



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership
Tuesday 25th March 2014**

Report of: Abdul Razak Dahir – Area Co-ordinator,
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Title: Wellbeing Report

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RECOMMENDATION

1. Note financial report for 2013/14
2. Note amount committed by the Neighbourhood Committee (NC) but not yet paid.
3. The Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) is asked to approve recommendations from the Wellbeing subgroup.
4. The Neighbourhood Committee (NC) is asked to approve Wellbeing applications received since December 2013 (listed in part 4).
5. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to approve Area Co-ordinator's proposal to spend/allocate any unspent 2013/14 Wellbeing Budget.

Part 1: Financial Report to date

St George NP Wellbeing Budget					
Organisation	Brief Description	Amount £	Balance £	Completed	Monitored
	2012/13 Carryover	£9,702.50	£9,702.50		
	2013/14 Wellbeing Allocation	£20,000	£29,702.50		
BCC and Meadowvale CA	Review Meadowvale Community Centre option for the future use and development of Meadow Vale Community Centre.	£4,900	£24,802.50	Yes	
St George Pre School	Improve the outside play area making it accessible all year round.	£3330.91	£21,471.59	Yes	Yes
Redfest	Redfest is aiming to build on last year's successful Redfest event the group organised at the St George Park.	£2,640	£18,831.59	Yes	Yes
32nd Bristol (Whitehall) Scout Group	Replace depleted and purchase five x 3 berth tents and one x 5 berth tent.	£1,064	£17,767.59	No	TBC
WASP	Organises activities social events like day trips and coffee mornings for disabled and disadvantage residents living in the WASP estate area.	£520	£17,247.59	No	TBC
Meadowvale CA	Organise three social events, namely Summer Fair, Children's Disco and Christmas Fair.	£700	£16,547.59	Yes	Yes
Crofts End Church	Funds will be used to develop Crofts End Community Internet Project, which will be widely available to those who are unemployed to access online services.	£750	£15,797.59	Yes	Yes
Wesley Memorial Methodist	The group will use this money to replace their current wooden trestle tables with Gopak folding tables.	£1,000	£14,797.59	Yes	Yes
		£14,904.91			

Organisation	Brief Description	Amount £	Balance £	Completed	Monitored
Kensington Rd Resident Association	3 hanging baskets to be installed on street lamp post columns in support for their bid to the Bristol in Bloom and RHS Its Your Neighbourhood.	£540	£14,257.59	Yes	Yes
Church Road Action Group	The aim of the group is to work together to improve the look and feel of the area. The money will be used to pay for hanging baskets for 5 lampposts at the junction of Church Rd and Blackswarth Rd.	£1,260	£12,997.59	Yes	Yes
159 th Brunel Scout HQ	The group would like to make improvements to the grounds at the Scout Hut. The money will be used for buying fencing, a gate, weed control membrane and chippings.	£1400	£11,597.59	No	On going due to wet weather
Bristol & Anchor Almshouse Charity in Partnership with LinkAge	The aim of this application is to enhance facilities available at the Beehive Centre for all sectors of the community who use the centre for their activities. The money will be used to purchase Gopak Folding Tables, speakers, mixing deck and wireless mic.	£972.06	£10,625.53	No	On going
St. Aidan with St. George Church	The money will be used to pay for replacing existing high energy consumption lighting with LED Floodlights of approximately 30,000 hours life expectancy.	£874	£9,751.53	No	On going
Friends of Troopers Hill	This application is for the St George Strollers' group. The money will be used to pay for publicity, Transport and/or specialist guide costs.	£650	£9,101.53	No	On going
	Total Expenditure to date	£20,600.97			

Organisation	Brief Description	Amount £	Balance £	Completed	Monitored
Speedwell Nursery School and Children Centre	This project is to run a 20 week ESOL course for members of our community who speak English as an additional language.	£1,244.50	7,857.03	No	On going
	Total Expenditure to date	21,845.47			

Part 2: Amount Committed by the NC but not paid yet

Amount committed by the Neighbourhood Committee but not yet paid:

NP Date	Name of Group	Brief Description	Amount Requested £	Balance £
Carry forward from 2013/14 £7,857.03 + £25 underspend				£7,882.03
11/12/13	Housing 21 Hillside Court	This project is to tackle isolation by promoting better understanding of diverse communities and encourage neighbourliness by developing Paint Pal initiative for the residents of the Hillside Court.	£300	£7,582.03
Total amount committed			£300	
Total + £51.28 returned from XXX				£7,633.31

Amount available £7,633.31

Part 3: The NP is asked to note summary appraisal sheets and approve the Wellbeing Panel recommendations:

1. The Wellbeing subgroup met on Monday 3rd February 2014. The panel assessed five out of eight applications submitted between the period of December 2013 and February 2014. Three applications were submitted late and were disqualified from being considered for this round. Four out of the five applications considered were recommended for approval by the panel subject to stated conditions.
2. NP is asked to note full panel summary appraisal sheets for all applications shown in appendix 1 to 5.
3. The NP is asked to approve the conditions recommended by the panel.

Part 4: The NC is asked to approve Wellbeing applications.

4. The table shown below shows all the applications the panel members assessed. When considering these applications, councillors are advised to refer to the Wellbeing Subgroup Appraisal Assessment sheets.
5. The total value of the applications received this round amounts to £13,392. This exceeds the amount available in the Wellbeing Budget. Depending on which option the Neighbourhood Committee approves there will either be an overspend of (£1568.69), which will be drawn down from the 2014/15 Wellbeing Budget or an underspend of £3,378.31 of Wellbeing Budget remaining. For full detail please refer to the Wellbeing Subgroup report Appendix 6.

NO	Name of Group	Brief Description	Amount Requested £	Recommended
1	Church Road Action Group	The project is aimed at the whole community and is raise the profile of what is the main shopping area for many people in St George. The money will be used to purchase two double basket flower displays and one single.	£625 + VAT	Yes £625 + VAT
2	Friends Of Kingsway Youth	The group is aiming to establish a new support, training and social space in the Kingswood Estate. The money will be used to pay for one-years running cost.	£4,947	Two options available, see appendix 2
3	St George in Bloom 2014	The purpose of this application is to plant wildflower 'meadows' using British native wildflower plant species in designated sites within St George so that they can be seen and enjoyed by local residents and visitors to the area. Money will be used to purchase seeds and prepare soil.	£1,430	Yes £1,430
4	Bristol Playbus Project	Social circus is a series of open access workshops targeting 8-13yr olds from Speedwell, St George and Hillfields. It will take place either at Hillfields Youth centre or the Kingswood foundation. The money will be used for varies different items including some revenue costs associated with the project and purchasing equipment.	£1,390	Yes £1,200 subject to conditions
5	Gurdwara Nirman Sewak Jatha Heritage	The aim of this project (Project Burst) is to improve facilities for all users at the Gurdwara Nirman Sewak Jatha Heritage centre. Including congregation, meetings, sports, etc. Funds will be used to pay for internal building works.	£5,000	Yes £1,000 subject to conditions.

Part 5: The NC is asked to approve Area Co-ordinator proposal

6. This part of the report is only relevant if there is an underspend of £3,378.31. Community notice boards are one of the key pillars of the NP Engagement Plan. They are extensively used to promote Neighbourhood Partnership activities, some of which include NF meetings, Wellbeing Budget, consultations and one-off public meetings.
7. Recent mapping exercise conducted by the NP team shows in total there are 13 community notice boards in the NP area. Appendix 7 shows locations, ownership and how to gain access. The mapping also shows that there are some gaps, for example the Two Mile Hill, Meadowvale and the Pile Marsh to name a few.
8. The cost of a notice board from BCC approved provider Ward Signs is £1,300. £3,378.31 will pay for two community notice boards including installation cost and utility searches.
9. It is hereby recommended that any 2013/14 Wellbeing Budget underspend is used to pay/contribute for supplying and installing community notice boards in above mentioned locations subject to suitability.

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.

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



**St George
Neighbourhood
Partnership**

Grow Our Community

1. Name of Project/Application:
Church Rd Lamppost Hanging Baskets

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application
Philip Bird, Len Hynam, Susan Acton-Campbell.

2. Is the organisation eligible? Yes

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget? Yes

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium, High or Not Applicable (N/A).

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	Med
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	High
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	N/A
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	High
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	N/A
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	Low
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	High
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	Low
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	Med

5. Recommended Grant: £750 (if VAT is needed, otherwise £625)

6. Special Conditions:

1. Email photos of the hanging baskets to webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk and include with the monitoring report at the end of the project.

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



**St George
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Grow Our Community

1. Name of Project/Application:
Kingsway Youth Support, Training and Drop In

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application
Tina Hooper, Philip Bird, Len Hynam, Susan Acton-Campbell.

2. Is the organisation eligible? Yes

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget? We don't know

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium, High or Not Applicable (N/A).

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	

5. Recommended Grant: £

At the time of the Wellbeing sub-group's meeting no response had been received to the Wellbeing sub-group's queries about exactly what services were intended to be provided, by whom and whether quotes had been obtained from other source. Without this information the sub-group were unable to make a recommendation.

A number of responses have been received, by email, but these have not clarified matters sufficiently for the Wellbeing sub-group to make a recommendation. St George definitely needs successful youth activities to be provided.

One option is that the grant is not approved by Councillors but that the Wellbeing sub-group continue to work with Friends of Kingsway Youth so they re-apply in time for the next Wellbeing fund round, Monday 28th April, with an application supported by the Wellbeing sub-group.

Another possible way forward is for the Councillors to grant the money, making it a condition that no funds are released until Friends of Kingsway Youth discuss their project with the Wellbeing sub-group and provide evidence that £4,947, nearly a quarter of St George Neighbourhood Partnership's annual allocation for wellbeing grant, would be spent in such a way as to provide a real, identifiable benefit to local young people. On receipt of the Wellbeing sub-group's report that all issues had been addressed satisfactorily the funds could be released.

It should be noted that if this money is granted it will have to be partially taken from next year's budget.

6. Special Conditions:

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Collated by Area Co-ordinator: Denis Wise

Date 3/2/2014

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



**St George
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Grow Our Community

1. Name of Project/Application:

Wild Flower Meadow Enhancement Project

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application

Tina Hooper, Philip Bird, Len Hynam, Susan Acton-Campbell.

2. Is the organisation eligible? Yes

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget? Yes

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium, High or Not Applicable (N/A).

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	Low
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	Med
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	None
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	High
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	Low
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	Low
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	High
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	Low
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	Med

5. Recommended Grant: £1,430

6. Special Conditions:

None

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



**St George
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Grow Our Community

1. Name of Project/Application:

Social Circus

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application

Tina Hooper, Philip Bird, Len Hynam, Susan Acton-Campbell.

2. Is the organisation eligible? Yes

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget? Yes

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium, High or Not Applicable (N/A).

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	High
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	Med
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	N/A
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	N/A
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	N/A
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	Med
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	High
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	Med
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	Med

5. Recommended Grant: £1,200

The application was for £1,390 and a further identical amount is being sought from the Greater Fishponds Wellbeing Fund. Some overheads were included in the applications that the sub-group saw as running costs and reduced the amount they recommend to be granted accordingly.

6. Special Conditions:

1. Posters and leaflets advertising the activity to be distributed in St George, particularly targeting the Meadow Vale area.

2. Summerhill and Air Balloon Hill Primary Schools to be directly contacted with information about the activities.

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



**St George
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Grow Our Community

1. Name of Project/Application:
Project Burst

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application
Tina Hooper, Philip Bird, Len Hynam, Susan Acton-Campbell.

2. Is the organisation eligible? Yes

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget? Yes

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium, High or Not Applicable (N/A).

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	Med
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	Med
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	N/A
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	N/A
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	N/A
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	Med
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	High
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	Low
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	Not known

The Wellbeing sub-group were unable to comment on the value for money aspect of the application because no quotations had been supplied for any of the work proposed.

The application was for £5,000, this would have been 25% of this year's grant allocation and the panel felt this was too high a percentage to allocate to this project, particular when for this round of funding applications totalling nearly £15,000 were received and only just over £7,500 is available to allocate. The project will not fail if the full amount asked for is not granted.

5. Recommended Grant: £1,000

6. Special Conditions: (see next page)

1. Signatures of the two trustees of the organisation on the application.
2. 3 quotations for items valued at £500 or above that are intended to be purchased with any grant from the SGNP Wellbeing Fund.
3. Submit details of the facilities available at the Gurdwara, when they are ready, to community.buildings@bristol.gov.uk for inclusion on the www.bristol.gov.uk/communitybuildings web page, to advertise those facilities. Evidence of a copy of an email will be sufficient. Current estimates are the Gurdwara will be open for use in October 2014.

Collated by Area Co-ordinator: Denis Wise

Date 3/2/2014

Appendix 6

Summary of applications considered by the Wellbeing sub-group for the March 2014 SGNP meeting

1. Balance of funding

After the allocation of funding at the last St George Neighbourhood Partnership meeting there was £7,582.03 available for grants. St Aidan's Church have returned an underspend of £51.28 from their very successful energy saving lighting project, bringing the amount of funding available to £7,633.31.

2. Wellbeing sub-group appraisal of applications

Five grant applications were submitted totalling £13,392:

a) Church Rd Action Group - Church Rd Lamppost hanging baskets

£625 + VAT for two double basket hanging baskets and 1 single hanging baskets to be supplied, fitted and maintained. The aim of the Church Rd Action Group is to improve the look and feel of the Church Rd area so people will enjoy shopping there. Local businesses are participating in the project by funding their own hanging baskets.

b) Friends of Kingsway Youth - Kingsway Youth Support, Training and Drop In

£4,947 to cover office and training space rental, utilities, services, maintenance and insurance, office furniture, stationery and technical equipment to cover a project for a year providing support, training and social space for young people aged 13-19 in the Kingswood Estate.

c) St George in Bloom 2014 - Wildflower Meadow Enhancement Project

£1,430 for wildflower meadows on Plummers Hill Open Space (300sq metres), Furber Rd Open Space (150 sq metres), Dundry Playing Fields (150 sq metres) and Netham House (50 sq metres). The aim is to improve the appearance of these areas and promote public involvement in the care of their neighbourhood and the St George in Bloom campaign.

d) Bristol Playbus - Circus Workshops for 13-18 year olds

£1,390 for circus workshops at Hillfields Youth Centre or Kingswood Foundation. A further identical amount is being sought from the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership. This project is aimed at benefiting around 50 children with 8 two-hour sessions planned once a week from 4-6pm over 2 months. Target benefits include improving children's confidence, physical wellbeing and making new friends.

e) Gurdwara Nirman Sewak Jatha Heritage - Internal works to the Sikh Temple at 9-11 Summerhill Rd.

£5,000 for internal work to the parts of the temple intended for community use. Before current building work community groups were welcome to the building but the facilities were very limited. Community facilities such as halls and meeting rooms are oversubscribed at peak times in St George. No quotations were supplied for the costs of the intended work and no specifics of which particular internal works would be funded.

3. Balance if recommendations accepted

The Wellbeing sub-group's recommendations for granting up to £4,380 are included in their appraisal documents. If these recommendations are accepted a balance of £3,378.31 will remain.

4. Resignation of a sub-group member

We are very sad to announce that Carmel Williams has resigned from the Wellbeing sub-group. We are very grateful for all the work and time that Carmel has contributed to scrutinising wellbeing applications and developing ways to do that work.

This means we have 3 vacancies in the Wellbeing sub-group. We would welcome any new members with a strong interest in St George.

St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Community Notice Boards Mapping Exercise

Community notice boards play a crucial role in the way information is disseminated in the NP area. It is one of many distribution channels the NP team use to publicise the NP activities. Other channels include websites and emails.

Community notice boards provide an opportunity for people from all walks of life find out about what is happening in their neighbourhood and are particularly useful for people with no or very little internet access.

The NP team undertook a mapping of all the community notice boards available in the NP area. The purpose of this exercise was to identify how many community notice boards available in the St George NP area, who owns them and how they could be accessed.

The two tables shown below shows that there are 8 community notice boards in the St George West ward and 5 in the St George East. Majority of them are owned by Bristol City Council whilst others are owned by community base groups or churches.

Community notice boards require frequent updating in order to make them attractive, relevant and most importantly remain an effective tool to disseminate information. They need someone to ensure that they are free from clutter and abuse. Community notice boards which are maintained by local residents/community members are much more effective and clutter free than those rely on service providers, for example like parks, to refresh them. The challenge is to find volunteers willing to take on this role.

The mapping has also highlighted where there are gaps, for example there is no community notice board in the Two Mile Hill and surrounding area- in particular Sandwell Rd end. Others include Meadowvale area near the shops, Church Rd near the Aldi shop close to the bus stop where there is high footfall and Pile Marsh area.

If Wellbeing Budget is made available to increase the number of community notice boards available in the area, the NP team will use this money to purchase and install community notice board(s), prioritising areas with high footfall. The NP team will also seek to recruit volunteers to look after them.

St George West Ward

NO	Location	Ownership	Key Holder/Access	Notes
1	Speedwell Nursery Centre	BCC	Nursery Reception	
2	Plummers Hill Open Space	BCC	Allen Key/Local resident	
3	Alder Drive	WASP/NP	Stella Hender stella_hender@yahoo.co.uk	
4	Beehive Centre	Bristol Charities	By post to Warden-Balbir or warden.ba@btconnect.com	Can also put up personally if visit
5	St Georges Park x2	BCC	Allen key / Park keeper	
6	Library	BCC	Library Supervisor	
7	St George Community Centre	Community Assoc	stgeorgecc@hotmail.com	Needs replacing
8	Summerhill Methodist Church	Church	By post	

St George East Ward

NO	Location	Ownership	Key Holder/Access	Notes
1	Malvern Rd	BCC	Susan Acton-Campbell/Park keeper	
2	Kingsway Shopping precinct	BCC/NP	Susan Acton-Campbell/Vinyl Graphics/The Wash Vac Centre	Can leave posters in shop for them to put up
3	Car park Dundridge Recreation ground	BCC	Allen Key	
4	St Aidans Church	Church	By post to Church	
5	Meg Thatchers Green	CURO H.A.	By post to Mary Isles	