

GLOUCESTER HERITAGE URBAN REGENERATION COMPANY LTD



MINUTES OF RESIDENTS & COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING

Venue: GAVCA, 75-81 Eastgate Street Gloucester

Wednesday 25th March 2009

Present	Residents & Community - Board Members	
	Sally Pickering (SP)	GHURC Board Member (Chair)
	David Bush (DB)	GHURC Board Member (Vice-Chair)
	Mary Smith (MS)	GHURC Board Member
Present	Residents & Community Forum – Members and Observers	
	Dennis Collins (DC)	Pat Culley
	Bryan Lyall (BL)	Barry Leach (BLe)
	Mark Boyce (MB)	Mavis Wall (MWa)
	Philip Lowery	
GHURC	Chris Oldershaw (CO)	GHURC
	Martin Wallace (MW)	GHURC

Refs.	Item Title	ACTION
145/09	Apologies	
	Ian Jarvis, Sam Hoad, Adele Owen, Helen Cook, Jenny Lapington, John Price, Louise Spira,	
146/09	Declaration of Interest	
147/8/09	Minutes of the Residents & Community Forum Meeting held 28th January 2009 & Matters Arising	
	Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. CO fed back on meeting with the Cathedral and the proposal of grassing over the car-park in the Cathedral grounds MWa reminded the forum that the review of the Community Engagement strategy had been deferred again and wanted to ensure it was on the next meetings agenda	MW
149/09	Feedback from the Board meeting 28th January 2008	
	Blue Badge parking spaces: Seeking funding from HCA for a city wide strategy. Will consult to look at existing provision in Gloucester with recommendations, access and parking. Restrictions on wheeled access in the Docks: the gradient is too steep around Kimbrose Triangle and the regiment museum, the main problems with motorised chairs BLe recognised that the Parking Strategy had not yet been adopted by the local authority The report by Sam Hoad on Community Engagement was well received and highlighted the need for additional resourcing Urban Youth Forum presentation deferred for the coming Board meeting 27 th March	

150/09	<p>Completing Gloucester's Regeneration Draft Fourth Annual Business Plan</p>	
	<p>CO encouraged the forum to consider priorities as he went through the draft business plan Highlights of the draft Business Plan:</p> <p>Emphasis on the importance of linkages: MWa asked about attractions on route. Public Art are proposed for the Docks, (1) at the base of Kimbrose Steps – a 22m column with lights, (2) concept art of Tall Ships at Back Badge Square with the potential for Tommi Neilson to assist. MS suggested an art trail from Gloucester Quays / Docks / Southgate Street through to Debenhams</p> <p>Gloucester Quays 1000 residential units proposed consisted mainly of apartments, which may change to town houses</p> <p>Bakers Quay: The Bishops are considering some selective demolition of non listed temporary structures and looking to tidy up the site</p> <p>Kings Square: the URC had commissioned an arboriculturist who had found 2 grade A trees. The information had now gone back to the landscape architect who will revise plans</p> <p>Golden Egg: Negotiations on going with the desire to demolish</p> <p>Iceland building: cut back slightly in keeping with sightlines of buildings in the Oxebody</p> <p>Pavilion: still planned for inclusion into the main square. MWa asked if the public toilets would be situated in the pavilion CO commented that it was likely they would be provided elsewhere</p> <p>Railway triangle: HCA are now the main source of funding from the public sector</p> <p>Tourism: MWa had concerns of flooding in the Landform proposed for Castlemeads, CO responded that flooding would be designed into the scheme. The forum agreed that maintenance would be an important issue. SP commented that it would enhance the area. Castlemeads would also cater for a replacement car-park due to the loss of parking on Southgate Moorings</p> <p>Canal Corridor: It was reported that Transco were taking down the gas holder. The business plan included for a Water based strategy</p> <p>The forum recognised Kings Square as the centre of Gloucester. DB said that it was important that it receive a high priority</p> <p>MB stressed that it was important that we should make the decisions and not SWRDA. The forum stressed the importance of maintaining the city centre and the linkages as priority</p>	

	<p>MWa asked about a theatre as part of the programme. CO responded that if the combined Crown and Magistrates court project goes ahead in Great Western Rd then the 'released' Crown Court had the potential of housing a theatre. DB agreed that the crown court would make a good venue</p> <p>Parkway Station: Included in original bid to the government for the GHURC but being 'delivered' by the County Council.</p> <p>There was a strong consensus of agreement for proposals in the draft Business Plan 09/10</p>	
151/09	Any Other Business	
	Dates of Future Meetings	
	Wednesday 27 th May 2009, 5.30 – 8.00 p.m. – GAVCA, 75/81 Eastgate St	
	Wednesday 29 th July 2009, 5.30 – 8.00 p.m. – GAVCA, 75/81 Eastgate St	
	Wednesday 23 rd Sept. 2009, 5.30 – 8.00 p.m. – GAVCA, 75/81 Eastgate St	
	Wednesday 25 th Nov. 2009, 5.30 – 8.00 p.m. – GAVCA, 75/81 Eastgate St	

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