



**AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
7.00 PM ON 5TH DECEMBER 2012
AT THE CITY AND PORT OF BRISTOL SOCIAL & SPORTS CLUB
NIBLEY ROAD, BRISTOL BS11 9XW**

PRESENT:

Ward Councillors

Councillors Doug Naysmith (Avonmouth Ward)
Councillors Tim Leaman (Kingsweston Ward)

Partners: Representing Lawrence Weston (LW), Sea Mills (SM), Shirehampton (S) and Avonmouth (A)

Alv Hirst (A), Angela Abbot (A), Val Jenkins (S), David Thomas (S) and Renee Slater (S)
The Neighbourhood Partnership element of the meeting was inquorate but continued informally. The Neighbourhood Committee element of the meeting was confirmed quorate.

Officers:

Hayley Ash (Area Coordinator), Samantha Mahony (DSO), Helen Bone,

Other attendees:

Mark Runacres, Kate Royston (SevernNet)

Apologies were received from Councillor Rayner, Jenny Winfield, John Bees, Gil Osman and Val Pospichil.

Neighbourhood Partnership items

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and the Partnership members introduced themselves.

Due to apologies from both the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Partnership and Neighbourhood Committee, election of Chair was carried out for both roles.

It was AGREED that David Thomas chair the meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Naysmith chair the meeting of the Neighbourhood Committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2012.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 3)

You Said We Did

The Area Coordinator updated the Partnership on engagement work carried out through the Neighbourhood Forums including issues raised, resolved and dealt with.

Consultation for Neighbourhood Planning Designation

The Lawrence Weston Planning Group had applied for Neighbourhood Planning designation for Lawrence Weston and had drawn a boundary which, after much interesting debate, did not include Kingsweston House. A letter would be sent to all residents of Furndown Close and Kingsweston Lane to inform them about the plans and invite comment.

Sustainable Transport Bids

The partnership bids for structural works had been relatively unsuccessful with only £20,000 awarded. Councillors and officers had found the process demoralising and disappointing. There would be another chance to bid in January for community works.

Beachley Walk

Beachley Walk was at risk of closure due to Oasis no longer wanting to manage the building. It was of most importance to find alternative homes for each of the services that used the facility. Families in Touch would be moving to the Longcross Youth Centre and the future venue for the Playschool was under debate. The building belongs to BCC therefore the Council may wish to dispose of the asset.

Concern was raised that projects led by inspiring individuals were at risk when the individual moved on to other projects.

SevernNet

The Partnership received a briefing about SevernNet, an organisation for businesses to work together to use resources across the area more effectively. Businesses wanted to contribute to community projects and be part of the community landscape. A launch event in November had been well attended and resolved to set up forums to work with stakeholders to address issues such as transport. Much good work had been completed by Hayley, Kate and Alv to progress the initiative.

Police Update

Mark Runacres gave updates on community policing over the last quarter for the areas of Avonmouth and Shirehampton, Sea Mills and Lawrence Weston. It was reported that total crime was down overall in all three areas by between 8.2% and 17.5%. Anti Social behaviour incidences were up in Sea Mills and Lawrence Weston.

In response to questions, it was suggested that the increase in some types of crime, such as dwelling burglary, in some areas could be a response to the economic climate that was expected last year.

The Partnership discussed the rise in inquisitive crime and its possible link to the economic climate. The Police looked forward to an extent through trends and work when individuals were released from custody, however not through forward mapping to the extent of anticipating increases related to economic factors and predictions.

Operation Burner

The initiative to tackle ASB at seasonal peaks had remained successful in 2012 (see appendix A to the report) through the work of the Police, Safer Bristol and Neighbourhood Officers to engage young people constructively. Figures were down 83% on average from 2008. Not all neighbourhood areas had the same success and learning points were being passed onto other areas.

Bristol Youth Links

A meeting had taken place between the new providers from Learning Partnership West and a representation from Councillors, young people and local residents. The young people challenged the providers on what they would deliver and they agreed to work with the neighbourhood effectively and get involved with the play partnership and other providers. Anyone interested in viewing the notes of that meeting should contact Hayley Ash.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the report be noted

4. LAWRENCE WESTON COLLEGE SITE DEVELOPMENT BRIEF - DISCUSSION

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a verbal report from Hayley Ash (agenda item no. 4) relating to the Lawrence Weston College site development brief. The Partnership were presented with three site proposals and noted that a full discussion would take place at the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting. Interested persons were invited to attend the Lawrence Weston Planning Group on the 20th December at 7pm to be held at the Longcross Youth Centre for further details.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the report be noted

5. COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Partnership watched a video of the launch of Lawrence Weston.

Neighbourhood Committee items

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no items of public forum received.

8. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS – PRIORITIES FOR DELIVERY

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from Jane Taylor (agenda item no. 8).

The Learning Communities Team had identified proposed community learning priorities through a neighbourhood-level planning process involving residents, learners and partner agencies from the area.

The following points were highlighted within the report;

- Adult learning was informal learning for those over 19 years with a range of subjects that did not necessarily result in qualifications and could be delivered by a range of organisations.
- A process had been piloted within the Avonmouth and Kingsweston partnership area which identified community learning needs through a survey, consultation events and workshops.
- The action plan outlined proposals for the area such as wide interest in money management skills, ICT, ESOL and online learning.
- Lessons had been learnt that would help when the pilots were established in other areas of Bristol.
- Government funding was secured until the end of parliament in 2015. Reviews and pilots were being used to ascertain how funding was being used and outcomes achieved, linking to aspirations for localism and neighbourhoods. Information on the pilots would therefore be shared with government departments.
- It was proposed that in six months the learning communities development worker would report on the pilot achievements and successes.

In response, it was highlighted that there was a lack of IT suites in Lawrence Weston that could be used for training. Resources had been identified through BCC, UWE and local business that had equipment and skills able to be donated locally and it was important that they were placed in the most appropriate locations.

There was concern regarding upcoming welfare reform changes and the support that would be needed for those required to engage online.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED:

(1) that the proposed community learning priorities in the action plan attached to the report be agreed.

These priorities have been identified through a neighbourhood-level planning process involving residents, learners and partner agencies from Avonmouth and Kingsweston areas.

The Learning Communities Team will report back on how these priorities have been addressed through a 6-month progress report and at a NP meeting once a year.

9. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 9) relating to devolved services.

Minor Traffic Schemes

Updates on the Minor Traffic Schemes were outlined in Appendix A. It was reported that works to add an anti-skid surface to Kingsweston Road had found problems with the core of the road which would be fixed within the next financial year through core BCC budgets, before further work could commence.

It was reported that the Sea Mills Square scheme had come in under budget and it was proposed that £1000 be moved to the scheme for Shirehampton Health Centre car park which was over budget.

Footway Resurfacing - £43,000 budget

It had been confirmed that British Gas works would take place on Avonleaze and Woodleaze in April 2013. Any works to that footway would take place afterwards.

Clean and Green – budget £1500

The report outlined how funds had been spent on Clean and Green schemes. In addition it was proposed that a bag of bulbs at £50 be donated to SCAF.

Suggestions were invited for the remainder of the funds available, particularly in Lawrence Weston. Submitted ideas included a new planter and placed boulders to mitigate turning lorries. Costings and ideas would be confirmed by email. It was further suggested that the Lawrence Weston Planning Group be approached for ideas.

It was reported that work had ceased at Highgrove Allotments/ Nibley Road due to the discovery of a badgers set. Measures were being taken to stop the badgers encroaching on the allotment before the works could continue.

S106 funds

It was noted that in September 2011, the Committee asked that S106 funds be used to make Kingsweston Lane more accessible to cyclists and pedestrians as they accessed work opportunities in the Avon Industrial Area. The businesses of SevernNet had also supported the request. It was agreed that some of the S106 funds from 05/04807/meerbank, Kingsweston Ln (£66330) should be used to produce several options to improve accessibility. The Group also discussed the 06/03801/plot m6 Cabot park funds and asked the S106 to contact the DVLA and ask for a change of use to add to the accessibility improvements.

Safer Bristol update – information provided by Cheryl Hudson

With reference to Appendix B, officers provided further detail about bus related transport S106 schemes. It was confirmed that the further funds had been made available by BCC for the Lower Shirehampton Road bus stop to include Real Time Information screens.

The Myrtle Drive scheme was under consultation with residents of Stow House, waiting for agreement over land.

It was confirmed that Real Time Information units would be installed within routes in the area during the next financial year. It was suggested that bus shelters were also key priorities for the routes. Hayley Ash suggested inviting Steve Pick to do a walkabout in the area.

Avonmouth and Kingsweston action plan event 2013

It was suggested that a workshop take place at Shire Hall on Saturday 23rd March 2013 (date and venue to be confirmed) to refresh the priorities of the Neighbourhood Partnership. It was requested that the event take place in Lawrence Weston however, officers explained that Shirehampton had been chosen as it was accessible by all four villages via public transport.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) to reallocate £1000 from the Seamills Scheme towards the Shire Health Centre Scheme**
- (3) to spend £50 from the Clean and Green Budget towards bulbs for Shirehampton and to discuss other opportunities to spend this budget; and**
- (4) To re-confirm the decision to use the S106 05/04807/meerbank, Kingsweston Lane, Avonmouth/ZCD624 £66330.32 to make Kingsweston Lane more accessible for people cycling and walking to work by using some of the funding now to carry out a thorough feasibility study and to ask the S106 officer to chase the DVLA regarding re allocating 06/03801/plot m6 Cabot park (£16622)**

10. WELLBEING REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 10) relating to the current funding situation and the recommendations of the Well Being Appraisal Panel for current applications for 2012/13 funding.

It was reported that the Wellbeing Grants Panel met on the 21st November to discuss and recommend the projects for awards as outlined within the report.

It was noted that one project, the Foodbank project, had applied for £500 as it was the maximum amount for small grants as per the procedure, however, the project required £1000. The Committee felt the £500 limit policy meant a greater number of projects could be assisted and a precedent should not be set by increasing the upper limit on grants. The Committee fully welcomed a second bid and representations to the Neighbourhood Committee from the Foodbank project. It was suggested that the upper limit on funds could be reconsidered in the future if that was the will of the Committee, but it was a subject for a future discussion.

The Neighbourhood Coordinator confirmed plans to contact all projects funded during the current financial year to ensure money had been spent and feedback was received.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED that the funding situation and the balance of the budget for 2011/12 be noted.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Well Being Panel held on 21st November 2012 be agreed.

11. DATE OF NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting be Tuesday 5th March 2013 at Highgrove Church from 7.00 pm.

(The meeting ended at 9.15 pm)

CHAIR