

St George Community Network

Meeting of Transition Group / Interim Committee

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Notes of meeting

Attendees: Nigel Williams (NW), Geoff Reeson (GR), Diane Jones (DJ), Mary Taylor (MT), Jo Chesterman (JC), Tamsin Harcourt (TH), Mike Kimber, Abdulrazak Dahir (AD), Susan Acton-Campbell (SAC), Rob Acton-Campbell (RAC), Fiona Russell (FR)

Apologies: Grenville Johnson, Cllr Asher Craig, Cllr Nicola Beach, Cllr Steve Pearce

Minuted by: Susan Acton-Campbell

1. Notes of previous meetings

All present agreed the notes of the last St George NP meeting (in respect of the transition process) and the workshops of 8th and 16th February as accurate.

2. Relationship with St George Community Association

At the last meeting of the St George Neighbourhood Partnership Councillor Asher Craig suggested that a way forward would be for St George Community Network to work under the umbrella of the St George Community Association. RAC went to last week's St George Community Association committee meeting.

While most of the work of the St George Community Association focuses on running the community centre their terms of reference include aspirations to support and develop the local community. The St George Community Association would welcome having members providing a community network function. Those members would not be expected to take part in running the community although anyone wishing to do so would be welcome.

The meeting was unanimously in favour of becoming part of the St George Community Association.

The Community Association Treasurer was happy to manage any funds received by the new organisation and to record them separately in their accounts.

3. Update on BCC plans

AD had nothing to report as plans are still in flux. MT has attended a meeting on CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and was due to attend another on Monday. She asked that anyone want to raise particular points about CIL for her to take to the meeting to email them to her. The current approach to divide the city into a number of areas, 6 is currently proposed, within which the CIL may be allocated, subject to the support of local councillors.

4. Agreement in principle for the structure of the new organisation

The St George Community Network (SGCN) will become part of the St George Community Association (SGCA) functioning as a sub-group. NW will draft a brief set of terms of reference for the approval of the transition group and the SGCA.

Action(1) NW

Members of the SGCN will be whoever elects to go on the SGCN mailing list.

The environment sub-group and the transport sub-group of the former St George Neighbourhood partnership will operate outside this structure.

5. Volunteers to lead and assist on future actions

RAC was nominated as interim chair for the period up to the first public meeting. It was agreed that the planned date of 17th May was not achievable for a public meeting, particularly in view of the purdah period caused by the national election.

RAC, NW and TH to work on arranging the first public meeting. AD to confirm the availability of the library for 21st June. General format aimed to elicit priorities for St George

Action(2) RAC NW TH AD

SAC to lead on communications (website, facebook, twitter, posters and mailing list) with support from JC and RAC and for putting up posters MT, DJ, FR

SAC raised the principle that for the SGCN Facebook site, where knowledgeable users wished to share publicity about their community organisations they should be given administration rights to make those postings themselves on the understanding that will "share" at least as many postings from SGCN as they make on the SGCN Facebook page.

6. Next committee meeting

Wednesday 5th July. Rob to circulate draft agenda.

Action (3) RAC

7. Any other business

For the group's general information: ParkWork, funded by £10,000 of CIL (as agreed at the St George NP meeting) will carry out a half day of work every Thursday in St George Park, Troopers Hill, Dundridge Park and every 4th Thursday in the cycle, work in other green spaces in St George probably using Meadow Vale Park as a starting point.

AD to provide contact details for Community Payback to RAC.

Action(4) AD