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AGENDA ITEM NO 4

**Horfield and Lockleaze
Neighbourhood Partnership
6.00 pm on Thursday 17 September 2015**

Present:

(A) De-notes absence (P) De-notes present

Ward Councillors

Horfield Councillors – Claire Hiscott (P) and Olly Mead (P)
Lockleaze Councillors – Gill Kirk (P) and Estella Tincknell (P)

Partners

Representatives of people who live and work in the Neighbourhoods of Horfield and Lockleaze

Fiona Deas (P) – Horfield Resident
Martyn Chinn (A) - Lockleaze Resident
Steve Barrett (A) - Horfield Resident
Anna George (P) - Horfield Resident & Chair Environment Group
Robert Hall (P) – Lockleaze Resident
Joy Langley (A) – Lockleaze Resident
Alderman Bill Martin (A) - Horfield Resident & Deputy Chair of Upper
Horfield Community Trust
Tamsin Evans (A) – Chair Grants Group & United Communities Horfield and
Lockleaze

Frances Robertson (A) – Horfield Resident & Chair Traffic and Transport Group

Other Interested parties:

Sally Gapper	North Bristol Advice Centre
David Parry	Buzz Lockleaze
Jayne Whittlestone	United Communities Housing Association
Kate Whitfield	Lockleaze resident
Nigel Currie	Conservative councillor candidate for Horfield
For item 8 only	
Rose Richards	Groundwork South
Rose Cooper	Learning Partnership West
Tim Cooper	Groundwork South
Rob Farrow	Learning Partnership West
Hayden Kroll	Lockleaze resident & Vench user
Tyler	Lockleaze resident & Vench user
Lenna	Lockleaze resident & Vench user

Other users of the Vench were also in attendance

Also in attendance:

Sarah O'Driscoll	BCC, Service Manager City Planning
Caroline Hollies	BCC, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator
Ruth Quantock	BCC, Democratic Services
Mike Innes	Lockleaze sports development at Bonnington Road
Alex Wood	Lockleaze resident & BCC Health Promotion Specialist

1. Welcome and introductions

The Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

It was noted that the meeting was not currently quorate (the quorum for meetings of the Neighbourhood Partnership is one half of voting members, to include at least two ward councillors and two other members), however Cllr Hiscott had indicated that she would be a little bit late so the NP meeting would hopefully become quorate in due course.

2. Apologies for absence

Joy Langley, Tamsin Evans, Steve Barratt, Paul Bolton-Jones (Mark Runacres replacement) and Martyn Chinn

3. Voting in the Chair

The Democratic Services Officer explained that no nominations had been received for Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership. She indicated that a

suggestion had therefore been put forward by the Cllrs that when the meetings are held in Lockleaze, one of the Lockleaze Ward Cllrs would chair the meeting and likewise when the meetings are held in Horfield, one of the Horfield Cllrs would chair the meetings. This was felt to be a good idea and was agreed in principle by partners present subject to formal ratification once the meeting was quorate. As Neighbourhood Committee Chair Cllr Kirk agreed to chair the NP meeting in the meantime.

Later in the meeting when the NP was quorate, voting in the Chair was revisited.

The Neighbourhood Partnership resolved that Cllrs on the NP would rotate the Charing of the NP depending on whether the meeting was being held in Horfield or Lockleaze.

4. S106 proposal for the The Vench, Lockleaze Adventure Playground

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Tim Cooper, Groundwork South (agenda item 8) which asked the Neighbourhood Committee to agree to the allocation of £43,000 S106 funding for the completion of Stage 2 of the development of The Vench and agreement 'in principle' for the remaining S106 budget to be allocated to Stage 3 subject to a further report in December 2015.

Cllrs Mead arrived shortly after the start of this item (meeting was quorate from this point) and Cllr Hiscott arrived soon afterwards.

Groundwork South is a registered charity with a proven track record in environmental and social regeneration, providing high quality sustainable projects across the South of England. Groundwork South work with communities to:

- Create and improve green spaces for community benefit and to reconnect people with nature
- Provide training and support to those furthest from the job market back into work especially young people
- Promote greener living and working to help families and individuals to save money, resources and reduce waste

Groundworks South are experienced in the building and maintaining of playgrounds, including adventure playgrounds. Groundwork South currently manage Lockleaze Youth and Play Space – the Vench, under a rolling short term 'licence to occupy' whilst waiting for the finalisation of a 15 year lease.

Youth and Play services are delivered on the site by Learning Partnership West as part of the Bristol Youth Links services commissioned by Bristol City Council

The following key issues were noted during the discussion:-

- It was confirmed that the 15 year lease had now been finalised and signed by Groundwork South. This was welcomed by the Neighbourhood Committee as it provided assurance as to Groundwork South's commitment to deliver the project over the longer term.
- Users of the Vench were invited to tell the NP about their aspirations for the current site which has become tired and structurally unsound through lack of previous investment by the council. The wish list included the provision of astroturf and flood lighting for a ball court which would be available outside of opening (via managed access), an in ground trampoline, seating around the fire pit, water play area, bowl for skateboards, bikes and scooters to make it an adventure playground to be proud of and the envy of other children and young people living across the City.
- The S106 funding had been sought as a means to provide youth and play facilities to meet the needs of those on the new estate and to bring both the old and new communities together. However, it was pointed out that road access from Aurora Springs was currently blocked. In response it was confirmed that the closeness of the cycle path would enable access by bicycle or by foot.
- With regard to disability access it was confirmed that the Vench will be designed to be fully inclusive and welcoming for disabled children and young people.
- The actual build will involve a minimum of 70 corporate volunteers and at least 20 local community volunteers. Local people participating in the project will be able to take up training & development opportunities and Groundwork will provide them employment references to help them get back to work. In addition there will be 5 young apprentices engaged in the re-development over the next 18 months.
- The intention is to form a small steering group from the NP, LPW and some young people who will work closely with Groundwork South between now and December to develop Stage 3 proposals. This will lead into a larger stakeholder group who will take forward the plans for the future. The NP welcomed this approach and supported future funding 'in principle' subject to regular reporting to the NP on the progress of the project over the next 2 years.
- On a separate issue, information was requested on the provision of activities for children and young people in the Horfield area over the summer holidays, together with a breakdown of attendance. **Action LPW update for next meeting.**

The Neighbourhood Committee resolved that:

1) The allocation of £43,000 of S106 funding from 04/00721 / Former Hewlett Packard Site, Romney Avenue, Lockleaze / ZCD...A96 for the completion of Stage 2 of the development of the Vench be approved

2) The allocation 'in principle' of the remaining £100,000 to transform the Vench be approved subject to proposals being submitted to the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership on 3 December 2015 and on the condition that for monitoring purposes the NP continues to receive regular reports from Groundwork South on progress over the life of the project.

5. Minutes of the meetings on 25 June 2015

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

6. Matters arising including Action Sheet

An update was provided by the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator and other NP members. It was agreed that the actions marked 'complete' were indeed complete and could therefore be dropped from the ongoing action sheet before the next meeting. **Action: Ruth Quantock**

7. Declarations of interest

None.

8. Public forum

None.

9. Lockleaze Voice Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the NP Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 9) which invited comments and questions on the Lockleaze Voice Community Development Plan so that a statement from the NP could be submitted through the council directly to the Independent Assessor. The Plan has been prepared by the Lockleaze Voice Neighbourhood Development Forum with the involvement and engagement of the wider local community.

The following issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- It was clarified that anyone can comment on the Plan if they will be affected by it, including those who live outside the Plan area. However, individuals living outside the Plan referendum area will not be entitled to vote in the referendum on whether to accept the final version of the Plan following the consultation.
- In order to vote in the referendum you have to be on the electoral roll of the area, businesses are not eligible to vote.
- It was confirmed that the result of the yes or no vote had to be more than 50% of the percentage turnout. There was no minimum percentage turnout on which the result would be based.
- The document will need to be flexible to accommodate future challenges and once agreed, the Plan will be reviewed annually by the council to ensure it is

still relevant. It will be used to inform planning policy and future decisions on development control applications in the area.

There followed a 30 minute session where the NP members were invited to comment on a number of aspects of the Plan which were on flip chart paper around the room. This included the vision and objectives, regeneration initiatives, planning policies, proposed development (eg Herkomer site, ex-police station, Cameron Centre site, Day Centre/Blake site, Romney House and Lockleaze School site).

At the end of the exercise the NP Co-ordinator indicated that she would pull the comments together and come up with some formal feedback which would be circulated to members outside of the meeting for further comments and then submitted to the council to be passed on to the Independent Assessor. **Action Caroline Hollies**

10. Lockleaze Health and Wellbeing Needs Assessment

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Alex Wood, Health Improvement Practitioner which prioritised 7 key topics for Lockleaze from the data collected from the wider Health and Well-being Needs Assessments which are conducted so that commissioners can make plans for healthcare and other services. A number of recommendations which needed effective multi-agency and multi-disciplinary working were also proposed.

The key issues where Lockleaze had not scored well in comparison to other wards in Bristol or the national average were prioritised as follows:

- Community Development
- High rate of emergency admission due to injury under 5s
- Childhood obesity
- Mental Health
- Strokes
- Cancer
- Community Cohesion

The following issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- The Powerpoint presentation which Alex had prepared to communicate the findings had been very effective and was well received by members
- The NP requested further information on mental illness relating to Lockleaze, in particular a breakdown between age and gender.

The Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to support the priorities as set out in the Report. The NP Coordinator to incorporate these into the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan.

11. Business Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the NP Co-ordinator agenda item no. 11) which set out the progress of the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership & subgroups since the last meeting and asked the Neighbourhood Committee to make decisions on a number of funding requests for NP devolved budgets.

1) Stoke Park Dowry

St Werburgh's City Farm. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Panel were approved by the NC - **£2000**

2) Gainsborough Square Christmas Tree – total cost applied for £9369

The Neighbourhood Committee agreed that **£9369** be funded from S106 funding from 14/00897 / Cameron Wk / Gainsborough Square Junction, Lockleaze / SB88. It was noted that the purchase of the tree, erection and purchase of the lights can not be funded by S106 (approx £600). It was suggested that these costs be met through crowd funding, or green capital/clean & green budget at the next meeting.

3) Environment Group

There is £4715 Green Capital funding that has to be spent by the end of December 2015. The NP agreed that the remainder of this funding, £715 for Horfield and £4000 for Lockleaze would be allocated at the next Environment Group meeting on the 12th October 2015. NP Coordinator to organise.

4) Traffic and Transport Group

The NP agreed to the request that the NP submit a comment to Highways that some schemes are being escalated with no reference to residents while others that resident want are delayed. NP Coordinator to draft a response for the Chair to send off.

5) Grants Panel

The NP approved the Grants Panel recommendation that projects in Stoke Park will not receive any further Wellbeing funding until the Dowry fund is spent.

Five applications had been received and the Panel's recommendations and conditions were set out in the report.

Absolute Drama £2000. **Agreed by NC with conditions as set out by Panel - £2000**

Home Start £366. **Agreed by NC - £366**

Stoke Park Childrens Centre £1888. **NC upheld the recommendations of the Panel - no funding**

Studio 7 £2000. **NC agreed with the recommendations of the Panel – part funded £1000**

Buzz Lockleaze £1760. The Panel had recommended part funding £500 because they had felt that purchasing the high spec equipment (dishwasher) for a business that is just starting up is too ambitious.

After some discussion the Chair commented that she was minded to recommend to her Cllr colleagues funding an additional £400 because she felt it was important for the Partnership to support this social enterprise working in the community with a focus on employability and enterprise, and improving health and wellbeing for Lockleaze. The shop and the café also provided opportunities for community cohesion which was one of the priorities in the Lockleaze Health and Well-being Needs Assessment discussed earlier on the agenda. Buzz Lockleaze deserved this investment to give it the opportunity to expand.

As a panel member, Fiona Deas explained that having had a catering business for 30 years, from her experience the purchase of a high spec dishwasher was not necessary for the current number of covers per day (around 30).

Cllr Hiscott also felt it was a bit soon to invest quite a significant amount of public money into a new catering venture and suggested that Buzz Lockleaze might apply for some more funding in the next round of allocations or at some future date.

After some further discussion a vote was taken by the NC on the recommendation to increase the amount of funding suggested by the Grants Panel from £500 to £900.

(Voting: For 2, Against 2 - the Chair used her casting vote and the recommendation was carried)

The NC approved funding of £900 to Buzz Lockleaze

Fiona Deas was concerned about this decision which went against the recommendation of the Grants Panel. She indicated that members of the Panel, invested a lot of time in assessing the grant applications to make their recommendations – what was the point if the NC disregarded them. The Chair commented that the NC valued the contribution made by the grant panel to streamline the evaluation process and in a high percentage of cases the Cllrs went with the Panel recommendations, however the NC was not obliged to agree with the Panel and there could be exceptions from time to time.

12. Neighbourhood Partnership Plan report

The Neighbourhood Partnership noted a report from the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator which provided an update on progress against actions in the NP Plan.

13. AOB

Following on from agenda item 8, Mike Innes gave a quick update on a joint project between the rugby club charitable trust and Bristol City Council worth between £5.5 - £10.5m to deliver a new sports facility at Bonnington Road Playing field. This will bring job opportunities during the re-development of the site and promote health and wellbeing in Lockleaze and surrounding area over the longer term.

This was welcomed by the NP.

Cllr Tincknell indicated that there was a photo exhibition currently taking place at Eastville library and she encouraged NP Members to take the time to have a look around.

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm, Thursday 3rd December, Horfield Church of England Primary School, Bishop Manor Road, Horfield, BS10 5BD

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

(Chair)