



**AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2013
AT TITHE BARN, SHIREHAMPTON HIGH STREET, BS11 0DE**

PRESENT:

Ward Councillors

Councillors Doug Naysmith and Wayne Harvey (Avonmouth Ward)
Councillors Tim Leaman and Jason Budd (Kingsweston Ward)

Partners: (Representing Lawrence Weston, Sea Mills, Shirehampton and Avonmouth)
John Bees, David Thomas, Renee Slater, Val Pospischil, Ann Green, Ann Hawker, Andy Hollick, Dave Trivitt, Mark Pepper, Val Jenkins, Alv Hirst, Gil Osman.

Officers:

Johanna Holmes (JH) (Area Coordinator), Ruth Quantock (DSO), Gary Brentnall (GB) (Area Environment Officer), Hayley Ash (HA) (Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator)

Other attendees:

John Muse, Bridget Booker, Terri Booker, Roger Sabido, Mike Thorne.

Neighbourhood Partnership items

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Neighbourhood Partnership and residents introduced themselves.

Apologies were received from Kate Royston, Mark Runacres and Jenny Winfield.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2013 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Councillor declarations.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING – PRIORITY SETTING

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 5) which provided an update on the actions against the top 5 Neighbourhood working priorities which were agreed at the last meeting. The NP were then asked to agree one or two additional priorities from the whole list emerging from wider consultation exercise.

The following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- Pollution (Avonmouth).
 - The NW Co-ordinator explained that she had met with the Environment Agency and the Port of Bristol and had collated a lot of background information, however she felt that the solution could not be delivered by the Neighbourhood Working Team and it should therefore not be a priority. In response to concerns raised by the NP, the NW Co-ordinator clarified that this did not mean it should not be a priority of the NP, however a solution would have to be found via an alternative route not neighbourhood working.
- It was noted that the Mayor had been directly asked 3 questions about the pollution at Avonmouth and the issues had been passed on to Cllr Hoyt, Executive Member for a response. It was agreed that the Mayor/Executive Member be asked to provide the NP with a written response on progress on the issues previously raised with the Mayor. **Action: NP Chair / NC Chair on behalf of the Neighbourhood Partnership / Johanna Holmes.** It was also agreed that a report from the council's pollution control team would be included on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Hayley Ash / Johanna Holmes**
- Additional priorities.
 - It was agreed that the next two priorities on the list of 10 agreed at the last NP meeting would be added to Neighbourhood Working Priorities, namely Anti-Social Behaviour and Speeding cars. **Action: Hayley Ash**

The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED –

(1) That Anti Social Behaviour and Speeding Cars be added to the Neighbourhood Working Priorities

6. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 6) which set out the current status of devolved services.

The following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- **Highways and Traffic Schemes**
 - Pembroke Road. Partners queried the status of 'completed' as the quality of the work was not good. In response the Area Co-ordinator explained that as the construction of the road included hazardous material, a new technique known as re-treading had been used on the surface. It was a 2 stage process and by Friday this week the excess chippings will be swept away leaving the road resurfaced. It was noted that 30-40% of roads in Bristol have the same problem so it was hoped re-treading would prove to be the right solution.
 - Kingsweston Lane/Road. Work had stalled for the same reasons as

above, however it was anticipated that 're-treading' works would be delivered by the end of this financial year.

- **Clean and Green Budget**
 - It was noted that any unspent budget in respect of each Ward could not be carried forward. Partners were encouraged to come up with schemes before the next meeting which would be the last one in the current cycle. Unspent budget could only be carried forward if it was committed to a scheme in 2014.
 - The work of the Community Payback scheme was welcomed. The Area Environment Officer explained that the work undertaken could not be of any technical nature.
 - Rather than forfeit funding, the Neighbourhood Committee agreed in principle for the balance of unspent clean & green budget to be committed to a programme of Community Payback schemes to be decided by the AEO in consultation with the Councillors outside of the meeting.
- **New Play Equipment.** The majority of the equipment for Ridingleaze will be delivered by Jan/Feb and depending on the weather the work will be able to start. It was noted that the pavement needs to be built out to make it safer for children crossing but it still needs to be identified exactly where the funding will come from. It was agreed that the 2 Ward Councillors (Leaman and Budd) and Mark Pepper would continue to receive weekly updates. **Action Gary Brentnall.**
- **Improvements to Shire Green Spaces.** Consensus has been reached for re-siting the benches. The improvements to Shire Green Spaces were agreed as set out in the report.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) **that the report be noted;**
- (2) **the Clean and Green spend be approved; and**
- (3) **that the balance of unspent clean & green budget be committed to a program of Community Payback schemes to be decided by the AEO in consultation with the Councillors outside of the meeting.**
- (4) **The improvements to Shire Green Spaces be approved as set out in the report**

7. WELLBEING REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 7) which set out the Wellbeing fund allocations. It was noted that the current balance of the Wellbeing Fund was £14,075.50 which needed to be spent by the end of the financial year as it would not be carried forward. The deadline for submission of funding applications was Friday 7th February 2014 and all were encouraged to make local groups/organisations aware of the funding available. Seven applications had been received since the September NP meeting. The NP had met informally on 12th November to appraise the applications and make recommendations for consideration of the Neighbourhood Committee.

The Neighbourhood Committee considered each application in turn and the following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:

- **Bristol North Fibromyalgia Support Group.** It was explained that part of the amount requested was to pay for a meal out at the end of the course which

did not fit the funding criteria. It was recommended that £135 for admin costs be funded only. This was supported by the Committee.

- Westcott Tenants & residents Group - £2000 for equipment for digital inclusion project and job club. The NP had recommended funding £1,500 and that the applicant be encouraged to apply again in the next round. It was further explained by Andy Hollick that buying the laptops all in one go would qualify for a discount and the amount granted would also be match funded. The Neighbourhood Committee agreed to fund the full amount of £2000.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED

- (1) **that the current balance for 2013/14 be noted;**
- (2) **that the seven current grant applications and recommendations be agreed as follows:**
 - **Bristol North Fibromyalgia £135 admin costs only**
 - **Sunshine Stay and Playgroup £1293.02**
 - **LW Over 50s Forum £133**
 - **The Rock Community Centre £960**
 - **The Noise £500**
 - **Westcott Tenants & Residents Group £2000**
 - **KW Sports and Social Club £300**

8. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 8) which outlined progress and provided updates on particular issues since the last NP meeting.

The following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- Lawrence Weston Youth Centre – Community Asset Transfer. One organisation, Ambition Lawrence Weston had been invited to proceed with Stage 2 of the process and a Business Plan was currently being prepared for consideration by the Panel. A decision will be made by 30th May 2014.
- Bristol City Council – Budget Consultation. An additional date had been set for Thursday 19th December at City Hall from 1 – 2 pm (doors open from 12.45). **Action: All to note**
- Shirehampton Park. A local resident (Gil Osman) had been in contact with the Estate Management Team at BCC requesting Shirehampton Park be opened up for public recreation purposes in particular the re-instatement of a grassy beauty spot formerly used as picnic area. Copies of the correspondence between Mr Osman and Estate Management were circulated at the meeting. Mr Osman's letter contained the following motion 'that this meeting supports any measure to make Shirehampton Park more accessible for the uses of the general public during the summer months'. During discussion the following key issues were noted:-
 - Becky Coffin (BCC Nature Conservation Officer) had since recommended that the grassland in question is surveyed next summer, so there is up to date information on its nature conservation value and the proposal can then be re-considered by the NP on the basis of that information. This will allow the council to direct any changes in management to areas which are less species-rich. The survey needed to wait

until next summer as the plants need to be in flower in order to be able to identify them all.

- The NP agreed that it was important to strike a balance between conserving biodiversity and providing amenity grassland. The recommendations of the Nature Conservation Officer were supported.
- Youth Provision in the local Area. A meeting was to be arranged by the Area Co-ordinator with Learning Partnership West to discuss youth provision. Anyone interested in attending should make their interest known to the Area Co-ordinator.

Action ALL

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNER SHIP RESOLVED :

- (1) That the recommendations of the Nature Conservation Officer as set out in the report be agreed;**
- (2) That the report be noted.**

9. A.O.B

- It was noted that the Kingsweston House Art Exhibition was not going ahead as originally planned and a new date in the New Year would be circulated once confirmed by Val Pospischil.
- Five a side and Tennis courts were available at the Multiple Use Games Area (MUGA) Seamills
- Armed Forces Day 28th June 2014. If anyone was interested in getting involved, Cllr Leaman would be happy to provide contact details of the Stewards at the Cabbage Patch who were organising an event.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership is being held on 4th March 2013, 7pm at a venue to be confirmed.

(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)

CHAIR