

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DUNDRY VIEW  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON  
MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.00 P.M.  
AT HEADLEY PARK CHURCH, ST PETER'S RISE  
HEADLEY PARK, BRISTOL BS13 7LZ**

**PRESENT:**

**Ward Councillors:**

P.	Councillor Eddy	Bishopsworth Ward
P.	Councillor Quartley	Bishopsworth Ward
P.	Councillor Brain	Hartcliffe Ward
P.	Councillor Pickup	Hartcliffe Ward
A.	Councillor Holland	Whitchurch Park Ward
A.	Councillor Kent	Whitchurch Park Ward

**Other members of Partnership:**

P.	Diana Porter	Resident (Bishopsworth)
P.	Don Smith	Resident (Bishopsworth)
P.	Bob Giles	Resident (Hartcliffe)
P.	Lorraine Horgan	Resident (Hartcliffe)
P.	Mike Knight	Local business
P.	Geoff Woodburn	Resident (Whitchurch Park)
A.	TBC	Voluntary Sector rep
A.	TBC	Equalities representative

**Officer Attendance:**

Keith Houghton	BCC Area Co-ordinator
Karen Blong	BCC Democratic Services
Heather Williams	Community Partnership Manager, HWCP

Approximately 27 members of the public were in attendance, including 6 young people from the skateboarding community.

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Quartley (Vice-Chair) took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Holland.

The Chair welcomed councillors, partners and members of the public to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Holland and Kent.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

None had been received by the formal deadline.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP ITEMS**

### **4. RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE BISHOPSWORTH POOL SITE**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator, (Agenda Item No. 4) setting out the recommendation for the future use of the Bishopsworth pool site.

Richard Eddy addressed the partnership as the Chairman of the Bishopsworth pool steering group. The first public meeting about the pool site took place 21 months ago. Thorough consultation has taken place with the local community. Officers involved were thanked for their hard work – Keith Houghton (Area Co-ordinator), Jason Baily (Corporate Property) and Heather Williams (HWCP Community Partnership Manager).

Keith Houghton presented the report, noting the following:

- At a meeting in March 2013 the NP asked the steering group to explore two options further - 'Option A (village hub) and Option B (skateboard centre). The NP requested that in particular, consultation should focus on engaging with young people. The following was arranged (further details on page 4 of the report):
  - The steering group set up a week of consultation on the recommendation to deliver a combined Village Hub and Indoor Skate Park option.
  - Letters and questionnaires were delivered to the houses surrounding the pool site and an online survey was publicised.

- Banners were placed on the pool site gates advertising a workshop on the 11th January.
- The Bristol Post published two articles and Heather Williams attended Radio Bristol to provide a live interview.
- Bristol Youth links and Learning Partnership West spoke to young people's community groups and young people in schools.

The results of the consultation (page 5 – 7 of the report) indicated support for the proposals – 95% of responses were in favour of the recommended future use of the site.

The Neighbourhood Partnership and members of the public were invited to ask questions and comment. The following was noted as part of the discussion:

- Cllr Eddy indicated his support for the recommendations. The not for profit organisation would provide a facility for young people. The skate park and the community hub would make a positive community contribution.
- Geoff Woodburn suggested that a female attendant should be present in case of incidents with young females at the facility.
- Cllr Pickup noted that the young people had engaged with the consultation, indicating an interest in the actions of the Council. Facilities for young people in Hartcliffe and Bishopsworth had reduced due to lack of funding and the proposal provided a facility for the whole community. The not for profit organisation had successfully operated facilities in other parts of the city and would provide a challenging, positive and engaging activities which would be positive for the community.
- Mike Knight, Steering group member indicated support for Cllr Pickups comments. Steering group members had visited a similar facility in Winterbourne which had provided re-assurance that noise levels were low. The proposed operator had indicated they would consider expanding to include other physical exercises and the steering group were confident that the proposal would be good for the area. The Police in Winterbourne had confirmed that the incidence of antisocial behaviour had reduced when the facility changed from a youth centre to a skate park. The proposed operators were highly qualified in youth work and had the experience to run the facility well.

- Clive Boyd, Resident on Whitchurch Road, indicated he was against the proposal, suggesting the site should be used for housing. Mr Boyd noted concerns about the look of the building and the potential increase in drug use by children in the area.
- Keith Houghton, Area Co-ordinator referred to a consultation workshop in February 2012. Very few members of the community indicated support for new housing on the site. The majority of residents supported the recommendations.
- Cllr Brain suggested that young people should be encouraged to do exercise and sport: the proposed facility would provide this opportunity.
- Six young people were in attendance to support the facility and highlighted the following:
  - Activities outside were difficult due to the bad weather. The proposed facility would provide indoor space for skateboarding and other activities.
  - Security would not be a concern as the facility would have measures in place such as CCTV which would detect illegal activity.
  - Other skate parks in Bristol were difficult to access. Young people were skating in car park which was not allowed. BMX riders could also use the facility and girls could be encouraged to learn to skateboard in a safe environment.
- A local resident expressed support for the recommendations, noting no drug use had ever been witnessed in the area. Noise levels were not a concern when the building was used as a swimming pool.
- Reference was made the new war memorial at the British Legion.

After discussion:

#### **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED:**

- 1 That the former Bishopsworth Pool site should be developed to include:**

**An indoor Skate Park with café, skate shop and meeting space;  
and  
an outdoor Village Hub with a war memorial space; parking and  
community events space and gardens**

**and the NP welcomes on-going negotiations with Transitions  
CIC to achieve this recommended development through the  
Community Asset Transfer Policy**

- 2. That the proposed next steps proposed by the Steering Group,  
set out in Paragraph 4 of the report, be approved.**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE ITEMS**

### **5. WELLBEING FUND REVIEW REPORT**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 5) on applications for grant funding from the wellbeing budget.

Keith Houghton, Area Co-ordinator provided the Neighbourhood Partnership with an overview of the changes detailed in the report which related to:

- The Wellbeing Fund Panel Terms of Reference
- Wellbeing Application form
- Wellbeing Fund criteria
- Wellbeing Panel assessment process.

The NP Councillors agreed each proposed change.

### **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the recommended changes to the Wellbeing Fund Panel Terms of Reference, Wellbeing application form; Wellbeing Fund criteria and Wellbeing Panel assessment process set out in Sections 2.1; 2.2; 2.3; 2.4 of the report be approved; and**
- (2) That the legal information which guides all decisions about wellbeing grant funding be noted.**

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7 pm.

(The meeting ended at 7.50 pm)

CHAIR