

Moseley Regeneration Group

Notes of a meeting held at Moseley Exchange on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:

1. Alison Millward (Reddings and Amesbury Road RA)
2. Tony Thapar (Moseley Community Development Trust)
3. Carole McKeown (RARRA, KHGTD)
4. Jenny Brewer (Moseley in Bloom)
5. Mark Eftichiou (Domestica, Moseley business)
6. Izzy Knowles (Moseley Forum)
7. Esther Boyd (Moseley Forum)
8. Fiona Adams (The Moseley Society)
9. John Dring (The Moseley Society)
10. David Sandison (Moseley CDT volunteer)

Apologies received from:

1. Austin Barber (Moseley Community Development Trust, Trustee)
2. Rob Kewley (Moseley Forum)
3. Cllr. Claire Spencer (Birmingham City Council)

1.0 Moseley travel and traffic workshop 13th September – follow up

1.1 The workshop had been useful in mapping issues and concerns stemming from traffic congestion, air pollution, parking, danger spots and enforcement of traffic regulations. The data gained had been transferred to spreadsheets and mapped using Google Maps and accessed through Google Drive. Mapping had highlighted gaps in coverage that required a wider community input. Cllr. Claire Spencer had set up another Google Drive file with a set of folders to enable residents to record traffic issues road by road. This information could then be added to the mapped data to form a broader community view of current traffic issues in the wider Moseley SPD area.

1.2 Parking Day of Action on October 21st. Cllr Claire Spencer had organised this event through social media to involve people gathering signatures on their street, or nearby, to support becoming part of either a Moseley or a Kings Heath residents parking scheme. She said that given how regularly the issue was raised in both neighbourhoods, it was a way of getting the initiative started on something which could take a long time to negotiate, design, and implement. It was suggested that this event might provide an opportunity to invite community input to the Google Drive data bank, but there was concern that doing so might detract from the main focus on residents parking. ACTION: It was agreed that David Sandison would approach Cllr. Claire Spencer for her view.

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1.3 It was recognised that Moseley problems mirrored those of urban communities throughout the UK, that Moseley was affected by those travelling through the area and by national government, Birmingham City policies and priorities and the provision of public transport. There would be specific local issues that could be addressed, but others would need a citywide approach. It was agreed that a sub group would produce a written summary of findings before the 21st November meeting. The MRG would then work on short, medium and long term visions with the aim of influencing policy developed at different levels through the KH GTD and Birmingham Connected Transport Plan. Alison Millward said that this would be extremely useful in supporting potential discussions with the Mayor, Highways, planners, the BCC car parking team, the hospital and Edgbaston Cricket Club and others. A format would be needed that allowed for a regular three year update, given the dynamic nature of transport and travel policy and service changes. ACTION: Tony Thapar, Richard Arden and David Sandison agreed to meet to produce a summary.

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2.0 Notes of the meeting held on 29th August 2017 were approved and the following updates were noted:

2.1 Actions 1.1, 1.4, 2.5, and 3.1 had been completed.

2.2 Moseley BCC car park (point 1.2) – BCC were using ‘Unpaid Work’ to carry out a weekly litter pick and had last carried out a deep clean on 20th September. Despite efforts to assist the individuals concerned, there continued to be a problem with begging and rough sleepers, and Moseley in Bloom had suspended their work. Injunctions against three people were being processed through BCC legal services. No direct response had been received from Clive Wright following the consultation at MRG on 11th July. It was agreed that David Sandison would contact Clive Wright to express appreciation for the cleaning arrangements and to follow-up on CCTV security, monitoring of use and the possibility of some local pricing flexibility.

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2.3 Meteor site Section 106 monies (point 1.4) – the paperwork had been completed by BCC Planning & Regeneration and passed to City Finance. The allocation of the £27.2k funds would be £7,732 to Moseley Alternative Giving Campaign (MAGC); £6.5k to Moseley Farmers Market to support electricity supply to the Village Green; and £13k to the community website development.

2.4 M&S site updates (points 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.7) – MiB were planning the planting up of one of the boxes outside M&S and will feed the pruned Horse Chestnut tree with the involvement of Ernie Hendricks. It was understood that there was no monitoring being carried out on the use of the car park and that Paul Cowan, BCC, was assessing traffic at the junction of Oxford Road and St Mary’s Row, pending planned changes that might be made by Highways. Izzy Knowles had met with Mohammed Ali who was keen to reproduce a mural on the car park back wall and would submit sketches and quote for the work. To support James

Marshall in a possible planning application for a change in condition, IK had carried out a survey through the Everything Moseley Facebook group, which had resulted in 60 votes for a change to multi use for the flats within the development, as opposed to 31 for the existing plan for limited use for sheltered accommodation; Moseley Forum had supported a change to multi use.

2.5 Moseley Hall car park consultation (point 3.2) – MRG had made a written response to support the comments made by Cllr. Claire Spencer, the Moseley Society and RARRA in opposition to the BCHT proposals.

2.6 National Express consultation survey and plans for a change to the number 1 service (point 3.3) – no update had been received.

2.7 Mostly Jazz Funk Soul Festival (point 4.6) – Alison Millward said that there would be a follow-up meeting with the organisers and Highbury protocol group of stakeholders on Saturday, 14th October. If the move to Highbury Park went ahead, it was hoped that a replacement event could be found for MP&P. The change of venue would involve a significant loss to local food and drink businesses. A premises licence would be needed to operate in Highbury Park and this would provide an opportunity for public consultation. *Update – Mostly J, F and Soul will be staying at Moseley Park & Pool for the foreseeable future. A premises licence might still be applied for Highbury Park, but for a different event in 2019.*

3.0 Birmingham Design Guide consultation

3.1 The consultation document, the Birmingham Design Guide had been circulated to members. BCC invited input by online questionnaire before 6th November. The survey questions were discussed and it was agreed that a response would be made on behalf of the MRG.

3.2 The Birmingham Design Guide (BDG) was a 'vision' document that introduced broad design themes, that following consultation would be worked up into a draft BDG SPD for further consultation in early 2018, prior to adoption by mid 2018. The BDG would support the Birmingham Development Plan (2031) and would be read in conjunction with other relevant SPD, such as the Moseley SPD and Conservation Area Management Plans. The design themes identified could be linked to the Moseley SPD themes of Urban Design; Historic Environment; Leisure and Green Open Spaces; Traffic and Movement; Homes and Neighbourhood. The five BDG design themes were: Birmingham identity - in terms of character, cultural diversity and historic environment; Living and working places - including household extensions; Connectivity - sustainable and active travel and the design of the public realm; Green infrastructure - trees, landscape, open space, bio-diversity, rivers, canals and water resources; and efficient and future ready - considering air quality, waste management, energy efficiency and digital infrastructure.

3.3 Birmingham Design and Conservation Review Panel – BCC were seeking to appoint volunteer professionals for this new review panel that would replace the existing Conservation Heritage Panel, to create a multi-disciplinary group to help deliver the design ethos set out in the BDG. Applications for an expression of interest to join the panel were open to 6th November. Several names were suggested as being qualified and it was agreed the Chair would attempt to make contact to ask whether they would consider putting themselves forward.

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4.0 Current planning applications and Licensing issues

4.1 Planning – from the list circulated before the meeting, attention had been drawn to the following:

2017/07748/PA Loki Wines, (Pottery & Pieces) St. Mary's Row – for change of use from A1 retail to A1 retail and A4 drinking establishment. The Moseley planning group had supported the PA, but had objected to the shop frontage plans in a separate advertising 2017/08277/PA, recommending considerations for changes.

2017/07120/PA All Greek Eats, 46 St Mary's Row – for change of use from A1 retail to A3 restaurant and café and shop front alterations. Despite A1 retail use in the PSA standing at 48%, the planning group had not objected to this PA which would bring a long unoccupied and partly derelict premises back in to use; the proposed business would operate daytime to 2030 and was felt that it would be a welcome addition to the local economy. The shop front alterations had been opposed and reference made to the Shop Front Design guide.

4.2 Texaco Garage, Park Hill/Alcester Road – Licence extension had been applied to extend opening until 0100 daily. This would be opposed by local residents.

4.3 Prezzo – the deadline for removal of the terrace had passed on 15th August and it had been confirmed that enforcement action had been started by BCC. On 9th October the frontage had been boarded up surrounding the terrace, suggesting that work was commencing.

4.4 The Village Inn, Alcester Road – following neighbour complaints of the use of the external glass structure for an event against planning conditions, Martin Straker-Welds had reported the breach to the BCC planning and licensing enforcement team.

4.5 14 Forest Road – it had been reported to BCC planning enforcement that two trees had been removed from the frontage in breach of a TPO.

5.0 Any other business

5.1 Moseley in Bloom had entered 12 community projects from Moseley and

Kings Heath for the Royal Horticultural Society's Its Your Neighbourhood campaign 2017 and at the Coventry awards event on 21st September, 6 had been judged outstanding: Billesley Lane Allotments; Kings Heath Village Square; Lorne Court; Maple Dene; Martineau Gardens; and the Moseley Society Dovecote Garden. Awards of thriving were made to: Edgbaston Priory Club & Calthorpe Community School; and Goldfingers. At the level of advancing: Peacock Road Gardeners; and The Woodvillians. 98A School Road and Newport Road Residents were judged improving.

5.2 BCC Parks & Nurseries would be raising their planter prices for 2018 significantly after having maintained their rates for nine years. Moseley in Bloom currently planned to spend £10.5k on planters, the same as in 2017, which meant that there would be fewer floral displays in Moseley. It was suggested that since MiB were unable to reclaim VAT, that they might consider other means for purchasing the planters.

5.3 The Highbury HLF bid had been unsuccessful at the first attempt but the team would try again by submitting in the next round, March 2018. The next event in the new year would be a fund raising launch for the £4m of matched funding that would also be required.

5.4 BCC disposal of site at Alcester Road, Balsall Heath for self-build – it was noted that there was a Right of Way to the back of the site that needed to be protected in any development plans. The Right of Way was strewn with rubbish from Selly Park Motor Bodies, which BCC had ordered to be cleared.

5.5 Swans Court, the redevelopment by Precious Homes of Robins Court, Ashfield Road, was holding an Open Day on 18th October, 11.00am – 7.00pm, to launch Falcon Mews, Robin's View and L'Ucello Café, their new three tiered service and social enterprise for young people and adults with learning disabilities.

5.6 MKHCP meeting 7th September and LIF funding (point 5.2) – applications for the LIF bid would close on 13th October and to support the community in putting together one or more bids, Tony Thapar had organised a LIF workshop on 20th September and notes from the meeting had been circulated to members. The next MKHCP meeting had been scheduled for 24th October.

5.7 MRG schedule for meetings 2018 – three dates had been changed because of a clash with full Council meetings. The revised schedule shows the changed dates in bold: **16th January**, 20th February, 10th April, **15th May**, **3rd July**, 4th September, 16th October, 27th November.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 21st November, 6.00pm at the Moseley Exchange.