

**Notes of the Community Consultation Working Group meeting held on
Wednesday 9 April 2008 in the Montpellier room, Municipal Offices**

Present: Rosemary Mansbridge (Chairman)

Tony Mason (FoP)
Fiona Clarke (FoP)
Beryl Bonning (PARA)
Rob Bell
Ruth Darling
Craig Mortiboys

Apologies: Louise Gisbourne

1. The Chairman welcomed Beryl Bonning of PARA to her first working group meeting of the Community Consultation WG and went onto apologise to the group that the MasterPlan would not be tabled as planned for reasons which would become apparent during the meeting.
2. The Chairman then reported on progress since the last meeting in early Dec. She confirmed that the council's contribution (minimum of 25% of the total bid) had been agreed at £1 million, giving a total project cost of £4million.
3. RB then outlined the potential effect on the HLF bid of Environment Agency requirements for a proposed flood defence scheme, protecting Leisure@ and located in Pittville Park, emerging only now as a result of ongoing consultation. He confirmed that he would contact the HLF to explore the possibility of delaying submission of the Stage 1 application until the implications for the park of EA requirements had been fully explored.

Action: RB

4. The meeting agreed that it was important to present a positive and consistent message in all communications with the public regarding any possible impact on the timing and/or content of the bid. RD agreed to draft a 'holding' press release for FoP, PARA and CBC to use as necessary/required.

Action: RD

5. Following an enquiry from the Chairman, representatives of Friends of Pittville and PARA both indicated that they would consider conducting a skills audit among their members. The Chairman went onto indicate that such information could be very helpful in the preparation of a volunteer plan to create opportunities for more people to contribute to the park from a wider cross section of the community. TM suggested approaching the Local Horticultural Society with a similar request.

Action: Chairman

6. **Date of next meeting: to be confirmed**