



**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 P.M.
AT MALCOLM X CENTRE, CITY ROAD, ST PAULS**

PRESENT:

	26.06.13	25.09.13	11.12.13	05.03.14
COUNCILLORS				
Councillor F Choudhury	A	A		
Councillor M Hickman	P	P		
Councillor G Hoyt	A	P		
Councillor H Jama	P	P		
Councillor A Shah	P	P		
Councillor R Telford	P	A		
PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS				
Vacancy (Barton Hill, Lawrence Weston)				
Mike Pickering (Goodpenny, Lawrence Hill/SRWG)	P	P		
Mike Chappell (Redcliffe, Lawrence Hill)	A			
Vacancy (Redcliffe, Lawrence Hill)				
Vacancy (The Dings, Lawrence Hill)				
Dominic Murphy (The Dings, Lawrence Hill) Deputy Chair	A	P		
Hannah Purbrick (Central, Easton)	A	A		
Anna McMullen (Central, Easton)	A	A		
Cristina Crossingham (Central, Easton)	P	P		
Gemma Murphy (Central, Easton)	P	P		
Jan Deverell (Greenbank, Easton)	P	P		
Alex Milne (Redfield, Easton)	P	P		
Joyce Clark (Redfield, Easton)	P	P		
Jo Curtis (Redfield, Easton)	P	P		
Musniya Babatunji (St Pauls, Ashley)	A	A		
Ben Wood (St Pauls, Ashley)	P	P		
Lisa Blackwood (St Pauls, Ashley)	A	A		
Jackie Griffith (St Pauls, Ashley)	A	P		
Maryanne Kempf (St Pauls, Ashley)	P	P		
Mohamud Mumin (St Pauls, Ashley)	P	A		
Pete Bullard (St Pauls, Ashley)	P	A		
Lori Streich (St Werburghs, Ashley)	A	P		
Suzanna Van Moyland (St Werburghs, Ashley)	P	P		
Vacant (Montpelier, Ashley)				
Vacant (St Andrews, Ashley)				
Peers Woollen (Equalities Rep)	P	P		
Vishal Mamgai (Youth Rep)	A	A		
Ramal Royal (Youth Rep)	A	A		
Community/Voluntary Sector Partners				
Richard Curtis (Church Road Action Group)	P	P		
Ian Lawry/Margaret Castle (Wellspring)	P	P		
Leighton Deburca (Old Market Community Association)	P	P		
Del Hibbert (Full Circle)	P	A		
Abdullahi Farah (Somali Resource Centre)	A	A		
Linda Bell (St Werburghs Community Centre)	A	P		
Cleo Lake (Creative Souls)	A	A		
Frances Hopcraft (Bilingual Family)	P	A		
Barry Green (SPU, Ashley)	P	A		

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Business/Private Sector Partners				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P	P		
Sonny Richard (Retailer, Lawrence Hill)	P	P		
Vacant (Retailer, National/Multi National)				
Vacant (business, non retail)				
Vacant (business, non retail)				
Statutory Providers Partners				
Laura Todd (Registered Social Landlord)	P	P		
Oli Cosgrove/Mark Aston (A and S Police)	P	P		
Aisha Thomas (City Academy)	P	P		
Mohammed Elsherif (NHS Bristol)	P	P		
Officers Supporting the Partnership				
Penny Germon (Neighbourhood Manager)	P	P		
Richard Jones (Democratic Services)	P	P		
Shaun Taylor (Traffic Management)		P		
John Atkinson (Neighbourhoods, BCC)		P		
Jo Howard (Bristol University)		P		
Residents in Attendance Making Statements				

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Maryanne, welcomed all to the meeting, and following introductions received apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 26TH JUNE 2013

AGREED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

5. PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a presentation from Jo Howard (Agenda Item No. 5) on key finding from research and discussion.

During detailed discussion the following points were highlighted:

- Noted that the study was based on democracy in the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Area given the history of regeneration and participation;
- The study focused on five areas of findings:
 - Representation;
 - Decision making;

- Inequalities and how they are addressed;
- Balancing representative democracy (Councillors and Resident participation); and
- Power relations
- In response to a question on how comparisons were made, it was noted that it has been based on knowledge of governance arrangements in other parts of the country and some knowledge of other neighbourhood partnerships in the city;
- Jo Howard noted that the successes for the partnership have been collective decision making, inclusive partnership board and representing the needs of less powerful community groups in the Area;
- Consideration will need to be given to the management of residents participation and the more formal method of decision making;
- Need to identify how neighbourhood partnership can have a more strategic role – how partnerships can learn good practice from one another;
- Councillor Hoyt, Assistant Mayor, Neighbourhoods indicated that there was some initial work being done to look at whether Bedminster and Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnerships could be used as pilots for a scheme of participatory budgets; and
- The Partnership noted that the report would be considered further a local democracy week event to be held at City Hall, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 15th October 2013, and there was also a presentation for representatives from the University of Mexico City.

Maryanne on behalf of the Partnership thanked Jo Howard for her presentation and attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED –

That the presentation relating to Participatory Democracy be noted; and Penny to circulate details of the Democracy Week event.

6. FOOTWAY SCHEMES

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report from Shaun Taylor (Agenda Item No. 6) relating to footway schemes in the area updating on the local highway schemes and requesting an additional £5,000 be allocated to complete the Redfield South scheme.

During consideration of the item the following points were highlighted:

Footways

- It was noted that Claremont Street had been identified as priority of the last few years, and it was recommended that works to this road be undertaken this year following consultation with residents;

- The Partnership noted that a pause had been agreed in decisions on Footway schemes to enable outstanding local traffic schemes to be completed;
- Members of the Partnership welcomed the appendices outlining the assessment process, and the balance being demonstrated between high footfall areas and assesment need;

Local Highways Schemes

- In response to a questions clarifying funding for schemes, it was noted that there were some schemes which had been identified and completed as part of the Citywide priorities i.e. Park Street;
- Jo Curtis wanted to know why £1,700 of the £5,000 for Victoria Parade had been used for road closure when residents get a road closure for free for community activities. Shaun indicatedt that this would need to be further investigated;

The Traffic and Transport Group sought clarification on how funding was used – proportions spent on legal costs, consultation etc;

- The Partnership noted that all schemes are estimates and were dependent on what is found under the roads; and
- The Partnership expressed concern that additional funding had been requested for the Redfield South Scheme without any prior discussion or informaton at the Traffic and Transport Sub Group, but noted that the works could not continue unless the funding was approved.

RESOLVED –

(1) The Neighbourhood Committee approved the 2013/14 work programme for footway maintence:

- **Option 1 Claremont Street (£16,563) or Option 2 Claremont Street (£13,695) Highways to consult residents on preferences;**
- **Richmond Road (£26, 326); and**
- **As much of Church Road, Milton Park, Alfred Street, Mary Street, Cowper Street, Heber Street and Cobden Street as much as can be done from the remaining budget (£19,747)**

(2) The Neighbourhood Partnership noted the progress on local traffic schemes;

(3) The Neighbourhood Partnership approved the additional spend of £5,000 from the 2013/14 budget on Local traffic scheme in Redfield South required to complete the scheme; and

(4) The Neighbourhood Partnership noted progress on carriage resurfacing 2013/14.

7. ENVIRONMENT SUB GROUP REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Tom Penn, Area Environment Officer, Neighbourhoods and Communities (Agenda Item No. 7) setting out the Environment Sub Group's report, presented by Penny Germon, Area Co-ordinator.

Through discussion the following points were raised:

- To qualify for S106 expenditure, it was noted that schemes would need to be part of the Parks and Green Spaces investment plan;
- Several representatives of the Partnership expressed concern about the use of the funding which had already been allocated to the Bear Pit project, and sought clarification on how the funding had been spent;
- The Partnership enquired why funding had not been sought from the Broadmead shops for Bear Pit improvements;
- Councillor Hoyt expressed concern at removing the Bear Pit from the investment Plan; and
- It was proposed that the Environment Group should report back on how maintenance may happen for planters.

RESOLVED –

(1) that the following S106 schemes be approved for the purposes set out in the report:

- **Albany Green (£28,044.91);**
- **Proctor house (£22,735.14);**
- **Rawnsley Park (£11,482.83)**

(2) that the Bear Pit be removed from the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Parks Investment Plan, and a report be presented at the December meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership about the funding that has been awarded by the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill NP and the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East NP;

(3) that the allocation of £1,850 devolved and Clean and Green funding as proposed in Appendix 4 be approved; and

(4) that the decision on funding planters within the Partnership area unless a maintenance contract is in place, be deferred to the next meeting.

8. WELLBEING BUDGET - SMALL GRANTS

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Wellbeing Panel, Neighbourhoods and Communities (Agenda Item No. 8) setting out the wellbeing budget small grants.

It was suggested that the funding raising be looked at in order to support the Redcliffe Residents Association.

That further discussions be held with the Redcliffe Residents Association.

The Neighbourhood Partnership discussed the role of the small grants panel and the role of the Partnership. The Neighbourhood Partnership set up a panel of residents to consider applications and score against criteria.

It was also noted that further information be circulated in relation to schemes recommended.

RESOLVED –

(1) That £8,566.60 of the total Wellbeing fund be allocated in this round

- **Easton Cowboys Cricket Club (£1,016)**
- **1625 Independent People (£1,450)**
- **Berwick Road (£650.82)**
- **Rosemary Early Years Centre (£1,483.46)**
- **Bristol Playbus Project (£1,434)**
- **Friends of Belle Vue Park (£650)**
- **Friends of Hannah Moore Primary School (£1,348.50); and**
- **Baggator (£533.82)**

(2) That the recommendations of the Wellbeing Grant Panel indicated in the appendices to the report be approved.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Penny Germon the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 9) giving an update on the following issues since the last meeting.

Priorities are set out in Appendix 1, and seeking approval for those going forward, it was agreed that any comments on the priorities should be fed back to the Area co-ordinator by 30th September 2013.

Volunteers for the demographic and population group included Dominic Murphy, Cristina Crossingham, Leighton Deburca, Maryanne Kempf, Ian Lawry and Mohammed Elsherif

Volunteers for the equalities group included: Dominic, Leighton, Laura, Hibaq, Maryanne, Peers, and Gus.

Hibaq asked to attend the meeting about resources.

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a short update on school places and noted that the Dolphin School would be expanding.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Neighbourhood Working update be noted;**
- (2) that the report of the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group be noted;**
- (3) that the Housing Working Group report be noted and a report be brought back to the next NP meeting about housing allocations in Barton Hill;**
- (4) that the report relating to additional school places in the NP area be noted;**
- (5) that NP members to give feed back on 2013-14 Partnership priorities to Penny before the end of September 2013;**
- (6) that it be agreed that a small group meet to consider how to take forward the work on demographic and population change and this be reported back to the next meeting;**
- (7) that it be agreed that a small group meet to consider how the NP can be more proactive in addressing equalities issues and meeting legal and policy obligations, and this be reported back to the next meeting;**
- (8) that the use of the wellbeing fund and other NP resources to deliver the NP priorities be reviewed by the Chair, Deputy Chair and Councillor Chair, taking account of the two small group discussions above and a report be brought back to the next NP meeting for consideration;**
- (9) that the update about the NP review be noted;**
- (10) that the information about the active travel grant be noted; and**
- (11) that the views of the forums be sought in relation to the Green Capital 2015 and be brought back to a future NP meeting to be considered.**

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 11th December 2013 at the Barton Hill Settlement..

(The meeting ended at 7.55 pm)

CHAIR