

**Notes of the Moseley & Kings Heath Community Partnership**  
**Held on 4 December 2017 at 7pm at Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road**

**Present:** Councillors Lisa Trickett (Chair), Claire Spencer & Martin Straker Welds

**Also Present:** Karen Cheney, Head of Neighbourhood Support & Development Unit  
Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager

There were 12 residents also in attendance

**1. Local Innovation Fund**

The Chair thanked all for their proposals and apologised for the short notice of the meeting. Those that had been invited to present their ideas had met the LIF criteria and it was hoped that those groups whose proposals had not met the criteria would be able to join with other groups to enhance

The following groups were then invited to present their proposal;

**1. Kings Heath Creative Spaces**

Kate Goodall and Katy Stone briefly outlined Kings Heath CIC proposal for a creative hub. Through the CIC it had been noted that Kings Heath was attracting young creatives who were currently travelling to Digbeth so the idea to bring them together in a building in Kings Heath had been borne. Enquiries were being made about use of the former police station. The use of volunteers would create sustainability and a percentage of the sale of the art work sold would go to the project. Councillor Spencer said this was part of a long term strategy to encourage the independent nature of Kings Heath High Street and make it more young people friendly. Councillor Spencer referred to the Kings Heath Music Network and asked that they be contacted to be part of the project. Kate and Katy confirmed they would make contact.

Councillor Trickett stressed the need to assert the capital in Kings Heath and suggested an integrated approach with Kings Heath and Brandwood Forums and that LIF be used as a lever to bring all aspects together. Kings Heath already had a community centre and it was suggested that the space there be looked at for the creative space required.

Katy welcomed partnership working and undertook to explore the suggestions made.

**2. Moseley Public Realm**

David Isgrove outlined the proposal as a way of improving the centre of Moseley Village. In 2006 the Moseley Public Realm Design Group had been established with a vision to re-design Moseley for the benefit of pedestrians and had been consulting since. LIF funding would enable traffic modelling and design work. The group was working in partnership with Moseley Forum, CDT, Farmers Market and match funding from the Farmers Market.

Councillor Spencer said she was aware of the Forums commitment to this over many years. There needed to be a focus on St Marys Row in view of the proposed potential opening of the train station and the increase in traffic at the junction with Oxford Road caused by the

opening of the Marks and Spencer. It was requested that Kings Heath Cycling and Push Bikes be involved.

### **3. A435 Residents Network**

Helen Baglee explained that due to longstanding issues raised by residents and through the Kings Heath Forum a network along the A435 had been formed working with groups to prioritise issues/concerns. The work included surveying traffic, air quality monitoring and the development with schools of walking buses. Councillor Spencer said this work could feed into the Green Travel District to help with the reduction of car trips in Kings Heath. Councillor Trickett requested that contact be made with Balsall Heath Forum and Brandwood Forum and suggested discussions with David Harris/Phil Edwards (BCC)

### **4. Moseley & Kings Heath Place Makers**

Sally Potter said that the need for more volunteers in Moseley & Kings Heath had become clear and existing volunteers were getting older so the need to introduce a younger people became evident. There were people willing to give their time but they needed the proper training and support. Place Makers provided a new approach to volunteering and was in response to what local groups said they needed to ensure activity that exists continues. The Place Makers would initially be supported by All Saints Church, CDT and Kings Heath Library and will establish external links with businesses and agencies and help and support local groups. Councillors welcomed the development of volunteers across the ward but expressed concern regarding the employment of a worker suggesting the use of facilitators. Kings Heath Library could act as a focus in its development to become a 'hub'. Councillor Straker Welds suggested contact with secondary schools as 6<sup>th</sup> form students were often looking for volunteer opportunities.

## **2. Next Steps**

Karen Cheney re-affirmed the criteria for the Local Innovation Fund was for projects, the main emphasis being on innovation and making a difference in a neighbourhood. The process was explained and it was noted that although some projects would not be supported it was not due to the idea but that it did not meet LIF criteria and therefore those that were not agreed would be contacted and advice offered. All 3 councillors now had to sign off the applications which would then be submitted to the Cabinet Committee Local Leadership on 20 December for final approval. Successful applications would be contacted regarding payment and they would be expected to report progress to the Community Partnership meetings periodically.

Meeting ended at 8.25pm