



Notes of NP3 Communications Group Meeting

Tuesday 10 January 2017 at Westbury-on-Trym Library

Present:

Helen Furber (HF) (Chair)
Ella Davies (ED)
Alan Preece (AP)

Alan Aburrow (AA)
David Mayer (DM)
Sheila Preece (SP)

Valerie Bishop (VB)
Andrew McGrath (AM)
Peter Weeks (PW)

Apologies:

Geoff Gollop (GG)

- 1 Apologies** As above.
- 2 Forums** AM advised that the Forum dates are now confirmed for February (Henleaze on the 2nd, Stoke Bishop on the 7th and Westbury-on-Trym on the 8th). AM will send out emails to all on the mailing lists to ensure that everyone is aware of the dates/venues - given recent changes.
- 3 Website** HF advised that she had contacted Voscur (Lucy Fletcher) about any training they may be able to provide. Voscur do not provide website training; for their own staff, they obtain support from Knowle West Media Centre.

It was agreed not to pursue any further training / web support enquiries until it is known whether there will be any requirement post 31 March 2017 for a NP3 website.
- 4 Social Media** A Facebook page for NP3 is live.
- 5 Key priorities** The action plan was put on hold until the future of NPs is known.
- 6 Westbury-on-Trym 1300** It was noted that a meeting of the co-ordination committee took place on 5 January 2017. A number of events are scheduled for 2017.

Further information can be obtained from Bridget Niblett (bridget.niblett@outlook.com).
- 7 Henleaze & Westbury Voice** HF and others had been in contact with Sue Thomas during the last three months.
- 8 Forum poster** A poster advertising the Henleaze Forum is already in use. Now that the details for the Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym Forums have been confirmed, the poster will be adapted and circulated by the local Representatives.

- 9 Meeting on 4 February** At the NP3 meeting in December, Asher Craig (Cabinet Minister for Neighbourhoods) advised that NPs would not continue in their current form. She spoke of a meeting that would be held in late January about the way forward. A meeting has subsequently been scheduled for 4 February.
- AM advised that he had only received limited information about the meeting. He does not know who is organising it or when the invitations will be issued. However, as the meeting participants will include representatives from a number of organisations, there will be a restriction on the number of NP Representatives that can attend.
- DM advised that he, Graham Donald (GD), AA and AP were proposed as the NP3 participants and that Hilary Long and Valerie Bishop had been contacted about them representing the Westbury-on-Trym Society and The Henleaze Society. As GD is unable to attend, it was suggested that HF should take his place but, as she will not be available, it is proposed to offer the place to one of the Stoke Bishop elected representatives.
- 10 Way forward** A discussion ensued about the end of NPs (in their current form).
- Concern was expressed about the potential outsourcing of the small grants process to Quartet (<http://quartetcf.org.uk/>) or a similar organisation.
- It is hoped that greater clarity about the future will be provided at upcoming Cabinet and Council meetings – in addition to the meeting on 4 February.
- AM agreed to feedback to his Bristol City Council colleagues that NP3 Councillors/ Representatives (and others) would benefit from being able to offer a consistent message about the way forward post 31 March 2017. In particular, as the Henleaze Forum takes place before the 4 February meeting, the Representatives want some guidance on what to say to the Forum participants.
- 11 Next meeting** Dependent upon whether NPs (or similar) continue.