

Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Planning Group Minutes.

Thursday 28th September, 2023, 7pm.

Face-to-Face @ Lawrence Weston Youth Centre, BS110RX

- Welcome, Apologies and Introductions- Chair

Attending – Mark Pepper, Amy Smith, Jacki Crouch, Ann Hawker, Annette Knight, Sue Stevens, Iain Stevens, Norman Laity, Kathryn Monk, Cllr James Scott, James Black

Apologies – Cllr Don Alexander, Val Pospischil, Roger Sabido, Daphne Chikwere, Eileen Nealey

- Minutes and matters arising of the last meeting- All
Wessex water update from Iain and Kathryn – missed from minutes to be updated and sent out again.
With exception of the above they are a true and accurate account
Ann and Iain
- Community Action Meeting update -MP
We have been trying to recruit more residents and the group decided to run a day time meeting, and we created a new poster for this. They went up around Lawrence Weston and were advertised online, today was the first one and we unfortunately didn't have any new residents.
We will promote this more widely in the hope there is more uptake. It was suggested that we run a zoom only session, which we will get up and running in due course. The meeting we held today at 1 o'clock, was themed litter picking and fly tipping, next time we will move the theme to parking to see if this helps uptake. The Community plan was developed with residents in mind, and that not everyone can attend or have the capacity to attend in person.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) -MP
Certain developments that come on, are subject to pay a CIL. This means that they pay this CIL to local authority, and a percentage of that 15% comes back to the local area. The neighbourhood development plan means that 15% goes up to 25% and has to be spent in the neighbourhood development plan area.



There is a CIL meeting on the 16th October to finalise bids that have been put in, In the **Puerto matheron** room at city hall.

We have already been granted CIL for two Parking schemes one to encourage and one to prevent parking. BMX track project has had some issues, we are planning to build welfare units, and Curo were supposed to be providing electricity to the site but this has changed and they are now providing the bear meaning bordering on pointless. They are being challenged but will have to wait and see on this. The pm for the hub, has taken on the BMX track, We have spoken to Wilmot Dixon to see if they can add some social value.

Currently around 134k roughly in the CIL pot, after Octobers meeting we will have a better understanding of what's left.

- BCC Housing allocations/Local Lettings-MP

As you know there is a housing crisis and Lawrence Weston has had a lot of consultation around housing, and because of the community development plan we are able to make influences over the types of developments and tenures built here. It was found that local residents felt that houses were being built and nobody in Lawrence Weston were benefitting from them. So we created a local lettings policy that means that 50% of new social and affordable housing will be let to Lawrence Weston residents with a need. We have been trying to get feedback on how well this is working, and will feed back to the group once we do. We are also working on Astry close's local lettings policy, in that we would want 100% of the homes to go to local residents. Feedback will be given back to the group regarding how we get on with this.

- Wessex Water update?-KM/IS

Next liaison meeting is the 18th October 6pm at Avonmouth community centre. – Kathryn can't attend and the invite was opened up for the wider group.

Kathryn mentioned that people still don't always know how to report the smells. This needs to be brought up again at the next meet. There is a transcript, that customer service people have been given to use.

- Update on Current ALW activities / Community news or Matters

Ambition house – Ground workers have started there are still surveys etc to do but preparation is underway. Lease to be signed off next week we hope. Regarding the legals there was various information they said they needed which we had already given over, but we provided them again any way to speed up the process. Reaching communities are drawing up their grant agreement, ready to go. Harras fencing will be on site tomorrow. Things that the hub will enable are Renewable energy training. Educational landscaped garden, and more.

Wind turbine – A lot of publicity on the wind turbine, Ed Milliband attended the building on Tuesday with a host of politicians, and had a trip to the turbine, and wanted to find out more about community energy, the challenges we faced and he had many questions for us.

Final tests are being conducted on the turbine, and handover will be imminent.

The energy learning zone is under way – Mark and Dave attended city leap event, and are hoping that they may be able to give financial support.



Ambition
Lawrence Weston

Bristol energy co operative Solar farm

We have a contract with Bristol energy co operative in exchange for our support with their planning application in line with our NDP in Lawrence Weston. They agreed to pay us 50% the of profits, but this hasn't happened. Andy Obrien, has said they aren't intending to pay. We have different avenues to take which will be explored, and we will be getting a legal opinion.

Housing – Astry Close

we got involved with residents to find out the types of housing residents wanted to see in the area and live in, we consulted and researched and came into partnership with brighter places. With Brighter Places we will be delivering 37 social and affordable homes in Lawrence Weston, and are currently working on a local lettings policy for this scheme. We have the opportunity to buy 6 of the houses, and this option will be explored in due course.

Cook book launch – went extremely well – Cook books handed out to the group.

We will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning tomorrow all welcome.

- AOB / All

Iain - Fix my street – zebra crossing still no lines and no paint

Kathryn – workshop community organisations sustainability being run next Wednesday.

Cllr James Scott asked is there any support he can give, or any thing that needs to be raised? His contact details were given.

**Next meeting @ LWYC Thursday 26th 2023
7pm.**