T. – we are no longer able to receive emails that have fancy logos embedded within the email itself (our system simply will block them) we can still open attachments, but no webmail access/facebook/myspace or other hotmail style web sites. or that come with the email or email please only send emails that we can no longer be asked that all partners please

JB to ensure LM replacement has an SDC email address

Date of meets for 2009: 25 November 2009 at MIP – 10am start to 12 noon Gallery Room 2