

## **Battle Health Pathway Project Group**

Minutes of the meeting of the Battle Health Pathway Project Group held in The Almonry on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Sue Burton, Vikki Cook, Dale Wheeler and Glenna Favell (Battle Town Council)

### **Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Meg Beckett and John Boryer

### **Minutes from previous meeting**

The minutes from the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were reviewed.

### **Matters arising not on today's agenda**

It is still hoped that Debbie will set another date and take the postponed Summer Solstice event forward.

Since SB's meeting with Richard Watson, the HCC has been placed in special measures, so further assistance is unlikely at this point in time.

The Run on the Rec was a success, but it is hoped that there will be an entry fee in future.

The 1066 Country Ride was an enjoyable and successful event.

MB will be writing a report on the fact-finding trip to the pump track in Eastbourne.

SB will bear Tom Chaplin in mind for fundraising, such as requesting a tee-shirt or signed CD.

### **Project update**

Following the submission of the pre-bid, SB has not yet had a response as to whether or not to apply for funding from the Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

The Town Clerk will write to the Landscape Architect regarding the amendments:

- Signage – it was agreed to request wooden bollards as BTC will be installing wooden finger posts. 4 dual pedestrian/cycle at the entrances to the Pathway & 2 pedestrian only at each end of the western pedestrian path;
- If the diseased ash has to be felled, there will be no need for bridging over the roots, but the architect will need to be consulted regarding any impact;
- Discrete distance markers – should be placed every 100m (0 – 500m) on the path surface on the longer route, starting near to the car park, but seek recommendation from architect as where exactly to start. It is hoped that the longer route will be 500 metres in length;
- Triangles on top path – should be rounded;
- Heavy vehicle crossings – it was agreed that a coloured surface may be appropriate, but to ask architect;
- Cycle parking – EC was content to agree this at a later date, but it was agreed that the architect should be asked for suggestions.
- Following the visit by MB, SB, GF and the Town Clerk to Eastbourne to look at path surfaces, it was agreed that the surface should be constructed from the same material as the Bulverhythe Link at Glyn Gap because it is smoother than the surface in Eastbourne.
- See below regarding road safety markings on the top loop.

SB is progressing the Sensory Garden project with Autism Sussex. They have applied to the Co-op for grant funding. GF will ask BTC to mark out where the garden will be in order to show Autism Sussex the size and position of the garden.

### **Update from Battle Town Council and Recreation Ground Working Party**

Covered above

## **Future Fundraising Events**

£2 Cuppa is continuing (SB)

It was agreed that the Gala Film Night on 5<sup>th</sup> October would go ahead:

- VC will run the bar with her husband
- GF will ask her husband to be the ‘Steward’ at the door
- DW will advertise on the BHP website
- GF to forward information to VG to go on Facebook
- GF to forward poster as soon as it becomes available

The sale of the photos donated by the Photographic Society needs to be advertised. Images of the photos will be put on the website with information about where to buy the prints.

SB and GF will meet with The Crafty Norman to discuss ideas for displaying the Battle Rocks.

## **Publicity, Flyer, Social Media, Website**

### **Account update Funding Applications**

Total £15,375

### **Community Contribution Fundraising Plan and Events**

The group is working towards raising 10% of the cost of the project, which is thought to be £22,000.

SB noted that RDC Community Grants will match fund 50% of cost up to £30,000. The next round opens in October and closes in January 2019. Cllr Dixon has assured SB that, if successful, monies can be kept for over a year without being used.

Rother Environmental Grants – GF to apply on behalf of BHP for the ‘taste’ area within the Nature Garden.

Crime Commissioner’s Safety Fund – it was agreed that DW would look into the eligibility criteria and decide on whether the whole pathway project or part was the most suitable for this funding application. SB pointed out that it is more difficult to obtain funding when only a small percentage of the total funding has been identified. Grants are for up to £5,000 and the applications need to demonstrate a safety benefit. Later in the meeting, VC reminded the group of the plan to have road safety training marking on the top loop and it was agreed that *<text to be agreed>*

SB will be talking to Battle & Langton School about a fundraising event, such as a mufti day with pupils dressing to do an activity on the Rec.

### **Outstanding Funding Applications**

Battle Rotary – not heard

Lottery Reaching Communities – not heard yet

### **Future Fundraising**

VC will recommend BHP as the local charity for St Mary’s Church Christmas Tree Festival. If accepted, BHP will need to decorate a tree.

Bank details to be available for guests at Gala Film Night to make donations by internet banking.

### **AOB**

None

### **Time and date of next meeting**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 18.30 in The Almonry