



**BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
7PM ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012  
AT THE MEMORIAL GROUND, FILTON AVENUE  
HORFIELD, BRISTOL BS7 0BF**

**PRESENT:**

**Ward Councillors**

Councillors Knott and Willingham (Bishopston Ward)  
Councillors Harrison and Negus (Cotham Ward)  
Councillors Hance and Townsend (Redland Ward)

**Members of the Partnership**

Alison Bromilow, Redland and Cotham Amenities Society  
Nigel Colston, Avon and Somerset Constabulary  
Jenny Hoadley, The Bishopston Society  
Liz Kew, Local Resident  
Clive Stevens, Redland and Cotham Amenities Society (in the  
Chair)  
Hamish Wills, Sustainable Redland – arrived at 7.15pm.

**Bristol City Council Officers**

Lucy Fleming, Democratic Services Officer  
Rob McGovern, Area Environment Officer  
Andrew McGrath, Area Co-ordinator

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair, Clive Stevens, welcomed those present and introductions were made. He reminded members of the public that if anyone wished to become involved in the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) they should contact either himself or Andrew McGrath, the Area Co-ordinator.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members were advised that apologies had been received from Jenny Dean and Max Wakefield.

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

One public forum statement was received and a copy placed in the minute book. Councillor Negus confirmed that yellow lines would be added outside Redland Minimarket to prevent inappropriate parking. The project had been approved some time ago, so he would look into the reasons for the delay and ensure the matter was progressed. The yellow lines would not prevent deliveries to the premises because lorries were permitted to unload for up to 15 minutes.

***ACTION: ANTHONY NEGUS***

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **5. MINUTES OF THE BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP – 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

5.1 The minutes were agreed to be a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5.2 Members considered the updated action sheet that had been tabled at the meeting, a copy of which could be found on the City Council's website at the following link and also in the minute book;

[Committee Papers](#)

5.3 It was agreed that paragraph 6.8 of the action sheet would be amended as follows; 'Councillor Willingham to ensure planning permission for the flats next to the County Cricket Ground wasn't granted' be amended to 'Councillor Willingham to ensure planning permission for the flats next to the County Cricket Ground wasn't determined.' Councillor Negus confirmed that negotiations were continuing regarding other options for the County Cricket Club.

5.4 It was noted that the City Council's Cabinet were in the process of introducing 20 mile per hour speed limits across Bristol. This would either be achieved using a donation from the Local Sustainable Fund (following the bid that had been submitted in December 2011) or using City Council resources. Members were advised that the proposal for reduced speed limits had been given broad support when raised at each of the Neighbourhood Forum (NF) meetings. Councillor Knott moved that the NP would contact the Executive Member for Transport to request that Bishopston, Cotham and Redland (BCR) be the first NP area to roll out the 20 mile per hour scheme and was seconded by Councillor Harrison. On being put to the vote all Members were in favour.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

5.5 The NP was advised that the application for Clean & Green funding for the removal of graffiti on Cheltenham Road Bridge had been unsuccessful, but no reasons had been provided for the decision. It was suggested that in the future BCR NP wouldn't be able to apply for Clean & Green funding because the neighbourhood didn't meet the deprivation criteria, but a number of Members queried whether that was correct. It was agreed that the matter would be looked into by Councillor Negus.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

**AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.**

## **6. POLICE/COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE – DRAFT BISHOPSTON, REDLAND AND COTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY AGREEMENT**

The NP received an update from Nigel Colston, who was presenting the report on behalf of Jenny Dean. During the associated discussion the following comments arose;

- 6.1 - Cycling on pavements had been raised at the Neighbourhood Delivery Team's meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 where it had been agreed that further research was required to enable development of a citywide policy. This was being undertaken by Jenny Dean. It was noted that there had been issues with cyclists ignoring the traffic lights at Zetland Road junction.
- 6.2 – The Police logged Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) using Government guidelines, which meant that incidences such as abandoned vehicles and issues with animal behaviour

were included. If necessary, officers could manually review the issue logs to gain an understanding of the type of ASB involved, although this activity could be very time consuming.

- 6.3 – The NP agreed that every effort should be made to improve the reliability of ASB (and other) statistics as they were used as evidence for decision-making in the city. One of the issues was that under the current system the majority of incidences in a street were allocated to one address point, for example the first house or landmarks such as The Arches. Another problem was that incidences of ASB, including graffiti, which were reported to Bristol City Council (BCC) wouldn't be picked up in the police crime statistics. It was agreed that BCR NP would contact Avon & Somerset Constabulary to formally request that ASB statistical data be collated in a much more reliable fashion.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

- 6.4 – Members received the tabled report 'Safer Bristol Crime and Drugs Partnership, Problem Solving Process PSP, ID Partners' which contained information on plans to reduce burglary and student burglary. The efficiency of the plans could be reviewed at the NP's next informal meeting. The NP was advised that within BCR burglary rates were relatively low, but crimes were more prevalent in some areas. It was agreed that full details of the number of burglaries affecting 'hotspots' would be provided to the NP to indicate the scale of the problem.

***ACTION: NIGEL COLSTON***

- 6.5 – The NP welcomed the Speed Watch scheme that had recently been established. Councillor Knott expressed thanks to Jenny Dean, who had been instrumental in establishing the project.
- 6.6 – It was noted that Nigel Colston had recently been appointed Chair of the Neighbourhood Delivery Team.

**AGREED: That the Draft Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership Delivery Agreement – Community Safety be noted.**

## **7. NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE SITE OF THE FORMER REDLAND POLICE STATION**

Members welcomed Mike Carter who was representing Skanska, the organisation responsible for building the new primary school at the site of the former Redland Police Station. Mr Carter provided

the NP with a presentation regarding the various options for the new primary school, commenting as follows;

- 7.1 - The new school would be an extension of St Johns CE VC Primary School, which was based in Clifton.
- 7.2 - Redland Green Police Station was located in a conservation area. The main building had high historical value, but some of the later additions, including the rendered building at the rear of the site, could be altered/demolished with little opposition.
- 7.3 - Four options had initially been prepared by Skanska, and a fifth was added following consultation with local residents. Details of all the options could be found at the following link; [Consultation](#)
- 7.4 - Key considerations for development at the site related to the wish to create adequate play space, the various options relating to the stable block (including demolition) and the pros and cons of converting or replacing some of the existing accommodation.
- 7.5 - Skanska were working with a transport consultant to mitigate the impact of the school on local residents.
- 7.6 - A further consultation meeting for local residents would take place at the former Redland Police Station at 7pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Following the introduction, the NP asked for additional information in a number of areas and commented on the proposed options. The discussion was as follows;

- 7.7 - Members of the NP unanimously agreed that they supported plans to provide an additional primary school in Redland, providing the development was suitable for the local area and the opinions of local residents helped to shape the scheme.
- 7.8 - Concerns associated with the development included the size of the classrooms; adequacy of toilet provision; and the limitations of creating new provision on a confined site.
- 7.9 - The hall space in option 5 would be based in the centre of the main building, with classrooms on each side. The disadvantage of this option was that the proximity of social space could be a distraction for those in lessons. The hall would also be relatively small, and wouldn't meet current building guidelines.
- 7.10 - A landscape plan had been prepared for the site with trees to provide shade for children and habitat for wildlife.

Full details would be available at the consultation event on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

- 7.11 - The new parts of the development would satisfy Bristol City Council's Core Strategy in relation to energy efficiency. Skanska aimed to be environmentally friendly, but this would be more difficult to achieve in the older buildings. The NP expressed concern about Skanska's track record at delivering promised 'green' measures at other sites, and emphasised that Skanska would be robustly challenged for failure to meet the agreed requirements.
- 7.12 - To date the comments arising from the consultation included concerns that the pavements were too narrow (32 respondents); queries about staff parking arrangements (18 respondents); the desire to prevent staff parking at the school (16 respondents); and the request for the rear of the site to be used as an outdoor play area (15 respondents). The number of employees at the site would be between 14 to 20, so discussions were underway with the school to establish the best way to approach staff parking.
- 7.13 - Staff who had previously been based at Redland Police Station had been moved to Southmead Police Station, but could in the future relocate to Clifton. Despite financial pressures, Avon & Somerset Constabulary were committed to maintaining the Neighbourhood Policing teams.
- 7.14 - There was widespread dissatisfaction amongst Members of the NP regarding the draft transport plan that had been prepared (a copy of which was tabled at the meeting). Members commented as follows;
  - 7.15 - The plan didn't reflect the scheduled highways works in the immediate facility, which suggested that communication between Bristol City Council and Skanska was poor.
  - 7.16 - The transport plan was based on the assumption that the majority of children would be walking from the southwest direction, when the reality was likely to be vehicular transport from the northeast.
  - 7.17 - Under the current transport plan, there was no dedicated drop off point for parents or parking for lorries and coaches, which could cause chaos in narrow residential streets.
  - 7.18 - The plans in relation to the Greater Bristol Bus Network could also impact on transport at the school since some roads would become 'no entry.'
  - 7.19 - It was suggested that transport arrangements for the school needed a more radical approach and

- options such as making the whole road traffic free or introducing one-way sections should be fully explored.
- 7.20 - The pavements near to the school were very narrow, and couldn't accommodate two buggies side by side. It wasn't safe or reasonable to expect parents to cross in the road.
  - 7.21 - It was suggested that Skanska look to the transport plan for Colston's Primary School for guidance on the best approach.
  - 7.22 - Members agreed that officers would be asked to halt the planned highways scheme at Elgin Park junction until the school transport plan had been redrafted. The situation regarding funding for the project would be reviewed at the next meeting of the NP, because it might be necessary to reallocate it to support improvement works in relation to the new school

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

- 7.23 - Skanska were advised not to present the draft transport plan at the consultation event on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 because local residents were unlikely to be happy with the current proposal.
- 7.24 - As a result of the discussion, Councillor Knott moved that 'BCR NP raise the lack of satisfaction with the draft (transport plan) proposal and urges Skanska to come up with a more satisfactory process.' He was seconded by Councillor Harrison. Upon being put to the vote, 7 Members were in favour and there were 3 abstentions.

***ACTION: CLIVE STEVENS***

- 7.25 - It was agreed that the next meeting of the Highways Forum would take place between 7pm and 9pm on 22<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 at the Friends Meeting House. Skanska were asked to bring the revised transport plan to that meeting. It was agreed that residents from Clifton East, Cotham and Redland would be invited to attend so they could share their views on the new proposals. This would be raised at the public consultation event on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. It was also agreed that Alan Berridge, Bristol City Council's Senior Area Engineer, and a representative of the Safer Routes to School team be invited to attend.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

**AGREED: that the NP's dissatisfaction with Skanska's transport plan be relayed as appropriate, and that Skanska be instructed to prepare a revised plan in conjunction with highways officers at Bristol City Council. The revised plan should be available for consideration at the Highways Forum meeting at 7pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.**

## **8. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The Area Co-ordinator summarised each section of his report and invited comments and questions from Members of the Partnership. The salient points made during the ensuing discussion were as follows;

- 8.1 - It was reported that the litter at Redland Court Road (see page 23) had been removed.
- 8.2 - Members sought clarification regarding the £63K of funding that had been 'allocated' to support rebuilding the scout premises at Bartholomew Road. There was concern that the S106 funding was not secure because the developers were under no obligation to provide funding for something (i.e. Sefton Park Youth Centre) that no longer existed. It was agreed that Andrew McGrath would seek clarification.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

- 8.3 - Councillor Willingham commented that the deadline for spending some of the S106 contributions outlined on page 27 of the report would be reached in 2013. Steps should be taken to plan allocation of the funding in the near future to ensure it wasn't lost.
- 8.4 - The NP discussed the lack of progress regarding the devolved transport schemes summarised on page 28 of the report. Thanks was expressed to Alan Berridge, Area Traffic Engineer, for his efforts to date in supporting the NP, but Members commented that there were insufficient officer resources to progress the NP's spending decisions within an acceptable timescale. It was agreed that the matter would be raised with the Leader of Bristol City Council; the Executive Members for Transport and Neighbourhoods; and the Service Directors for Transport, Neighbourhoods and Communities.

***ACTION: CLIVE STEVENS***

- 8.5 - It was agreed that Andrew McGrath would chase up installation of the bin on Draycott Triangle.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***



- 8.6 - The NP considered the tabled report 'Recommendations for the Allocation of the Wellbeing Fund' in conjunction with the wellbeing update that was provided on page 29 onwards of the Area Co-ordinator's report. Members were advised that the total still outstanding from the wellbeing fund was currently £28,006.13 (not (£32,486 as stated in paragraph 1.3 of the wellbeing report). Unallocated resources could be carried forward to the next municipal year.
- 8.7 - Members went on to consider the recommendations outlined within the wellbeing report. They unanimously agreed to support recommendation 1 that funding criteria from the wellbeing fund be revised to reflect the NP's revised priorities. Full details could be found in paragraph 2 of the wellbeing report.
- 8.8 – Councillor Negus expressed concern about the lack of funding applications, stating that he would prefer to have greater variety to enable competitive selection.
- 8.9 - It was confirmed that the request from Horfield Quaker House for £2K had been temporarily withdrawn by the applicant.
- 8.10 - The NP were advised that at the meeting of the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East NP on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 the Neighbourhood Committee (NC) had agreed to allocate half of the £20K needed for the proposed shared business support worker (providing that Alma Vale Road was included in the scheme). It was confirmed that Andrew McGrath was responsible for monitoring the use of wellbeing grants and would arrange for suitable performance indicators to be introduced for the relevant member of staff.
- 8.11 - It was noted that the next deadline for wellbeing funding applications was 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
- 8.12 - Andrew McGrath and Jenny Hoadley were in the process of consulting officers in the City Council's department of Social Services and also the NHS to ascertain their opinion on other areas that could be added to the wellbeing priorities. An update would be provided at the next meeting of the NP.  
***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH AND JENNY HOADLEY***
- 8.13 - Councillor Knott thanked the Grants Task Group for the work they had undertaken on behalf of the NP.
- 8.14 - Councillor Knott took the Chair so that the Neighbourhood Committee could make the decisions regarding allocation of funding. The outcome was as follows;

**RESOLVED;**

1. That £2.5K be allocated to provide a chess coach and teacher support for a full school year at Colston's and St Bonaventure's Primary Schools (moved by Councillor Knott and seconded by Councillor Townsend). 5 Members were in favour and there was 1 abstention.
2. That £10K be allocated for a business support worker for the Whiteladies Road area for 12 months (moved by Councillor Knott and seconded by Councillor Negus). All Members were in favour.

- 8.15 - It was noted that tree stump replacement was underway in the local area, which was being funded by Bristol City Council. New trees could be planted until March.
- 8.16 - During discussion of the headline priorities for the NP (see page 33 onwards) it was agreed that the definition within equalities communities 'an increase in provision and facilities for older people, and young people and those facing disadvantage' would be amended to 'an increase in provision and facilities for older people, and young people and those facing disadvantage including the unemployed.'

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

- 8.17 - Members of the NP were invited to submit any further suggestions for headline priorities (see page 33) to Andrew McGrath. It was noted that any amendments to the list outlined in the report would need to come back to the NP for ratification.

***ACTION: ALL***

**AGREED:** that the information provided within the Area Co-ordinator's report, and during the ensuing discussion, be noted.

## **9. PRIORITISING INVESTMENT FOR BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Rob McGovern introduced the report summarising the short and long-term aspirations for local parks. Following the introduction, Members went on to consider the information provided and asked for additional clarity in a number of areas. The discussion could be summarised as follows;

- 9.1 - Careful consideration should be given to the noise associated with basketball hoops before one was installed in St Andrews Park. A similar scheme in Cotham had generated many complaints because of people congregating at anti-social hours.
- 9.2 - Drinking fountains were relatively cheap to install but the running costs could be significant due to the tests that were needed to ensure the water supply met health and safety requirements.
- 9.3 – Liz Kew commented that it was difficult to opt to support the priorities outlined within the report, as there was no indication of likely costs.
- 9.4 - It was agreed that the NP only approve the short-term priorities, to allow more consultation with the parks groups. Alison Bromilow and Rob McGovern offered to liaise with the parks groups and report back to the next meeting of the NP  
***ACTION: ROB MCGOVERN AND ALISON BROMILOW***

#### **AGREED:**

- 1. That the short-term priorities for parks investment be approved, and;**
- 2. That further consultation regarding the long term priorities takes place with the parks groups prior to the next meeting of the NP, and;**
- 3. That the long-term priorities be approved at the NP meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

## **10. TASK GROUPS UPDATES**

The following updates were provided;

- 10.1 - 15 dead trees within BCR would be replaced by the City Council during 2012.
- 10.2 – The process of identifying sites for new trees would be continuing. The cost of planting a new tree was between £300 and £3000.
- 10.3 - Work was underway to prepare the highways report that would be coming to the NP in April 2012. 12 schemes had been identified for consideration at the Neighbourhood Forums and the 5 most popular schemes would be brought back for decision by the NC in April 2012.  
***ACTION: CLIVE STEVENS***
- 10.4 - There should be more regular feedback regarding the actions taken to repair minor issues such as potholes and

tripping hazards. The NP should be provided with the relevant service level standards so they were aware if an issue had been overlooked.

- 10.5 - The Communications and Engagement Subgroup were meeting every 6 weeks. It had been decided that the most appropriate way to communicate with local residents was via email, and a regular BCR newsletter (including a summary of the outcome of each BCR NP meeting) would be circulated.

**AGREED: That the updates be noted.**

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 - Members were advised that Nick Clark had asked to join the NP. It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

11.2 - Following a motion from Councillor Willingham, it was agreed that BCR NP respond to the consultation regarding the Great Western franchise replacement.

***ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH***

## **12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would take place at 7pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 in either Redland or Cotham. Details of the venue would be finalised by the end of January 2012.

(The meeting ended at 9.30pm)

CHAIR