

# Moseley Regeneration Group

Notes of a meeting held at Moseley Exchange on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

## Present:

1. Alison Millward (Reddings and Amesbury Road RA)
2. Tony Thapar (Moseley Community Development Trust)
3. John Dring (The Moseley Society)
4. Izzy Knowles (Moseley Forum)
5. Rob Kewley (Moseley Forum)
6. Francis Healy (Accord)
7. Fiona Adams (The Moseley Society)
8. Austin Barber (Moseley Community Development Trust, Trustee)
9. Jenny Brewer (Moseley in Bloom)
10. Mark Eftichiou (Domestica, Moseley business)
11. David Sandison (Moseley CDT volunteer)

## Also present:

1. Cllr. Claire Spencer (BCC)
2. David Low (RARRA)
3. Gill McGillivray (RARRA)
4. Carole McKeown (RARRA)

**There were no apologies received**

## Welcome:

Alison Millward opened the meeting and welcomed the observers. No apologies were received. The first part of the meeting between 5.00-6.00pm has been recorded separately. This dealt with Agenda item 1: Moseley Hall Hospital and Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust transport and traffic review.

## 1.0 Notes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved and the following updates were noted:

Actions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7 had been completed

1.1 Development at 2-4 Woodbridge Road (Minutes 7.3.17, point 1.2) – Tony Thapar said that he had had a follow-up meeting with Amar Khera, Fiona Adams and John Dring. It was most likely that another Planning Application would be submitted to permit evening restaurant operation.

1.2 Meteor site, Section 106 monies (point 2.1) and website development (point 2.4). Tony Thapar said that in principal the Council would release the £25k funds

## ACTION

on submission of a strategy approved by ward councillors for spending across three areas, the Public Realm, promoting Moseley and on community safety. An outline proposal would include a contribution to support the Farmers Market for the supply of electricity to the Village Green; building on the neighbourhood planning website to meet identified Making Moseley targets; printing the Discover Moseley handout; a contribution to Moseley Alternative Giving Campaign (MAGC) to fund 80 work days to tackle street drinking. An update would be provided for the next meeting.

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1.3 Moseley Conservation Area (point 2.2) – guidance had been received from BCC Conservation Officers and Tony Thapar would draft an advisory letter to developers on behalf of the Moseley CDT.

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1.4 Planning: SPD Policy EA2, maintaining retail use at a level of 50% or over (point 2.3) – MRG had received a response from BCC and was in continued correspondence. Copies of the three letters to date had been circulated to members. MRG monitoring of usage put A1 Retail currently at close to 46%, whilst BCC record it at just below 50%, since they continue to count as A1 premises that have had a change of use for a temporary period under Permitted Development rules. To aid monitoring usage the Group decided there was a need for a checklist of businesses to record where and when there had been temporary change of use under Permitted Development.

DS

1.5 Making Moseley, Public Realm Design Group (PRDG) (point 3.2) – following the Moseley Forum AGM focus on traffic pollution, a further meeting of the PRDG would take place with Anne Shaw of BCC. Cllr Claire Spencer was overseeing the formal constitution of the Kings Heath Green Travel District (KH GTD) to ensure its long term future. The KH GTD covered the A435 Alcester Road as far as the Moseley Hall Hospital site. Carole McKeown (CM) was the Moseley representative to KH GTD and as such it would also be useful for CM to be involved with the PRDG. DS to amend MRG email list and to advise David Isgrove as Chair of PRDG.

CM  
DS

1.6 Moseley Village car park (point 3.3) – under Freedom of Information, Izzy Knowles had requested details of income and expenditure. If viable, Cllr. CS would support an asset transfer to bring the car park under community control. A survey of usage would be needed to get an idea of potential income for daytime, evening and weekend use.

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1.7 Recording of community assets (point 3.4) – Cllr. CS said an attempt to have the old Ritz cinema on York Road listed had been a challenge and that it would be useful to consult those who had been involved. She agreed to meet with Tony Thapar to discuss taking forward a Moseley asset list.

TT/Cllr. CS

1.8 Planning Applications, 11 Holders Lane (point 4.2) - in promoting green travel to the architect concerned and in comment on the PA, The Moseley Society had been successful in getting planning conditions for an electric vehicle charging

point and for cycle storage. The site is not close to public transport and Holders Lane and Goodby Road areas might be an opportunity to get new Co-wheels members and that a Co-wheels car might be based at 11 Holders Lane, which might aid the developer to add green travel options to its promotion. It was agreed that Cllr. CS would contact Co-wheels concerning this.

1.9 Moseley Village footfall survey (point 5.5) – it was agreed that David Sandison would provide Austin Barber with a survey brief.

DS

1.10 AM explained that members of the Billesley Lane Allotments Association were concerned that the current Billesley lane Allotments lease had still not been signed by Moseley Golf Club and that this was causing a high level of uncertainty for the allotment holders (point 5.8) – Cllr. CS agreed to follow up Cllr. Lisa Trickett for an update.

Cllr. CS

## **2.0 Moseley Festival – MRG event**

2.1 Since the September 2016 meeting, the Group had discussed Permitted Development for change of use and SPD Policy EA2 to support A1 Retail at 50% or above within the Moseley Primary Shopping Area (PSA), and had been in correspondence with BCC Planning & Regeneration over the issue since February 2017. The SPD was concerned with promoting both the day and evening economy and as with a majority of high streets, the balance in Moseley was moving from retail to leisure. Following MRG discussion, Moseley Forum at their 31<sup>st</sup> January meeting noted a priority to host a public meeting to focus on the Changing Face of Moseley.

2.2 MRG had also discussed an event at the time of the Moseley Festival, either as a workshop or through public engagement as part of the Street Fair. It was recognised that Moseley had a mature housing market and that market forces governed Moseley's commercial development. The main route to influence property owners was through engaging with them in the planning process and to use the new web site to promote Moseley to attract new businesses. Also to engage the community on the question of what we wish the Village centre to be for community life. It was agreed not to pursue an event at the Festival but to make this a key focus in development of the web site.

2.3 A Moseley Business Group would have been beneficial in consideration of points 2.1 and 2.2 above. Following a previous meeting, Neighbourhood Innovator Helen Rehman had advised that as part of the Moseley Alternative Giving Campaign (MAGC) she had met in late March with a number of pubs and local businesses. They indicated that they might be interested in funding a warden-type post to look after Moseley and to support MAGC. She had circulated the Revive and Thrive report and said that there was an appetite for a Moseley Business Group. Izzy Knowles agreed to contact Helen to explore the potential and to contact Tom Carrol to discuss promoting Moseley and a street food fair.

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### **3.0 Current planning applications and Licensing issues**

3.1 The Patrick Kavanagh, 142 Trafalgar Road 2017/02742/PA, for new signage and separate Licensing application for amendment to opening hours. MS planning group had yet to assess these.

3.2 o/s 93a Alcester Road, 2017/02338/PA for replacement phone box and ATM by BT. This appeared to be a retrospective PA for the recent structure. An objection by the Moseley Society had been recorded.

3.3 2017/0310/ENF, The Village Inn, 179 Alcester Road. The Moseley Society had been contacted by residents living opposite who reported a new glazed gazebo in the car park and late night noise and music. Cllr. Straker-Welds had been involved and Licensing Enforcement were investigating 'an alleged unauthorised structure within the car park' and measures to ensure the pub kept within the terms of its licence.

3.4 Pitmaston House, 123 Moor Green Lane, 2016/10657/PA. Work was now underway on interior and exterior work and the location of an electricity sub-station and extension.

### **4.0 Any other business**

4.1 Cllr. Claire Spencer would aim to attend future MRG meetings if Cllr. Lisa Trickett was unable.

**Cllr. CS**

4.2 Tree hoardings at Meteor site – two in bad conditions were in storage and the remaining would be mounted on the M&S car park fence to the rear of Washeteria.

4.3 Reminder that the hustings for the West Midlands Mayoral Elections would take place at Kings Heath Baptist Church on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm.

4.4 Ashram Moseley HA had undergone restructuring and was now to be known as Accord; operations would continue at the Moseley offices without any change. Izzy Knowles expressed her appreciation of the great help that Peter Helly of Accord had given to MAGC.

4.5 Cannon Hill Park proposed introduction of parking charges and traffic restrictions – Gill McGillivray (RARRA) was following up on the BCC consultation with Cllr. Claire Spencer and other neighbouring RAs.

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4.6 Fiona Adams raised concern that glass and litter is not getting removed in Moseley centre.

4.7 Cllr. Claire Spencer said that she had the task of packaging up project bids to

share the £48k Local Innovation Funds and that bids were still being accepted.

4.8 Tony Thapar spoke of a local campaign called 'Luv Brum Schools' that is seeking full consultation around the proposal by seven local schools to form a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

**Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 6.00pm at the Moseley Exchange.