

**Notes of the Heritage Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 9 April 2008  
in the Sherborne room, Municipal Offices**

**Present:** Rosemary Mansbridge (Chairman)

Tony Mason (FoP)  
Ron Pattinson (FoP)  
Beryl Bonning (PARA)  
Eileen Lockwood (PARA)  
Rob Bell  
Tom Mimmagh  
Karen Radford  
Adam Reynolds  
Claire Stenson

**Apologies:** Rob Lindsey

1. The Chairman welcomed two members of PARA to their first working group meeting and went on to apologise 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. She circulated copies of the 'Next Steps' paper submitted to the February meeting of the Project Board. The paper identified a number of issues outside the control/influence of Green Environment which required resolution or clarification and she updated the meeting on progress.
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. The meeting agreed to take the advice of the Community Consultation Working Group, who were due to discuss the matter at their meeting later in the day.
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 on to 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**