

**BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PARTNERSHIP  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

**Report of : Jenny Hoadley, Chair of the Grants Task Group  
Title: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE  
WELLBEING FUND**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) The Wellbeing budget stands at £37,233.51. The following organisations recommended to be funded, in full or in part, amounts to a total of £31,825:
  - a) *Horfield and District Allotment Association*  
Build 2 accessible pond dipping forms over community pond
  - b) *Sefton Park Scorpions Football Club*  
Set-up costs for children's football club to include cost of pitch hire, coaches etc
  - c) *Pied Piper Pre-school Play group*  
Improve an outside space to provide outside play area
  - d) *Redland and Cotham Amenities Society*  
Cotham Gardens Play Equipment
  - e) *Horfield Organic Community Orchard*  
Development of a small garden orchard as demonstration plot
  - f) *Redland Green School*  
Young People's Project to raise engagement with young people through a website to encourage consultation
  - g) *Phoenix Films Bristol*  
Young children's film making project and public event in St Andrews Park
  - h) *Ashley Down School PTFA*  
Purchase of musical instruments to enable all key stage 2 children to learn an instrument
  - i) *Ashley Down School PTFA Infants school*  
Costs to help run and purchase equipment for school's Gardening Club
  - j) *BCR NP Street Scene Group*  
Reduce illegal fly-posting by coating surfaces with anti-graffiti coating
  - k) *Gloucester Road Traders Association*  
Collection boxes to encourage donations for hanging baskets on Gloucester Road
  - l) *Friends of St Andrew's Park*  
Drama and performance events in St Andrew's Park
  - m) *63<sup>rd</sup> Bristol Scouts Sefton park*  
Costs for preparing for the new build of the scout hut, e.g. architects fees, legal fees etc
  - n) *Westbury Park Foxes Junior Football Club*  
Football kit and coaches costs for junior football team

- o) *Bristol Rovers Football in the Community*  
“Extra time”: a weekly club for local older people (including dementia) to take part in social and physical activity
  - p) *BCR NP Street Trees*  
Plant 8 high impact street trees in BCR area
  - q) *Metford Rd Allotment Assoc: Community Orchard site*  
Replace old steps on sloping site to improve access and safely
- 2) The following organisations are not recommended for funding:
- a) *Tango West*  
Under floor heating to the community hall
  - b) *Redland and Cotham Amenities Society*  
Repainting of Cotham Garden railings
  - c) *Redland and Cotham Amenities Association*  
Provision of 2 dog waste bins
  - d) *Friends of St Andrews Park*  
Improve access to wild life pond
  - e) *Carers Support Centre*  
Workshops for carers to improve the support they receive
- 3) It is recommended that the following projects would be appropriate for full or part funding in the future providing that there was Partnership staff time committed to re-vamp the applications with the applicants:
- a) *Gloucester Rd Traders Association*  
Short term admin support to assist the BID and other activities
  - b) *St Andrews Park Bowling Club*  
Improvements to boundary within the Park
  - c) *Ardagh Toddler Group*  
renovation of changing room to accommodate babies group and disabled children’s playgroup
- 4) It is recommended that the revised APE application for after school play sessions on Horfield Common be accepted in order to release funding already committed at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on June 18th 2012
- 5) It is recommended that there are no changes for 2013/4 in the current grant criteria agreed for 2012/13.
- 6) It is recommended that the grant deadlines for 2013/4 to be:  
**May 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**, grants to be agreed at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2013  
**September 6<sup>th</sup> 2013**, grants to be agreed at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2013

## 1 Recommended grant applications

1.1 The total amount of grant aid requested was over £100,000 from 25 applicants. All applicants bar one met the current criteria and priorities.

1.2 The considerations we took into account in deciding whether to fund, at all, or whether to part fund or fund in full included:

- The size of grant requested
- Whether the applications overall covered the broad spread of the criteria (i.e. support funding for criteria rarely or never previously funded)
- The furtherance of the sustainability of the activity by seed funding at this point
- Where part-funding, to fund those aspects which were more difficult to be funded from charitable sources
- Whether other funds, or volunteer labour were being accessed.

1.3 Below is a summary of the applications and comments by the Grants Task Group.

Organisation	Purpose	Priorities met (code in 4) below)	Targeted area	Amount requested	Amount recommended
<i>Horfield and District Allotment Association</i>	Build 2 accessible pond dipping forms over community pond	3,4,5i), iii), iv)	Bishopston	£500	£500
<i>Sefton Park Scorpions Football Club</i>	Set-up costs for children's football club to include cost of pitch hire, coaches etc	4	Bishopston and Redland	£9,697	£6,900
<i>Pied Piper Pre-school Play group</i>	Improve an outside space to provide outside play area	4	Bishopston	£1535	£490
<i>Redland and Cotham Amenities Society</i>	Play equipment for Cotham Gardens and re-instate wall and repair seating surround	3, 4	Cotham	£10,000	£4,000

<i>Horfield Organic Community Orchard</i>	Development of a small garden orchard as demonstration plot	5v	Redland Bishopston	£1100	£1100
<i>Redland Green School</i>	Young People's Project to raise engagement with young people and to produce website to encourage consultation with young people	4	Redland Cotham	£1450	£1000
<i>Phoenix Films Bristol</i>	"Silent Movies in the Park" project: young children's film making project and public event in St Andrews Park	4, 5ii)	Redland Bishopston	£1890	£1890
<i>Ashley Down School PTFA</i>	Purchase of musical instruments to enable all key stage 2 children to learn an instrument	4	Bishopston	£500	£500
<i>Ashley Down School PTFA Infants school</i>	Costs to help run and purchase equipment for school's Gardening Club	3,4	Bishopston	£180	£180

<i>BCR NP Street Scene Group</i>	Reduce illegal fly-posting by coating surfaces with anti-graffiti coating	2	Bishopston	£2,000	£2,000
<i>Gloucester Road Traders Association</i>	Collection boxes for donations for hanging baskets on Gloucester Road	2	Redland Bishopston	£500	£500
<i>Friends of St Andrew's Park</i>	Drama and performance events in St Andrew's Park in July 2013	3,4,5ii)	Redland Bishopston	£4,000	£,4000
<i>63<sup>rd</sup> Bristol Scouts Sefton Park</i>	Costs for preparing for the new build of the scout hut, e.g. architects fees, legal fees etc	4,5	Bishopston Redland	£24,945	£300
<i>Westbury Park Foxes Junior Football Club</i>	Football kit and coaches costs for junior football team	4	Redland Cotham	£1,100	£670
<i>Bristol Rovers Football in the Community</i>	"Extra time": a weekly club for local older people (including dementia) to take part in social and physical activity (one hour of each)	5iii)	Bishopston	£4,988	£,1670

<i>BCR NP Street Trees</i>	Plant 8 high impact street trees in BCR area	2,3	All	£14,870	£4,400
<i>Metford Rd Allotment Assoc: Community Orchard site</i>	Replace old steps on sloping site to improve access and safely	3,4,5	Redland	£1,725	£1,725

#### 1.4 Background to the recommendations:

##### 1.4.1 *Horfield and District Allotment Association*

This is a well used resource by local groups and families. A lot of time has been invested in a working relationship with Bishop Road School. It will use volunteer labour and some funds from other sources have been sought.

##### 1.4.2 *Sefton Park Scorpions Football Club*

This club had been attached to another club but this could not be sustained. In addition it lost access to the Brunel playing Field, which was sold for development, and the compensating 5 year lease for use of the Redland Green School playing fields negotiated by the Council for 5 years, has run out. We felt it was important to support sporting activities for young people in the Olympics year. The sum recommended would underwrite the playing fields lease for 5 years, so enabling the Club the security of knowing it could then approach other sponsors for the cost of coaching FA fees, kit and other expenses.

##### 1.4.3 *Pied Piper Pre-school Play group*

In a densely populated ward, any safe outdoor space is at a premium. The playgroup have already raised some funds and most of the work would be done by the parents. The sum recommended would cover the cost of a professional carpenter for the structural work.

##### 1.4.4 *Redland and Cotham Amenities Society (Cotham Gardens)*

The Subgroup felt that the maintenance of the 15 year old play equipment and the wall and seating surround were Council responsibilities to be funded from its mainstream budget. It felt it was not appropriate for the Wellbeing Fund to be used to prop up a failed maintenance programme or that it should be used to fund something which might have been funded through the Parks Capital Stimulus Fund. However, we recognise that this is a popular play area for local families and only children would suffer if play equipment were not available. So we recommend that 50% only of the play equipment and the delivery charge be funded: it is hoped that this would give sufficient impetus for local residents to fundraise for the rest, if Council funds in 2013/4 were not available. ARCAS has already raised a lot of money to fund other improvements in the Gardens.

#### 1.4.5 *Horfield Organic Community Orchard*

This was a detailed application for an innovative project, the first to be funded under the food sustainability criterion. The Subgroup is recommending the full amount to cover, materials, educational display panels, plants etc. HOCO has already raised additional money and the work will be done by HOCO volunteers. It recruits members new to urban fruit growing and has several public events each year to further disseminate the knowledge developed through the demonstration plot and its website.

#### 1.4.6 *Redland Green School*

This is a project promoted by our NDO as a way of encouraging young people to voice their views about what would promote their wellbeing within their local community. As this underpins directly the *raison d'être* of the Neighbourhood Partnership, we recommend funding this in its entirety from Partnership funds: ie £1000 from the Wellbeing budget and £450 from the Communication and Engagement budget. The funding would cover planning meeting and workshops with young people and the building of the website: the School would then agree to future maintenance. (The Subgroup takes the view that if Cotham School in the future wished to be involved in a scheme which similarly engaged young people, then the Partnership should be prepared to seed-fund the project.)

#### 1.4.7 *Phoenix Films Bristol*

The Partnership has funded few community arts projects. This is an established film-maker group which is an unincorporated community association. It wishes to set up a free afterschool film education and practical film making course at Sefton Park School to make a film. This would be shown as part of a free series of events, including the screening of Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid" on a day in September 2013 in St Andrews Park. The Subgroup felt this was an exciting arts event with a broad appeal but which enabled local children to be involved. It recommends the full amount as the professional input is being offered at below the usual rate. However the Partnership should stipulate a condition: that the event should be used as a major platform for raising money through donations for further arts events locally and as an opportunity for the Neighbourhood Partnership to have publicity

#### 1.4.8 *Ashley Down School PSA*

The Subgroup felt these were both highly beneficial projects to extend the experience of children living in this area. The music project is also being funded by the PSA and the school and so the grant would be a small top up to the total amount. The gardening club has won awards in the past but the beds have been damaged when new planters were added, so the modest amount requested is a contribution to the total cost covered by the PSA.

#### 1.4.9 *BCR NP Street Scene Group*

This is the final section of the Gloucester Rd to be cleared of flyposting from street furniture, and illegal advertising from lamp posts. The Subgroup felt that so much hard work had been successful on the lower part of the Gloucester Rd, that it is seemed only sensible to complete the job. Apart from enhancing the street scene in its own terms, it would contribute to maintaining this area as a thriving economic concern.

#### 1.4.10 *Gloucester Road Traders Association*

Hanging baskets along the Gloucester Rd totalling £7,500 is envisaged for 2013 - £2,000 has already been vired by the Partnership from the Planters budget on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2012. The £500 is for sturdy lockable collection boxes for donations from the public to be placed in shops or at meetings held by local community groups like the Bishopston Society. This model has worked well in the Westbury-on-Trym area over the last few years and there is no reason to expect it not to work in this area. The Subgroup felt that for a small capital outlay, the Traders Association could collect donations in a professional manner in the future.

#### 1.4.11 *Friends of St Andrew's Park*

This is another welcome application for community arts (see 1.4.7 above). This group has managed arts projects in the past so it seemed appropriate to grant the full amount requested. It represents less than 50% of the total which FoSAP is going raise through charitable applications and sponsorship. However, as in 1.4.7, the Partnership should stipulate a condition: that the event should be used as a major platform for raising money through donations for further arts events locally and as an opportunity for the Neighbourhood Partnership to have publicity.

#### 1.4.12 *63<sup>rd</sup> Bristol Scouts Sefton Park*

As this group has already received £64,000 through s106, it felt that in this financial year, given the demand on the Wellbeing budget, it would only fund a small mini project, part of the pre-bilding preparation, which involves the young people: a weekend archaeological project to further test a geophysical scan already carried out on the site.

#### 1.4.13 *Westbury Park Foxes Junior Football Club*

As it is the Olympics year the Subgroup felt the Partnership should be seen to support sporting activities. This club is extending its activities to include a year 7 team and in addition, as with all clubs, it is faced by increased FA charges which are compulsory. The £670 would cover these and the "Coach the Coaches" project which is run by the City Council.

#### 1.4.14 *Bristol Rovers Football in the Community*

The Extra Time Club, run by a registered charity, has been funded by the Football Foundation since 2009. However the Foundation has decided to support sport exclusively so has withdrawn its support from community activities. The Partnership has had few applications for



support of activities for older people so the Subgroup wanted to offer some support for this in an area less well off than the rest of the Partnership. It supported the group's use of young apprentice footballers as volunteers to the paid staff, but felt that its usage could be increased so providing a greater value for money. There have been discussions with BRFC to make applications in the next financial year to both Horfield and Henleaze Neighbourhood Partnerships which lie in its catchment area. In the meantime, the Subgroup recommends that this Partnership pays its one-third share in this financial year to ensure the club can continue to function in the meantime. It would also recommend that, as a condition, BRFC worked with the NDO's and other voluntary bodies like VOSCUR to improve its efficiency and develop a long-term sustainable strategy.

#### 1.4.15 *BCR NP Street Trees*

The Subgroup noted that two of the eight sites are still to be finalised. Although recognising the need to increase the tree canopy, and appreciating that street trees are very popular with local residents, the Subgroup is recommending only £4,400 (ie two trees) in this financial year because of the demand on the Wellbeing Fund.

#### 1.4.16 *Metford Rd Allotment Assoc: Community Orchard site*

As with 1.4.5 above, this is the second application which meets the food sustainability criterion. This is a difficult sloping site so the replacement of existing steps is an important safety issue, but also one which would enhance accessibility to those with physical mobility difficulties – it has a relationship with Claremont School and over 50% of its adult volunteers are over 55. The Subgroup particularly liked the fact that part of the grant would be used to pay CSV to make the first series but also to train the volunteers how to do it properly. The volunteers would then make the second set themselves: the rest of the grant pays for the materials for both.

## 2 **Applications not recommended for funding**

2.1 The following applications are not recommended for funding in 2012/13 due to pressure on the budget, but could be considered if there was a re-application next year but without preference:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Priorities met (code in 4) below)</b>	<b>Targeted area</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<i>Tango West</i>	Under floor heating to the community hall	Not a priority area	Cotham Redland	£2,000

<i>Friends of St Andrews Park</i>	Improve access to wild life pond	3,4	Redland Bishopston	£4,000
<i>Carers Support Centre</i>	Workshops for carers to improve the support they receive	5iv)	All	£500

### 2.1.1 *Tango West*

This organisation received a grant in 2010/11, under the criterion of " 5) Improving the lives of people living in the neighbourhood". However since then the Partnership has narrowed down the field to the priorities i) to v) so the Subgroup felt that this application was not a priority given the demand on the budget.

### 2.1.2 *Friends of St Andrews Park*

Certainly there needs work to be done but the Subgroup did not feel it was urgent for 2012/13. FoSAP is already being recommended to receive a grant (1.4.11 above), and have already received a small grant from the Wellbeing Fund in 2012/13 as well as substantial money from the Council for tree planting. There is also a possibility that there may be s106 money available.

### 2.1.3 *Carers Support Centre*

The application was not detailed in itself for the Subgroup to feel that it should be funded. Additional information was requested but was not available when the Subgroup re-met. Consequently the Subgroup has suggested that the organisation may wish to re-apply next year.

2.1.4 The Subgroup felt that the following applications should not be funded through the Wellbeing Fund but from the Council's mainstream budget.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Priorities met (code in 4) below)</b>	<b>Targeted area</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<i>Redland and Cotham Amenities Society</i>	Repainting of Cotham Garden railings	3	Cotham	£7,000
<i>Redland and Cotham Amenities Association</i>	Provision of 2 dog waste bins	3	Cotham	£1,600

The views of the Subgroup expressed in 1.1.4 above apply to these two applications too: the railings are a maintenance issue for the Council; there were two dog bins originally provided and for reasons unknown to

the Subgroup they have disappeared. Neither of these should be funded through the Wellbeing Budget, which was created to provide “additionality” to mainstream provision. Further concerns about these applications are expanded in paragraph 3.4 below.

### 3 Future Development Projects

The following projects were considered appropriate of future funding but the applications require some developmental support from the NDO and the Co-ordinator:

Organisation	Purpose	Priorities met (code in 4) below)	Targeted area	Amount requested
<i>Gloucester Rd Traders Association</i>	Short term admin support to assist the BID and other activities	7	Bishopston Redland	£2000
<i>St Andrews Park Bowling Club</i>	Improvements to boundary within the Park	3	Redland Bishopston	£4808
<i>Ardagh Toddler Group</i>	Renovation of changing room to accommodate babies group and disabled childrens playgroup	4, 5i)	Bishopston	£2,565

#### 3.1 *Gloucester Rd Traders Association*

Support for the traders on the Gloucester Road is required in the current economic situation, as has been the case in the Cotham Hill/Whiteladies Road area. However the Subgroup was concerned about the governance of the proposed worker and was unconvinced by the very broad job description. It was also felt that a 6 month position was probably not sufficient to make an impact. The Co-ordinator would be willing to work with the GRTA and bring in other Council officers where appropriate if the Partnership agrees that it would welcome an application in the future.

#### 3.2 *St Andrews Park Bowling Club*

It was agreed that the leylandii boundary of the bowling club is unsightly, but so are the other boundaries. However the Subgroup wanted more evidence that there was a sustainable plan worked out between the Bowling Club and FoSAP and the Council for the entire boundary. The proposed railings are expensive and require maintenance so it was hoped that other cheaper alternatives could be considered. More work to support the Bowling Club in developing the application could be undertaken where the Partnership felt this could be a future priority.

### 3.3 *Ardagh Toddler Group*

The Subgroup agreed that the application provided evidence of the need for both of these groups. However because the long-term future of the building is unknown and it was unclear whether the plans had already been agreed with the Council as the landlord, it was felt to be unwise to recommend this without more discussion with the relevant Council officers.

## 4 **The APE re-application**

The Subgroup recommends that the money previously agreed should be released to enable this group to start its play sessions. The application contained supportive statements from local organisations which had been approached including Friends of Horfield Common.

## 5 **Criteria**

### 5.1 The criteria for 2012/13 are:

- (1) Local traffic and transport
- (2) Improving the built environment and street scene
- (3) Parks and green spaces and trees
- (4) Young people
- (5) Improving the lives of people living in the neighbourhood, the main priorities for 2011/12 being:
  - i. neighbourliness
  - ii. local arts where they are likely to appeal to a wide section of the community
  - iii. provision and facilities which engage with people facing social disadvantage
  - iv. activities which support carers and the “cared for”
  - v. schemes about food sustainability to encourage people to “grow-their-own” fruit and vegetables
- (6) Improving relations and communication between local businesses and residents
- (7) Supporting the small business community
- (8) Enabling all people to feel safe in public spaces

### 5.2 The Subgroup recommends there is no change in the criteria for 2013/4

## 3 **The Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14**

### 3.1 If the recommendations for funding are agreed, the Wellbeing fund will stand at £5,408.51. This can be rolled forward to 2013/14.

- 3.2 Despite the demand this year on the fund, the Subgroup felt it was important not to spend all the money in order to:
- contribute towards those applications which have been refused this year and are likely to re-apply next year
  - contribute towards the Communications and Engagement budget for any major consultation projects the Partnership may wish to undertake
  - send a message to local groups that they must seek other charitable sources and that the Wellbeing Fund can only provide *small* amounts of capital money.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the final deadlines for 2013/14 are May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>. This then would allow the last Neighbourhood Partnership meeting of the financial year in January 2014 to finalise any outstanding issues.
- 3.3 Articles will be published in both *Bishopston Matters* and the *Redland and Westbury Park Directory* advertising the deadlines, as well as on the Bishopston Society website.
- 3.4 The Subgroup was particularly concerned by the applications for Cotham Gardens. The Subgroup has already expressed its views about protecting the “additionality” concept of the Wellbeing fund in paragraphs 1.14 and 2.1.4. It wishes for clarification about exactly what the mainstream budget for the Parks in our Partnership area will cover in future. If, however, general maintenance is to become a Partnership responsibility then the Councillors will need to consider in future topslicing the Wellbeing budget for this purpose. The Subgroup expects this issue to be resolved before it meets in May to consider the applications which meet the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.