

MINUTES OF RESIDENTS & COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING

Venue: GAVCA, 75-81 Eastgate Street Gloucester

Wednesday 23rd September 2009

Present	Residents & Community - Board Members	
	Sally Pickering (SP)	GHURC Board Member (Chair)
	David Bush (DB)	GHURC Board Member (Vice-Chair)
	Ian Jarvis (IJ)	GHURC Board Member
	Mary Smith (MS)	GHURC Board Member
Present	Residents & Community Forum – Members and Observers	
	Louise Spira (LS)	Mark Boyce (MB)
	Barry Leach (BLe)	John Price (JP)
	Bryan Lyall (BL)	
	Dennis Collins (DC)	
GHURC	Martin Wallace (MW)	GHURC
	Chris Oldershaw (CO)	GHURC
	Sam Hoad (SH)	GHURC
	Ian Williams (IW)	GHURC

Refs.	Item Title	ACTION
168/09	Apologies	
	Adele Owen, Helen Cook, Mavis Wall, Pat Culley, Philip Lowery, Ian Ellis, Jenny Lappington, Zaheera Nanabawa	
169/09	Declaration of Interest	
	Ian Jarvis – Quays/Docks	
170/09	Minutes of the Residents & Community Forum Meeting held 29th July 2009	
	Page 2, section 165/09 final comment was made by BLe not BL. (Amendment made and the corrected minutes are available on the Intranet).	
171/09	Matters Arising	
	Language Centre – CO to cover on agenda. James Llewellyn to be invited to present on the Elmbridge Transport Major Scheme at the next meeting. Neighbourhood Partnerships have now been included in the Community Engagement Strategy.	MW
172/09	Feedback from the Board Meeting 31st July 2009	
	DB provided feed back from the previous Main Board meeting – the Board received a presentation on the Greyfriars development proposals, positive feedback so far. It was agreed that the consultation process would need careful handling. A presentation was received on the Elmbridge Transport Major Scheme with an emphasis on a 1000 space car park at the park & ride facility. There were queries over the 10 minute frequency of the buses over a 6 day period and	

	<p>requests that the route takes in the Quays. Also concerns were raised over a junction on the Golden Valley by-pass. The Board supported the scheme in general but with certain reservations. The scheme may be brought forward 2 years to approx. 2014.</p>	
<p>173/09</p>	<p>Main Board Agenda Items</p>	
	<p>345/09 Bakers Quay – Presentation of Masterplan IW gave a presentation on the Masterplan principles. CO advised that a compromise may be met on the retention/demolition of the maltsters cottages in that 2 out of 4 could be kept. JP felt that if the cottages held no architectural interest, merely historical then it is neither here nor there if there are only 2 retained, based on the assumption that all the cottages are the same. There was a general agreement that the retention of 2 of the cottages would be supported. MB queried if there would be a conflict between pedestrians and vehicles, especially on the newly proposed public square that faces onto the road? IW explained that this land was owned by Numold who have there own Masterplan which includes transfers from industrial to residential. They currently require access to this area. The intention is that visitors to new leisure uses will use existing Outlet Centre access. It is aimed to keep the majority of traffic directed only into the new proposed multi storey car park. SP asked if there would be a ‘shared space’ concept. IJ – yes as Numold have access at the moment. CO advised that he has been in conversation with Numold but not seen their Masterplan. They are prepared to relocate out of the area and retain just an office presence. DB welcomed proposals due to the current state of the area, especially regarding its location next to the Designer Outlet Centre, but any new development must blend in with the quality of the Quays. The trees shown on the presentation along St Ann’s Way are they at a lower level? IW advised they are on the lower bank. BL queried phase 1 timescales. IW advised that a planning application will be submitted over the next 1-2 weeks. CO advised on site works should begin middle of next year, but timescales are not known for the rest of the site. BL asked if previously discussed hoardings would be included? CO suggested this question be asked of Dick Bishop at the Board Meeting. BL raised concerns over current movement of traffic along Llanthony Road and right turn into the Docks. IJ advised people are ignoring signage and Police have been advised. There are issues over access into the Museum carpark from either direction. MS advised the Linkages meeting had discussed stopping traffic turning into Llanthony Road but there are issues with the college bus stops. LS felt it was difficult to comment on the retention/demolition of the maltsters cottages without having seen them. IW advised they are very plain Victorian terrace properties. BLe felt that the decision of demolition/retention would be difficult as if they are terraced then maybe they need to be portrayed as this, which retention of 2 cottages wont do. CO has concerns over the viability of offices in this area. DC asked if there were any further demolition plans?</p>	

CO believed the concrete silos and some temporary structures were due to be demolished.

IW advised that much of the demolition has already taken place.

346/09 Programme Performance Update

CO talked through the summary of this document.

Blackfriars – timescale for completion has been extended by 4 months for the language centre which allows for sufficient archaeology to take place. The University have advised that they will not take on the management of the North and East Ranges of the Priory buildings and GHURC are currently seeking alternative arrangements.

Docks – Positive discussions with EIG have taken place regarding locating to Southgate Moorings. This will retain 700 jobs in the city centre. EIG Board are due to make a decision 1st week November.

Quays – IJ advised of new retailers in the DOC. 3 new restaurants on the waterfront. Hopefully 1 or 2 maybe opened by Xmas, another by Easter. CO advised that analysis shows that the DOC is pulling trade off the M5. IJ to present on exit surveys at next meeting. Reports of increased trade in city centre. JP felt that although the new Antiques Centre is smaller it's very impressive. IJ advised that they are due to expand within current premises.

Railway Triangle – JP advised there was much unrest among residents at their recent Neighbourhood Partnership meeting, in relation to Allstones and in particular to the recent application to extend operating hours. There is general support for the relocation of Allstones.

BLe queried if there is progress on the hotel planned for the site adjacent to Llanthony Priory?

CO advised still awaiting decision between Gloucester and Hemel Hempsted.

IJ

347/09 GHURC Business Plan 2009-2016 – Verbal CO

Confidential report. Reasons for taking back to the Board is that SWRDA funding allocation is now known and based on the prioritisation of £10 million funding. Copies of the annual report were distributed.

JP asked how many of jobs created will be allocated to Gloucester people.

CO advised this information is required from Gloucester Works and suggested a presentation by Ahmed Goga at the next meeting.

BLe felt that figures should reflect how the 'deprived' areas of the city have benefited.

CO advised that the importance of this has been stressed to Gloucester Works.

MW

350/09 Greater Railway Triangle Masterplan – update

CO stated this had been covered under the Programme Performance update.

MB asked if land had been sold to Allstones.

CO advised the BRB land had been acquired by Allstones.

351/09 Greater Blackfriars Masterplan – Feedback

CO advised the Masterplan consultation period was approaching the final day and drew attention to the feedback summary document. It was felt that too much parking provision is being made, but it must be taken into account that parking will be lost in the Docks area. No major changes will be required to the Masterplan document as a result of the consultation as there is

	<p>general support. DB asked if the Police are still keen to be involved. CO confirmed this and also a hotel operator.</p> <p>352/09 Canal Corridor Partnership – Proposed BID – Feedback CO talked through report. £20,000 had been committed by GHURC and £50,000 by SWRDA. Feedback through run-up to ballot had been positive. Richard Owen will continue to attend the Shadow Board meetings on behalf of GHURC. SP asked if the negative ballot result was unexpected? CO – yes. DB wondered if the true benefits of a BID weren't presented in enough detail to the smaller business'. BL felt that business' would have felt that the proposed improvements should be covered under existing business rates and maybe the BID was not effectively promoted.</p> <p>Company Accounts 2008/0 CO offered copies of the company accounts.</p> <p>Company Directorships CO advised the there are Company Directorship renewals due and there is also a vacancy on the Board. It will be recommended that Parmjit Dhanda takes the vacant position (although this may be revisited if the elections mean loss of position) and that Board membership should be extended to 26 to include Councillor Julie Girling – MEP. MS advised that not all vacancies as they arise will necessarily be filled. DB felt that Parmjit Dhanda has supported the regeneration programme well.</p>	
174/09	<p>Any Other Business MB stated a high level of disappointment over the lack of opportunity of the Community and Residents Forum to comment on the Elmbridge Transport Major Scheme and that the GHURC Board have stated their position without this input. CO advised that a presentation will be given at the next Forum meeting on this subject. MB advised that on the GHURC internet the Forum minutes are available from May 09, but the Board minutes are only available from Jan 09. MW to check. IW advised that a best practice trip to Exeter is being arranged, it is felt that there are direct comparisons for the Kings Quarter area. Possible dates 20/26/28/30th October. IW to advise. Further trips to Northampton and possibly London are planned. MB felt that the Duke of York Square in London would be comparable to Kings Square.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>IW</p>
	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p>	
	<p>Monday 23rd Nov. 2009, 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. – Joint Meeting with Business Forum – Venue TBA</p>	<p>MW</p>

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