

## UBB Javelin Park Community Liaison Group.

### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### Present

Cllr. David Mossman (Chair) (DM)	Stroud District Council
Cllr Gill Oxley (GO)	Stroud District Council
Herve Orjubin (HO)	UBB
Ian Barber (IB)	UBB
Chris Phillips	EA
Caroline Macdonald (CM)	UBB
Gordon Buchanan (GB)	Stroud District Council
Robert Kellie (RK)	Standish Parish Council
Chris Harmer (CH)	Consultant
Humphrey Cooke (HC)	Haresfield Parish Council
Tim Jackson (TJ)	Stonehouse Town Council
Roger Smith (RS)	Gloucestershire County Council
David Dale (DD)	Gloucestershire County Council
Sarah Pearse (SP)	Gloucestershire County Council
Anna Turner (AT)	Environment Agency
Graham Smith (GS)	Quedgeley Parish Council GCC
Pat Gilmore (PG)	Attended

#### Apologies

Andrew Bendall (AB)	UBB
Sue Hartley (SH)	Standish Parish Council
David Jackson (DJ)	Stroud District Council
John Dickinson (JD)	Moreton Valence Parish Council
Cllr Lesley Williams (LW)	Gloucestershire County Council
<b>Invited but no response</b>	
John Perkin (JPe)	
Maddy King (MK)	
Rob Gaffney (RG)	Resident
County Cllr Stephen Davis (SD)	Gloucestershire County Council

#### Introduction

### 26/17 Minutes of Meeting held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

CH: I have a comment, could you confirm that the minutes become part of the public domain as soon as possible please? The website shows the minutes from January and not the others. Also, 12 months ago you said we would have a new website.

IB: We need to have a chat with Kevin on timing on the minutes coming out.

DM: It was agreed that within a week, the minutes would go out to key people for comment, returned to the clerk and then issued out to the group within two weeks of date of the meeting. At the end of two weeks, they would be approved and issued.

IB: The current website is old, however when planning for the new one, we discussed and agreed that it needs to transcend into the operational phase. It is taking longer than anticipated to get agreement from the JV on hosting, design etc. However the current site is functional.

CM: For the minutes to be published on the UBB, we need to have an email either from the Clerk or Chair to say they can now be published; until we have that, for accountability reasons, we can't publish.

DM: It is possible that Kevin may not be able to continue as he is very busy; we need to see if there is someone who can take this on. It is a role that requires independence and it is paid. Any ideas?

RK: At our PC we are recruiting a new clerk we may therefore be able to refer applicants to assist with CLG clerk work.

DM: Other parishes may be able to offer too but thanks for that. We will sit down with Kevin first.

### **27/17 The WPD cable**

IB: I attended a meeting with GCC and WPD, with UBB. A lot of work has been done to evaluate what can and cannot be done. 2-3 routes have had to be ruled out due to good reasons. STC been involved in all of the progress and discussions. It is still going on: WPD need to go and do more work on a couple of particular issues, then present back to GCC on what is deliverable and can be done. GCC has to come to a point as to what they are going to do about it. Time is on our side currently and we are looking to get it right and work to the best solution we can.

TJ: Is there a date for the meeting?

IB: I'm not party to that so I'm not sure. I expect when that when GCC decide and work is going to start, the onus is on WPD to come to CLG, and STC and others to go through timing, logistics, impact etc.

DM: Has STC been contacted about meeting?

TJ: I'm not aware.

RK: Did the Standish PC proposal go anywhere?

IB: What is it?

RK: To take the route initially beside the motorway to Green Lane then down to and along the A419.

IB: That was the long way round.

RK: Only marginally longer.

IB: The issue with this option is probably about third party land ownership which is one of things that can cause problems. Utilities like to stick to public sector owned land

DM: The problem is (GCC's) don't communicate. You (RK) wrote a long time ago to GCC, brought it up at the last meeting, but you've not had a response. It is disappointing that the County Councillors are not here at our meeting. I suggest you write to the County Councillors and ask why you have not been informed as they have a responsibility to the group. It is not a political situation.

RK: The last time it raised, LW said she hadn't a clue and it was for Standish to find out.

TJ: When do you need a decision?

IB: I can't answer that at the moment; we need it in and energised by end May 2018. GCC will be working that back to the start, so we are not sure where that is.

TJ: One of routes went past schools with a proposal to work in the school holidays – that still needs to be taken into consideration.

IB: They are aware.

### **Action: DM to write to Mark Hawthorne about this situation**

DM: I suggest that Stonehouse and Standish Councils take their own direct actions to the CLG County Council members and GCC. It's not with UBB or WPD, it is GCC issue as they are taking the decisions. Stonehouse need think about what they should do to stop it, if it is likely to go down the high street.

### **28/17 Construction Plan, two and six month look ahead**

See attached.

No questions

DM: I would like to confirm that my previous comments are directed to the GCC members not the staff or officers.

### **29/17 Tree Screening**

DM: HC and I had a meeting with landowner and he is in total agreement with letter sent in June. We are sitting down with Kevin to get the order information to UBB, UBB will place order to Haresfield Farms. This will be signed off by HF and HPC chair; all the plans are with it so any new Chair can sign it. The amount is £10,763 + VAT with £14,250 total value. This is all agreed with AB.

### **30/17 Colour of building**

HC: I met with IB and UBB's architects to discuss the matter of the cladding, in particular the material and colour which are subject to reserved matters under planning. GCC planners consulted with another architectural firm for advice (SP confirmed this – WS Atkins). The net result is that the two principle colours have changed. We now have a light silver to replace the mid-dark grey which will not contrast too much against the sky. The second colour of pale green is now a darker green and when seen from ground level against the escarpment should blend really well. Looking at it from the beacon back down, the green should blend with the field pattern and grasses. Our concerns have been listened to and we are very pleased with the end result. We have said yes to the revisions and proposals. There will probably be some comment but people have listened, we pleased with the process.

RK: Is it in two colours?

HC: Yes, it always was.

DM: Shows what you can do when work together.

### **31/17 Community Feedback**

IB: We've not had any enquiries or complaints since the last meeting. There was some minor stone chip damage to passing car from a subcontractor vehicle which they are dealing with. HO confirms.

HC: No resident has reported to us.

This was confirmed by other parish council representatives for their areas.

### **32/17 Impact increased recycling levels**

DM: This agenda item was meant to be on last two meetings but due to purdah I took off in case it was seen as being political. SDC are doing great job on waste recycling, an improved situation with recycling to almost 60%. The target set by GCC was to reduce the amount of waste per person going to landfill from the present levels to 228kgs per person by 2020, SDC have already achieved a reduction to 114kgs per person going to landfill in 2017, 3 years ahead of target and 50% better, reclaiming 500 t food waste a month which is sent to an Anaerobic Digestion plant, recycling it into fertiliser. It raises the question: if we can do it, other district councils and GCC can do it too? I'm not asking the question of UBB as they are the contractors and builders; it is directed at GCC?

CH: If you do the sums 228kg per person x the population of Gloucestershire = capacity of the incinerator. Using the Stroud figure if everyone else does it, we will then provide roughly half of the capacity of the EfW.

DM: I asked Andy – his comment was that there would be a serious problem with EfW throughput capacity. My proposal is to write to GCC asking them for comments about where this waste comes from but our big concern is that the EfW doesn't stop recycling. If other districts follow suit, where would the waste come from? Originally, it was agreed that it would not come from out of county and there was only small commercial waste.

GO: SDC reduced to 114kg? Can we find out where other Districts are?

RS: The likes of Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and some areas of Forest of Dean find it harder to recycle. Stroud is very Green so it is unrealistic to expect the same from other districts. Plus there will be housing growth etc.

DM: When EfW was sized, this wasn't there?

RS: Others are behind.

GO: Is GCC going to support the effort?

RS: It is the District Councils decision; we support their decision but there are budget implications. It needs to be paid for.

DM: SDC doing well but at a cost; it is costing more than what we are getting back on recycling credits due to fluctuating commodity market prices. 12-18 months ago, we were told we would be making money on it.

GB: As it stands, there is a legal requirement to move up waste hierarchy. As and when the UK leaves Europe, we can't see an overall policy change. There is a difference between cities and rural areas; getting people to recycle food waste in cities is very challenging especially in flats but that is notwithstanding the good performance at Stroud. Each authority is at different points in their cycle. SDC were able to remodel the service including new vehicles with longer write off period. Gloucester is committed until 2022.

DM: If we look at plastics, there is more pressure on packaging reduction and getting supermarkets to reduce. This carries far more weight. But EfWs need plastics to get the temp up. I asked UBB about this and this is not a problem. Recycling will hopefully get better and better. My concern is that people will start moving away from recycling.

GS: What is the recycling performance for Gloucester city?

RS: I couldn't tell you off top of my head – I can provide this.

**Action: RS to provide figures and targets for other areas.**

RS: We were hoping to be at 50% a couple of years ago, which is where we are now at so we are slightly behind.. Hempsted landfill is closing about the time of EfW coming on. We have a challenge to eek it out.

HC: What happens if there is not the material to feed the EfW? Would you bring it from outside which we were told would not happen?

DM: That is another discussion.

HC: We need to look at road use, pollution etc.

GS: Can it come from landfill?

IB/CH: Not yet, it can't happen.

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IB: I believe we have a restriction here.

SP: I think there is in terms of planning. Any changes would need to be a variation of the condition.

HC: It becomes a planning issue?

SP: Yes, variation like the formal planning application.

### **33/17 AoB**

CH: The boiler, is it a fire tube or water tube boiler?

DM: What is the significance?

CH: Merely out of interest.

**Action: IB to respond**

IB: I'd like to continue the offer to go to EnviRecover (Kidderminster) - another trip to be organised for Sue, Chris, Gordon, David, Graham etc.

**Action: IB to do email round and organise.**

IB: I'm also happy to do a presentation out to parishes too.

DM: One of the main reasons we meet is to ensure dissemination down to parishioners, with everyone getting the information. Can you (PC representatives) confirm that you are going back to parishes and informing with records in parish minutes and CLG minutes published.

All confirmed except for Whitminster who will speak to the Chair.

CM: Don't forget you all receive copies of the monthly construction update bulletin and quarterly newsletter, which you can print, and upload/distribute. If others wish to receive this directly, please ask them to sign up.

RK: I have a question about timing of the minutes as I would like to speak to my PC about some of the issues covered in today's meeting but our PC meeting is before the CLG minutes will be publicly available.

**Action: IB chat to GCC communications**

DM: We can talk what's been discussed but not minute it until it is publicly available.

GB: As far as the cable issue is concerned, we can have a position statement.

There's not many more details in tonight's meeting.

RK: But we need to stir into action about it so we do need to talk about it especially as we don't have a PC meeting for two months after Thursday.

DM: I suggest that you can talk but take care on how you do it.

GS: It is an agenda item for our meeting and will be on minutes.

### **32/17 Date of Next Meetings**

**Tuesday 7.30 pm 19<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**Meeting closed at 8.35 pm**