



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP Monday 3rd December 2012

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Title: Well Being Report

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The NP note the current Well Being budget and to discuss possible options for ensuring the Well Being budget is spent/committed by the end of March 2013
- The NP discuss and agree the Well Being Panel recommendations as set out in Table 1.
- The NP note the latest monitoring update of Well Being Grant recipients

1. Current budget situation

The Well Being Panel met on Tuesday 6th November. The AC wasn't present. Its recommendations are set out in table 1 below. This was the third panel meeting of 2012/13.

Total Well Being at start of this year: **£36, 150.85**. This figure comprises the £30k for 2012/13 and £6,150.85 carried forward as unspent from £2011/12

The current balance in the HSBWOT Well Being Fund is £31,634.53. If the NP agrees the recommendations set out below, this will leave **£28,200.55** for the remainder of the year.

The difficulty experienced in paying the **£660** approved at the June meeting to the residents of Lawrence Grove has been resolved. The BCC Tree Team refunded the money to the residents. A subsequent transfer from the BCR Well Being budget to the Tree Team was made.

I would like to express my concern that the NP is heading for a significant under-spend on this year's Well Being budget.

The NP is again reminded that it has the capacity to spend the Well Being Fund on projects of its own choosing and not just on small grants. As a matter of urgency, please will the NP consider possible projects to ensure that a significant majority of its funds are spent or committed by the end of March 2013?

2. Well Being Panel Recommendations

Table 1

Name	What do they do	What is application for	How much Requested £	Equal opps policy	Discussion and Recommendation
NP Transport Working Group	The NP's Transport and Highways Working Group. Works to improve highways and traffic in NP area	An upgrade to the use of a digital phone line to improve communication between the 4 sets of traffic lights on Falcondale Road, as per recommendation 1 of Falcondale Road Traffic Signal Report (April 2012)	2,000.00	Yes	Majority of the Well Being Panel recommended funding this project. Recommendation: Fund Fully
Westbury Park Community Association	WPCA is a community organisation that aims to improve life for residents of Westbury Park., including by publicising local activities and events	3 notice boards. The permissions for siting of the boards have been agreed.	874.00	Not yet	The panel was concerned that the costs were exclusive of VAT. The panel agreed the amount applied for and that if a revised amount (including VAT was needed, it was to receive notice of this within 7 days. Afternote: AC can confirm that the notice board provider is on the BCC provider list and can purchase the boards direct, exclusive of VAT. Recommendation: Fund Fully
The Henleaze Society	To improve the amenities in Henleaze and to improve and enrich its quality of life	Henleaze Heritage Trails. Production of leaflets for public use	559.78	Yes	Approved on condition that a copy of the quote for the leaflet production is provided. Recommendation: Fund Fully (subject to condition)

2. Update on Well Being Grant monitoring. 3rd December 2012

Applications passed at 6th December 2010 NP:

Henleaze Society - Henleaze Hedge (£1,300). This project has not been completed. Money still held. Further discussion needed.

Applications passed at 21st September 2011NP:

Southmead Neighbourhood Police Team. Student safety advice (£500). Monitoring forms sent Tuesday 8th May. Reminder sent August 2012.

Sustainable W-o-T. Community allotment near Stoke Lane (£596). Monitoring received. **Closed**

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland. Community notice boards (£952.80). Additional funds (£252) needed for completion.

Chess in Schools and the Community. Chess for children (£2500). Monitoring sent August 2012. Reminder sent November 2012

Residents of South Dene. Tree planting in road (£530). Work complete. Have receive acknowledgement from BCC Tree officer. **Closed**

Applications passed a 7th December 2011NP:

Henleaze Society. Tree removal – Old Quarry Park (£2,950). Work complete. Tree officer has confirmed. **Closed**

W-o-T Village Hall. New boiler (£1,498). Monitoring received. **Closed**

W-o-T Country Market. Advertising banner. (£150). Monitoring letter sent August 2012. Follow up letter sent November 2012

Anti-graffiti Group. Removal equipment (£75) Monitoring letter sent August 2012. Received. **Closed**

Bristol Neighbourhood Watch. Training for Co-ordinators (£820). Monitoring received. **Closed**

Applications passed at 29th February 2012NP:

Henleaze Society Flood alleviation (£2,200). Work completed by BCC. No report expected. **Closed**

Stoke Bishop Community Association. Sound system for village hall (£3,000). Received. **Closed**

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland. Dog bins. (£3,000). Installed by BCC. No report expected. **Closed**

Applications passed at 20th June 2012NP:

Lawrence Grove Residents. Refund of cost of removing replacing two trees (£660). Officers exploring way in which this money can be refunded within BCC regulations. Money transferred. No monitoring expected. **Closed**

Applications passed at 24th September 2012 NP:

Sneed Park Nature Reserve. Access improvements (£1,192.80).

Safer Routes To School. Environmental improvements to Choc Lane (£1,411.52).

Phoenix Hedge Preservation Society. Environmental improvements and information (£1,000).

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland. Notice board for Stoke Lane (£252).

3. Legal Information

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to :

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.