

NP Visit Avonmouth, Shirehampton, Seamills & Lawrence Weston

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Action / Casework Summary

Action	Related to	To be actioned by
Kate Royston (SevernNet) to provide case studies, lessons learnt and recommendations (with input from local Councillors) of circular economy for Mayor to consider	Circular Economy (Avonmouth)	Kate Royston (SevernNet)
Councillors to champion establishment of Avonmouth Planning Group and Liaison work between residents and Avonmouth industries; Cllr Jo Sergeant to meet with local businesses to introduce herself a new councillor	Planning Group and Avonmouth Businesses Liaison Group	A&LW Councillors; Cllr Jo Sergeant
ACC, residents and Councillors to produce a briefing about what they need done to the building so it can be brought to Cabinet (make case not just in terms of services - how much would it cost us to build up the network of relationships if ACC wasn't there)	CAT of Avonmouth Community Centre	ACC, residents and local Councillors
Look into LEP's plan and how it can contribute towards the local plan	Shirehampton Neighbourhood Plan	Shirehampton Public Hall Trustees
Making connections with Public Health team - Judith Taylor	Shirehampton Neighbourhood Plan	Shirehampton Public Hall Trustees
Councillors to help to provide support with CAT process	Shirehampton Neighbourhood Plan	Local Councillors
Approach Lord Mayor (focus on social isolation)	Shirehampton Neighbourhood Plan	Shirehampton Public Hall Trustees
Cllrs to contact Parks team to facilitate the xmas tree	Christmas Lights Group	Local Councillors
Provide case study about xmas lights impact on local shops trade	Christmas Lights Group	Shire Christmas Lights Group
Organise a call for action for new residents to use local shops	Shirehampton Neighbourhood Plan	Local residents and Councillors
Cllrs and Friends of Library need to consider a common management arrangement with the Community Centre.	CAT of Seamills Library	Local Councillors and Friends of Seamills Library
Resident (Allison Pine) to provide case study with evidence of impacts of RPZ on home care support work	Impact of RPZ on home care support work	Allison Pine via NP Co-ordinator
KW Sports & Social Club to email Jason Bailey with costs (roof and foundations) and request to release the funds (include timeline)	KW Sports & Social Club re-development	KW Sports & Social Club members
ALW to contact Cllr Paul Smith with a proposal for Ridingleaze High	Ridingleaze High Street	Ambition Lawrence Weston

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Street on action on private landlords neglecting shops and accommodation above them (include Southmead's and Henbury/Brentry case)		
ALW to talk to Martin Fodor regarding a citywide switching service	LW Energy developments	Ambition Lawrence Weston

NP Visit Discussion Points

Avonmouth

Attendance: Mayor Marvin Rees (MR), Cllr Matt Melias (MM), Cllr Don Alexander (DA), Cllr Jo Sergeant (JS), Keith Houghton (NP Coordinator) (KH), Eleanor Briggs (Exec Assistant, Mayor's office) (EB), local community groups (SevernNet), Local residents

- Making a change on what's been offered

MR - changing culture: power down to councillors

Mayor not a 'font of all knowledge' - Cases to be made at local level with councillor involvement for Mayor's consideration

- SevernNet work in Avonmouth

Kate Royston - Social enterprise working to address challenges and opportunities.

As businesses started co-operating it threw up the challenge of transport for people to get to work. SevernNet set up a shuttle bus with CC Funding.

Other projects/achievements include: putting in cycling/walking path; Employment Hub in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston; two full-time workers. 33 people into work since August 2015. Enterprise support through Social Enterprise Works; ramping up business engagement with Manor Singh; Developing the Coastal Communities Team.

They have developed an Economic Plan which can be used as basis for a number of actions.

SevernNet bidding for CC Fund round 4 (EoI by 30th June). Focus of bid is on driving forward transport and other sector based skills and further enterprise support.

SevernNet meet every 3rd Thurs for a Business breakfast

- Circular economy

Four students from UoB & UWE: vision of circularity for the area as an exemplar

Circular economy: make best use of resources across the area to minimise environmental harm and better management of resources which come into and out of the area

How to make sure local people benefit from the economy rather than profit leaving the area?

MR – interested in how this develops as model for Bristol /help how it could be applied across the North via the councillors

ACTION: Kate Royston to provide case studies, lessons learnt and recommendations (with input from local Councillors) of circular economy for Mayor to consider

Joint ask to Mayor:

- Building local capacity
- Port Resilience fund could be an option to overcome city-centre focus. Also to link with Sarah Toy (BCC Resilience Officer sarah.toy@bristol.gov.uk)
- Support the 'In It To Win It' youth event on 26th July

MR - bidding for European City of Culture: Culture to be delivered on a more profound level and tackle issues such mental health. Culture has to reach across all the communities of Bristol

- Planning Group and Avonmouth Businesses Liaison Group

Developing alongside this a Community Planning Group in view of joining together to influence. These groups emanated from the Neighbourhood Partnership Forum.

Ian Robinson (local resident) - planning initiatives in past imposed; 'council have not brought initiatives to the community' and 'local representatives need to involve the community'

MR - wants to encourage more businesses to deliver Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in a sustainable way - Not about giving grants but meaningfully engage with communities especially when new decisions are made that will affect a locality

Councillors to act as champions of this: Planning Group

ACTION: JS to meet with local businesses to introduce herself a new councillor

MR: making sure the Business Liaison Group has power/Ensure businesses engage with the survey

Avonmouth Community Centre Association

Jac Blacker (ACC Manager) - organisation run by Board of Trustees

Owned by BCC; BCC looking for the building to become a CAT to ACC (application process underway/ACC business plan to be completed); Currently BCC pay building costs, repair etc. Community Centre is a historical building (listed) and the only secular building resource in the area.

Lots of activities: well used; elections; Forum meetings; social activities; Wellbeing is the focus for the building; Lunch groups run by volunteers;

MM: concerned the building will be handed over with building works not completed? Will there be support from BCC after the CAT?

MR: wants to free up Councillors to lead; Support after CAT to be as effective as we can;

ACTION: ACC, residents and Councillors to produce a briefing about what they need done to the building so it can be brought to Cabinet (make case not just in terms of services - how much would it cost us to build up the network of relationships if ACC wasn't there)

Shirehampton

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- Community Plan

Sam Parker: long process

MR: Opportunity for Shirehampton to meet other groups around the area (Southmead; Avonmouth; Lawrence Weston) who have successfully produced community plans

One of drivers - to pull in funding

Making sure that everyone can recognise their Shire in the plan

How to reach people who aren't on e-mail? Survey will have a paper version; getting volunteers to help with door-knocking as well as online with majority to come from personal contacts

MR: Local Enterprise Partnership - make explicit ask of this Partnership - demonstrate how what is done locally to support economic development of the city

- Shire Public Hall

Gil Osman: plan is currently confidential (asked by John Bos)

Need for the local Library and public Hall to work together towards a broader aspiration to develop the Shire Public Hall

Issue is the upkeep of the listed building

Jo Sergeant: community building - if going to have a library service is has to have staff who can run it

Consultation exercise - largest turnout was at Shire Hall.

Community Asset Transfer for Public Hall - link to Voluntary Sector Prospectus

Ask for the Mayor to support the public hall and acknowledge the work so far

- Christmas Lights Group

New group started this year with now 15 members

Target of £7,000 to fundraise

Continue previous tradition. Want to add to this is a Christmas Tree on Shire Green.

Ask: Support from BCC Parks for installation of the tree at the Green; Need quote from John Williams so the group know how much they need to fundraise

Links to thriving of Shire High Streets - lights support the ambience of the High Street

Shire organise carols on the Green for 20 years. Fellowship sing-song for the season (1,000 people attend yearly)

Shire high street - what's happened to help Shire's High Street to survive? Could it be a model for other areas?

Previous work gave a lot of publicity to What's in Shire

MR: agrees that a thriving economic centre is essential to communities

ACTIONS for Shire public Hall:

- **Look into LEP's plan and how it can contribute towards the local plan**
- **Making connections with Public Health team - Judith Taylor**
- **Councillors to help to provide support with CAT process**
- **Approach Lord Mayor (focus on social isolation)**
- **Cllrs to contact Parks team to facilitate the xmas tree**
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- **Organise a call for action for new residents to use local shops**

Sea Mills

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- Hallen Drive

Local residents not happy with 3 storey height (would prefer 2 storey) and concerns about amount of parking

Hallen proposal: build extra care housing plus a play area

Consultation meeting at library took place a few months ago

Writing a draft on comments on the proposal. Will communicate back to Claudette McDonald – deadline 8th July. Don Alexander to lead conversations about consultation feedback

- Libraries

Sea Mills - Friends of Sea Mills Library involvement has resulted in the library being seen as a social space (Local churches provide already community spaces)

ACTION: Cllrs and Friends of Library need to consider a common management arrangement with the Community Centre.

Community Centre next door has some challenges - underused; 'not safe'

JS: usage of Community Centre has been sporadic

- Iron Bridge

Was hit by a lorry 9 months ago. Scaffolding is supporting the bridge. JS & DA to meet with engineer this week.

Junction improvement also being sought

Kingsweston Road junction; Westbury Lane; Shirehampton Road - is being worked on to bring forward and fund a scheme (expensive).

Kingsweston Road has no weight restriction - heavy petrol tankers drive over verges - too long

Nigel Lapworth has met with MM and developing a road safety plan. Request for signage and information on how to cross the road

DA: getting to Oasis Brightstowe is hard for young people. Penpole Lane is also an issue

MR: Drafting a review and framework for Councillors to consult on speed limits which will include resident voices

Lorries: lobbying S. Gloucestershire through MR; joint work with HB&S to put together request to S. Gloucestershire to amend

- AOBs

BCC Reablement team haven't got parking permits to deliver care (client's time taken up by parking and getting permit)

MR: just put through blue badge amendments - for front line health workers; MR to look into having essential workers exempted

ACTION: resident (Alison Pye) to provide case study with evidence of impacts of RPZ on home care support work

Lawrence Weston

- KW Sports & Social Club

3 clubs use facilities: Colts want to have women's football but lack of changing facilities

2008 clubhouse burnt down. £350,000 estimate from council; £230,000 through private estimates; £190k from insurance; BCC ask club to fund the

difference, BCC to get back from rent - £8k CIL levy for build. It's a Council asset - should the club be charged for CIL? Club is on a lease from BCC (not CAT)

Need £40k gap funded - hoping would come from Port Fund. No money released from BCC (£190k). Club has sent lots of estimates to BCC. Club doing all the

labour and ground work and not getting support from Council. BCC department is Place (Jason Bailey and Richard Warner);

Have raised £11k raised for charity for LDub. Pay £65k in rent for the temporary. All maintenance of grounds is done by volunteers on the committee.

ACTION: KW Sports & Social Club to email Jason Bailey with costs (roof and foundations) and request to release the funds (include timeline)

Planning permission granted. Waiting for soil samples; Jason Bailey setting up new lease arrangement.
MR - wants to be serious about sport - get funding shifted from wealthier sport Clubs .

- Ridingleaze

Thriving High Streets is a NP priority

Improvement needed - rank of shops build 65 years ago. Need to be pulled down and re-built. Shabby - owners don't care about the shops (poor upkeep)

CCTV not on BCC assets and therefore not monitored

Leverage about private landlords to improve their stock?

MR - taking action on private landlords and devolution deal could get more powers to do things about issues like this.

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- Community Hub support

Community raised £200,000 towards business plan

Transformation Fund for health infrastructure:

Plan A: linked to health investment

Plan B: if health investment doesn't

Ask: could LW retain some of the land sale income from sale of the college site?

LW benefitting from realisation of its assets

£500,000 Reaching communities; possible £1.4m from health investment; suggestion to ring-fence £1million to support the build (Barra and Helen Holland to be involved)

- LW Energy developments

Ready to develop a community-owned wind turbine. Govt now changed the rules on planning; will on consider an on-shore wind turbine if it's included in a Neighbourhood Development Plan or Local Plan. Looking for ways around. Have been looking, with Richard Lowe, for sites. Some in Avonmouth; Avenue would be to work with Port Authority - still have 3 planning permissions in place. Looking to work with Port Authority. MM will facilitate this conversation with Port Authority

Could be done through Supplementary planning order through Core Strategy. Would Sarah O'Driscoll's team have the capacity to do the legwork to put this in place?

Switching programme - Dave Tudgey doing via Bristol Energy Network

Use libraries as venues to roll out switching service

ACTION: ALW to talk to Martin Fodor regarding a citywide switching service

ALW - doing thermal imaging work for private home owners

Council housing doing wrap around hasn't worked leaving houses inadequately insulated - Council following up quality control for work commissioned

- Employment hub

Linking to BCC Work Hub

MR: asking Councillors to invite residents to Cabinet meetings at City Hall to be more transparent. MR wants the City Hall building to be less mysterious - open to the residents of the city.