Collings Park Trust Communication Policy

Policy Statement

This Communication Policy takes into account the limited resources available to the Trust, both in terms of funding and the availability of members, whose input is entirely voluntary. Nevertheless it is key to the Trust's desired outcomes that all interested parties be kept informed and up-to-date with the Trust's needs, activities and progress. It therefore falls to the Trustees and Management Committee members collectively to implement the policy. It is intended to:

- help explain how communications will support the Trust's objectives, and which strategic choices have been taken and why;
- build common understanding of audiences and priorities within the Trust;
- create continuity in communications activity over an extended period;
- articulate objectives and measures of success when building a case for resources or evaluating performance.

Authority for communication

The board of trustees oversees and is responsible for all communications but delegates some specific communication to the management committee, as noted below. The management committee will make decisions over communication as a group or via its own delegation within the committee, as it decides.

Target Audience	Message	Tools/Communication Channels	Who by / Frequency
Local residents (as defined by geographical area)	 The whole community has a stake in the future of Collings Park 	Facebook, website	Management Committee / as and when appropriate
Local Politicians (MP, PPCs, City Councillors)	 Encourage/promote involvement in activities 	Facebook, Email, website	Board / As and when required
City Council Officers	 Promote future vision for the Park, report progress 	Email, annual report	Board, at least annually

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Local Media	 Describe progress and new developments 	Media statements, Facebook	Board / As and when required
Trustees	 Management Committee proposals, plans and progress reports 	Reports at Management Committee and Board meetings	Management Committee and Board Chairs as and when required
Management Committee	 Board of Trustees' definition of Policy and priorities, decisions on proposals and associated funding 	Reports at Management Committee and Board meetings	Management Committee and Board Chairs as and when required
Members	 Describe progress and new developments, seek views 	Facebook, website, annual report	Board and Management Committee as and when required
Other interested parties	 Describe progress and new developments 	Facebook, website	Management Committee as and when appropriate
Plymouth City Council	 Statement of Community Benefit 	Written statement	Board / Annual
Donors / Funding Organisations	 Community benefit accrued, continual need for funding 	Facebook, website, Annual Report	Board / Annually
Charities Commission	 Alignment with Charitable Objectives and on-going financial viability 	Annual return and accounts	Board / Annually