



Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Committee

Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 9.00 am
Brunel House, St Georges Road, Bristol, BS1 5UY

(All NP partners were invited to attend)

Present:

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

Ward Councillors

Horfield – Claire Hiscott (A) and Olly Mead (P)

Lockleaze – Gill Kirk (P) and Estella Tincknell (P)

Officers:-

Caroline Hollies - Neighbourhood Co-ordinator

Ruth Quantock - Democratic Services Officer

Other interested parties

Nicola Hazell, Groundwork South

Selina O'Sullivan, Groundwork South

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Olly Mead was elected Chair of the Neighbourhood Committee.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Claire Hiscott, Robert Hall, Martyn Chinn, Fiona Deas and Frances Robertson.

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared during the meeting.

4. The Vench Adventure Playground Enhancement Project

Following the decision at the last NP meeting not to award the £100,000 to Groundwork South for the next stage of the developments at The Vench, the Steering Group had requested that an urgent Neighbourhood Committee meeting be convened to consider an updated report from Groundwork South in order to review their previous decision.

The reason for the urgency was that if the project was delayed and did not go ahead before the summer holidays it would have a negative impact on the young people in Lockleaze (and wider). It would also affect the ability of LPW to deliver effective services to children and young people in the area.

The Neighbourhood Committee considered a report of Nicola Hazell, Operations Manager, Groundwork South (agenda item 7) which asked the NC to approve the proposal for Stage 3 of the Vench Adventure Playground enhancement project and formally award a further £100,000 'in principle' S106 funding.

Nicola Hazell gave a comprehensive presentation which included a number of 3D perspective views of the latest design based on consultation to date. The design will be reviewed and revised by the Steering Group and young people, and will be finalised in May 2016. Groundwork South were very pleased to be working with Splash Projects again as they had been really impressed with the work they had carried out in Phase 2, finishing on time and to budget. A key factor in the appointment of Splash Projects as the contractor was their ability to secure corporate involvement in the build phase of the project from BAE Systems who will be providing at least 120 volunteers and potentially some additional funding. Splash were also able to offer local people free training opportunities during the construction phase and had links to other community projects.

The following key issues were noted during discussion that took place:

- The presentation had been very informative; particularly the visual representations of the latest design which had very much helped to put the project in to context. It was agreed that the presentation be circulated to all members of the NP. **Action Caroline Hollies.**
- Included within their fee, Splash will work with the local authority and Groundwork South to identify work experience opportunities for members of the local community and design and deliver a progressive apprentice/ work experience training programme. There were opportunities to learn project management as well as practical construction skills and accreditations. It was suggested that the Employment and Economy Sub-group be involved with these discussions in order to identify suitable volunteers. **Action: Caroline Hollies/ Employment and Economy Sub-group**

- It was suggested that Ward Councillors raise the profile of the project in order to encourage volunteers from Horfield and Lockleaze. **Action Cllrs Hiscott, Mead, Tinknell and Kirk.**
- Most of the existing equipment was between 8 and 10 years old and was in a bad state of disrepair as it had not been maintained by the council in latter years. It was confirmed that where possible equipment had been refurbished or recycled or if this was not possible then disposed of safely (at a cost within the budget).
- It was felt that the edible garden and potting tables were a very good idea, with a potential to perhaps link to the existing cookery courses held at The Vench.
- It was anticipated that the delivery of the project would also provide Groundwork South with an opportunity to foster an on-going relationship with BAE Systems.
- It was suggested that there was also an opportunity for the artists who had worked on the Green Capital projects to get involved with The Vench project in some way.
- It was confirmed that the final design would be signed off by ROSPA
- A further update report would be presented to the Neighbourhood Partnership at its next meeting on 20th June 2016. **Action Caroline Hollies/Groundwork South**

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED to approve the funding request for Phase 3 of the Adventure Playground Enhancement Project at The Vench, awarding Groundwork South S106 funding as follows:

Title: 04/00721 / Former Hewlett Packard Site, Romney Avenue, Lockleaze / ZCD...A96

Amount: £106,100.77 plus interest accrued

Date to be spent by: 8 Feb 18

Purpose of contribution: The provision of youth and play facilities within the Lockleaze Ward

- 5. Date of next meeting, 7.00 pm Monday 20th June 2016, venue tbc**

(The meeting ended at 10.00 am)

Chair