

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

NOTES FROM THE MEETING 14th October 2019

PRESENT:

Rod Boulton, Pauline Fury, Ivan Hammond, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Sally Weald.

WARD COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Sandra Bond, Cllr John Fox

OTHERS

3 Forum members and 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Judy Fox, Martin Greaves, Cllr Steve Lane Kay Molyneux, Geoff Smith.

FORUM UPDATE: Sally Weald reported as follows:

The questionnaire is the big project at the moment. This didn't cost us any money as it was covered by our adverts. I hope that you were happy with the outcome of the design. There were big production problems due to them getting the deadline wrong but we got there in the end. 2500 copies went out 3 weeks ago with 32 Spotlight deliverers via Spotlights delivery system – one pack seem to go astray. Ivan delivered 600, Roy, Charlotte, Kay and Rod also did some big deliveries. I walked a few miles to deliver the balance. I am aware that about 600 copies are still to deliver and our self imposed deadline is tomorrow. The deadline for the response return is three weeks time. There is 5 days extra before the electronic questionnaire stops but of course the paper copy can continue for the foreseeable future.

We thank Gareth at 28 Designs who arranged the advertising and we need to thank the three sponsors. The original costing was £1100 excluding design; a requote got it down to £800. Either way that's the equivalent of the cost of two consultancy days gone back into the budget. The only cost will be cake from At Last to thank deliverers.

We already have more than 209 electronic responses and 60 questionnaires sent back as a paper copy. It would be great to get a lot more to produce some really strong data. We will continue to push on facebook now and as we approach the deadline. This will also act as a double check that we haven't missed anyone out and will enable us to publically thank the advertisers. There was a discussion about what would constitute a good return... 10,000 adults, 55 houses, 1,000 responses would be a great response.

Glington now has a Neighbourhood Plan out for consultation.

FINANCE REPORT: Income over 3 years will be £9,000. In 2018/19 £581 was spent. This year £198 for surveymonkey, £20 for ink, £1.50 for postal charge, £310 for displays and banners. No invoice from ACRE yet but this will be about £2,000 for approx. 4 days work on the policy review and questionnaire support.

The big expenditure for the rest of the year will be for ACRE who has proposed that we review the evidence as part of a workshop in Spring. The timing for this is critical as we need to have this done by end of March so all the community consultations need to be recorded. Funding continues to be the expected problem.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Sally has visited two WCA meetings, NP was a big feature of the Werrington conservation evening and was mentioned on the bat walk. Going to WI this week and more visits planned for the brownies etc, library coffee morning etc.

NEXT STEPS: Examples of the proposed Young Resident's and business questionnaire were considered. This needs to be progressed quickly. The final version will be shared electronically to approve. It was agreed to call it the Young Resident's questionnaire rather than Children's Survey.

Questions: Why are we using data from 2011? This is the last available census return. The next set of data won't be available for at least 3 years

Are we going to be able to deliver a Plan on budget? Having already had such strong community support with the questionnaires is reassuring. It is the consultancy fees which are going to be the most problematic. It is disappointing that we couldn't get any City Council nor Community Association funding but we will continue to review other funding opportunities. It was originally said that we will continue until the funding runs out so the research and evidence can just wait until we find ways to complete. It takes some Parish Councils years to deliver their Plan.