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**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2015 AT 6.30 P.M.
AT ST MARY REDCLIFFE AND TEMPLE SCHOOL, SOMERSET
SQUARE, BRISTOL BS1 6RT**

PRESENT:

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

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Community/Voluntary Sector Partners				
Richard Curtis (Church Road Action Group) Deputy Chair of NP	P	A	A	P
Paul Bradburn (Old Market Community Association)	P	A	P	P
Del Hibbert (Full Circle)	P	P	P	A
Abdullahi Farah (Somali Resource Centre)	P	P	A	A
Linda Bell/Steve Woods (St Werburgh's Community Centre)	A	P	P	P
Anne Joslin (Easton and Lawrence Hill)	P	P	A	A
Muna Abdi (Somali Forum)	A	A	A	A
Barrie Green (SPU, Ashley)	P	A	A	A
Business/Private Sector Partners				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P	P	P	A
Sonny Richards (Retailer, Lawrence Hill)	P	P	A	P
Statutory Providers Partners				
Laura Todd (Registered Social Landlord)	P	P	A	A
Olly Cosgrove/Mark Aston (A and S Police)	A	P	P	P
Aisha Thomas (City Academy)	A	P	A	A
Vacancy (NHS Bristol)	A	A	A	A
Elaine Flint, Wellspring Healthy Living Centre	A	A	P	P
Officers Supporting the Partnership, Other Officer Attendees and Observers				
Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)	P	P	P	P
Nick Pates (Walking and Cycling Manager)	P	A	A	A
Kurt James (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator)	P	P	P	P
Tom Penn (Area Environment Officer)	A	P	A	A
Stacy Yelland (Observer – "Up Your Street")	A	P	P	P
Kay Russell – Bristol Ageing Better	A	A	P	A
Alan Carpenter – Age UK Bristol	A	A	P	A
Emma Coast – Police	A	A	P	A
Ashleigh Uiska – Resident	A	A	P	A
Neil Burwell – BCC	A	A	P	A
Marietta Kirkbride – Bristol 2015	A	A	P	A
Lesley Nel – Knightstone	A	A	P	A
Simon Lewis – Ashley resident	A	A	P	A
Emma Williams – Bristol 2015	A	A	P	A
Efiom Eneobong – Resident	A	A	P	A
Rob Dungey	A	A	P	A
Shaun Taylor	A	A	A	P
Sarah Dally – Barton Hill Settlement	A	A	A	P
Charlotte Manning – Police, Bridewell	A	A	A	P
Mary Southcott	A	A	A	P

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Carole Johnson	A	A	A	P
Individuals Making Public Forum Statements/Questions				
David Redgewell and Martin Cinnamond (South West Transport Network)	P	P	A	P
Nura Aabe	A	P	A	A
Ian Beckey (On behalf of David Redgewell)	A	A	P	A

35. Introductions and Apologies for Absence (Agenda Items 1 and 2)

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

36. Declarations of Interest for Councillors (Agenda Item 4)

None.

37. Minutes of the Neighbourhood Partnership Held on 3rd December 2014 (Agenda Item 3)

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

38. Minute Silence

The NP stood in silence for 1 minute in memory of Becky Watts.

39. Councillor Faruk Choudhury (Easton Ward)

NP members gave their thanks to Councillor Choudhury who was standing down as Councillor in May 2015 for his work on behalf of the AELH community. It was noted that Easton residents had been very pleased with his work for the community – 2 members of the NP had received Lord Mayor medals and thanked Councillor Choudhury for their receipt.

Councillor Choudhury stated that he was humbled by the comments made and stated that he had enjoyed serving the community for 8 years.

40. Devolved Transport Budgets

The NP received a tabled report updating them on the latest situation concerning the above. It was noted that, following a recent decision made by the Cabinet, transport budgets were being “undeveloped” from Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Shaun Taylor (Highways Maintenance Group Manager) confirmed how the consultation process had worked for this decision – a report had been prepared to NPs approximately 12 months earlier, following which there had been a number of meetings at City Hall, at which residents from various areas of the NP had attended.

He explained the process by which data on cracking, undulations and road texture were gathered by a vehicle – he confirmed that every road in Bristol was inspected every 6 months and the roads with the most serious and urgent repairs were identified. He also confirmed that there were 4 Safety Inspectors who between them were responsible for checking every pavement that was not a footway for defects. He advised the NP that 16,784 defects had been identified in 2014, 87% of which were picked up by the officers and 13% from a third party.

It was agreed that a mechanism should be set up by Mark Sperduty (the new contact highways officer for the AELH NP) in conjunction with the NP Chair and Mark Sperduty, for production of a diagram/table (as appropriate) indicating where defects are located throughout the city, including the AELH NP area.

Action: Kurt James.Mark Sperduty/Maryanne Kempf.

41. Public Forum (Agenda Item 5)

The Partnership received the following statements:

Statement 1 - Temple Meads Master Plan – David Redgewell and Martin Cinnamond, South West Rail Transport Network

David Redgewell tabled copies of Station News (Autumn/Winter Edition 2014) and a Network Rail leaflet on the Great Western Route Modernisation confirming details of the Bristol Temple Meads Upgrade, Signalling Enhancements, Electrification and MetroWest, Filton Bank Four Track, Bristol East Junction and Bristol Parkway & Filton Abbeywood.

It was noted that the Temple Meads upgrade would last until 30th August 2015 and would result in passengers temporarily being unable to travel directly to Portsmouth and Weymouth. Anyone wishing to travel to these destinations would need to take an alternative route, getting off at Bath Spa and alighting again via Swindon. It was also noted that there would be diversions and, as a result, less platforms would be in use.

The NP noted the following contacts to provide further information on these changes: Elaine Robinson and Jon Morgan – Manager of First Great Western (jon.morgan@firstgroup.com) They further noted that there was a meeting taking place on Wednesday 18th March in the afternoon at the Old Passenger Shed, including a presentation concerning the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) and involving Andy Haines – Regional Director of Network Rail. It was agreed that anyone wishing to attend this meeting contact the partnership coordinator.

Action: Kurt James

NP members noted that the electrification works on Filton Bank would temporarily result in the rail stations at Lawrence Hill and Stapleton Road becoming unavailable – this would reduce the journey to London by 20 minutes. Elaine Robinson was aware that she needed to consult

with the NP on this issue. A number of NP members expressed concern about the cumulative impact of electrification on house prices. It was noted that there could be opportunities for the AELH area arising out of the Enterprise Zone and the Arena.

Statement Number 2 – Bus Service Review – Statement By David Redgewell and Martin Cinnamond

The NP noted that there were proposed changes to the Number 5 with effect from 29th March 2015 which would curtail the route at Oldbury Court (ie that it would not go onto Downend). In addition, the number 36 would not go to Witherwood but would instead stop at the South Bristol Hospital at Whitchurch. There would also be no direct services from East Bristol.

It was noted that £300,000 had been removed from the bus budget by the Council budget meeting. First Bus were working to restore the Romney Avenue bus link. Network Rail's role in supporting groups with protected characteristics (ie BME, LGBT, Faith Groups, Somali Groups) was recognised.

Statement Number 3 – All Night Raves – Mina Road Park, St Werburghs – Hugh Holden

This statement raised concerns about all night raves in Mina Road Park. Residents were concerned that, despite having the power to confiscate equipment, the Police were not taking the necessary action. In addition to noise, residents were concerned about aggressive drunken behaviour and instances of people defecating in the park. They were also concerned about a failure by the Response Unit to adequately respond to complaints by members of the public.

Mark Aston pointed out that the legislation did specify what classified as a rave and that this might be why action had not been possible.

Action: that Mark Aston investigate the situation and report back to the appropriate parties

Statement Number 4 – Church Road Action Group and Church Road Action Team – Richard Curtis (Chair, Church Road Action Group and Director of Church Road Town Team)

Richard Curtis stated that there had been a growth in anti-social behaviour associated with beggars and street drinking in the area of Church Road which was being exacerbated by the availability of alcohol at various shops.

In view of the comparatively short period of time required for the process it was noted that the Church Road Action Group would be collecting evidence prior to submitting an application for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) covering most of Church Road, some of the side streets and into St George Park. The NP resolved unanimously to support this process.

Action: Richard Curtis, Kurt James (if a report is submitted to a future NP)

Statement Number 5 – Carriageworks – Pete Bullard

The NP noted the process by which people could object to the proposals prior to consideration 8th April 2015 Planning Committee.

Statement Number 6 – Former Elizabeth Shaw Chocolate Factory, Easton – Jane Minton

It was noted that there had been concerns about this application. However, due to the way the statutory process operated, officers had advised that it could not be referred to Planning Committee for consideration.

Action: Maryanne Kempf to speak to Jane Minton to establish what help the NP could provide in this matter.

41. Community Safety Update (Agenda Item 6)

Mark Aston made the following points:

- (1) The murder and subsequent investigation concerning Becky Watts had been a major incident for the Police and community. A local Neighbourhood Team had been involved with the school to address concerns about the impact on Primary School children. A multi-agency meeting was being set up by the Barton Hill Settlement involving landlords to enable them to listen to the needs of the wider community.
- (2) There had been a series of robberies on the Railway Path. Following the arrest of 2 male suspects, these robberies had stopped;
- (3) There had been a sudden spike of burglaries in Montpelier and St Werburgh's.
- (4) Councillor Afzal Shah drew attention to 3 armed robberies that had recently taken place in shops in Easton, together with some burglaries. A request for £30,000 for a CCTV system had been refused due to insufficient funds.

42. Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Plan Prioritisation Exercise (Agenda Item 7)

It was noted that, due to a future lack of capacity on behalf of St Paul's Unlimited, the NP would need to consider how to respond to ensure that the work of the AELH NP continued to be delivered in this area.

It was proposed that separate groups be formed to carry out detailed work in key areas, such as Planning, Parks, Crime and Safety and the Environment. In addition, there needed to be active encouragement of residents involved in projects and liaising with each other.

It was acknowledged that street trees were a key addition to be made to the plan. Plans could start well in advance of the tree season for November 2015 to March 2016, including arrangements for sponsorship etc.

Paul Bradburn provided details of the work that had been carried out in the Old Market area (the Old Market Plan). It was acknowledged that this was a very extensive plan but it was hoped to attract others to become involved at the implementation stage.

The Panel noted the following additional points made by NP members: (1) there was a need to identify short, medium and long-term projects, (2) the notice board in St Werburghs would shortly be put up (3) works on implementing the Khat action plan including employment support had not been completed by 31st August 2014 as anticipated – work was taking place to solve the outstanding issues (4) the recent Tidy BS5 Task Force had been successful and could be used as a model for addressing other issues of community concern; (4) there were organisational assets that also needed to be used as appropriate.

Resolved: (16 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) that the NP agrees the broad Neighbourhood Partnership Plan and asks the Chair and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to prepare a framework for NP Plan implementation to be brought back to a future NP for discussion.

Action: Kurt James and Maryanne Kempf

43. Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator Report (Agenda Item 8)

The NP discussed issues relating to Community Asset Transfers (CAT's) at Easton Community Centre and the 63rd Bristol Scout Hut, the mayoral visit to Lawrence Hill, equalities training and dates of future meetings.

The following points were made in relation to a proposal for a protocol to be drawn up for the Mayor to be a "friend" with the AELH NP:

- (1) The Mayor had acknowledged that some people were disappointed that he had not been able to spend more time in Star Coffee – he had indicated that he would return at a future date;
- (2) The Mayor had visited St Werburghs Primary School in 2013;
- (3) The Mayor had written a letter thanking the NP for the visit and which recognised that there were a lot of issues in the AELH NP area and that he would like to maintain a special relationship with it;
- (4) An Action plan had been produced following the Mayoral visit;
- (5) The NP had a large population and its current level of funding was not reflective of the needs of the community;
- (6) A proper needs-based analysis was required of the reasons why the funding currently received was insufficient.

Resolved – that

- (1) That the Old Market Quarter Neighbourhood Development Plan update be noted;
- (2) That the proposed Community Asset Transfer of a new lease for Easton Community Centre be approved (14 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)
- (3) That the proposed Community Asset Transfer of a new lease for 63rd Bristol (St Andrew with St Bartholomew) Scout be approved (12 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)
- (4) That the future of Bristol's Libraries Consultation be noted;
- (5) That the Neighbourhood Forum updates be noted;
- (6) That the update on the Mayoral visit to AELH on 22nd January 2015 be noted and that the Chair and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator draw up a protocol for an arrangement for the AELH NP area to have a constructive and ongoing working relationship with the Mayor;
- (7) That it be noted that a tailored NP Equalities Training has been arranged for 13th April 2015 to be provided via a consultant, which would include Housing-related Equalities issues and that details would be sent out when they are available;
- (8) That the Section 106 and CIP updates be noted;
- (9) That future meeting dates for AELH Partnership and Forums be approved (15 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)
- (10) That the AELH Neighbourhood Officer update be noted.

Action:

(2) and (3) – Service Director (Property): Robert Orrett/ Kurt James

(6) Maryanne Kempf/Kurt James

(7) Kurt James

(9) Kurt James

44. Any Other Business

Oxford Street Road Subsidence

Action: Kurt James to investigate.

Various Traffic and Transport Priorities Not Yet Completed - These had not been carried out despite being requested a year go. **Action: Kurt James to discuss with Richard Curtis**

BME Community: Jobless Levels – It was noted that 50% of the people in the BME community within the AELH area currently failed to obtain jobs.

Action: Kurt James – add an item to the Agenda for the next meeting and ensure appropriate specialist advice obtained

45. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29 June 2015 at the Unitarian Hall, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm

CHAIR