

AGENDA ITEM NO 3



**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2014 AT 6.30 P.M.
AT BARTON HILL SETTLEMENT, 43 DUCIE ROAD, BRISTOL**

PRESENT:

	25.06.14	08.10.14	03.12.14	11.03.15
COUNCILLORS				
Councillor F Choudhury	A	A		
Councillor M Hickman	P	P		
Councillor G Hoyt	P	A		
Councillor H Jama	P	P		
Councillor A Shah	A	P		
Councillor R Telford	P	P		
PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS				
Vacancy (Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Mohamed Mohamoud (Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill)	A	P		
Mike Pickering Lawrence Hill/SRWG)	P	P		
Vacancy (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Vacancy (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Vacancy (The Dings/Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Dominic Murphy (Lawrence Hill)	P	A		
Abdi Mohamed (Easton)	P	A		
Anna McMullen (Easton)	P	P		
Cristina Crossingham (Easton)	P	P		
Gemma Murphy (Easton)	A	A		
Jan Deverell (Easton)	P	P		
Alex Milne (Easton)	P	A		
Joyce Clarke (Easton)	P	P		
Jo Curtis (Easton)	P	A		
Vacancy (St Pauls, Ashley)	A	A		
Ben Wood (Ashley)	P	P		
Jackie Griffith (, Ashley)	P	A		
Maryanne Kempf (Ashley)	P	P		
Mohamud Mumin (Ashley)	A	A		
Pete Bullard (Ashley)	P	P		
Lori Streich (Ashley)	P	P		
Hugh Holden (Ashley)	P	P		
Daphne Muir (Montpelier)	P	P		
Jon Rogers (St Andrews/Ashley)	A	P		
Community/Voluntary Sector Partners				
Richard Curtis (Church Road	P	A		

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Action Group) Deputy Chair of NP				
Paul Bradburn (Old Market Community Association)	P	A		
Del Hibbert (Full Circle)	P	P		
Abdullahi Farah (Somali Resource Centre)	P	P		
Linda Bell/Steve Woods (St Werburghs Community Centre)	A	P		
Anne Joslin (Easton and Lawrence Hill)	P	P		
Muna Abdi (Somali Forum)	A	A		
Barrie Green (SPU, Ashley)	P	A		
Business/Private Sector Partners				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P	P		
Sonny Richards (Retailer, Lawrence Hill)	P	P		
Statutory Providers Partners				
Laura Todd (Registered Social Landlord)	P	P		
Olly Cosgrove/Mark Aston (A and S Police)	A	P		
Aisha Thomas (City Academy)	A	P		
Vacancy (NHS Bristol)	A	A		
Officers Supporting the Partnership, Other Officer Attendees and Observers				
Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)	P	P		
Nick Pates (Walking and Cycling Manager)	P	A		
Kurt James (Area Co- ordinator)	P	P		
Tom Penn (Area Environment Officer)	A	P		
Stacy Yelland (Observer – "Up Your Street")	A	P		
Daniel Pang (BCC Officer Observer)	A	P		
Matthew Collinson (Observer)	A	P		
Individuals Making Public Forum Statements/Questions				
David Redgewell (South West Transport Network)	P	P		
Nura Aabe	A	P		

13. Minute Silence, Introductions and Apologies for Absence (Agenda Items 1 and 2)

Maryanne Kempf opened the meeting with a Minute Silence for Peers Woollen, Equalities Representative for the AELH NP, who had recently died.

All members of the NP who were in attendance introduced themselves. Details of all apologies for absence (recorded above) were noted.

14. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 4)

None.

15. Minutes of the Neighbourhood Partnership Held on 25th June 2014 (Agenda Item 3)

Resolved – that the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. Action: Jeremy Livitt.

16. Public Forum (Agenda Item 5)

The Partnership received a statement by David Redgewell, (South West Transport Network and Transport for Greater Bristol) concerning the following issues: Traffic in the Old Market area, Review of Residential Parking Schemes, Bus Network for St Pauls, Request for Closure of Old Market Street as part of Green Capital 2015 during Pride 2015 and Make Sunday Special.

It was noted that Councillor Rob Telford would be meeting with First bus in the next few weeks concerning a possible replacement for Bus Number 25 and that a petition had also been produced concerning this issue.

Action: A letter to be sent to Bristol and South Gloucestershire Councils – Dave Redgewell to send letters to Bristol and South Gloucestershire Councils

A series of questions were also received from Nura Aabe (with answers received from Stacy Yelland) concerning the Green Capital and Boundary Commission.

Nura Aabe expressed her concern about the lack of publicity concerning the Green Capital Grant Application process.

It was agreed that the Area Co-ordinator should act as a central e-mail posting point on this issue for members of the Neighbourhood Partnership, as well as bodies like St Paul's Unlimited, who wish to lobby against this decision.

Action: Kurt James to act as a central posting point, item to be added to the next Ashley Neighbourhood Forum meeting

17. Community Safety Update Including Report On Recent Serious Incidents (Agenda Item 6)

The NP received a verbal update from Inspector Oliver Cosgrove on the above. He made the following points:

- Following the recent carnival, there had been a number of stabbings (including 5 GBH injuries), received by individuals outside the Avon and Somerset area. An individual had been arrested in Birmingham and charged with a Public Order offence. However, there had been very little co-operation with many of the victims who had in many cases refused to give statements

- A number of people had been arrested following an incident of disorder at the Black Swan public house – there had been approximately 700 people who might have witnessed the incident but no-one had been prepared to volunteer information
- The Police would like to hold a knife amnesty along the lines of one operated by the Metropolitan Police (including the use of metal boxes for firearms). It was noted that this amnesty would be more successful if it was community led
- Violent crime had increased over the entire force – it was up 18% in the AELH NP area but was even higher in other areas. This was believed to be due to the encouragement of more reporting of violent crime and domestic violence incidents;
- The Bright Outlook project, designed to mentor and divert young people at risk of becoming criminalised has seen a 95% deterrence success rate. It is hoped the project can be rolled out to a wider group;
- A number of NP members expressed concern about persistent damage to RPS parking meters in St Paul's. Inspector Cosgrove stated that local residents should be encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open and, if necessary, a temporary camera be placed on a particular place if one meter is persistently damaged.
Action: Inspector Cosgrove
- The District Commander was currently looking at possible changes to policing boundaries so that areas such as Stokes Croft are not split.

18. **Boundary Commission Review (Agenda Item 7)**

The NP received a presentation on this issue introduced by Councillor Rob Telford. He made the following comments:

- Following the triggering of an LGBC review by the Mayor, discussions had taken place concerning changing ward boundaries to better reflect electorate population changes.
- Brand new wards would operate from 2016, with elections for all Bristol City Councillors and the Mayor in May 2016;
- It was proposed to remain with the existing numbers of Councillors (70) for the new ward boundaries, although it was noted that the Green Party had argued for an increase to 72. It was acknowledged that this could result in existing imbalances being increased if the population in certain wards continued to grow.

The NP noted the short timescale for submission of views (ie 9 December 2014 – 16 February 2015) and expressed concern about the lack of publicity for consultation in this area. It was also noted that Rob Telford was the e-mail contact for dissemination of information on this issue.

It was agreed that a Sub-Group should be set up to discuss this issue comprising Rob Telford, Pete Bullard, Daphne Muir, Steve Woods,

Stacey Yelland and Nura Aabe and to report back to the next Neighbourhood Partnership on 3rd December 2014.

Resolved – that the above Sub-Group be set up. Action: Rob Telford/Kurt James.

19 Environment Sub Group Park Investment Priorities (Agenda Item 8)

This report was introduced by Tom Penn, Area Environment Officer and reminded members of high priority projects at Dalrymple Park, Bristol to Bath Railway Path and a Bristol Play Area at Belle Vue Road, Easton.

In response to concerns expressed by NP members about the seats at Albany Park (whilst acknowledging the fact that the general area had been transformed), he confirmed that options to improve them were being considered. However, the issue of maintenance needed to also be considered. An additional seat could be provided in the park since there was currently a small underspend in the budget.

It was also noted that the priority for the creation of dog free areas needed to be balanced against the community service that dog owners provided for all users of parks.

In response to a member's question, Inspector Cosgrove confirmed that the police were aware of drug related activity in parks in St Pauls.

Resolved (unanimously) -

- (1) That the Neighbourhood Parks Investment Plan be approved (Appendix 1 of the report)**
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Partnership recommend to Councillors that Section 106 funding be allocated and Councillors advised appropriately**
- (3) That the Neighbourhood Partnership agrees to transforming Dalrymple Park into an allotment**
- (4) That it be noted that, in the absence of a quoracy of Councillors, a Special Neighbourhood Committee be convened to make a decision concerning the NP recommendation outlined in (2) above.**

Actions: (1) to (3) – Tom Penn, (4) Jeremy Livitt

20 Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Report (Agenda Item 9)

The Area Co-ordinator, Kurt James, introduced this report. During discussion of a number of the issues contained in the report, the following points were made:

- Matthew Collinson, who had completed a nomination form to join the AELH NP, introduced himself to NP members
- A plan to improve Stapleton Road was moving into the delivery phase. Assistant Mayor Councillor Mark Bradshaw had recently spent over 3 hours in the Stapleton Road area to establish the impact of the RPZ and had received the clear message from business owners that the RPZ has had a negative impact on business. It was noted that this issue would be discussed at the appropriate forthcoming Neighbourhood Forum
- It was suggested that a few residents had indicated that they were not happy with the preferred bidder for the St Paul's Learning and Family Centre Community Asset Transfer. NP Members' attention was also drawn to an additional paper on this issue which had been produced by John Bos, CAT Manager. It was noted that the selection process had been open, transparent and community led with expressions of interest having been received from different organisations. Following this, the Ethical Property Company (EPC) had been selected to advance to the business planning phase of the CAT (Community Asset Transfer) process as it would ensure the centre was kept open for community use. It was noted that EPC ran similar projects locally and throughout the country and operated ethical IT systems
- The City Wide Neighbourhood Partnership Event would take place on 15th October 2014
- NP members were encouraged to agree to produce an action plan following the August Neighbourhood Partnership Review Update meetings. It was noted that key areas that this could include were health and community safety. This provided a good opportunity to re-focus partnership priorities whilst building on the existing plan
- Changes in the Wellbeing Grants process needed to be reflected by the NP's priorities. It was hoped that this process would allow those NPs who currently ran an underspend to receive funds from those NPs who currently operated an overspend to ensure budget equity across the city
- NP Members were advised of the proposed recommendations concerning the Green Capital Fund (GCF). There was concern expressed by some members at the lateness of the process and very short timescale for applications to be received. It was noted that, during the selection process, anyone with a conflict of interest would need to declare it. Information on the process would be made available on the website. There would be additional discussion on the GCF at the next round of Neighbourhood Forums. It was expected that there would be more applications than available funding – all applicants would be encouraged to re-apply as appropriate for the different pots of funding available
- NP members were encouraged to put their names forward to Kurt James as one of the 2 or more requested equality champions for each NP.

- A small task and finish group was proposed to make recommendations on the proposal for the creation of a single, consolidated neighbourhood budget to the next NP on 3rd December 2014

Resolved –

- 1. That the Neighbourhood Forum updates be noted**
- 2. That Matthew Collinson be approved as a member of the Neighbourhood Partnership (unanimous)**
- 3. Stapleton Road Working Group Action Plan Update be noted (unanimous) –**
 - a. Councillor Margaret Hickman to consult further on this issue and concerns raised relating to the RPZ as appropriate (including the Assistant Mayor Councillor Mark Bradshaw) and report back to the next NP meeting on 3rd December 2014**
 - b. That an item on this issue be added to the forthcoming appropriate Neighbourhood Forum**
- 4. St Pauls Learning and Family Centre Update (22 for, 1 against, 1 abstention) – that the proposed CAT agreement with the Ethical Property Company be approved**
- 5. City Wide Event (unanimous) - that the following NP members attend the citywide event planning group meeting on 15th October 2014 and report back to the next NP on 3rd December 2014 – Pete Bullard, Daphne Muir and Rob Telford**
- 6. Neighbourhood Partnership Plan (unanimous) – that the recommendations contained in Appendix B of the report be approved**
- 7. Well Being Grants Process (unanimous) – that Councillor Gus Hoyt be requested to advise on the possibility of proposed changes to this process enabling NP's that underspend to obtain funds from those that currently overspend**
- 8. Green Capital Fund Recommendations (unanimous) – that, arising out of the following recommendations from the Green Capital Panel, the following proposals are agreed:**
 - a. The AELH Green Capital application round will run from 9th October 2014 to 5th November 2014, advertising for the availability of grants to commence on on 9th October.**

b. AELH would like bids submitted from organisations wishing to deliver an exciting project or projects that will ideally impact within the Neighbourhood Partnership area.

c. Applicants can submit bids up to the size of the grants pot. The partnership will consider both larger and smaller bids.

d. The grants panel will consist of members of the Wellbeing Grants panel and Environment Group.

e. The Green Capital Grant Panel will meet on 10 or 11 November 2014 with decisions made at the 3 December 2014 NP meeting.

9. Equalities Update (unanimous) – that NP members be invited to put their names forward to the Area Co-ordinator (two equality champions required)

10.Devolved Budgets (unanimous) – that a Task and Finish Group comprising the following individuals be convened and to report back to the next meeting on 3rd December 2014: Lori Streich, Maryanne Kempf, Hugh Holden, Sonny Richards, Pete Bullard, Margaret Hickman and Yusuf Salah

11. that the Section 106 and CIL update be noted

12.Tree Forum Request To Prioritise Trees (1 against, 1 abstention) – that tree planting is a priority in the partnership

Action: Kurt James – to advise Jeremy Livitt re (1), to liaise with Margaret Hickman re (2), discuss with Gus Hoyt re (5), discuss with NP members as appropriate re (8) and to take all other necessary action

21 Well Being Report – Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item 10)

The Area Co-ordinator introduced this report.

Resolved - that the Neighbourhood Partnership recommends and Councillors approve the recommendations of the Well Being Grant Panel to approve the following schemes:

St Paul's Unlimited Community Partnership - £2672.00

St Werburgh's City Farm - £1740.00

Empire Fighting Farm - £1050.00

Operation Back Alley - £1700.00

Friends of Hannah More Primary School - £1385.00

Up Our Street - £1404.05

Action: Kurt James

22 Any Other Business

Graffiti in Brunswick Square, St Paul's – A resident, Sue Davies, had reported this issue to Bristol City Council but had received no response.

Action: Tom Penn

Ice Cream Van Application at St Andrews Park – It was noted that there was a problem of noise with this vehicle's engine constantly running.

Action: This item to be raised by the appropriate NP member at the next appropriate Neighbourhood Forum meeting.

Bike Racks and Proposed Memorial at either City Road Junction or St Andrews Park

Action: The individuals in question to raise this separately with Councillor Rob Telford to carry out as a piece of case work after the meeting

Letter from Greater Bedminster Community Partnership

The Chair encouraged all NP members to read this letter and send any views to Kurt James.

Resolved – that an investigation be made into the possibility of £500,000 currently allocated to the Park and Play Fund being used to help fund a proposed City Wide Network of Small Walkways

Action: Tom Penn/Kurt James

Stop Rogue Traders Association (SRTA) – Event at 10am to 4pm on Saturday 11th October 2014

It was noted that details of this event would be placed on Facebook.

23 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at St Paul's Learning and Family Centre, 94 Grosvenor Road, St Paul's, Bristol BS2 8XJ.

The meeting finished at 8.22pm

CHAIR