



**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE 2014 AT 6.30 P.M.
AT UNITARIAN HALL, BRUNSWICK SQUARE**

PRESENT:

	25.06.14	08.10.14	03.12.14	11.03.15
COUNCILLORS				
Councillor F Choudhury	A			
Councillor M Hickman	P			
Councillor G Hoyt	P			
Councillor H Jama	P			
Councillor A Shah	A			
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			
Vacancy (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A			
Vacancy (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A			
Vacancy (The Dings/Lawrence Hill)	A			
Dominic Murphy (Lawrence Hill)	P			
Abdi Mohamed (Easton)	P			
Anna McMullen (Easton)	P			
Cristina Crossingham (Easton)	P			
Gemma Murphy (Easton)	A			
Jan Deverell (Easton)	P			
Alex Milne (Easton)	P			
Joyce Clark (Easton)	P			
Jo Curtis (Easton)	P			
Vacancy (St Pauls, Ashley)	A			
Ben Wood (Ashley)	P			
Jackie Griffith (Ashley)	P			
Maryanne Kempf (Ashley)	P			
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)	A			
Peers Woollen (Equalities Rep)	A			

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Community/Voluntary Sector Partners				
Richard Curtis (Church Road Action Group)	P			
Paul Bradburn (Old Market Community Association)	P			
Del Hibbert (Full Circle)	P			
Abdullahi Farah (Somali Resource Centre)	P			
Linda Bell (St Werburghs Community Centre)	A			
Anne Joslin (Easton and Lawrence Hill)	P			
Muna Abdi (Somali Forum)	A			
Barrie Green (SPU, Ashley)	P			
Business/Private Sector Partners				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P			
Sonny Richards (Retailer, Lawrence Hill)	P			
Statutory Providers Partners				
Laura Todd (Registered Social Landlord)	P			
Olly Cosgrove/Mark Aston (A and S Police)	A			
Aisha Thomas (City Academy)	A			
Vacancy (NHS Bristol)	A			
Officers Supporting the Partnership				
Penny Germon (Neighbourhood Manager)	P			
Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)	P			
Nick Pates (Walking and Cycling Manager)	P			
Individuals Making Statements				
David Redgewell (South West Transport Network)	P			

1. Minute Silence, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Maryanne Kempf opened the meeting with a Minute Silence for Hannah Purbrick, a former resident member of the Neighbourhood Partnership, who had died the previous week.

NP members paid tribute to Hannah as someone who was committed to making the environment a better place and who worked tirelessly on behalf of the residents that she represented.

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

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Forum

The Partnership noted that a statement had been submitted by David Redgewell, (South West Transport Network) and Martin Cinnimond (Bristol Gay Village Organisation) concerning the Old Market Street

Environment and Design. Since there was an additional urgent item being considered together with Agenda Item 6(a), it was agreed that this statement should be considered in conjunction with this item.

4. Annual General Meeting Report (Agenda Item 3)

It was noted that Dominic Murphy could not continue as Deputy Chair of the NP since he now held a senior position within Bristol City Council which could lead to a potential conflict of interest. Following his suggestion that the Deputy Chair should be a Resident Representative from Easton/Lawrence Hill, Richard Curtis was proposed as his replacement for 2014/15.

The NP also noted that Gus Hoyt was standing down as Chair of the Neighbourhood Committee for 2014/15 and was proposing Margaret Hickman as Chair in his place.

It was further noted that:

- (1) Section 106 funding would need to be spent in the usual way - £450, 079 remained unallocated;
- (2) The Health and Well Being Board Sub-Group had not yet met but would do so shortly;
- (3) Stapleton Road Working Group – it was noted that the name of the Chair for this Working Group would be confirmed at the NP meeting on 8th October 2014. The Group would continue as a Sub-Group of the NP
- (4) Park Investment Priorities will be considered by the Neighbourhood Partnership on 8th October 2014.

Resolved (unanimously by the Neighbourhood Partnership except where indicated in bold below) –

- (1) that the membership listed under Appendix 1 of the report (tabled separately) be confirmed, including a new member Hugh Holden (Ashley Resident Representative);
- (2) that Maryanne Kempf and Richard Curtis be elected as the Chair and Deputy Chair respectively for the Neighbourhood Partnership for 2014/15 **(1 abstention)**;
- (3) that Margaret Hickman be approved as the Chair for the Councillors (voting took place amongst Councillors only)**;
- (4) that the Neighbourhood Committee and Neighbourhood Partnership Terms of Reference + the Neighbourhood Committee Financial Operating Model be approved **(1 abstention)**;
- (5) that the proposed changes to the AELH NP “Minimum Expectations” document be approved;
- (6) that the devolved budgets and influence on services be noted;
- (7) that the meeting schedule for NP and Forums be agreed;
- (8) that the Sub-Group Chairs be agreed;
- (9) that it be noted that the WellBeing SubGroup and SRWG Sub-Groups will confirm the Chairs for their respective Sub-Groups at the 8th October 2014 NP meeting – NB Patricia Underwood is now

confirmed as Chair of the Stapleton Sub-Group and Abdi Mohamed as Chair of the Well Being Sub Group;

- (10) that it is agreed that the sub-groups will confirm their priorities at the 8th October 2014 NP meeting;
- (11) that the WellBeing Sub-Group present terms of reference and work priorities to 8th October 2014 NP;
- (12) that the financial statement and expenditure from 2013-14 be noted.

Action: Kurt James/Jeremy Livitt

5. Discussion and Decision About How the Neighbourhood Partnership Arrives at Decisions About Committing Resources (Agenda Item 4)

In order to facilitate discussion of this item, the NP broke into groups for approximately 5 minutes. It was noted that, following the discussions that had taken place arising from funding of the Bear Pit, it was acknowledged that issues had to be considered strategically. In addition, it might be useful to have some flexibility in the formula whilst acknowledging local priorities.

Following group discussions, 5 groups indicated their preferences in respect of each of the option statements in Sections A, B, C, D and E of the report as follows:

- (1) Section A – 1,3/4,3,1,3
- (2) Section B – 1/2, 1,1/2, 1/2,1/2
- (3) Section C – 3 (all agree)
- (4) Section D – 6 (all agree). It was also agreed that the Neighbourhood Partnership make a decision (ie including Councillors) with Councillors holding the power of veto in their decision following this vote as appropriate
- (5) Section E – one of the 3 options (ie Statements 8,9 and 10) will be reworded to fit in with the NP decisions made in respect of Sections A to D

Resolved – that the following Statements are agreed by the NP in respect of each Section:

- (1) Section A – 3
- (2) Section B – 1 and 2
- (3) Section C – 3
- (4) Section D – 6 (Councillors to make a decision, including Councillors which the Neighbourhood Partnership can veto as part of their Councillor decision following this vote as appropriate)
- (5) Section E - one of the 3 options (ie Statements 8,9 and 10) will be reworded to fit in with the NP decisions made in respect of Sections A to D

6 Bristol City Council and Neighbourhood Partnership Review Update – NPR (Agenda Item 5)

The Area Co-ordinator introduced this report which set out changes following the NPR. It was noted that Nick Christo was now the Area Manager and Kurt James would be replacing Penny Germon as Area Co-ordinator.

NP members expressed concern that, despite the fact that AELHNP had twice the population of other NPs, it appeared the number of officers working on their behalf was being reduced. Neighbourhood Committee members confirmed that this issue had been raised repeatedly by them but so far without any success.

Members noted the following key issues mentioned on Page 35 – Local Traffic Schemes, Environmental Improvements, Well being Fund and the Unringfencing. It was also noted that, in the light of the review, an event reviewing Neighbourhood Priorities would be held on 9th August 2014 in an attempt to ensure greater effectiveness in achieving priorities in the Neighbourhood Charter.

The following NP members expressed an interest in attending the 9th August event at the City Hall: Pete Bullard, Rob Telford, Sonny Richards, Barrie Green, Alex Milne, Daphne Muir and Abdi Mohammed.

Parks Approach to Grounds Maintenance Service (GMS) - It was also noted that the Environment Sub-Group would be reporting back on this issue at the next NP meeting on 8th October. It was understood that there was a proposal for the contracts to come back in-house from February 2015. NP's would have influence in the process but not direct control.

7 Minutes of the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2014 (Agenda Items 6(a) and (b))

Resolved –

- (1) that the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair**
- (2) that the Action Tracker for the above meeting be noted.**

Action: Jeremy Livitt/Kurt James

The Chair agreed to take an additional urgent item for consideration by Councillors. This item needed to be heard before 8th October 2014 meeting since any decision to re-allocate the Section 106 funding of £55,134.29 from the Former FPS Site, Waterloo Road to improvements on Wtarloo Road needed to be made prior to this date to ensure funding arrangements could be made. It was noted that funding identified in the PSTF for Trinity Street and Waterloo Road could then be transferred to Old Market, allowing for greater flexibility on its spend.

Resolved by Councillors – that Section 106 funding totalling £55,134.29 from the former FPS Site, Waterloo Road, be

reallocated to improvements on Waterloo Road to mitigate the proposed LTSF scheme on Trinity Street and St Phillips Road.

Action: Nick Pates

The NP received a statement from David Redgewell (TFGB) on this issue.

The NP noted the request from Gay Businesses within the Old Market community for the creation of a much more friendly environment by removing the trunk road and discussions that were taking place with the Mayor to ensure the street was narrowed.

They further noted the city-wide Public Inquiry which was scheduled for November 2014 and which would examine regeneration, financing and development of the site and produce evidence to facilitate a future cabinet decision on this issue.

It was noted that the LGBT community were keen to close parts of Old Market for Pride. There remained concerns about what would happen when current funding ran out on 31st March 2015.

Other requests from the LGBT community included a request for a Taxi Rank and an improvement of the bus service to west Bristol from Old Market. Greater officer support for this project was required.

Arrangements for any potential funding were explained (via a Central Government Block Grant to the West of England Partnership and then to the appropriate Cabinet Member).

Resolved (one voting against): that the NP gives its broad support to the request from the Old Market Community and notes that a specific report will be submitted to a future NP as and when appropriate.

Action: Nick Pates (as appropriate)/Kurt James

8 Neighbourhood Partnership Report (Agenda Item 7)

The NP received a report from the Area Co-ordinator, including a request for a decision from the Neighbourhood Committee concerning WellBeing Fund Small Grants.

Garage Site At Somerset Street: Redevelopment Proposals – The NP's attention was drawn to this update report. It was noted that Mark Bradshaw had indicated in a tweet dated 15th July 2014 that he would be following up progress on this matter.

Neighbourhood Working – It was noted that the CCTV cameras had now been removed because the car park was being built on.

Resolved – that all of the priorities identified for action in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

Action: Kurt James

Proposed Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the Mill Youth Centre and Docklands Youth Centre – Del Hibbert declared an interest in this item.

The NP noted that there was a difference in the Leases that were being proposed for each of these CAT's.

The NP noted the following:

- (1) Both CATs should be seen as Asset Transfers and every effort should be made to avoid them becoming Liability Transfers
- (2) The buildings needed to remain for the benefit of the community
- (3) The two organisations in question (Boxing Gym and Fukll Circle) had a long record of serving the community

Resolved (unanimously) – that both CAT's are approved subject to Councillors investigating why the two proposed leases were different and to discussing with each organisation a possible solution (such as a break clause) to safeguard the building for the future to ensure it met community needs.

Action: John Bos/Councillors

It was noted that future decisions on the St Paul's Learning Centre and Felix Road CATs would be coming to future NPs.

Well Being Budget Small Grants: The Chair (Abdi Mohammed) introduced this report. He indicated that the number of people on the NP Grants Panel needed to be increased for future decisions. In addition, further engagement was needed to address the fact that the number of applications had dropped since the last set of decisions.

The NP congratulated the Panel on their work in this area.

Resolved by Councillors (unanimously) – that £10,000 from the Well being Fund be allocated in this round and the recommendations of the Well-Being Grant Panel (Appendices A to D) be approved.

Action: Kurt James

9 Update on Westmorland House and Carriage Works (Agenda Item 8)

Lori Streich updated the NP on progress on this issue. It was noted that:

- (1) There had been slow progress on this issue. It was likely to involve a CPO once it had been agreed as a viable application

- (2) A private developer named Fifth Capital had claimed to acquire an option on the site and had approached the CAG (Carriage Works Action Group);
- (3) A meeting on 10th April 2014 had taken place, following which this group had promised to send further information on their organisation – but so far this had not been received;
- (4) There was no track record of this Company. The accounts showed that they held £50,000 in the bank
- (5) Bristol city Council were continuing to work with Knightstone Housing Association to produce a legal development agreement
- (6) CAG remained committed to a mixed scheme on the site of affordable housing;
- (7) At 6pm on 2nd July 2014 at St Agnes Lodge, a Planning Brief meeting was scheduled to take place with Fifth Capital to discuss their plans

Action: NP members attending the 2nd July 2014 meeting to report on the latest situation via e-mail to NP colleagues.

10 Green Capital Update (Agenda Item 9)

The Area Co-ordinator advised the NP that £10,000 had been allocated to each NP to decide how to spend.

It was agreed that a meeting should be held (a Green Capital Panel) before 8th October 2014 NP meeting to discuss various options to recommend to 8th October meeting.

The following NP members put their name forward to serve on this Panel: Pete Bullard, Del Hibbert, Hugh Holden, Rob Telford, Laura Todd, Abdi Mohammed and Anna McMullen.

It was also noted that the St George NP had found difficulties in finding sufficient groups to put forward for this funding. In view of this, it was suggested that discussions should take place with this group to see if they were prepared to transfer any funding to the AELH NP.

Action:

- (1) that a Green Capital panel be convened to consider this issue and make recommendations to the 8th October 2014 NP meeting;**
- (2) that the organisers of the Green Capital be thanked for the funding but requested to consider providing more to the AELH NP as this NP was significantly bigger than all other NPs'**
- (3) that officers investigate the possibility of St George NP agreeing to transfer some Green Capital Funding to the AELH NP**

Kurt James

11 Any Other Business

Enterprise Zone – It was noted that a briefing on this issue was scheduled to take place at 11am to 1pm on Monday 14th July 2014. It was noted that the Area Co-ordinator would organise an evening session as well.

Action: Kurt James

Expression of Thanks to Penny Germon – It was noted that this was Penny Germon's last meeting as AELHNP Area Co-ordinator. NP members thanked her for her long service and all the work she had carried out for the NP over the years.

12 Date of Next Meetings

NP members noted the following future meetings of the NP for 2014/15:

8th October 2014
3rd December 2014
11th March 2015

The meeting finished at 8.25pm

CHAIR