

Madeley Regeneration Partnership
Minutes of Management Committee 12th April 2016, 5.30 p.m.
Jubilee House

Present: Cllr Paul Watling (Chair), Linda Birtwhistle, Cllr Rae Evans, Cllr Gill Green, Kath Howard.

In Attendance: Kath Petty, Andy Rose

Apologies:

Action:

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2. Minutes from the Last Meeting on Tuesday 1st March 2016

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

KP reported that she had received an email from James Dunn that confirmed that grant monies could be moved within the three funding categories.

3. Financial Report

Financial report was tabled. 4 items of expenditure since the last meeting

PCPT Architects £2,175 (interim payment for Anstice Options Appraisal)

T & WC £5,250 (contribution towards Park Avenue scheme)

T & WC £4,500 (contribution towards Russell Road scheme).

Yarringtons £217 (MotM domain hosting)

4. Anstice Memorial Hall

4.1 – Update

KP gave a verbal update:

- Negotiations are on-going between the Anstice Community Trust (ACT) and Madeley Town Council regarding a licence to occupy for the Anstice.
- PCPT Architects are continuing with work on the Options Appraisal. The Creative workshop had taken place and the interim report is awaited. There will be the public consultation on the options.
- The workshop event had thrown up new contacts, including a link to Oakengates theatre which might help with future ticketing and other matters.
- Further fundraising events have taken place. The Jackfield Band/school choir event was very successful. Further events

include a comedy night (30th April), Fruit Machine band (14th May), Queen's birthday party (4th June), Soul Night (18th June) and Victorian Fair (14th August).

- AR has been working with John Morgan from ACT to prepare a spec for sanding and sealing the ballroom floor. John invited a national supplier to visit the building which provided really valuable guidance on the right sealant produce to use and tips for long term maintenance.

Councillors Paul Watling & Gill Green declared an interest as ACT trustees and did not vote on the next two items. They were allowed to stay in the meeting but did not comment on the funding requests.

4.2 Electrics funding bid

KP reported that urgent works were needed to the electrics in the Anstice to meet current regulations. Gra-bern who carry out electrical work for the Town Council, had been invited to quote for the works. Their supplier at Newey & Eyre had offered to provide parts at a discounted rate. A quote is expected later this week. KP asked if the Partnership would fund these works. It is critical that this work is completed by the 30th April before the next event takes place. If not, the event might need to be cancelled.

Resolved

That **£10,000** be allocated from the Buildings pot for these works (Note the quote has now been received for a cost of **£8,480** plus VAT. The contractor has been instructed to proceed).

4.3 Fire Doors funding bid

KP reported that new fire doors to replace the existing doors that have been identified as inadequate. Once, new doors are fitted it would be possible to consider increasing the capacity for future events. Granville contractors who carry out building works for the Town Council have been invited to quote and had indicated that the cost of these improvements would be **£4,710**. It was agreed that the Partnership would fund these improvements.

Resolved

That Granville are instructed to go ahead with these improvements, based upon their quotation.

5. Highway Works – Update

20 mph speed limit signs due to be erected along Park Avenue, from its junction with High Street to the mini-roundabout at the entrance to the superstore over next month.

6. Pride In Your Community schemes

6.1 Russell Road – Update

The off-road parking for Russell Road has been completed. There was still an issue with vehicles parking on the grass. TWC Engineers had consulted with the residents about possible solutions. There had been some objections to further works. T & WC have confirmed that any further works will be at their expense.

6.2 Park Avenue Link update

The Park Avenue footway improvement is completed. PW mentioned that he had received some favourable feedback on the scheme.

6.3 Russell Square refurbishment scheme

In sorting out the funding agreement with the Pride in Your Community team, the term contractors Faircloughs who will be carrying out the work were invited to cost the scheme. Surprisingly, their estimate came out considerably higher than the original estimate prepared by Pleydell Smytheman. They were asked to reduce costs through a Value Engineering exercise, but still could not bring it back within the original budget. It is **£10,370** over the original estimate.

One issue was that as the Living History Group acted as the accountable body; VAT is payable which adds even more to the cost.

The PIYCHS team are looking to see if they can free up any more money, either by offering extra grant or overcoming the VAT issue which relates to the interpretation of European Union State Aid rules.

The Partnership was asked if they would underwrite these additional costs. However, any decision was deferred until the response is received from the PIYCHS team.

6. Profile Schemes

6.1 Madeley on the Map Website

KH reported that she had discussed the provision of an index page with Yarringtons and have come up with a free option that involves the information being added manually.

7. Any Other Business

None

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8. Dates for Future Meetings

The AGM will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th June 2016 at Jubilee House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

Signed.....
(Chair)

Dated.....