



Agenda Item No:4b

# Minutes of the Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership

## Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014- 3 pm

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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.