

AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 7.00 PM ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT SHIREHAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH, STATION ROAD, SHIREHAMPTON, BRISTOL BS11 9TU

PRESENT:

Ward Councillors

Councillors Doug Naysmith and Siobhan Kennedy-Hall (Avonmouth Ward) Councillors Tim Leaman and Simon Rayner (Kingsweston Ward)

Partners: Representing Lawrence Weston (LW), Sea Mills (SM), Shirehampton (S) and Avonmouth (A)

Ann Hawker (LW), Mark Pepper (LW), Ann Green (SM), Jenny Winfield (SM), John Bees (SM), Alv Hirst (A), Angela Abbot (A), Gil Osman (S), Val Jenkins (S), David Thomas (S), Val Pospichil equalities rep (LW), David Trivitt (SM), and Renee Slater (S)

Officers:

Hayley Ash (Area Coordinator), Samantha Mahony (DSO), Richard Fletcher (BCC, Parks),

Other attendees:

Sgt Sean Underwood,

Apologies were received from Mark Runacres

Neighbourhood Partnership items

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and the Partnership members introduced themselves.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2012

Councillor Rayner proposed that resolution 2 of item 9, Parks and Green Space Strategy Surplus Land Decision *'that the funds released from the sale of Henacre be reinvested in the henacre/local area as part of the development'*, was a part of discussion but did not form the resolution and should therefore be deleted.

It was confirmed that the item and resolution had been of the Neighbourhood Committee and therefore it was for the four Councillors to decide what was an accurate minute. Councillor Rayner stressed his recollection of the resolution and that if it had been as proposed it would tie the hands of future Neighbourhood Committee.

A discussion took place, following which it was agreed that the phrase be removed from the resolution in the final agreed minutes.

During the discussion the following comments were made:

- A lot of neighbourhood consultation had been carried out and the conclusion was that all sale value should stay within the Henacre area. It was highlighted that out of the nine areas proposed for disposal, only two were agreed; both in Lawrence Weston.
- The area surrounding the land was in one of the most deprived areas within the Neighbourhood Partnership area and neighbourhood planning could help immensely to improve the area.
- That one park retaining all proceeds disrupted the ethos of four villages working together in friendly partnership. It was highlighted that Henacre bordered Avonmouth as a ward and that young people often patronised a variety of areas.
- It was reiterated that resolutions needed to be clear and understood by those at the meeting, especially if the resolution did not match the discussion. It was suggested that written resolutions should be used to ensure there was no confusion.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the removal of point (2).

3. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 3).

The Area Coordinator updated the Partnership on engagement work carried out and made available records of the work done within Neighbourhood Forums and how issues had been resolved and dealt with.

It was reported that the Youth Forum had allocated a proportion of their funding in September. They had adopted a strategic methodology by setting an allocation for each issue identified (such as travel, substance misuse etc). The Youth Forum met at Beachley Walk and was made up of three young people from each of the four villages. Currently the forum was seeking younger people to mentor to take up a position the following year.

It was reported that Avonmouth had been awarded £33,000 by the Government to spend over the next three years. Top priorities had been identified though a questionnaire and the first bidding round would open on 12th September 2012.

Two bids had been submitted for Clean and Green Citywide fund, with bids for a bench on Napier Square Park and to make the Yellow Brick Road more accessible. A number of bids had been submitted to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund in conjunction with projects already on the transport priority list.

Sergeant Sean Underwood updated the Partnership on crime levels, statistics, and areas of work over the quarter (as appended to the minutes). Generally incidences had been reduced and detection rates improved by 2.9%. A resident reported motorbike anti

social behaviour at the back of Saltmarsh, and Sergeant Underwood confirmed that the call had been logged.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the report be noted

4. LAWRENCE WESTON COMMUNITY RESEARCH

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from Hayley Ash relating to the Lawrence Weston Community Research.

Last year the largest award of wellbeing funding had funded research for the regeneration of Lawrence Weston. The draft report was available to those interested and the final document would be ready for the 10th October 2012.

Through the project, local people had been trained to put together a questionnaire, meet with residents to help fill out the questionnaire and input the info into a database. The results would form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that 83% of residents had specified they would welcome a supermarket, with the word 'small' subsequently added. An alternative supermarket to that already there was considered of most importance.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the report be noted

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered an update report from Helen Bone relating to the neighbourhood plan.

The Area Coordinator reported that the Lawrence Weston Planning Group had been established and on the 10th October they would lead a meeting on the Neighbourhood Plan. Various senior managers within BCC would be in attendance and participate in walkabouts around the area to consider how residents aspirations fit with the community.

The day would start at 9.30am at the Cabbage Patch and involve eight different working groups. Each working group would put together a part of the plan for agreement early in the financial year. Residents had been selected through community research, planning group, attendance at The Rock and community outreach to community groups and an open invite to all.

The development worker was employed by and based at Lawrence Weston Community Farm aided by funds from the NP, Bristol City Council, Public Health and other fundraising avenues. Ambition Lawrence Weston has been established as a company with charitable status which would then take over employment of the role and lead the development of the Community Plan.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the report be noted

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6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Two items of public forum had been received in relation to Item 9, Parks Stimulus Fund – Match Funding Options.

8. PARKS STIMULUS FUND – MATCH FUNDING OPTIONS

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from Richard Fletcher (agenda item no. 9).

The items of public forum submitted (and placed in the minutebook) were noted.

During the discussion the following points were noted;

- Clarification had been sought from officers prior to the meeting with regards to the match funding requirements. Submissions had been made by Ward Councillors to the Stimulus Fund and officers had then identified other sources of match funding.
- With reference to the Sea Mills playground, it was suggested by the Area Coordinator that S106 match funding could be identified from S106 funds in Shirehampton. Parks officers had suggested using money from land sales of Henacre, and Councillors suggested using money raised from the disposal of Sea Mills Infant School.
- Councillor Rayner commented that, on balance, only £5000 was being used for spaces outside Lawrence Weston area because of new money coming in through the stimulus fund.
- The Lawrence Weston Planning Group stressed that they did not want to put any of the improvements and benefits at risk, but that they believed that other sources of match funding could be found.
- There had been strong feeling at the previous meeting that money from the sale of Henacre Open Space should be retained and that there should be investment in the Henacre Estate. Residents had been under the impression that it had been agreed as such.
- It was confirmed that there was no threat to Ridingleaze Open Space and that there was no covenant as far as officers were aware to prohibit play space improvement.
- Officers confirmed that there was a small risk to the Council to advance money from land sales that didn't yet have a clear value.
- It was highlighted that people in one village may not be able to frequent parks in one of the other villages if they did not have a car.
- Section 106 money was already 'in the bank' ready to be used on the appropriate project. It was suggested that it would be an opportunity and prudent to use the money being offered by the Council in advance of land sales.
- Members of the Partnership stressed the need to identify all S106 money and allocate a use for the benefit of the area.
- Officers highlighted paragraph 9 of the report; that failure to meet the match funding requirements specified for each project would result in the capital stimulus allocation for projects being withdrawn.
- It was suggested that the most affluent areas were getting the improvements and the most deprived, were losing the most. This was, however, disputed.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED:

(1) that the match funding requirements contained in Table 1in the report be agreed, in order to secure capital stimulus money allocated to parks investment projects within the Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership area.

(2) that the S106 match funding for Ridingleaze £52,900 be allocated from S106 07/02986/Former Rose PH and 09/00469/Barrowmead Drive totalling £52,977.56 including the difference of £77.56

9. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 8) relating to devolved services.

Clean and Green

The Partnership and Committee totals for the Clean and Green fund were established as; Avonmouth - £450, Shirehampton - £375, Sea Mills - £650 and Lawrence Weston - £375

Bids to the Citywide Clean and Green fund had been outlined earlier in the meeting. If the bid for Napier Square Park was successful, it was proposed that £250 be allocated from the Avonmouth allocation. Also, if the bid for the Yellow Brick Road accessibility plans was successful, it was proposed that £100 be allocated from the Avonmouth allocation, and £275 from the Shirehampton allocation.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the allocations would still be allocated to the project even if the larger funding from the City Wide pot was not awarded, in order to achieve some aspects of the project before next summer. It was agreed, however Councillors asked to be kept informed about the funding and to be consulted on the future plans if a smaller project.

It was reported that Shire Hall, Shirehampton was in dire need of renovation. Some works had been achieved to the interior by the Trustees however the state of repair of the outside of the hall was damaging the new interior. BCC had allocated £25,000 and the trustees £10,000 to fix the building, and it was proposed that the Neighbourhood Committee allocate the S106 funding of £13,095.23 (from 06/03804/ former Portway Day Centre) for additional works/ overspend on the project.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that £250 from Avonmouth Clean and Green fund allocation be used for the bench for Napier Square Park
- (3) that £100 from Avonmouth allocation, and £275 from Shirehampton allocation be used for the accessibility improvements to the Yellow Brick Road.

- (4) that if the CityWide Clean and Green bids are unsuccessful, that the allocation is still used for a smaller project, with consultation with the four Councillors.
- (5) That £13,095.23 (from 06/03804/ former Portway Day Centre) available for additional works or overspend on the Shire Hall project.

10. WELLBEING REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 10) relating to the current funding situation and the recommendations of the Well Being Appraisal Panel for current applications for 2012/13 funding.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED that the funding situation and the balance of the budget for 2011/12 be noted.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Well Being Panel held on 28th August 2012 be agreed.

11. DATE OF NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting be 5th December 2012 at The City and Port of Bristol Social & Sports Club, Nibley Road, Bristol BS11 9XW from 7.00 pm.

(The meeting ended at 8.35 pm)

CHAIR

Police Report 11/09/2012

Crime statistics year to date compared to same period last year -

Shirehampton and Avonmouth -

- Overall recorded crime is down 7.3% equating to 29 fewer victims
- Massive reduction in other burglary down 62.9% equating to 22 fewer victims
- VAP down 30.8% equating to 28 less victims

Lawrence Weston -

- Overall recorded crime is down 19.3% equating to 76 fewer victims
- SAC offences down 37.5% equating to 18 fewer victims
- Massive reduction in other burglary down 46.7% equating to 14 fewer victims
- VAP down 20.5% equating to 25 less victims

Sea Mills –

- Overall recorded crime is down 20.7% equating to 25 fewer victims
- Dwelling Burglary down 18.2%
- TOMV down 25%
- VAP down 71.4% equating to 30 fewer victims

Detection rates -

For Lawrence Weston beat – up 2.9% which is not a massive amount but when you consider the decrease in crime on this beat this is fairly significant.

Good work

<u>Sea Mills –</u>

A small spike in the number of Theft from Vehicles Offences took place in The Dingle Car Park. Posters were placed reminding people of this problem, a prolific offender for this type of offence was arrested committing a crime at the location following some excellent pro active work.

Shirehampton -

Have had a recent spate of TFMV where vehicles will tools are being targeted. This was mainly around the Golf Club car park & high Street area. Targeted area / letter drops / notes on vehicles etc - no up to date crimes.

Increase of burglaries in Shirehampton & Avonmouth over the June period. Beat Team continued patrols, targeting & following up burglaries 2 arrested by PCT.

Lawrence Weston -

One main area of Police work on Drug offences has resulted in 12 adults being arrested. The majority of theses have already been prosecuted but 2 are still awaiting the completion of the investigations. Some of these investigations have needed the use of many support services such as specialist dog units, CSI and forensic services and many other specialist teams. The results for the 3 month period are 4 Cannabis factories dismantled and destroyed, Class A and Class B drugs recovered. This has had a local impact on drug supply network as well as gleaning better information on the local trends and practices.

