

Moseley Regeneration Group

Notes of a meeting held at Moseley Exchange on Tuesday 18th October 2016 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. Helen Rehman (Neighbourhood Innovator, M&KHCP)
6. Jenny Brewer (Moseley in Bloom)
7. Fiona Adams (The Moseley Society)
8. Rob Kewley (Moseley Forum)
9. Austin Barber (Moseley Community Development Trust, Trustee)
10. David Sandison (Moseley CDT volunteer)

Also present:

1. Patrick Casey (Avalon Design)

Apologies received from:

1. Cllr. Lisa Trickett (Birmingham City Council)
2. Esther Boyd (Moseley Forum)
3. Francis Healy (Ashram Moseley HA)
4. Mark Effichiou (Domestica, Moseley business)

Welcome:

Alison Millward opened the meeting with apologies received and welcomed Patrick Casey to the meeting.

1.0 Trenleigh House, Woodbridge Road consultation on development – Patrick Casey

1.1 Patrick Casey was about to seek pre-application advice for the Trenleigh House scheme and was seeking the views of the Regeneration Group beforehand. PC showed outline plans for the regeneration of the corner site of Alcester Road and 2-8 Woodbridge Road within the Moseley Conservation Area and Primary Shopping Area, where the main aim was to develop the upper floors from offices to residential accommodation. Proposals would be to leave the Alcester Road elevation and usage largely unchanged apart from topping the corner cupola with an artwork and to raise the roof level behind with a contemporary design facing Woodbridge Road. There were separate plans for the owner to landscape land behind 2-4 Woodbridge Road adjoining the back of the Lloyds Bank site.

ACTION

1.2 Members gave feedback on the proposals and Alison Millward summarised views expressed, that proposals for a modern, high quality development would be welcomed, that would respect and enhance the character of the Conservation Area.

2.0 Notes of the meeting held on 6th September 2016 were approved and the following updates were noted:

2.1 Community Action Framework (point 1.3) - Alison Millward said that she had completed the Framework and would forward to David Sandison for circulation to members, for posting to the CDT website and to Rob Kewley for posting on the Moseley Forum site.

DS/RK

2.2 Alison Millward thanked Helen Rehman for forwarding the 'Revive & Thrive' report to members (point 2.3). HR said that she would advise when the report might be made available publicly, possibly in December. It was agreed that when un-embargoed, the report should be posted on the CDT website on the Moseley SPD page. Members also agreed that approved MRG meeting Minutes and updated action plan for Making Moseley should be posted on the CDT site for a six month trial period, with prior permission sought from any visitor relating to disclosure of possibly confidential material discussed in meetings.

DS

2.3 Planning: SPD Policy EA2, maintaining retail use at a level of 50% or over against the combined A2-A5 uses. David Sandison had submitted an objection on behalf the MRG to the change of use PA for 123 Alcester Road, 2016/06946/PA, He still had to draft a letter to BCC Planning, to include Conservation Officers, relating to updated property usage statistics and MRG concerns for future retail and day time activity within the Moseley PSA.

DS

3.0 Feedback from Moseley & Kings Heath Community Partnership 'On the Move' transport event 19th September

3.1 Helen Rehman said that over 50 people had attended the 'On the Move' event and that an Action Group had been set up to work with BCC to develop a coherent plan for transport across the ward. The City had a responsibility to deliver on Clean Air Zones, Kings Heath suffered from heavy traffic pollution and did not meet current permitted health levels, to address this the aim was to create a Green Travel District for Moseley and Kings Heath. A full report on the meeting had been posted at www.moseleyandkingsheathcp.wordpress.com/ and written report would be circulated to members

DS

3.2 MRG members attending felt that the meeting focus was on Kings Heath. BCR plans for a cycle route on the Alcester Road that were to have been implemented this summer had been halted, to prioritise safer routes on the Bristol

and Walsall Roads where cycle lanes might be segregated from traffic. It was also apparent that any plans proposed by the Moseley Public Realm Group for 'shared space' could only be pursued once heavy freight traffic was diverted from the A435 to use alternative routes to the city. Cllr. Claire Spencer was concerned with ward parking issues, it was noted that the Reddings Road/Alcester Road junction was very dangerous and that funds might be made available to extend double yellow lines from the junction. Members discussed the measures being taken to enforce the new 20mph limits and wished to have feedback at the next meeting on the effectiveness of the limits and enforcement.

4.0 Promotion of Making Moseley to local residents – means of feedback on progress from 2014 and invitation for involvement in taking plans forward

4.1 Alison Millward said that she had met with David Sandison and Tony Thapar to review the first half of the Action Plans and would shortly meet again to complete the exercise; the final draft would be circulated to members prior to the next meeting.

DS

4.2 Tony Thapar canvassed ideas for an event to promote Making Moseley. Members agreed on an event around Easter that might best be publicised through social media, B13, My Moseley and My Kings Heath magazines and a banner.

5.0 Current planning applications and Licensing issues

5.1 Fiona Adams said that the Moseley Society was concerned about two current Licensing applications and had already registered an objection to the first, for a change to hours for sale of alcohol to 6.00 – 1.00am for Texaco garage at 44 Alcester Road. The garage was within the Central Moseley Special Policy Area and its operation beyond the current 11.30pm closure would likely contribute to public nuisance. The other was for the bar/hotel at the former HSBC for sale of alcohol to the front of the building to 11.30pm, and FA was in consultation with local residents and planned to object. FA noted that Village News were again considering applying for an off-licence but since the re-opening of Moseley Wines they may not be supported.

5.2 David Sandison said that the change of use applications from retail to restaurant had been withdrawn at both 123 and 128 Alcester Road, which would potentially help in maintaining retail use.

5.3 Austin Barber had circulated members with a news link that announced on 13th October the opening before Christmas of Zindiya, a new Indian street food restaurant and cocktail bar at the former Lukers shop in Woodbridge Road.

5.4 Tony Thapar was still attempting to set up a meeting with Costa. **On 20th October**, TT advised that Costa would be able to attend the next MRG meeting

and that he had arranged a smaller meeting on 1st November for Costa and their near neighbours.

5.5 Reddings Road RA would be looking at two planning applications for extensions in Reddings Road.

6.0 Bid to Birmingham City Council Innovation Fund

6.1 Tony Thapar suggested that an application might be made to the new ward BCC Innovation Fund for funding towards the development of moseleyvillage.co.uk since the website was projected as a means of promoting many of the Making Moseley objectives. Helen Rehman agreed to approach the funding distributor to find out the criteria and procedures for funding.

HR

7.0 Any other business

7.1 Fiona Adams said that Mike Marlow had suggested the organisation of a football count in the shopping centre before and after M&S opening. Volunteer Dan King was considering how this might best be carried out and FA thought of approaching Java Lounge customers to make some counts.

7.2 Fiona Adams said that the Moseley Forum would be discussing the proposed constituency boundary changes at their next meeting and make comments following the meeting.

7.3 Rob Kewley said that there had been no capacity this year to organise an event to mark switching on the Christmas Lights, but that MiB business sponsorship had enjoyed really good support and that there were funds for ten sets of lights.

7.4 Izzy Knowles said that the Farmers Market was expected to pay for the tree and lights on the green, but that depended upon agreement with Western Power over the provision of electricity and that Western Power had added £970 in a new quote over the previously negotiated £2,500 net of VAT.

7.5 Tony Thapar said that the development of the SPD had led to the Moseley CDT being asked to draw up guidelines to help other communities that want to develop their own community-led planning document. The resulting toolkit, 'Ward Explorer' would be launched later in the week at an event in Stirchley.

7.6 Alison Millward said that the MRG might investigate registering pavements in the PSA as a Community Asset to assist in organising street events. It had been noted that the Farmers Market had lost space for two stalls from outside the Cuban Embassy.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 29th November, 6.00pm