

OLDBURY POWER STATION
SITE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUB-GROUP MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on 6 August 2008 at the Oldbury-on-Severn Memorial Hall

Present

SSG

Cllr Malcolm Lynden
Cllr Colin Evers
Michelle Dixon – SGC
Rev David Primrose

Site

Jon Bishton
Saranne Postans
Zoe Young

1. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Riddle

2. Introduction

Michelle Dixon introduced herself to the group and explained her role as Community Engagement Officer at South Gloucestershire Council. Jon Bishton explained the role of the sub group and the current finance level available.

3. Actions from previous meeting

Action 1 – FAQ sheet to be produced and attached to the revised Socio-Economic application form.
Outstanding – EVL to complete

All other actions were completed.

4. Update on NDA socio-economic proposals

Saranne Postans outlined the current proposals from Oldbury that have been submitted to the NDA as follows:

- Cycle path between Oldbury and Thornbury
- Castle School's Carbon Neutral plan
- SARA – new headquarters

Since these applications were submitted the process for obtaining NDA funding has changed and is now becoming clearer. The new process involves submitting applications through the NDA Site Programme Manager rather than direct to the NDA. Oldbury's previous applications are still within the system but have now been passed to Stephen Barker who is broadly supportive but wants to review each application to ensure it fits as strongly as possible to the funding criteria set down.

ACTION 1 (12.11.08)

Saranne to circulate copies of the Castle School's application to members of the sub-group.

5. **Update on Oldbury Information Centre**

Saranne Postans explained the history of the Information Centre and its current status. Saranne has now met with Joe Lamonby and presented long term ideas for the resource to him after discussions with the sub group at the May 2008 meeting.

In the short term, half of the building will remain occupied by the Civil Nuclear Constabulary and the other half will be refurbished to be used as meeting rooms by the site.

In the long term, Joe had supported the idea of using the building as a Severn Study Centre. This is just the first stage of the process and any firm ideas would need to be presented to the NDA after initial development.

The group discussed possible organisations that might be interested in being involved in such a project, including the Severn Estuary Partnership, the University of Bristol, University of the West of England and University of Gloucestershire.

It was confirmed that the timescales for this project would be around 2013 at the latest, subject to the contents of MOP8.

ACTION 2 (12.11.08)

Saranne to arrange for the Socio-Economic sub group members to visit the Information Centre as the earliest opportunity, and at the latest on the date of the next meeting.

ACTION 3 (12.11.08)

Saranne Postans and Jon Bishton to progress the idea for a Severn Study Centre, and make initial contact with local universities.

ACTION 4 (12.11.08)

Michelle Dixon to forward details of South Gloucestershire Council's Museums and Heritage Officer to Saranne Postans as a possible contact for re-use of some of the Information Centre's exhibits.

6. **Current requests for funding**

Outstanding from the last meeting:

11/08 Age Concern South Gloucestershire

Approved - £3,500

27/08 Olveston Parish Hall Management Committee

Approved - £1,500

New requests:

30/08 Concorde Book Awards

Approved - £2,000

31/08 Rolls Royce Bristol Apprentice Association Charity Ball 2008

Raffle Prize donated as part of Community Support funding

37/08 Thomas Sully

Training support approved through Community Support funding

38/08 Coaley Village Playgroup

Approved - £1,500

39/08 Westerleigh Village Hall

Approved - £500, with the possibility to provide extra funding nearer the end of the financial year

40/08 South West Academy of Dramatic Arts

This was approved for support as part of the Community Support budget

42/08 Thornbury Chamber of Commerce (microsite)

Approved - £2,000 on the basis that the chamber provide a breakdown of costs.

ACTION 5 (12.11.08)

Saranne Postans to contact the Chamber to request a breakdown of costs.

Thornbury Chamber of Commerce (gazebos)

Approved - £500 but with the condition that the Chamber is advised to purchase better quality equipment, for which further funding may be available.

ACTION 6 (12.11.08)

Saranne Postans to make the recommendations to the Chamber.

Oldbury Clean Team

Approved as part of Community Support funding

Oldbury Playing Fields

Approved - £1,500

7. AOB

Michelle Dixon raised the issue about how the group deals with unsuccessful applications and suggested an organisation called CVS, based in South Gloucestershire, which offers funding advice to charities and could be useful to the group.

Saranne Postans told the group that Energy *Solutions* had provided £30,000 in funding to Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport and that the bus would be presented to the group at a time to be confirmed to members on August 27, 2008 at Oldbury site. All group members are welcome to attend the photocall and lunch.

ACTION 7 (12.11.08)

Michelle Dixon to investigate opportunities to link in with the South Gloucestershire Food Festival and feed these back to Saranne Postans.

David Primrose asked if the group were planning financial support for the November broadcast of Thornbury FM.

ACTION 8 (12.11.08)

Saranne Postans to review minutes of previous Socio-Economic meetings and qualify what was agreed by the group previously.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 November 2008 at 10.00am at Eastwood Park conference centre.