

SSP OMG 26th October 2010: Notes of Meeting

Present: Tom Charnock (TC), Daniel Rose (DR), Pam Gough (PG), Cllr Brian Mattock (BM), James Griffin (JG), Janet Beattie (JB), Nazma Ramruttan (NR), Simon Potter (SP)

Apologies: Steve Henderson (SH), Alison Chamberlain (AC), Yaqub Murray (YM), Mark Ormrod (MO), Juliette Randall (JR), Mike Pringle (MP),

Discussion and Decisions

Minutes from last SSP OMG Plus meeting held on 14th September were agreed.

1. OneSwindon

JG updated the group on OneSwindon and informed them of the timetable for the next few months.

Important dates are:

- 29th October – Partners Workshop – purpose of this workshop is to get an approvals draft ready for SBC and Partners clearing process.
- 8th December – Cabinet
- 13th January – Full Council – partners will be invited to speak at Full Council in support of One Swindon sign off.

JG added that OMG will be consulted with during the approvals process and will ask Alison & Paula to send the latest OS draft to OMG for their comments before mid November, he asked that OMG specifically look at:

- (i) how well is the voice of the conference reflected in OS,
- (ii) is the language, style and presentation accessible to people, and
- (iii) has OS recognised the contribution the voluntary sector and the community sector can make

JG added that One Swindon is about how we work differently together. JG informed the group that the Council's Overview and Scrutiny committee had written to partners recently to ask about how involved they felt they had been in the One Swindon process, we are currently awaiting the final report, but on speaking with partners the feeling is they are receiving it well and want to push it forward. NR asked how the plan would be presented, would the language be in a simple format, JG confirmed that the plan would be written in the Council standard but mindful of the audience and written for the members of public not officers. DR asked JG to define partners and shared his concern that Partners were the people with the big budgets and it felt as if Community groups and organisations were being missed. BM added that he understood the challenge, and reflected on the recent SSP Conference where approx 225 delegates mainly from community groups and organisations had the day to input into One Swindon.

JG informed the group that Swindon has been chosen for a couple of pilot projects, one on budgets and the other on Capital and Assets, which he would like to discuss at a future meeting. DR offered to meet with JG to discuss how community engagement and development could be used to remove any barriers, **JB to arrange**. TC asked for a simple note covering the aims/outcomes for each of the projects – JG to provide when more detail available. **Action: JG**

2. Conference Feedback

JB shared feedback from the conference with the group – the feedback was pulled together from the facilitated table exercises during the day during which the delegates did a fantastic job in telling the One Swindon story. JB also shared the delegates' conference commitments: these were from the completed commitment cards during the last workshop and a phenomenal amount were received from delegates. The group asked JB to collate the commitments. TC suggested that he would draft an e-mail, from him and Cllr Bluh in the next week to go to all delegates. The e-mail would thank the delegates, include positive reflections on the event and an invitation from TC for us to connect with like-minded conference goers, share and progress our commitments so we have positive stories to share at the next conference early in the New Year. **JB to action**.

JB added that a Conference Report is also being prepared which will cover the events from the day, once agreed by Cllr Bluh and TC the report will be posted to the SSP website and shared with the delegates.

NR & DR asked JB to send them a copy of the attendance list for the Conference. **Action JB**.

3. CPCP Update

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PG updated the group on recent CPCP issues.

- Work is continuing with our public sector partners in defining the role of the full time Cluster Lead/Commissioner. JG added that a report on Cluster Lead principles and the next steps will be presented to the One Swindon Partnership Board at their Away Day in November.
- Consultation on the Core Strategy is underway in all Cluster areas.
- Work is on going in developing community facilities
- Cluster Projects including:
 - Broadgreen – Tesco & Swindon Town Football Club working at improving local spaces.
 - Town Centre – new residents group
 - Intergeneration project – with learning from the North Cluster this will expand to other parts of the Borough
 - Stratton – bulb planting event to improve the environment and local area.
- The Community Safety Week of Action has seen the Community Safety Bus out and about, with information on safety and an opportunity for people to air their concerns
- South Cluster – next meeting is at the end of October.
- West Swindon –next Forum meeting is on 8th November

TC advised that he had attended a Community Planning Forum recently where there were complaints around the late notice of Cluster meetings, late information impacts on attendance.

4. OMG – next steps

TC gave a brief history of the OMG and described its changing role. TC added that it is important for OMG to find a remit with networks into the community, but felt that there are a few areas missing in the current representation, i.e. sport, education, heritage and elderly.

TC added that as the Partnership Board starts delivering on One Swindon the OMG group need to know what the real and current people/community issues are. TC asked the group to consider the future role of the OMG, we've seen how successful the reach via the Youth, Faith and Culture representatives has been and now maybe the time to expand to other areas. TC added that a fuller discussion is needed at a future meeting.

DR asked about Council Funding to the community, there are 3 strands, one for 'Volunteering' which VCS is commissioned to do; 'Voice' which VAS is commissioned for and Advice which SBC has retained. DR asked if PG/JB could investigate how much of the £100k has been allocated for each of the 2-years it has been running, also which groups have been supported under this grant. PG suggested that Mark Feeny is invited to a future meeting to explain the process, maybe when grants are up to renewal. **Action JB**

5. AOB

- NR gave an update from the Faith Partnership; a copy of the report is attached with these notes.
- DR shared a Government Gazette article with the group on the Mechanics Trust from an English Heritage perspective and a local example.
- JB asked the group to let her have any information from their respective areas for inclusion in the Partnership Newsletter and the SSP Website.

Date and time of next meetings

OMG– 7th December 2010, 12-2, Function Room, Civic Offices

OMG Plus – 18th January 2011 – 12-2, Function Room, Civic Offices