



**HENLEAZE, STOKE BISHOP AND
WESTBURY-ON-TRYM NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7 PM
TRINITY HENLEAZE URC CHURCH, WATERFORD ROAD,
HENLEAZE, BRISTOL BS9 4BT**

Extract for official minutes issued by Bristol City Council – Section 8

(A fullest of Minutes is also included for your info)

8. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Area Coordinator, Hayley Ash presented the report which outlined the agreement made so far by the Partnership in respect of the Wellbeing Fund, Formalising of the Wellbeing Process, Older Persons Wellbeing Fund and New Projects. In addition updates were given in respect of the three wards of the Partnership area.

The Partnership then received public forum submissions in respect of the following items -

(The statements will form part of the formal record of the meeting and a copy will be kept on the Minute Book).

Canford Park submitted by Hilary Long

The Partnership noted the statement.

Stoke Lodge Playing Fields submitted by David Mayer and Hilary Long

The Partnership noted the statements and a debate then ensued.

Arising from consideration of the statements the following points were clarified -

- the Stoke Lodge playing fields were not just about a 'natural freedom' of access but also their significant contribution to the local landscape character of the local area and Bristol;
- the recommendations of the briefing note submitted to the Stoke Bishop Neighbourhood Forum be rejected in their entirety, not just the fencing, by the Executive Member;
- that the existing status quo to allow unfettered public access, to ensure open access as of right, be continued;
- that the support of the Neighbourhood Forum for the creation of a joint officer/resident/councillor working group to consider any possible improvements to Stoke Lodge be noted;

The Executive Member Clare Champion-Smith confirmed that she had met with members from Friends of Stoke Lodge on site last year. She also confirmed that she recognised that fencing on the site was not wanted by the community and that she was pleased that there was strong support for her suggestion to form a Working Group to steer future changes to the site.

Since then the Executive Member had written to Annie Hudson, Strategic Director for Children's Services (*copy of the letter to form part of the formal record of the meeting and be kept on the Minute Book*) advising her of the recent Cabinet decision to support shared use of the site.

The Cabinet also agreed that no fencing should be erected and that a working party be set up to provide dialogue between the different users of the field and to be a problem solving forum if difficulties arose. The Cabinet had requested that the capital programme for CYPS be amended to reflect this decision.

With regard to proposed improvements to the pitch, changing room facilities and drainage these would be subject to standard planning regulations which would ensure proper public consultation before any work commenced.

It was envisaged that Stoke Lodge could be seen as a 'flagship' for shared use/access for other sites in the city.

The Chair encapsulated the debate by making the following statement -

'Neighbourhood Partnership notes the strength of feeling expressed at the Stoke Bishop neighbourhood forum has been relayed to the Director of CYPS and further notes the Executive Member's assurance that the proposal to fence Stoke lodge had

categorically been dropped and that the parkland would remain with open access for all as of right.'

On being put to the vote there was unanimous agreement to support the Chair's statement. The Executive Member was specifically asked by the Chair for her agreement and this was confirmed.

RESOLVED - that the strength of feeling expressed at the Stoke Bishop neighbourhood forum be noted and that its views had been relayed to the Director of CYPS. It was further noted that the Executive Member had given an assurance that the proposal to fence Stoke Lodge had categorically been dropped and that the parkland would remain with open access for all as of right.