



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 14th December 2016**

Report of: Subgroup Champions, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator.

Title: NP Activities- Business Report

Recommendation:

- 1- **Transformers Fund:** NP to accept Transformer's Youth Fund and administer through the Wellbeing Process as per the conditions within the report. NP members to agree proposal to allocate the funds.
- 2- **Operation Subgroup:** NP to note progress and consider memorial options for the late Cllr Ron Stone. NC to approve subgroup recommendation to support Meadowvale Steering Group.
- 3- **Environment:** NP to note progress and NC to approve proposal from Friends of Dundridge Park Group.
- 4- **Traffic and Transport:** NP to note progress and agree subgroup's recommendation to encourage action against anti-social parking.
- 5- **Wellbeing:** NC is asked to consider the Wellbeing subgroup recommendation for grant applications received since Oct 2016.
- 6- **Meadowvale Community Centre:** NP to comment of proposed Community Asset Transfer.

Part 1: Transformers Youth Fund

- 1- Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust have been managing the Transformers fund, a small grant aimed at working with young people and delivering youth activities. The Trust, have found that it has been difficult to attract enough projects, and have agreed to devolve £5,000 of the fund to each of Bristol's Neighbourhood Partnerships.
- 2- The fund would be administered through the Wellbeing Small Grants Process, and can be allocated from December this year. All funds must be allocated by March 2017 and all projects must be finished by February 2018. Monitoring must be submitted by applicants one month after the end of their project the last monitoring should be received no later than 20th March 2018.
- 3- In addition to the Well Being Small Grants criteria the following additional criteria must be adhered to:
 - I. Applicant should be working with identified group of young people
 - II. Applicant should identify a priority from the relevant Neighbourhood Partnership Plan
 - III. Outcomes should benefit young people in their local Neighbourhood Partnership Area
 - IV. Where possible outcomes should benefit youth provision
 - V. Projects should be celebrated/showcased as part of other NP events, for example at NP led community events/as part of the NP meeting/other celebratory activities.
 - VI. The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust want to see copies of all monitoring information after projects have been delivered.
- 4- The NP is hereby asked to accept the Transformer's Youth Fund.
- 5- Given the timescales involved the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator met with the Young People rep from Greater Fishpond NP along with Creative Youth Network and BCC Children Young People Families.
- 6- The group discussed proposals to set-up local Young People Panel/Forum, where young people could discuss engagement opportunities & project proposals for the Transformer's Youth Fund.

- 7- Creative Youth Network kindly agreed to facilitate this proposal and is willing to support the set-up of young people led panel, both for the St George NP and Greater Fishponds. This entails administering and holding the funding on behalf of young people, keeping record of projects for monitoring purposes and aiding young people to implement their projects.
- 8- The NP is hereby asked to transfer the Transformer Youth Funding to Creative Youth Network, with the proviso they complete the Wellbeing Application, which will be assessed by the Wellbeing Panel electronically or special meeting to check eligibility.

Part 2: Operation subgroup

- 9- Operation subgroup met on Thursday 3rd November 2016.
- 10- The group received an update and a list of memorial suggestions for the late councillor Ron Stone from Grenville Johnson. Further suggestions were received since the Operation subgroup meeting, see below for a full updated list. Following a discussion the group thought an annual photographic competition named after the late councillor Ron Stone would be most appropriate memorial, given his level of interest in Photography. It was agreed to consult with the family and recommend this to the NP for approval. The NP is hereby asked to agree its preferred option. Any final decision will need to be agreed with the family and be dependent on the availability of the necessary funds.
 - I. Naming the formal avenue of trees in St. George Park after the late Councillor Stone with metal plaques inserted into the footpath at each end of the avenue of trees.
 - II. A new community Centre at Meadow Vale named after the late Councillor Ron Stone.
 - III. New Bandstand in St. George Park.
 - IV. Memorial Rose garden in St. George Park or at Meadow Vale Park.
 - V. Annual photographic competition in memory of the late Councillor Ron Stone.
 - VI. Memorial bust of Councillor Stone at St George Park.
 - VII. New swimming pool named after the late Councillor Ron Stone (Two nominations received)

- 11- The group also received an update from both the St George and Meadowvale Community Centres. It is still early days for the St George Community Association to decide if they will express interest in the St George Library in order to amalgamate the Community Centre and library to progress the idea of developing a community hub.
- 12- It was explained that Meadowvale Community centre is on schedule to submit their Big Lottery Funding application by early part of 2017. The Meadowvale Community Association received confirmation of their legal status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and are finalising their business plan. The group is also waiting for the outcome of their planning application. The only outstanding item is the Community Asset Transfer, which they expressed interest in (see Part 6 below).
- 13- The group confirmed that they require a professional fundraiser to help the group prepare the Big Lottery application and would like NP support. The group discussed “Case For Fundraising Support For Meadow Vale Community Centre” paper, which was tabled at the Operation subgroup meeting. For more information see appendix 1.
- 14- The NC is hereby asked to approve recommendations from the Operation subgroup as summarised in the table shown below.

2016/17 St George NP Budget			£6,883.29
NP Plan Priority Ref: Communication	Activity/Description of works	Amount £	Running Balance £
P1: Activity 2: Support the Meadowvale Community Association management committee to recruit volunteers and	The funding will be used to commission a fundraising consultant to assist Meadowvale Community Association and Community Centre Steering prepare and submit a Big Lottery Funding Application.	£4,000	

increase their capacity.			
Remaining St George NP Budget			£2,883.29

Part 3: Environment subgroup

- 15- The Environment Sub-Group met on 17th November 2016, full notes of the meeting can be seen at www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/subgroups/environment/
- 16- There was a lower attendance than for previous meetings with only 4 residents present. There was an update on current projects in parks; a report on this is now on the NP website at www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/improving-parks/
- 17- The major subjects for discussion were the request for further S106 funding for a new path from the Friends of Dundridge Park (see below) and the proposed work to repair the walls to the lake at St George Park (Update will be provided at the meeting). The spending of the budget allocated to planting schemes was also reviewed.
- 18- It was noted that Bristol Waste had appointed a new engagement officer for East Bristol, Jessica Tulit, it was recommended that she should attend the next Forum to introduce herself and speak to members of the community.
- 19- The NC is hereby asked to consider request from the Friends of Dundridge Park Group (FDPG) as summarised in the table shown below.

2016/17 St George NP: S106 Ref: 05/03952 / 144 - 150 Church Road, Redfield / ZCD... 545			£14,130.46
NP Plan Priority Ref: Communication	Activity/Description of works	Amount £	Running Balance £
P1 Activity 2: Improve access to all Parks and open space entrances focusing on Colebrook Park; Dundridge Park and wheelchair and access improvements to Troopers Hill and Field.	FDPG would like £12,000 to tarmac path along the back of Furndown to the newly built playground. The group would £8,000 from above S106 to add to £4,000 secured from Tesco Grant. Due to the low turnout at this meeting the subgroup are not making any recommendation for this request. Some of the issues discussed included the depleting S106 pot, number of people likely to benefit, the felling of one of the trees to make way for the path.	£8,000	£6,130.46
Remaining S106 89 Two Mile Hill Rd, Budget			£6,130.46
Remaining St George NP Parks S106 Budget approximately			£28,683.23

Part 4: Traffic & Transport:

- 20- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Tuesday 22nd November 2016.
- 21- The group received an update on live schemes. Discussions focused on Beaufort Rd Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders scheme and surrounding areas with issues.
- 22- Whilst discussing the upsurge in the number of people parking their vehicles inappropriately, the group recognised the challenge to deal with it via parking services enforcement. The group agreed to consider alternative ways including softer measures, for example leaving printed cards on windscreens reminding drivers not to park inappropriately or to use social media to expose the offender. The NP is asked for its view on this approach.

Part 5: Wellbeing Grant:

- 23- The Wellbeing subgroup met on Monday 7th November 2016.
- 24- The total amount of Wellbeing Budget available at the time of writing this report is £1,851.11.
- 25- In total 3 Wellbeing Grant applications were received during this round, with total value of £3,135.25. This is more than the amount of Wellbeing Budget available, hence the committee will not be able to support all three Wellbeing Applications in full.

Wellbeing sub-group recommendations

- 26- The group's recommendation is summarised in the table shown below "Funding Appraisal Top Sheet".

St George NP Wellbeing Sub-group: Funding appraisal Top sheet

Name of organisation	Declarations of interest	What's the funding for? Brief summary of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Conditions
United Response	None	This project is about the development of a community allotment at the Farm Allotments, Cousins Lane. The project aims to promote social inclusion through bringing people together and reducing isolation; improving people's mental health and wellbeing through meaningful activity with a purpose and sense of achievement; and improving people's physical health through exercise. The funding will be used to pay for equipment, tree surgeon, lockable storage, etc.	£1,978	£0.00	
St. George Preschool	None	This project involves setting up a safe and peaceful environment for children with lots of sensory exploration with a chance to have a hands on experience with nature and learn to understand, value and look after it. Funding will be used to pay for veg seeds, soil, equipment, Hi-Vis Jackets travel potty and liners to mention a few.	£357.25	£357.25	If this can be done at no extra cost the St George Neighbourhood Partnership logo or name should feature on the Hi Vis jackets for the children and adults funded by this grant. Appropriate photos the children and adults carrying out activities using the tools and the hi viz jackets to be supplied with the monitoring report at the end of the project for use in future publicity about Wellbeing grants.
St. Michaels Church Hall	None	The group would like to replace old fluorescent lights in the Community Hall to more efficient modern LED lighting. The funding will be used to pay for material and labour.	£800	£0.00	

27- The following table sets out the principal benefits to Equalities groups and groups with protected characteristics as described in Section D of the application form.

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
United Response	This is an inclusive project, which is targeting people with wide range of disabilities. Some of the ways the project is seeking to benefit them include enhancing social interaction opportunities with other groups, improve physical and wellbeing and supporting them to gain new skills that could be used for future employment. Other potential beneficiaries include older and young people, where the group have taken action to recruit them. The project will benefit one of the protected characteristics covered by the 2010 Equalities Act.
St. George Preschool	This project is seeking to benefit up to 100 children and their parents. The children will benefit by providing them an opportunity to explore nature and learn to value and nature. Many of the children enrolled at the St George Pre-School are from low income value some of which do not have access to garden. The project is targeting one of the protected characteristic covered by the 2010 Equalities Act.
St. Michaels Church Hall	This project is likely to benefit all the community hall users, including 20-40 Brownies and Guides, 25-35 older community members who are both protected characteristics covered by the Equalities Act 2010. Other beneficiaries include numbers attending CA, Pilates, Dancing, Slimming and Dog Training.

Membership of the Wellbeing subgroup:

28- Following Wellbeing Subgroup members assessed the Wellbeing applications Susan Acton-Campbell, Philip Bird, Jo Webster-Green, Pete Franklin, Diane Jones, Dee Moxon and Judith Price.

29- The Wellbeing subgroup currently has 8 members, leaving 2 vacancies. New members are always welcome.

Part 6: Meadowvale Community Centre CAT:

- 30- New Lease of Meadow Vale Community Centre, Meadow Vale, Bristol BS5 7RF to the Meadow Vale Community Association.

BACKGROUND:

- 31- Meadow Vale Community Centre was constructed in the 1960s and used as a sub-depot and workshop by the council.
- 32- It has been in use as a community centre since 1985 and the Community Association were granted a Lease in 1986.
- 33- Although this Lease expired many years ago, the Association has continued to manage the community centre.
- 34- The centre has flourished in the past, but with rising costs and a deteriorating building the Association now needs to attract major investment in order for the centre to become financially self-sustaining again.
- 35- The current size and layout (there is only one lettable room) hamper growth and prevent regular use by the wider community; the Association wishes to extend and improve the current facilities, but requires a new, long Lease to be successful.

PROPOSAL:

- 36- The council proposes to grant a new 28 year Lease to the Meadow Vale Community Association, subject to receiving a satisfactory business plan that proves that their proposals can be financially viable and that they meet the needs of the local community.

- 37- The Lease will be subject to a Service Agreement, which will set out a range of services that the Association will deliver each year from the property; this will include a requirement to make the building available for hire by Speedwell Nursery & Children's Centre and the wider community .
- 38- The rent will be reduced to a peppercorn for as long as the Service Agreement is complied with.
- 39- The Association will be responsible for the upkeep of the property and for all outgoings associated with managing and operating it, including all repairs, maintenance and insurance; no financial support will be available from the council towards these costs.

PROCESS:

- 40- The St George Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to make any comments on the proposals, either in support or against, and to briefly set out the grounds for its views.
- 41- Officers in the Asset Strategy Team will then prepare a report for the Service Director Property, who will make a final decision on the proposed CAT as soon as possible.
- 42- It is hoped that the Lease can be agreed during the first half of 2017 and that Meadow Vale Community Association will have a new Lease in place in time for their major funding application.
- 43- For further information please contact: John Bos: 0117 903 6440 or john.bos@bristol.gov.uk
- 44- For more details about the CAT process please visit: www.bristol.gov.uk/cat