

Notes of the Moseley & Kings Heath Community Partnership
Local Innovation Fund Meeting
Held on 13 December 2016 at 7pm at The Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road B13 8JP

Present: Councillors Claire Spencer & Martin Straker-Welds

Helen Rehman, Sam Cornwell, Philip Ozman, Morriam Jan, Emily Cox, Jon Jaffa, Alison Millward, David Sandison, Izzy Knowles, Rebecca Greenhill, Josie Reichert, Ben Kyte, Fiona Adams, Birgit Kehrer, Nahim Khan, Austin Rodriguez, Kay Thomas

1. Welcome & Apologies

Councillor Spencer welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies submitted on behalf of Councillor Trickett.

2. Introduction to the Local Innovation Fund

Councillor Spencer explained the purpose of the Local Innovation Fund (LIF), the criteria and priorities on which funding would be based and the process for submitting the application. In response to questions Councillor Spencer advised this was not a grant, the money was available to spend up to April 2018, cross boundary working would be encouraged. Wider support for the proposals would be required so those present were asked to discuss through residents meetings, CDT, social media etc. Councillor Spencer offered to also promote through the councillors newsletter.

With reference to the application form an amendment was requested as follows;

– **What resources will be required? (page 2)**

Replace *people power volunteers* with the wording '*volunteer hours*' and add

- In Kind Support &
- Community Investment

3. Ideas

The meeting broke into three groups to discuss ideas on how the Fund could be used for the improvement of Moseley & Kings Heath and the following suggestions were made;

- a) Web site
- b) Barclays Bank alley way design
- c) Local schools history pack
- d) Therapeutic gardening (Alys Fowler?)
- e) Young people project
- f) Take over running of main car park (income for the community)
- g) Children's play area in rail car park
- h) Arts Fest – local (local dance, bands, choirs, theatre)

- i) Tolkein cycle route – Sarehole Mill to Perrott’s Folly
- j) Communication & better promotion of what’s happening in the area
- k) Opening up more venues for community use & activities
- l) Brokering good social value & corporate social responsibility opportunities for businesses in the Ward eg Marks & Spencer
- m) Street Parties – supporting with organising & red-tape costs – one day event ward wide – leading to Street Champions as an outcome from Street Parties
- n) Inspiring people to get involved in volunteering, linking to Moseley Fest etc – supporting participation in local groups, particularly young people
- o) Supporting participation in local groups especially young people via connecting people to nature and/or arts opportunities
- p) Enabling volunteering for people who need support/tailored opportunities to do it eg recovering addicts – help to develop soft skills – supporting participation in local groups
- q) Bridge project/Moseley alternative giving project/community gardening – something new or extend/add to existing
- r) Real Junk Food Project
- s) Peer to peer healthy eating training – growing food – allotments- employability schemes/teaching skills, especially for young people who need help/support eg drugs/alcohol/out of education – homeless
- t) Growing food for healthy eating training on housing association vacant land
- u) Involving schools/colleges more/University of the 3rd Age
- v) Volunteering & fund raising in connection with s, t, u above – getting people involved
- w) Paid role to develop community engagement across the ward.
- x) Community banking

The common thread of volunteering and food/gardening etc was noted. While the importance of volunteers to schemes/projects was recognised it was felt that there was much value in having a paid person to help support/organise volunteers and act as a lynch pin.

While the ideas expressed were welcomed it was queried how actual proposals for spend would be put together. There were a number of community groups not represented at this meeting and their experience was required to formulate the ideas into proposals that could secure the funding.

Action-

Councillor Spencer agreed to send summary of meeting ideas to meeting attendees with request that it be forwarded to as many community/resident groups/organisations etc as possible to generate formation of proposals for the Local Innovation Fund. Councillor Spencer also undertook to put out details through social media.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm