

## Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group held on Thursday 5 February 2015

1. Present: Gary Powell(GP), Carol Kambites (CK), Clare Sheridan (CS) (*Chair*), Terry Webb (TW), Alastair Shankland (AS) (Minutes), Nick Chase (NC), John Jeynes (JJ), Chris Cowcher (CC), Vicky Redding (VR)

As a result of CK/CS school visit and consultation endeavours the working group was joined by: Ollie King, Abbie Phipps and Corra Bradford from Maidenhill School. After a welcome by the Chair they then provided an explanation of the house system and school council.

2. Apologies:, Rob Waite, Agnieszka Paszkiewicz

3. Declarations of Interest: None received

4. Approval of the minutes of the NDP Working Group held on 22<sup>th</sup> January 2015:

Chair thanked CC for minutes.

Actions reported:

4 c, AS had made good progress with Wycliffe. The school had, in principle, agreed to meet and discuss development aspirations and run a pupil consultation exercise with CK and CS. AS follow up with management at school in the following days.

4 f, TW and CC had met and made good progress with an assessment of the retail/amenities and vacant properties. It was agreed that the working group should use one of the workshop sessions to identify spatially all 'sites of interest' in the designated area.

4i, CC had not manage to reach RW to check possibility of using QR and other marketing means to disseminate information.

AOB, Link will take you to the general terms (including affordable housing) as defined by DGLG to be used as part of housing need consideration - <https://www.gov.uk/definitions-of-general-housing-terms>

5. Budget review:

VR ran through submission of the final grant to Locality/CDF. In particular the ineffectiveness of a form that only has qualitative response boxes of 50 characters (including spaces). A longer letter and second involve were sent as appendices to the form to CDF. VR/AS would await any questions and be ready to answer.

Other than minor printing of consultation questionnaires there has been no movement in budget.

AS to meet and discuss the budget and funding reports. Outcomes to be reported back at the next NDP meeting.

6. Project Health Check:

- a. It was acknowledged that CC and TW efforts were much appreciated. However, AS drew attention that the working group must start to identify site owners of the land to be investigated and owner contacted. **ACTION AS** to speak to Liz Lawrence (deputy clerk) to commence site identification.
- b. JJ raised concerns that SDC appeared to becoming unresponsive and the information that had been sent was not of most use. In particular, relating to the disaggregation of the housing numbers relating to the Stonehouse cluster. **ACTION AS** would press Ricardo Rios before next meeting to answer all points from email of 16 January 2015.

7. User Group consultation planning

Survey next steps

AS reported that in his estimation consultation had received approximately 30 responses. He was surprised that the £100 cash prize had not elicited a greater response.

It was agreed that this round of consultation had to be drawn to a close and, like previous rounds, the group must move on. It was further agreed that the group had collectively done as much as they could for this exercise.

GP reported that he had delivered to all local housing, except Halewood (he had run out of time). The response had been mixed with many not being particularly engaged.

Schools

Ollie, Abbie and Corra gave a detailed run through of the school response, document attached to minutes.

In light of the previous item AS enquired as to the best means of reaching young people in Stonehouse. With Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram being reported as the most effective.

8. Any other business:

9. Workshop Session – Transport led by CK

10. Dates of next meeting: To be held fortnightly:

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February Workshop session Site plotting/identification
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

# Feedback from Maidenhill school council forum

Comments collected from Maidenhill school pupils over a 2 week period

/ = separate comment

3g or 4g football pitch/public football pitch with lockers/3g and 4g, artificial grass

More parks;skate parks,playgrounds and sport cages such as basket ball,football etc/more sports pitches/multi use pitches

More clothes shops/sports shop/sports shop/ sports clothing shop/ more fast food like Subway, MacDonalds and Burger King

Leisure centre with snooker tables and pool/gym and sports facilities/gym/gym/sports facilities indoors, snooker and pool tables/Leisure centres

More toilets/public toilets

Heating in bus stops and better seats

No more houses - keep green spaces for wildlife/keep green areas/keep green areas

Oldends Lane is a fantastic location for businesses, close to M5

More jobs needed for young people

Lights at skate park

Animal club for kids

Opportunities for young people to help the elderly

Proper youth club

Arcade for teenagers

Skating in week

Trips to Torquay, The Grovenor and Cavendish hotels as shown on channel 4 with Mark Jenkins/ Day trips for kids in Stonehouse to the beach

## **Notes from school council forum**

Public toilets are locked from 5pm , youngsters come from outside Stonehouse and there are no facilities for them, also users of skatepark have no public toilets.

The new youth club is far too small it gets packed out, an extension was suggested.

A swimming pool is needed in Stonehouse as it is too far to Stroud.

If a 3g pitch built then users could be charged.

An outdoor table tennis table and badminton facilities, could be on Park estate greens.

Basket ball etc and mini parks for smaller children at Oldends Lane.

Solar Lights at skate park

Town Centre is very good, no swearing or fighting, need updated shops and clothes shops. More small businesses required on High Street. A new out of Town shopping area with supermarket and clothes shops, the business centre was suggested as venue.

More social housing is needed.

Crossing by bridge on High St for those coming from Park School and heading for Gloucester Rd – have to go wrong way to cross so tend to just cross by the bridge and it is not safe.

Crossing over railway from Oldends to allotments – bell not working.

Roller skating maybe at Community Centre

Better links between young and old people.