



**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2015 AT 6.30 P.M.
AT MALCOLM X CENTRE, 141 CITY ROAD, BRISTOL BS2 8YH**

PRESENT:

	29.06.15	05.10.15	30.11.15	07.03.16
COUNCILLORS				
Councillor A McMullen	P			
Councillor M Hickman	P			
Councillor G Hoyt	P			
Councillor H Jama	A			
Councillor A Shah	P			
Councillor R Telford	P			
PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS				
Vacancy (Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill)	A			
Mohamed Mohamoud (Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill)	A			
Mike Pickering (Lawrence Hill/SRWG)	P			
Matthew Collinson (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A			
Vacancy (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A			
Vacancy (The Dings/Lawrence Hill)	A			
Gemma Murphy (Lawrence Hill)	P			
Abdi Mohamed (Easton)	P			
Vacancy (Easton)	A			
Cristina Crossingham (Easton)	A			
Jan Deverell (Easton)	P			
Alex Milne (Easton)	P			
Joyce Clarke (Easton)	A			
Jo Curtis (Easton)	P			
Vacancy (St Pauls, Ashley)	A			
Ben Wood (Ashley)	A			
Jackie Griffith (Ashley)	P			
Maryanne Kempf (Ashley)	A			
Mohamud Mumin (Ashley)	A			
Pete Bullard (Ashley)	P			
Lori Streich (Ashley)	P			
Hugh Holden (Ashley)	P			
Daphne Muir (Montpelier)	P			
Jon Rogers (St Andrews/Ashley)	P			
COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNERS				
Richard Curtis (Church Road Action Group) Deputy Chair of NP	P			

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Paul Bradburn (Old Market Community Association)	A			
Del Hibbert (Full Circle)	P			
Abdullahi Farah (Somali Resource Centre)	A			
Linda Bell/Steve Woods (St Werburgh's Community Centre)	P (Steve Woods)			
Vacancy (Easton and Lawrence Hill)	A			
Abdul Ahmed (Somali Forum)	A			
Vacancy (SPU/Ashley)	A			
BUSINESS/PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P			
Sonny Richards (Retailer, Lawrence Hill)	P			
STATUTORY PROVIDER PARTNERS				
Lesley Nel (Registered Social Landlord)	P			
Olly Cosgrove/Mark Aston (A and S Police)	P (Olly Cosgrove)			
Aisha Thomas (City Academy)	P			
Vacancy (NHS Bristol)	A			
Elaine Flint, Wellspring Healthy Living Centre	A			
Mohammed El Sharif (Health Representative)	A			
OFFICERS SUPPORTING THE PARTNERSHIP, OTHER OFFICER ATTENDEES AND OBSERVERS				
Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)	P			
Kurt James (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator)	P			
Stacy Yelland (Observer – “Up Your Street”)	P			
Margaret Castle	P			
INDIVIDUALS MAKING PUBLIC FORUM STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS (WHO ARE NOT NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS)				
David Redgewell – South West Transport Network	P			

1 Election of Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership for 2015/16

The Democratic Services Officer called for a nomination for Chair for 2014/15.

Resolved - that Maryanne Kempf be elected as NP Chair for 2015/16.

2 Election of Vice-Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership for 2015/16

In the absence of the Chair, the Democratic Services Officer called for a nomination for NP Vice-Chair for 2015/16.

Resolved – that Richard Curtis be elected as NP Vice-Chair for 2015/16.

3 Welcome and Introductions

The Vice-Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and asked all those present to introduce themselves.

4 Election of Chair for the Neighbourhood Committee for 2015/16

It was moved by Councillor Hoyt, seconded by Councillor Shah and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved – that Councillor Rob Telford be elected as NC Chair for 2015/16.

5 Election of Vice-Chair for the Neighbourhood Committee for 2015/16

It was moved by Councillor Shah, seconded by Councillor McMullen and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved – that Councillor Margaret Hickman be elected as NC Vice-Chair for 2015/16.

6 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Maryanne Kempf, Councillor Hibaq Jama, Ben Wood and Paul Bradburn.

7 Neighbourhood Partnership Annual General Meeting Report (Agenda Item 3)

The Neighbourhood Partnership Officer introduced the above report. NP members agreed that the existing membership should continue, with the changes for Neighbourhood Committee membership being noted (ie Councillor Anna McMullen replacing Councillor Farouk Choudhury as the Easton Ward Representative).

It was noted that further discussions would be required concerning the Terms of Reference between Neighbourhood Partnership members. The Code of Conduct was also noted.

Members noted the current final 2015/16 budget figure of £699,508.55 and the advice from the Neighbourhood Partnership Officer that the NP ensure it is spent during the 2015/16 financial year. It was acknowledged that the Traffic and Transport budget was not being spent at the same pace as the decision-making process. Although Cabinet had agreed an extra £0.5 Million to deliver more schemes, this had still not yet led to any further schemes being drawn forward. However, delivery would soon catch up with the decision-making. Therefore, it was proposed that the Traffic and Transport Group be reformed as soon as possible to start work on the schemes and avoid a situation where unspent funds were transferred back to the central "pot".

The NP noted that the budget statement was a reconciliation statement and requested that a budget be produced for a future meeting.

NP Members also noted the following:

- (1) The Easton Neighbourhood Forum meeting clashed with Full Council
- (2) Devolved Powers were unchanged
- (3) The various NP Sub-Groups met at different frequency levels - for example:
 - (a) the Environment Sub-Group met regularly but required more members from certain parts of the NP area
 - (b) the Health Sub-Group had held a small scoping meeting in May 2015 (set up by Mohammed El-Sharif and Elaine Flint) to consider issues such as the delivery of the Well Being Plan and Sports Development
 - (c) the Planning Working Group met with Pete Bullard as Chair
 - (d) the Stapleton Working Group met once a month

It was noted that an individual needed to be allocated to each of the Sub-Groups and then promote their work to increase participation.

The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator confirmed that he would be producing a leaflet by the end of July 2015 which could be provided to members of the public and which set out in simple terms the role of the Neighbourhood Partnership and the Neighbourhood Forums, as well as providing details of how people can apply to volunteer for this work.

Resolved –

- (1) that the NP agrees to the existing NP membership continuing for 2015/16**
- (2) that the NP confirms the Neighbourhood Partnership and Neighbourhood Committee Terms of Reference and the Neighbourhood Committee financial operating network**

(3) that the reconciliation statement in Paragraph 3 of the report be noted and that a devolved budget statement be produced for a future meeting

(4) that the meeting schedule, including sub-groups and forums, be agreed

(5) that the Financial Statement and expenditure from 2014/15 be noted

(6) that the NP statement be noted

(7) that it be noted that a leaflet is being produced for the public to be completed by the end of July 2015 which sets out in simple terms the roles of the Neighbourhood Partnership and Neighbourhood Forum

Action: Kurt James

8 Minutes of the Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting Held on 11th March 2015 (Agenda Item 4)

Matters Arising

Minute Number 42 – AELH NP Plan Prioritisation Exercise – Page 21st Werburghs Notice Board - The NP noted that the Notice Board referred to in this Minute had not yet been put up.

Resolved – that the minutes of the above meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:

(a) Gemma Murphy (Lawrence Hill Resident) and Abdi Mohamed (Easton Resident) be recorded as being in attendance, Barrie Green be removed from the Attendance List since he was no longer an NP member and that Laura Todd be replaced with Lesley Nel as the Resident Social Landlord (Knightstone Housing Association) Representative

(b) That the date of the next meeting in Minute Number 45 be altered from Wednesday 29th June 2015 to “Monday 29th June 2015”

Action: Jeremy Livitt

9 Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 5)

It was noted that there were no Declarations of Interest from Councillors.

10 Public Forum (Agenda Item 6)

(a) Carriageworks Update – Lori Streich

The NP received a statement from Lori Streich (Chair, Carriageworks Action Group) concerning the above. She indicated that she was seeking a steer from the NP to provide a response.

It was noted that a recent Planning Application from a London developer on this site had received 1,400 objections and had been deferred pending developers addressing a significant number of concerns. It was noted that the key issues in this case included the importance of the level of affordable housing and their design.

The following points were also raised by NP members:

- (1) Tenancy agreements operated for all schemes run by Knightstone Housing Association
- (2) There needed to be greater adherence to the policy of 30 to 40% affordable housing provided with development – currently Bristol City Council only achieved this with 8% of schemes. The role of Councillors on Development Control Committees to address this was crucial

Lori Streich noted the NP's steer that it was important that there should be affordable and integrated housing in the development.

The NP agreed that Lori Streich and Kurt James formulate a statement on behalf of the NP along the lines discussed and, subject to any comments received, send this to the Development Control team also stressing the NP's view that the design meets all the criteria of the Urban Design Strategy and the Area Plan.

Action: Lori Streich/Kurt James

- (b) Clock Tower Yard Planning Application And Problems Caused By The Lack of A Master Plan (Setting Of the Listed Buildings + delay to the Transport Interchange for Buses, Taxis and Ferries)– David Redgewell, South West Transport Network (SWTN) and TSSA, Martin Cinnamond (SWTN), John Dixon (SWTN), Jenny Raggett (TFGBA), Nigel Bray (Railfuture Severnside), John Hassell Bus Users UK, Tina Biggs (FOSBR)

David Redgewell presented a statement to the NP concerning the above. He expressed concern that the NP was not being appropriately consulted concerning the proposed development at Temple Meads Station, including the need for effective engagement with communities in particular areas such as the Dings. In particular, he was concerned that the lack of a Master Plan needed to be addressed. He drew attention to the proposed electrification of the Bristol to London line via Bath which would create new bridges and infrastructure in 2016 and its impact on the area.

The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator confirmed that Network Rail had recently been in communication to discuss this issue at the 14th July 2015 Neighbourhood Forum and that a discussion could take place at this meeting or alternatively through a Special Meeting to be arranged separately.

The NP agreed that Kurt James should attempt to arrange for this issue to be discussed with Network Rail, either at the forthcoming 14th July Neighbourhood Forum or at a special meeting if required with the Cabinet Member for Place, Councillor Simon Cook, also invited to attend.

Action: Kurt James

11 Grant Applications for Approval (Agenda Item 7)

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a number of Grant Applications for approval which had been recommended by the Well Being Grant panel. The amount which was applied for, together with the amount (if any) recommended in each case, was noted as set out in the report.

Resolved – that the following Well Being Grants and Youth Peoples Activities Grants be unanimously approved by Councillors:

Well Being Grants

St Paul's Afrikan Caribbean Carnival – No Grant Awarded
Felix Road Adventure Playground Association (FRAPA) – No Grant Awarded
Pod Action Group - £1,127
Friends of Belle Vue Park - £1,000
Home-Start Bristol - £538
Easton Community Garden - £567.20
Rosemary Nursery School and Children's Centre - £1,483.46
WE Care and Repair - £1,000
Redfest Bristol - £495
Up Our Street - £1,226.15
Trinity Community Arts - £1,860
Bristol Muslim Cultural Society – No Grant Awarded
Tidy BS5 - £703.19

Youth People's Activities Grants

Malcolm X Community Centre Jamafrigue Youth Promotions Project – No Grant Awarded
City Academy – Roma Student Engagement Project - £1,000
Travelling Light Theatre Company – Theatre-Making - £1,400
Babbassa Youth Empowerment Projects (BYEP) – Ask About Me 2015 – No Grant Awarded
Empire Fighting Chance – Free Summer Activities Programme - £1,300
Full Circle and Bristol's Got Talent Summer Activities Project - £1,200

Action: Kurt James

12 Neighbourhood Co-ordinator's Report (Agenda Item 8)

The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator introduced this report.

Narrow Road Estate Budget – Additional Unrestricted Neighbourhood Partnership Funding

Members noted that there was an under spend on the Narrow Estates City Wide budget, as a result of which the NP would receive a £15,725 one off sum, followed by a sum of £4,029 for each subsequent financial year. The NP was requested to decide how to allocate this funding for future use. The following three options were proposed for consideration:

- (a) One Third Funding to the Well Being Grants Pot
- (b) One Third Funding to a Discrete Youth Activities Well Being Grants Fund
- (c) One Third Funding to the Clean and Green Budget to allow the Partnership To Deliver Quick Environmental improvements In Priority Areas

NP members made the following comments:

- (1) One possibility would be to spend this money on trees for the area. However, it was noted that Bristol University had indicated that they would provide £20,000 per year to plant trees – 4 priority areas had been identified, one of which was the AELH NP area which would need to identify locations for trees to be placed. This might be a future task for the Environment Sub-Group. However, it was acknowledged that a significant amount of the Section 106 budget was set aside for this purpose
- (2) Decisions on Clean and Green funding could be made outside NP meetings, thereby increasing flexibility

Resolved:

(1) That the NP agrees (21 votes in favour) that the £15,725 additional unrestricted Neighbourhood Partnership Funding allocated to the AELH NP is split in the three following ways:

- (a) One Third Funding to the Well Being Grants Pot**
- (b) One Third Funding to a Discrete Youth Activities Well Being Grants Fund**
- (c) One Third Funding to the Clean and Green Budget to allow the Partnership To Deliver Quick Environmental improvements In Priority Areas**

Action: Kurt James

Section 106 and CIL Update

The NP received a Section 106 and CIL Update.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Local Government Boundary Commission Review

The NP noted a report on the recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission Review. NP members expressed concern that the map inaccurately showed part of the Redland Ward in Ashley and also inaccurately referred to the Stokes Croft area instead of the street.

Resolved - that the Local Government Boundary Commission Review Recommendations be noted and that a larger map showing the boundary areas be provided to all NP members.

Action: Kurt James

Neighbourhood Forum Updates

The NP noted the Neighbourhood Forum updates contained in the report.

Olly Cosgrove (Police) made the following comments:

- (1) Officers had been concentrating on targeting graffiti – there were an estimated 80 graffiti artists operating in the area, 20 of whom had been convicted for 140 offences. In one instance, the individual had been given 120 hours community service to paint over the graffiti they had created
- (2) Ramadan – Work had been carried out to educate the wider community about Ramadan
- (3) Recent High Profile Crimes – a sawn off shotgun had been discharged in Stapleton Road and the Jolly Roger Pub in Easton, The offender was now in prison. There had been a recent high profile murder in the city. 3 people were assisting Police with their enquiries and were likely to receive serious charges against them
- (4) John Shaddock (Catch 22 Fraud Unit) had recently been nominated for the Prince's Trust Award
- (5) Olly Cosgrove was leaving the area and was being moved to HQ to oversee operational planning concerning terrorism. He acknowledged that the transition for his successor would be important and indicated that he would brief him as soon as he was advised who this would be
- (6) On-Street Drug Dealing (particularly in Ashfield Place) was being tackled through new ASB dispersal powers and appeared to be quite successful. It had been successfully used for street drinkers in Stapleton Road

In response to NP members' questions, Olly Cosgrove made the following comments:

- (7) He noted there was constant low level dealing in Mina Road and Ashton Street Park
- (8) Work was taking place with John Hirst (Destination Bristol) and Bristol City Council to tackle an increase in homelessness and begging in the Bear Pit. It was noted that work was taking place between the Police and Gillian Douglas (Homelessness Officer) to address this issue. A number of NP members commented that a strategy for tackling homelessness within the city was required
- (9) He would provide NP members with the name of the "Design Out" Crimes Officer

In response to an issue raised by an NP Member concerning the Mina Road Traffic Scheme, the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator indicated that he would circulate details of the Mina Road Attract scheme to NP members.

The NP was also advised that a public consultation was being carried out on the need for community bins in and around Stapleton Road, the results of which would be analysed.

Action: Kurt James

Resolved – that the Neighbourhood Forum Updates be noted.

Making Sunday Special Update

Sonny Richards indicated that there were difficulties obtaining sufficient funds for this event.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Action Plan Update

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Imagine St Paul's Project Update

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Safer Easton Project Update

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Equalities Training Update

Resolved – that the report be noted.

St Paul's Learning and Family Centre Update

Resolved – that the report be noted.

New Trees for Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Update

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Discretionary Licensing Scheme Update

**13 Resolved – that the report be noted.
Any Other Business (Agenda Item 9)**

St Paul's Unlimited

The NP noted that, following the ending of St. Paul's Unlimited, a request from the St Paul's Planning Group had been received to be affiliated to the AELH NP. As part of any such affiliation, details of minutes and dates of meetings of this Group would be placed on the AELH NP.

Resolved – that the NP agrees to the request for St Paul's Unlimited to be affiliated to the AELH NP

Action: Kurt James

Ramadan – Month of Contemplation and Rejection

Councillor Shah stated that, during Ramadan, the Muslim community of Easton wanted to express their shock and outrage at the attacks in Tunisia, as well as a sense of sympathy for the victims.

13 Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 10)

It was noted that the day for the above meeting was incorrectly recorded on the Agenda as Monday.

Resolved – that the next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 5th October 2015 at the Unitarian Hall, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm

CHAIR