

Community First 24-10-14 11am at ABCC

Present

Ros Groves (Chair), Jill Foxall, Billy Marrat, Ruth Little, Irene Taylor, Alan Blundell, Tom Keegan, Margi Thornley

Apologies

None

Minutes and Matters

UTC questions were asked as to if anyone knows whats happening with the UTC Ros said she would look into it and get back to the panel.

Previous minutes agreed signed by Billy Marratt and Jill Foxall

Anfield Health Forum

The panel are still keen to see this move forward with all the changes to the NHS Ruth Little has agreed to contact Tony Boyle and ask him to attend a future meeting. Irene Taylor told the panel she was due to attend a meeting at the doctors on Belmont road as a member of the residents group the panel sore this as a positive step and wished Irene look on her first meeting.

Applications

- Pinehurst Green application a few questions were asked and Irene Taylor treasurer for the Pinehurst green answered them before leaving the room.
 - Irene was asked where the group were planning to put the rest of the planters Irene said along Utting avenue and possibly bottom of Breck road. There is a real desire to put saddle planters on priory road.
 - Irene was asked were the group sourced the planters Irene said Councillor Ian Francis had made them and they paid £250 per planter using the £1000 the councillors gave from there working neighbourhood fund all the panel complimented the 4 planters and thought the ones done up to date were great and looked fantastic. It was agreed that we should look to put more of them around the area especially where there were wide road like the outside Georgesons and by the cabbage.

Irene said that she had spoken with the councillors and that they were looking to get the shops involved in the planting, they have set up a shop keepers forum.

RL said that she had attended all the meetings except the first one and that it is proposed to set up a Anfield Community Village stretching from the George down to the Cabbage Hall, a number of shop keepers agree that work needs to be done to improve the area, and Cllr Brian Dowling has stressed that this programme must be from the shop keepers and it must be there idea. Some of the idea's are

- Massive banners across the road welcoming people to the community village
- Hanging Baskets on the shops
- Painting all the shops down the road
- Using the shops as pop ups – one idea is to open one as a history point.

- Cabbage Hall are looking to hold meals at Christmas for the community, grotto for the kids.
- There is also some discussion about the land at the back and side becoming allotments, an application is being developed to the National Lottery to help fund this.
- The Cabbage Hall has set up a CIC which means as a Community Interest Company they can apply for public funds to develop activities, Irene said that the shops on County Road have hanging baskets, and each shop keeper pays £1 towards the cost of upkeep.

The panel asked how can a private business set up a CIC as it has to be for the benefit of the Community and what will they do with the profits?

Marg said that some of the shop keepers said they would like residents to get involved which is a good idea as working together we can do something about the state of the area.

Irene Taylor left the room while her application was discussed, the panel agreed that if they had more funds that they could have given a higher amount, however as this is the last of the funds the panel agreed to £500 towards the Anfield in bloom project.

Irene returned to the room and a discussion took place about the remaining balance, it was agreed that as we have to have it spent and reports back by February, the group would use the remaining funds to support Community First member groups present to have an event at Christmas. All Agreed.

AOB

Chair reminded everyone that the evaluations needed to be done early next year ready for the April all agreed time and date to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed next meeting 27th January 5.30

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