### Monday 23rd September 2019

#### 5.30 – 7.00 pm

#### Hesters Way Resource Centre

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| **Present** |  |  |  |
| Charmian Sheppard | Volunteer, Chair | Jim Lodge | Resident |
| Bonnie Toner | Resident | Trudi Wheat | Resident |
| Andy Hayes | HWP | Maureen Dolan | Volunteer |
| Suzanne Williams | Councilor | Simon Wheeler | Councilor |
| Theresa Brown | GCC - Early Years | Hope Thornton | TCV |
| Anne Holderness | Volunteer |  |  |

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| **Agenda Item 1 – Welcome**  Charmian welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each attendee introduced themselves to the group  **Apologies received from:** Lloyd Kilford (HWP) Wendy Flynn (Cllr / resident) Frank Austin and Georgie Austin (volunteers)   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Actions list** |  | | 1 | AH to continue with a draft plan document using work completed to date **ONGOING** | **AH** | | 2 | Invite walking group in Hesters Way for walking route ideas – **To Do** | **AH** | | 3 | Complete and post updated plan timescales on to the website - **DONE** |  | | 4 | Photograph and upload maps to website – **DONE** http://hesterswayforum.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Wildlife-corridors.jpg |  | | 5 | Future meetings  **5.30pm on Monday 21st October, Hesters Way Community Centre**  **5.30pm on Monday 25th November, Hesters Way Community Centre** | **ALL** | |  |
| **Agenda Item 1 Report from Workshop / Drop ins and Launch Event**  Since the last meeting CBC had announced the purchase of two stretches of land at the south and north eastern parts the west Cheltenham JCS allocation. They have appointed Avison Young to consult with local businesses, residents and other key stakeholders and together with CBC have run an invitation only workshop at Jury’s Inn, four public drop ins at HWCRC, SCRC, GlosCol and the Fire station.  The workshop was attended by AH, TW, JL and WF from the forum. The feeling was that the facilitators had taken good account of our masterplan and that the views guiding the development were very similar to those of the Hesters Way Forum. TW reported that they had used ”…all the right words” JL suggested that local businesses might have been invited to present their views. Generally, the impression of the forum attendees was that the workshop was positive  The [drop ins](https://www.google.com/search?q=cheltenham+borough+council+cyber+launch+at+Hub+8+presentations&sxsrf=ACYBGNQDTBnWHBZXgESUEwYVmCQ6yALHrQ:1569332181447&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=grKI8OAQNNTfhM%253A%252C91mh6uVRxhx0_M%252C_&vet=1&usg=AI4_-kS5mZ4jcZDQ2LfgtKZoxVufH7tYCA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjBu9b5yenkAhWYEMAKHclbC2gQ9QEwDHoECAkQGA#imgrc=grKI8OAQNNTfhM:) were opportunities for the public to share their views. Some felt the facilitators lacked background knowledge and questioned whether the ideas presented would be seriously considered. A photo of some of the comments can be found [here](http://hesterswayforum.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/HWCRC-drop-in-post-its-11-09-19.jpg). Further public consultation will take place later in the year. Information will be shared via the website and by email.  Questions were asked about how the forum could affect any proposals and whether they could ne changed. It was acknowledged that drawings and plans could be altered throughout the planning process when scrutinized by the planning department at CBC. Comments can be made once the proposal documents are uploaded to the CBC planning portal.  The planning committee consider any plans against the criteria set by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) the JCS, Cheltenham Plan and Hesters Way Neighbourhood Plan. The forum’s views will have more impact if and when the emerging plan is adopted.  The Cyber Hub Launch, again an invitation only affair was attended by WF / SW and AH from the Forum. The event featured presentations by the new CBC Cyber Hub lead Neil Hopwood, the leader of CBC Steve Jordan and Tim Atkins from the planning department. Various other local cyber / tech industry heads also gave their views on the value and importance of the new development. Bishops Cleeve school students described their interest and enthusiasm for tech careers, particular mention was made of ethical hacking.  AH has agreed a meeting with Neil Hopwood on 18th October CS to attend if available.  **Agenda Item 3 West Cheltenham Vision**  CBC and CBH have produced a proposal for redevelopment / regeneration of a considerable number of their properties in west Cheltenham, some of which are located in the Hesters Way ward / neighbourhood plan area. A document which summaries the options appraisals can be found [here](https://www.cbh.org/download/Cheltenham-West-Vision-Public-Exhibition.pdf)  Hope Thornton who works in the northern quarter of the Hesters Way ward has studied the proposals for the redevelopment of Edward Wilson and Scott Houses and has some concerns over their effects on the wider determinants of health. Residents in the blocks, when shown the designs expressed reservations based on the tenure of new properties, their proximity to single people’s flats and the considerable increase in density. The 202 single bed flats will largely remain but in addition new blocks and mews properties will be added to the site with an increase to 434 bedrooms.  On initial inspection the group felt that the proposals contravened many of the design ideas that had been discussed by the forum. They agreed with the views expressed by the residents and were also interested to find out if the impact of increased residents had been accounted for in relation to local services eg schools, infrastructure, play and green spaces etc.  HT proposed to hold a meeting funded by the TCV at the Baptist church to give the opportunity for residents to see the plans and have their say. She would also have funds available to support a campaign should residents feel inclined to challenge the proposals. The group agreed to support the initial meeting, AH to liaise with HT regarding dates and communication with the forum. Simon W agreed to help HT with distribution of a flyer and TB would help share information through her professional contacts.  HT had discovered a local research organisation [Building with Nature](https://www.buildingwithnature.org.uk/about) whose remit is “to ensure that new developments will deliver for the natural world and healthy communities, allowing people to live closer to nature”. An initial enquiry has been made by HT and AH with a view to analyzing CBH’s local proposals against BwN’s criteria. Results of this enquiry could help the forum formulate polices based on sound evidence. HT and AH to update  **Agenda Item 4 Key Issues**  In sufficient time was available to discuss this area but s brief overview of the document presented was made by AH, CS requested that the forum take away the key issues document and bring back ideas to the next meeting. It was suggested that small groups could meet up at JTs café for informal discussion. AH agreed to send out doodle polls to help arrange suitable dates/ times.  **Agenda Item 4 None**  **The meeting closed at 7.05 pm**  Next meeting: Monday 21st Octber 2019 5.30pm – 7pm  **Hesters Way Community Resource Centre**  Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………  Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………..  Dated…………………………………………………………………………………………………..  **Actions**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Actions list** |  | | 1 | AH to continue with a draft plan document using work completed to date | **AH** | | 2 | Invite walking group in Hesters Way for walking route ideas | **AH** | | 3 | Share any new consultation opportunities via the website and by email. | **AH** | | 4 | Update group meeting with Neil Hopwood on 18th October | **AH / CS** | | 5 | Plan and support Baptist church community meeting | **AH HT TB SW** | | 6 | HT and AH to update re [Building with Nature](https://www.buildingwithnature.org.uk/about) meeting | **HT AH** | | 7 | AH to send out doodle request re JTs café meetng dates/ times. | **AH** | | 8 | Future meetings  **5.30pm on Monday 23rd September, Hesters Way Community Centre**  **5.30pm on Monday 21st October, Hesters Way Community Centre** | **ALL** | | **AH**  **AH CS**  **AH HT SW TB**  **HT AH**  **AH** |