

Minutes of Neighbourhood Renewal Residents' Forum

Date: Tuesday 6th February 2007

Attending:

Name	Area
Ann Hawker	Lawrence Weston
Karen Green	Southmead
Esther Orchard	Southmead
Kathleen Horseman	Southmead
Mo Ismail	St Pauls
Joy Langley	Lockleaze
Matthew Symonds	Voscur
Emma Rice	Voscur (Notetaker)
Lisa Blackwood	St Pauls (arrived late)
Mandy Shute	Knowle West Neighbourhood Manager
Stephen Hewitt (arrived late)	Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership

Apologies:

Name	Area
Phil Morris	Barton Hill

	Action
1. Introductions (a) Mo Ismail introduced himself as a new member of the group. Mo teaches maths at City of Bristol College as well as working with the NR Team in St Pauls. Mo also works with the Somali Community in St Pauls.	
2. Updates (b) Joy Langley – There has not been a market in Lockleaze for a couple of months, the next one is due in March. Due to the cold weather the idea of having indoors is being considered, perhaps in the Cameron Centre. There are two more markets after this the one in March. (c) The first meeting has been held with Dan Alford from Balanced and Sustainable Communities. A further meeting will be arranged to look at running an event in Lockleaze, which is the pilot area. (d) The Feeling Good, Feeling Safe group has been looking at getting the older children in the area to decorate the railway bridge. The	

Arts Group have not been too keen on the idea, as they consider this type of art to be graffiti. Meetings have taken place to try and resolve this.

- (e) Lockleaze Primary School is in the early stages of becoming a Children's Centre. Filton Avenue Nursery School is already very advanced in becoming a Children's Centre. It is hoped that Lockleaze Primary School will be a recognised centre by January 2008.
- (f) **Ann Hawker-** has been busy on the Barrowmead Project Personnel Committee. There have been issues around the change of venue for the project and staff have been kept informed of this.
- (g) Ann attended a NR meeting
- (h) **Karen Green-** starting to use the Liveability Funding
- (i) There is a project list of what to spend the funding on.
- (j) Another meeting has been arranged for Friday (9th February)
- (k) The idea of street art has been agreed
- (l) The street signs will be replaced with meadow flowers on them and each area will be zoned with a different flower representing each zone. They are also considering decorating the bollards, as has happened in Easton (St Marks Road) This idea is being costed.
- (m) Community Education has spent money on street sculptures for the history trail. Even though this project has now ended, it seems a good idea that the trail should still be used and to capitalise on what is already in the area.
- (n) KG also suggested that 15 % over budget should be spent to mop up any under-spend which may occur
- (o) **Mo Ismail-** a lot has been happening in St Pauls!
- (p) Mo chairs A NR Task Group which at present is discussing an After School Club to help with the attainment of children in the area
- (q) A co-ordinator has been employed for the Group, who is a trained teacher. The co-ordinator will recruit other staff who will help children with their homework. This project will start in St Pauls' Learning Centre and every child in St Pauls will have the opportunity to take part. This will be funded through NR and will be a good chance to mix the different schools in the area. The AMIR (? Check with Mo) Education Trust will run every Saturday and Sunday and is a Trust to support Somali Children in the school system. Children from 5 – 16 years old can be part of this project
- (r) St Pauls Day Nursery and St Agnes Day Nursery are joining to make a Children's Centre. There has not been enough funding to build a two storey Centre as planned but efforts have been made to secure more funding from Surestart. The original budget of 2 Million has been increased to 3 Million and it is hoped more funding can be secured.

3. **Mandy Shute – Knowle West NM**

- (a) Mandy gave an overview of what has been happening in Knowle West
- (b) The political difficulties and 'argy-bargy' in the area has calmed down now and progress has been made.
- (c) Mandy realised that there were many different meetings happening and that these could be amalgamated.
- (d) For example there were five different 'crime' meetings, attended by the same people and discussing similar issues.
- (e) This has now been amalgamated into a three hour meeting per month.
- (f) The Extended Schools Task Groups have also been amalgamated into the Extended Schools Partnership and this is just beginning to take off.
- (g) Neighbourhood Policing in Knowle West, the police are becoming more involved with the community.
- (h) A good relationship has been formed with Jeff Foreman the Chair of the Community Safety Group.
- (i) The main process is to work towards a Community Partnership in Knowle West.
- (j) There was initial scepticism from local residents about getting involved with Neighbourhood Management.
- (k) Mandy has used the success of HWCP (Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership) as a selling point, as there is no reason why residents in Knowle West could not have the same amount of input.
- (l) Residents have now started to get involved more.
- (m) There are 22 Resident Boards in the area and Mandy has done a presentation to each of them.
- (n) Each Board will have a Rep on the Community Partnership.
- (o) Mandy is in place until 2008 and then the Community Partnership will elect their own Manager, elections will take place in May 2007.
- (p) From March 2008 a further 2 years funding is available and it is hoped that the Community Partnership will be able to run itself.
- (q) The Park have been supportive towards the Community Partnership.
- (r) As has Stephen Hewitt from HWCP.
- (s) The last round of monitoring revealed there has not been a lot of under-spend on projects but NR would still like to secure more from the central pot.
- (t) The Knowle West Development Trust will not run the Community Partnership but have been supportive and it is eventually hoped that someone from the Trust will sit on the Board of the Partnership.

- (u) The Community Partnership is eager not to exclude any of the existing groups in Knowle West.
- (v) After 2008 fundraising will need to take place to secure projects in the future.
- (w) NM will put in fundraisers to try and sustain the Partnership after the funding ends.
- (x) Some discussion were held by the group on how Community Partnerships in general will be able to sustain themselves financially.
- (y) Mandy accepts that this is a big responsibility for any community but it should also be viewed as positive move as it will allow communities to function independently.
- (z) HWCP have set up businesses and have used enterprise as a way to sustain themselves.
- (aa) Knowle West Community Partnership have a shorter time scale and less money to set up the independent Community Partnership and so needs to start thinking about sustainability now

4. **Stephen Hewitt – HWCP**

- (a) In March 2006 HWCP became the delivery group for NM in Hartcliffe & Withywood it has since become a registered charity and a limited company in its own right.
- (b) There are 6 Task Groups –
- (c) The Community Safety Task Group – which includes issues on drugs and alcohol. The Group is currently moving forward with community policing and there have been PSO's in the area for over 2 years.
- (d) The Healthy Lifestyles Task Group has been working with Social Services. A piece of research funded by HWCP on mental health needs in the area has been taken up by Social Services.
- (e) The Pride Of Place Task Group that deals with environmental issues. There are 25 Street Reps in place at present. These are volunteers who attend training sessions run by Bristol City Council Customer Care Team. A good working relationship has been formed with the Council so that if the Street Reps report, for example, litter in the area this call is logged and followed up.
- (f) The Employment Task Group- which is run jointly with Knowle West.
- (g) The Extended Schools Partnership – is in the process of being set up.
- (h) The Engagement Task Group – which cuts across all the other groups and links with the Equalities Group under which is the Disabled Person's Forum and Vision BME.
- (i) Some discussion was had by the group around what volunteers felt that got out of joining projects such as those run by HWCP

and also if monitoring and evaluation still allowed residents to have an input. Residents have the right to know if targets are being met but may also have an idea on why these targets are failed. Residents seem to have an input when decisions on how to spend funding are made but after this funding is spent do the residents still get their say?

- (j) SH felt that there were lots of opportunities available for resident involvement but it was important to recognise that people want to be involved at different levels. Some volunteers would be happy, for example, to drive the community mini-bus and may not want to be involved at a strategic level.
- (k) It was asked if SH could encourage residents from his local area to attend the NRRF.
- (l) SH felt that sometimes residents felt it a stretch to attend all the many different meetings that go on but he would encourage them and was quite happy to attend future meetings himself to keep the group updated.

5. **RG Papers**

- (a) There are ideas in the minutes from the last RG meeting that are not reflected in the list of workshops that have been formulated (SH).
- (b) A request from the NRRF would be for a workshop on NM and Community Partnerships, how Partnerships will be introduced and how they will become sustainable?
- (c) Also the under-spend should be questioned, is it really possible for groups to spend as much as they have predicted in the short time of 2 months? (SH).
- (d) Dates of Meetings – was the idea to have bi-monthly meetings? The list of meetings seems to have more than expected!
- (e) Item 3 – ESSOL Training – KH would like to know who appraised the tenders?
- (f) AH gives her apologies for the RG on Thursday
- (g) MI and KG will attend.
- (h) SH, KG and LB would be interested in sitting on the Under-spend Panel.

6. **Neighbourhood Renewal Learning Plan**

- (a) A Co-ordinator has been appointed by Voscur, her name is Hannah Parker and she will start in March.
- (b) Hannah will hopefully be able to attend the next NRRF Meeting in March.
- (c) MS is in the process of going through the NR Learning Plan with all members of the Group and needs to arrange to meet with LB and MI.

7. **AOB**

- (a) MS extended an invitation for all residents to the Community

Cohesion Event on Wednesday 21st March (10.00am – 3.00 pm) to be held at the Mansion House on the Downs. The aim of the day is to look at how different diverse communities can be brought together in Bristol. An official invitation will be sent to all residents.

- (b) MI wished to bring it to the attention of the group that funding has been cut for the City of Bristol College to run ESSOL Training and this now means that many students who receive the training will no longer be able to do so. Lots of support for students to attend will be cut. It is good that extra money is being allocated to providing ESSOL training but by taking the delivery away from the College, this will prevent the training from being so accessible.

8. **Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the NRRF will be on Tuesday 6th March (1.00 pm – 3.00pm) at the Council House.

KG gives her apologies for the NRRF and RG Meetings in March.