



Agenda Item No:4b

Minutes of the Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership

Friday, 8th August 2014- 3 pm

Members Present: -

Councillor Matt Melias (Avonmouth Ward) and Councillor Tim Leaman and (Kingsweston Ward)

Partners: (Representing Lawrence Weston, Sea Mills, Shirehampton and Avonmouth)

John Bees, David Thomas, Andy Horrick, Tim Scott, John Musse, Mark Pepper.

Officers:

Keith Houghton (KH) (Coordinator), Karen Blong (DSO)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wayne Harvey and Jason Budd and resident representatives Val Pospischil and Mr Osman.

2. Welcome and Introductions

John Bees took the Chair. A working group would be arranged to consider the process for electing a chair for the forthcoming year.

3. Declarations of Interest

Resident representative David Thomas declared an interest regarding the Wellbeing application as a member of the Shirehampton Community Action Forum (SCAF).

4. Public Forum

None

5. Wellbeing Report

David Thomas was asked to provide the Partnership with an overview of the Shirehampton Community Action Forum (SCAF) Wellbeing application for £1500 which would be a contribution towards salary costs.

The following was noted –

- The long-established group had developed into a PACT and depended on the work of Ash Bearman. The Chair was noted as by Amanda Patterson.
- The partnership had been historically held up as the model around the rest of the city.
- The main grant from BCC has been lost a couple of years ago and the group had subsequently struggled to survive.
- A charitable trust has offered to provide match funding to support SCAF funding.

The following was noted as part of the discussion –

- Using Wellbeing funding to pay salaries could be questionable and the Area Co-ordinator was asked to liaise with the organisation to discuss alternative funding options for the future.
- Members requested more detailed information in the future related to the benefits to residents, this could include an evaluation of benefits retrospectively.
- Should the application be granted the total amount of wellbeing funding remaining would be £14,875 (not £17,875 as stated in the report).

RESOLVED –

- 1. To note the Wellbeing Grant budget for 2014/ 2015 and the remaining funding available for 2014/15;**
- 2. To approve the Wellbeing Grant recommended by the assessment panel and notes the remaining Wellbeing Fund if this grant is approved. (Item 2)**

6. Any other Business

Following a query from David Thomas regarding Green Capital small grant, the Area Co-ordinator confirmed that a criteria meeting would be in September to discuss allocation of funding. A strategic approach would be required.

The meeting ended at 3.40 pm.