

TREETON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Business Focus Group Meeting held on 9th August 2004 in the Station Hotel

Attendance: Sarah Gibbs (Trustee), Steve Ruffle (Community Link Officer), Catherine Cooper (Admin. & Communications Officer), Richard Baker.

1 Apologies

Mick Fellowes (Community Development Officer), Delia Slucutt (Member), Carolyn Potts (Member), Richard Potts (Member).

2 Treeton Broadband Action Group

The Action Group has now been set up and will operate individually. Steve reported he had a quote for stickers to promote the T-Bag at the Gala. Richard stated he had a contact with a designer and would arrange to get some designs for the stickers.

3 Business Open Day

Sarah suggested that it would be a good idea to have an open day where people could go round the local businesses and learn about the business and opportunities that might be available. She had spoken with a couple of firms who would be willing to do this and to offer work experience.

After some discussion it was decided we would start by holding a jobs fair in the new Community and Resource Centre.

It was agreed that it would be held on Thursday 7th October 6pm to 8pm. Catherine would book the centre, Steve would contact some employers and we would have job papers available. Richard stated he would be willing to open the Fair and give a talk about aspirations. Sarah agreed to arrange for some role-plays with the Drama Group on how to / how not to act at an interview.

The Fair will be publicised at the Community Connects Launch on 2nd October.

We would also have a stall or questionnaire for people to come and let us know what they wanted in future, ie: training, advice, help with CV's or application forms.

It was suggested that people from the surrounding communities would also be invited and we would arrange to offer transport to the venue. Dependant on the response to the Fair we would then look at holding one in different places at regular intervals.

Steve passed out an advert for a Free Beginners Course in computing which he has arranged to be held on the Play and Learn Bus starting in Catcliffe on Monday 20th September in the afternoon.

4 Dates of next meetings

Business Focus Group Breakfast

8am 8th September at the Station Hotel