



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 25th March 2013

Report of: Andrew McGrath – Communities & Neighbourhoods

Title: Area Co-ordinator's report

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RECOMMENDATIONS. The NP is asked:

1. To note the updates from the recent Forums
2. To note and discuss the issues raised in the forum discussions on Resident Parking Schemes
3. To note the current standing of the communications Budget
4. To note the discussion regarding the current city-wide NP review
5. To note the update on the Neighbourhood Working process
6. To note the update on the Celebrating Age Festival
7. To note the latest meetings schedule and advise the AC in its updating
8. To note the latest Devolved Services updates
9. To agree the location of a BCR Tree Plan for 2013/14
10. To note the latest update on the Winning Whiteladies Project
11. To discuss and agree a process for electing the next Chair of the NP
12. To agree the Well Being application (appendix 3) and note the latest financial position of the Well Being Fund

1. Updates from Forums

Cotham Neighbourhood Forum

Thursday 14th February 2013

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

Chair: Cllr Anthony Negus

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Farhan Ahmed, Terry Bullock, Terry Neil

Police: Sean Underwood, PCSO

30+ members of the public

There were no minutes or notes from the previous meeting presented at the Forum.

Anthony updated the meeting on the following:

Winning Whiteladies Project. A new officer has been appointed who will work with the traders on Whiteladies Road and surrounding retail streets, has been appointed. Ken Simpson will start on 1st March and will work with traders to improve the Whiteladies Road as a destination for shoppers and visitors.

A public consultation meeting is due to be held regarding a new school site as part of Colston's Primary School, on 20th February at Colston's School. All welcome.

Work on **student/resident relations** is progressing. A meeting was held on Wednesday 19th February. Attended by both universities, the meeting was part of the work to improve relations between residents and students. Report and minutes will be available soon.

The meeting was updated on the old **Whiteladies Picture House**. A public enquiry regarding a planning application that will include plans for residential, gym was heard in January. The decision on this application has yet to be announced.

Concern was expressed about the **TA site on Whiteladies Road** becoming a supermarket. No more news on this at present.

Please note that the Resident Parking Scheme discussion is set out separately below

Issue/Priority. No new issues were raised at the Forum meeting. The following issues were raised At the December meeting

1	Cars are turning the wrong way down no entry roads off Whiteladies Road. Common problem in the area. Difficult to police as it happens sporadically
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2	Sign on Whiteladies Road stating no left or right turn at St Pauls and Tyndall's Park Roads is on the wrong side of the road. This may be because of lack of space on outward bound side due to space needed for buses
3	Advice regarding vehicles parking in cycling lanes on the Gloucester Road is that these lanes are only advisory. Vehicles are not causing an offence by parking in them. No point having them then
4	Fly-tipping at the end of Sydenham Road is an on-going problem. Should be reported to BCC on line or call 922100
5	What is happening about the Whiteladies Road Retail Project? Update: Ken Simpson has now been appointed and began work on Monday 4 th March
6	The new Cotham Residents' Parking Scheme is causing new parking problems for residents on the fringe of the scheme, particularly around Fernbank and Kensington Roads. See notes above
7	There needs to be some joined up thinking about parking across the area. There is apparently a roll-out plan. There is a plan and Cotham north and Redland are the next areas to be consulted regarding if they would like to have a RPS
8	Residents just outside of the new scheme didn't get the same level of officer engagement as Kingsdown residents had. Notification of the scheme was very late. It was suggested that RCAS could make a formal complaint on behalf of their members regarding the way the scheme was rolled out. See notes above
9	What happens with regard to permits for HMO student accommodation? Buildings have a maximum number of permits they are entitled to
10	A boards on Whiteladies Road are still a problem. This needs a coordinated approach. Could be something the Whiteladies Road worker can include in his work?

Bishopston Neighbourhood Forum

Tuesday 12th February 2013

Chair: Cllr Bev Knott

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Lynn Parfitt, Ben Bowskill, Peter Westbury

Approximately 40 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr David Willingham

Peter Westbury, BCC Planning officer updated the meeting on the **Memorial Ground development**. The following points were made:

Obviously permission has already been granted to develop a Sainsbury's supermarket on the site of the sports stadium.

Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) and Section 106 will be generated from the development. The NP will have access to a proportion of these funds. 15% of the CIL will go to the NP to spend on local schemes and projects. Approximately £200k will be used to help Gloucester Road traders.

Concern was expressed regarding the landscaping of the site. The application didn't seem to have enough detail. How can residents ensure proper landscaping will be undertaken? Planning Enforcement will monitor this. By all means submit concerns if you are worried that the plans are not being adhered to.

The retail impact assessment seems to indicate that the Gloucester Road traders will suffer, but this seems to have been ignored. Lesser retail impact in other authorities has led to refusal of planning permission. Why not here? BCC calculates that the impact will not be large. We can only really tell in a few years. Retail growth and turnover is done by survey and analysis.

There is an option to go to judicial review. No indication that this has been undertaken yet.

Air quality is likely to get worse. If this happens, what will be done? There is a penalty system in place to challenge this. It is legally binding. Is there a baseline measure to measure this against? Yes.

Ben Bowskill, BCC Active Travel officer, informed the meeting that any community group with an idea for improving road safety and traffic can apply for an **Active Travel Transport Grant**. He would provide more information at the breakout session.

Liz Kew informed the meeting of the **Street Champions group**. It is a way of better dealing with environmental problems in communities. The champions will be a point of contact in their communities and will encourage residents to report incidents and problems themselves via the BCC reporting routes. The next meeting of the group is at Redland Library at 6.30pm Thursday 7th March. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Police update. There have been a lot of complaints regarding parking on Arthur Milton Street. The parking problem at the top of Ralph Road hasn't been raised recently. This remains a long-term problem though.

Burglaries have gone up in the last quarter. This is normal around Christmas. Melbourne Road, Hatherley Road and Downend Road have been hotspots. Shop theft has gone up 300%. This is usually to do with drug users

Issues/Priorities.	
1	Cornwall Rd, Monk Rd and Beauchamp Rd – make it one way system.
2	Dog fouling outside resident's house Theresa Avenue.
3	Bins (and recycling) not collected when there was ice/snow. Nappies in bin still on pavement. Confusion on what was happening.
4	Why was Sainsbury's given permission. What is going to be done to support traders.
5	Dangerous driving on Kings Dr, close to junc. with Bishop Rd on 17/12/12, 3.45pm. White van mouting pavement at speed nearly hitting father and child, coming home from school, who had to leap out of way. Cars are routinely driven at speed up the hill from the tennis courts and the junction with Birchall Avenue. Often they are driven at well above 40mph and rarely stops to let people cross.
6	Parking on Sefton Park Rd. College students and staff park there in the day, residents of the flats park there by night so no spaces for Sefton Park Rd residents.
7	St Andrew's Park – swings need the mud cleaned out of matting.
8	What is happening to Day Centres for people with learning difficulties?
9	What is happening about closing public toilets?
10	Inconsiderate parking of tractors and trailers at development at 172 Ashley Down Road. Vehicles obstructing the pavement, inconveniencing and endangering pedestrians and damaging highways infrastructure. Also depositing mud onto the road, which poses a slip hazard to cyclists and motor-cyclists, and the vehicles are parked on Double Yellow Lines.
11	Pigeons getting into the wire that has been cut. By the barbers at the Arches.
12	Pavement gets full of water because of blocked gully. Outside CJ Hole/ the Flyer. Brook Ave.
13	Bins on street on Gloucester Rd, near the Prom– over full bags.
14	Damaged litter bin outside Subway on Gloucester Rd
15	Bins and bags overflowing on Sommerville Rd.

Redland Neighbourhood Forum

Thursday 21st February 2013

Chair: Nick Clark

Councillors: Fi Hance, Sylvia Townsend

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Lynn Parfitt, Terry Bullock, Ben Bowskill, Darren Hall

Approximately 50 residents attended

The meeting was reminded that the NP will be holding its '**Superforum**' on Saturday 11th May 2013 from 12pm-4pm at Horfield Baptist Church on Gloucester Road. The Mayor will be attending the event. It is an opportunity to influence the work of the NP in coming months and years by setting its priorities. All welcome.

Darren Hall spoke to the meeting about **Big Green Week**. It is a collection of events relating to ecological and environmental issues. If any group is planning an event or activity, please let Darren know and he'll include it in the publicity material. There will also be a prize for the best street party. Please buy a ticket and attend the main event. The week runs from 15th – 23rd June.

Ben Bowskill, BCC Active Travel officer, informed the meeting that any community group with an idea for improving road safety and traffic can apply for an **Active Travel Transport Grant**. He would provide more information at the breakout session.

Lois Goddard informed the meeting of the consultation regarding the £110k awarded to Redland Green. The money can be used for a number of improvements including play facilities. Attendees were asked to give their preferences during the break-out session.

The **police update** highlighted issues of local concern, namely shop theft and burglary. They are mounting patrols to reduce the shop theft, which is mainly committed by drug-users. Any issues should be given to the police during the breakout session.

Please note that the Resident Parking Scheme discussion is set out separately below

Issues/priorities

1	Graffiti on North Rd: No 29 (resident painted it over) and side wall of No 25.
2	Resident Parking Scheme requested for North Rd.
3	Dog fouling on grass verge by resident's house Harbury Rd.

4	Wellington Hill West road works (9 months to go) cars take short cut – West Broadway, South Croft, The Crescent, Harbury Rd. There were 5 crashes on Tuesday Morning.
5	Fallodon Way – is park being developed? Can Golden Hill be updated?
6	Cranbrook Rd needs a crossing near junction with Carnarvon Rd where a lot of people try to cross.
7	Obstructive parking on drop kerbs and obstructing use by disabled people.
8	Parking on junction of Edgecumbe and Northumberland Rd junctions.
9	Massive concerns expressed over viability of May Fair and play in park in general with present water logged condition. Previous EAO promised survey - really urgent but this is outside the scope of the £110k. Request for update at next (super) Forum.
10	Unacceptable parking situation in Edgecumbe Rd, Redland: Due to knock on effect of Cotham parking scheme, we have a situation in Redland where we cannot park in our street, commuters come first thing and park here all day, cars drive up and down seeking places to park, people park in dangerous places so that drivers cannot see past them when leaving the road which may cause accidents, our visitors cannot find anywhere to. Redland residents were not consulted about the Cotham parking scheme.
11	Unacceptable advertising: Bristol Old Vic labels advertising 'Tree' performance tied with string onto lamps and posts and a tree.
12	Handrails to the Cossins Road steps: Need to be reduced from 2 rails to 1 rail.
13	Security lamps on houses are an annoyance when they don't automatically switch off
14	Cars parking on pavements in Halsbury Road and Kings Drive are a particular problem
15	Bishop Road roundabout is a real problem. Cars seem not to know what the priorities are. There have been recent problems. Can something be done re lineage, signage? Speed Watch may be another option, as there is a speeding problem

2. Residents Parking Scheme (RPS) discussions

The main agenda item on both the Cotham Forum and the Redland Forum was the debate regarding the recently introduced Cotham (south) RPS. The notes from these two discussions are set out below. The NP may wish to discuss future actions on this subject.

1. **Cotham Forum 14th February 2013.** Terry Bullock, senior highways manager, updated the meeting on the recently introduced Cotham RPS. A review is due shortly. It is acknowledged that surrounding areas are experiencing displacement parking problems. The RPS appears to be very popular with those living within the scheme boundary. The scheme will not be removed following the 6 month review, although it is possible to remove a scheme after the 2 year review
2. The preparatory work for the next RPS for Cotham will begin in April but is unlikely to begin in earnest until June 2013
3. A straw poll was taken of the meeting attendees. Approximately one third were in the RPS area, the rest outside
4. There are currently 4 schemes being developed in Bristol. There is an officer capacity issue that limits their roll-out rate
5. It takes approximately 12 months from start to introduction for a RPS to actually begin. This is partly due to the legal requirements regarding TROs, which take up to 6 months. It is always complicated. The needs of business and other employers (eg schools) needs to be taken into account
6. Officers are currently surveying Cotham North. Detailed plans will be ready in June (approximately). 2 schemes done together (Cotham and Redland) would take longer due to officer capacity. The scheme implementation also takes time. Dealing with permit applications etc
7. The statutory consultation is likely to begin around August. If all goes to plan, the scheme will begin early spring 2014
8. The cost of each scheme is approximately £250k. This will be earned back via the charges for the scheme. The pay machines for 2 hour parking are popular with local shop owners as they allow a turnover of customers
9. The probably boundary for the next phase rollout hasn't been finalised but the ward boundary appears to be a good natural boundary for the next RPS
10. Consultations are not a simple yes/no vote. It is often difficult to determine people's wishes. We try to dampen the effect of HMOs in the consultation. Approximately 37% of the area is taken up by HMOs
11. An RPS is one part of a wider attempt to reduce commuters driving into the city. BCC can do various things but public transport is largely privately owned
12. The number of permits (1,2 or 3) can be altered depending on take-up. It may

be that the number of permits households can have is reduced to 1 or 2

13. Can the roll-out of the next Cotham RPS be speeded up? The Mayor is keen to increase roll-out and has said Cotham is a priority. However capacity and legal requirements will still take time
 14. Parking machines, particularly on Cotham Hill are often in very unsuitable places. Terry to check this out. 3 hours is the legal maximum for meter parking in RPS areas. Otherwise area becomes a car park
 15. With regard to people working in the area (eg school staff), they cannot be given permits as this would nullify the effect of the RPS
 16. The upcoming 6 month review will only include those inside the scheme.
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1. **Redland Forum 21st February 2013.** Terry Bullock, Highways and Traffic Manager for BCC gave a short update on the current situation and took questions
 2. It was acknowledged that the new RPS has caused displacement problems in surrounding roads just outside of the scheme. There will be a consultation, beginning in June for the next schemes, which will be in north Cotham and Redland
 3. If the consultation shows support (which is likely), it is likely to be introduced in spring 2014
 4. Cllr Townsend asked if the consultation and implementation process could be speeded up. This isn't possible as the consultation cannot start before June (due to officer capacity and election purdah) and the implementation needs to go through a series of legal processes, which take time
 5. A resident stated that the current scheme doesn't work properly as there are many empty parking spaces, whilst the roads outside the RPS area are packed with commuter cars. Also, the scheme is causing problems for school staff at the primary and secondary schools. The next roll-out will include two more secondary schools, so the problem will be exacerbated
 6. The scheme isn't being implemented sensibly. Why maximum of 3 hours parking? Terry explained that this is the guidance from central government. Any longer and it would negate the purpose of the RPS
 7. Terry explained that survey work showed that 40% of parking was from outside of the area, hence the need for an RPS. If the scheme were removed, the

parking problems would return. Schemes are always a balance between residents and commuters

8. It was emphasised that people just outside the RPS feel their lives are being blighted by this scheme. Terry reiterated that the roll-out will eventually benefit other Cotham and Redland residents. The Mayor is keen to reduce congestion and pollution, and these schemes are one part of a wider plan
9. Why not allow those on the edge of the scheme to buy permits in the scheme? This would negate the purpose of the scheme and might just result in the parking problems being increased. The idea is to reduce congestion by trying to stop commuters using residential streets
10. One resident spoke in favour of the scheme as it has improved their situation considerably. This isn't about residents being selfish. There was a real problem that has now been sorted for Cotham south residents
11. Can the poor parking outside of the RPS be dealt with by Parking Services? Yes. They can be requested to undertake patrols. However, it may be that some of the poor parking is by residents who are trying to park near their homes
12. As a way of increasing income and reduce problems outside of the RPS, couldn't a cheap day rate be charged in parking bays within the scheme boundary, that is slowly increased in price as the roll-out takes place? Again, Terry informed the meeting that there are government rules on maximum parking times in pay bays within RPSs
13. The situation is irrational. Consultation is not about how, but where. There seems to be little thought or imagination used to make the schemes sensible. There needs to be a broader sense of what the consultation should include, rather than merely repeating the Cotham experience
14. We will be back here in a year's time with the same problem but a few streets further away? Possible scheme boundaries haven't been determined yet
15. Other methods for encouraging commuters not to come in to the city are being examined, including other Park and Ride Schemes and a platform at Avonmouth train station.

3. Communications Budget

The NP has £1,000 in its budget that must be spent by the end of March. If it is not spent it will be taken away. It has been agreed that £450 will be used to match fund the £1,000 awarded from the Well Being fund at the last NP meeting for work with Redland Green School.

We are also (with the agreement of the Communications and Engagement Group) looking to spend some of the remaining budget on a banner for the NP and other materials with the NP logo (e.g. high viz tops etc).

4. Neighbourhood Partnership Review

Bristol's 14 Neighbourhood Partnerships currently make decisions about how some council budgets are spent and how some local services are delivered at a neighbourhood level, as well as providing and promoting community activity in a variety of ways.

The Mayor is very keen to develop Neighbourhood Partnerships and to bring more influence and decision-making to local communities. In order to do this in ways that fit with residents and activists' needs, a citywide review is currently underway. The review, which runs throughout February and March, includes a survey, workshops, focus groups and community meetings. The views of the NPs are central to the review, as the members of the NPs have the most developed ideas and views and have experienced the work of the NPs at a close level, often over a long period of time.

This NP has been asked to consider the questions raised in the survey. The AC will set out the broad response to the views expressed by NP members in the run-up to this meeting. The NP may wish that its collective response is **noted** in this NP meeting **or** forwarded to the survey team in a separate document.

5. Neighbourhood Working

RECOMMENDATION

That the Neighbourhood Partnership notes that an improved way of neighbourhood working will start across the city from May/June 2013.

That the priorities that the neighbourhood working team will tackle will be chosen by the Neighbourhood Partnership in September 2013, and will bring together existing neighbourhood priorities (Community Safety, Cleanliness, NP priorities).

1. The council has been piloting a new approach to neighbourhood working since 1st October 2012 in the central and east areas of Bristol. The pilot is testing out how to bring council officers together to better tackle neighbourhood priorities in a quick, efficient, consistent way.
2. So far, the pilot has been successful in tackling neighbourhood priorities in a quick, efficient and effective way. For example, in the first three months of the pilot, 6 area wide priorities, 17 local priorities, 10 targeted operations and a variety of other work was delivered in addition to existing work, showing that better neighbourhood working can deliver more for neighbourhoods.

3. Examples of issues that have been tackled during the pilot include:
 - a. Littering, fly tipping, waste – wide variety of different issues
 - b. Highway obstructions
 - c. ASB related to licensed premises/night time
 - d. Vice, kerb crawling and sex litter
 - e. Vehicles for sale / nuisance vehicles
 - f. Noise
 - g. Dog fouling
 - h. Issues on lanes – litter, ASB, dangerous structures, fly tipping
4. From May 2013, the new approach to neighbourhood working will be implemented across Bristol, based on the learning and successes of the pilot.
5. Neighbourhood working areas are as follows:

Neighbourhood working area	Neighbourhood Partnership areas
North	Avonmouth and Kingsweston Henbury and Southmead Horfield and Lockleaze Bishopston Cotham and Redland Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym
Central (pilot area)	Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill St George Greater Fishponds
South	Greater Bedminster Greater Brislington Hengrove and Stockwood Dundry View Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill

6. Each neighbourhood working area will be served by a neighbourhood team of existing staff whose role it is to manage neighbourhoods by informal and formal means. Officers will undertake positive, pro-active work and share responsibility within this team for a wide variety of neighbourhood issues. There will be approximately 30-40 staff allocated to each neighbourhood working area.
7. The neighbourhood teams will have excellent links to other officers and partners – the pilot has helped develop some of these links. This will ensure that specialist officers can be brought to work alongside the neighbourhood team when required, and that matters can be escalated to specialist services if necessary.

8. Neighbourhood Partnerships will choose priorities for the neighbourhood team to work on, and will receive regular progress reports. These priorities will incorporate existing priorities and priority setting processes (for example community safety priorities and priority setting will be incorporated into the neighbourhood priorities).

6. Celebrating Age Festival

Bristol's Celebrating Age Festival which starts this summer is looking for residents aged 55 or over to take part - with grants of up to £200 available to stage an event.

This year's festival which runs from June 24 to July 7 will be themed Brilliant in Bristol: Many Communities, Many Cultures, One City, to reflect the talent and the diversity of older people across the city.

Events will be taking place in all communities during the two weeks as well as a main Celebration Event at City Hall on Saturday June 29.

The Celebrating Age Committee is looking for people and groups with a range of talents to get involved - from singing, dancing or writing to craft making, gardening or baking. The intention is to have at least one event in every Neighbourhood Partnership area as part of the festival, and these events will be publicised in an event brochure across the city.




The festival is also looking for people who would like to promote their activity or sell their products at the Celebration Event on Saturday June 29 to apply for a free stall.

To apply for a grant to stage an event contact local Neighbourhood Partnerships for an application form or call Lorna Heaysman at Bristol City Council on 0117 903 6441, email lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk . We would also like to hear from you if you are holding an event that does not require funding, but would like this event to be part of the festival.

Stallholders should apply to Claire Kennelly on 0117 927 6614, email claire@rem-events.com.

Closing dates for grant forms, details about your event for publishing or stallholder application returns is April 17, 2013.

7. Future Meeting dates

	Meeting round 1 21013/14	Meeting round 2 21013/14	Meeting round 3 2013/14
Neighbourhood Partnership / Committee	7.00pm Monday 24 th June Venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 14 th October Venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 20 th January Venue tbc
Neighbourhood Partnership Pre meeting	4.00pm Tuesday 18 th June Venue tbc	4.00pm Monday 7 th October Venue tbc	4.00pm Monday 13 th January Venue tbc
Informal Neighbourhood Partnership meeting	5.00pm Tuesday 7 th May Venue tbc	5.00pm Tuesday 3 rd Sept Venue tbc	7.00pm Tuesday 26 th Nov Venue tbc
			
Bishopston Forum	7.00pm Tuesday 14 th May Memorial Stadium	7.00pm Tuesday 10 th Sept Venue tbc	7.00pm Tuesday 10 th Dec Venue tbc
	Super-forum Sat 11 th May Horfield Baptist Church		
Cotham Forum	Super-forum Sat 11 th May Horfield Baptist Church	7.00pm Thursday 5 th Sept Venue tbc	7.00pm Thursday 5 th Dec Venue tbc
Redland Forum	Super-forum Sat 11 th May Horfield Baptist Church	7.00pm Thursday 12 th Sept Venue tbc	7.00pm Tuesday 3 rd Dec Venue tbc

8. Devolved Budget updates

Clean and Green

The Neighbourhood Partnership has an allocation of **£1,500** per annum under this budget. At the NP meeting in June, the NP agreed to allocate **£450** from this allocation for paint and sundries for 2 street and park projects. At the January meeting it was agreed that **£550** should be allocated for 2X Community Payback sessions and £350 for paints and sundries. The remaining **£500** has recently been allocated for the following schemes:

Bishopston Gardeners - Greening of Gloucester Rd - **£100**
Planting Cotham gardens - **£200**
Graffiti kits for parks volunteers - **£200**

The NP will have another £1,500 Clean and Green to spend from 1st April 2013

Section 106

Section 106 allocations are made by the NPs, working with officers from the relevant teams. As can be seen in the table below, there are 3 allocations currently on record as being within the devolved responsibilities of this NP

The provision of **£4,599.36** is for tree replacement in the vicinity of the new office block development at the top of Redland Hill. At the NP meeting on 21st January The NP agreed to allocate this money to specific tree locations within the vicinity of the development.

The NP will recall that the allocation of **£64,125.04** was re-allocated at the Extraordinary Neighbourhood Committee held on 3rd September 2012, to support the rebuilding project of the scout hut on Williamson Road. The money remains on the NP's S106 allocation sheet until it is drawn down.

(List of current allocations on next page)

**Bishopston, Cotham and Redland
Neighbourhood Partnership**

Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 31 January 2013

Permission / Site / S106 Code	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution
Parks				
10/04509 / Redland House, Redland Hill, Redland / ZCD...A04	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£4,599.36	28 Sep 16	The provision of off-site replacement tree planting in the vicinity of the development
10/00101 / 148 to 156 Gloucester Road, Bishopston / ZCD...A37	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£19,384.49	11 Jan 17	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 148 to 156 Gloucester Road (Funding allocated on 22 October 2012 to Horfield Common Children's Play Ground and will be drawn down as the scheme progresses)
Other				
00/02850 / City of Bristol College Site, Ashley Down Road, Ashley Down / ZCD...944	John Bos (Community Buildings Officer)	£64,125.04	19 Jul 15	The provision of improvements to community facilities in the vicinity of the City of Bristol College Site (Funding allocated on 3 September 2012 to Scout Hut on Williamson Road and will be drawn down once scheme commences)

Highways updates:

Footway maintenance

Location	Ward	2012/13 budget	Final cost in 2012/13	Variance to 2012/13 budget	Completed date	Notes / comments
Kellaway Avenue (Cairns Road to Bishop Road)	Redland	£11,000		£11,000.00		Order placed. Commencement date not known.
Cotham Brow	Cotham	£27,000	£24,511.81	£2,488.19	June 2013	Due to proposed Utility works it was not possible to carry out intended repairs between Cheltenham Road and Arley Hill. These will need to be considered for the future.
Coldharbour Rd (Greendale Rd to Cossins Rd)	Redland	£10,000	£17,137.17	£7,137.17	20 Feb 2013	Completed
Lansdown Rd	Cotham	£14,000	£11,775.16	£2,224.84	14 Nov 2012	Completed
TOTALS		£62,000.00	£41,648.98	£20,351.02		

Carriageway surface dressing

Location	Ward	Surfacing details	2012/13 budget	Date completed	Notes / comments
Cotham Lawn Road	Cotham	Light duty surface dressing	£4,500	SD completed on 19 August.	Complete
Dugar Walk	Redland	Light duty surface dressing	£700	SD completed on 19 August.	Complete
Bishop Road	Bishopston		£3,900		Postponed due to utility works.
Cairns Road	Redland	Light duty surface dressing	£2,500	SD completed on 19 August.	Complete

Harcourt Hill	Redland	Light duty surface dressing	£1,200 SD completed on 19 August.	Complete
South Road	Cotham	Light duty surface dressing	£3,300 SD completed on 23 August.	Complete

£16,100.00

For the latest progress on the Minor traffic Schemes, please see the Highways report

9. A Tree Plan for the NP

Each NP is entitled to choose a park within its boundary to benefit from a tree plan each year. The plan will be for tree replacement and new planting. The NP will be asked to contribute to the content of the plan. There will also be a community tree planting event sometime between November 2013 and March 2014. This will involve bringing together members of the community, hopefully including local school children, to take part in a planting day.

The NP may recall that the most recent tree plan was for St Andrews Park. Some discussions have been held regarding which park to choose for the next plan. Our fellow NP in Horfield & Lockleaze is likely to choose Horfield Common for its tree plan (pending sign-off at its NP meeting on 21st March. Verbal update to be provided). Helpfully, tree officers have agreed to include the whole of the Common in that tree plan, including the part of the common within BCR's boundary, thereby leaving us free to choose from elsewhere within our NP. Following discussions, the NP is requested to **agree** to Redland Green becoming the next park to benefit from a plan. In support of this request, please read the following letter from Redland Green Community Group and the attached provisional tree planting plan (**appendix 1**)

Dear Clive.

On behalf of the Redland Green Community Group (RGCG) I would like to formally request that Redland Green be adopted as the Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership candidate for a Parks Tree Planting Plan (PTPP) in 2014. Following extensive consultation a provisional plan was approved unanimously by RGCG as a suggested "starting point" plan (attached) which may form the basis of further consultation with BCC Parks Department. In this plan a total of 23 appropriate planting sites were identified, of which 11 were direct replacements of trees recently lost on the Green. We would expect to be able to

begin planting immediately following adoption of a PTPP, funded by grants, private donations, fundraising events and a proposed local "carbon offset" scheme. As this is a long term plan we would hope that trees lost in future years would also be added to the plan without the need for an entirely new PTPP to be designed and adopted.

Best wishes.

John Tarlton

Treasurer. Redland Green Community Group.

10. Winning Whiteladies

The Winning Whiteladies project is up and running. Two brilliant things have happened. Cabot, Clifton, Clifton East NP agreed to fund half the project so we can guarantee it going for a year, and the steering group met Ken Simpson, the project worker we've appointed at last week's meeting, where some great ideas were thrown around.

These centred on a mix of ingredients - finding out business, community and resident preferences, imaginative and innovative usage of empty shops, getting landlords on side, building in diversity, and ensuring good accessibility, facilities and uniqueness so people will want to come just to visit. We need to communicate well with students, seek entrepreneurial people and support them with Ken's retail start up kit, work on publicity and a website, use Gift Card schemes and Shop Local Days and work in other projects such as the Neighbourhood Partnership Celebration Week and the SusRedland Sustainable Transport project. We want to utilise our broad pavements and trees to make our localities into sustainable shopping areas that take account of people and place, attract buzz, lots of new customers, and approval city wide and beyond. We want it to be economically sustainable too, such that with the increase in footfall, businesses will be happy to keep funding it once the Neighbourhood Partnership money finishes at the end of a year.

Ken has a lot of experience. His working life has been in the retail sector managing stores, and acting as an auditor or retail advisor for companies like Asda, Somerfield and the Post Office. Now he has his own retail support business - Make More Margin - and sits on various retail committees, works as an expert in health, safety and security, judges on the British Retail Industry Awards competition and more.

We agreed at the meeting that Ken's first month would be spent surveying businesses to find out their preferences, and fixed a date at the end of March when he can come and tell us his findings. Work will have begun by then on how to collect community and resident preferences.

11. Chair of Neighbourhood Partnership

As this NP is aware, Clive Stevens is stepping down as Chair of the NP. The change from the out-going to the incoming Chair should take place at the June NP meeting, with all NP members voting for nominated candidates. The NP is urged to **discuss** the succession and **agree** a process and timetable for nominees to come forward and stand for the post of Chair of the NP. To support the discussion, please see the attached statement from Clive Stevens, regarding the succession (**appendix 2**).

12. Well Being Fund

The attached (**appendix 3**) Well Being application has been submitted. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to **agree** to fund the application for **£1,460** to provide a Graffiti Removal training course for 15 people.

The table below shows the total allocation of Well Being funds for 2012/13 (pending application included). This NP has allocated **£37,087.64** to 21 projects in 2012/13. A total of **£5,415.87** will be carried forward to 2013/14. The AC would like to express his thanks to Jenny Hoadley for leading the Well Being Panel in such an efficient and transparent way. It has made the job of the AC considerably easier.

Well Being budget position as of 1st March 2013	
Total Well Being budget (including £30k start of year allocation) as at 1st April 2012 (including a refund on Horfield Common loos of £2,500) =	£43,963.51
Awards in 2012/13:	
September 2012 ECM – Street Scene Group	£4,600
Oct 2012 NP – Bristol Story Telling Festival	£500
Oct 2012 NP – Friends of St Andrew’s Park	£460
Oct 2012 NP – Horfield Common Pond	£1,170
Jan 2013 NP – Horfield and District Allotment Association	£500
Jan 2013 NP – Sefton Park Scorpions Football Club	£1,380*
Jan 2013 NP – Pied Piper Pre-school Playgroup	£450**
Jan 2013 NP - Redland and Cotham Amenities Society	£7,842
Jan 2013 NP – Horfield Organic Community	£1,100

Orchard	
Jan 2013 NP – Redland Green School	£1,000
Jan 2013 NP – Phoenix Films Bristol	£1,890
Jan 2013 NP – Ashley Down School PTFA	£500
Jan 2013 NP – Ashley Down Infants School PTFA	£180
Jan 2013 NP – BCR NP Street Scene Group	£2,000
Jan 2013 NP – Gloucester Road Traders	£500
Jan 2013 NP – Friends of St Andrews Park	£4,000
Jan 2013 NP – 63 rd Bristol Scouts (Sefton Park)	£300
Jan 2013 NP – Westbury Park Foxes Junior Football Club	£670
Jan 2013 NP – Bristol Rovers Football in the Community	£1,670
Jan 2013 NP – BCR NP Street Trees	£4,630.64
Jan 2013 NP – Metford Road Allotment Association – orchard site	£1,725
Total expenditure remaining to be spent/forwarded in 2012/13	6,875.87
March 2013 NP - Graffiti Training course application	£1,460
If Graffiti Training course application is approved, total Well Being Funds remaining unspent =	£5,395.87

* Please note that in the original application Sefton Park Scorpions Football Club requested **£1,380** for a year's lease cost, not **£1,360** as stated in the report and, subsequently, the NP minutes

** Please note that the original request from Pied Piper Nursery was for **£450**, not **£490** as stated in the report and, subsequently, the NP minutes



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| 7 Turkey oak | 15 Hazel |
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Some thoughts on Chair succession from a biased resident – Clive Stevens – 25.3.13

For me, the Neighbourhood Partnership is a partnership between the community and its councillors; both of us coming together, managing our differences, to obtain optimum value for money from our major supplier; the Council. I don't see the Council Officers within my concept of a partnership. This viewpoint may seem surprising especially to councillors so please bear with me.

Each one of us has our biases: residents can have pretty strong views and preferences and will bring this baggage along to a meeting, this can be mitigated by others of differing views. Councillors, lest we forget, are also residents and have their own personal predispositions too; plus they have "crossed a line" and are allied to one of the political parties they need to get elected. This for me makes them sufficiently separate from residents but at least such biases are obvious to us all. But, I submit, if the residents and councillors can work together we can try to manage these partialities and give clear instructions to our supplier to get things done correctly for the good of us all.

Regarding our supplier; the Council, it has a local monopoly in providing us with many services. I teach my students on their business course about the types of behaviours you tend to see from monopoly organisations. I won't dwell on them here; but however nice and well-meaning the people in them are, the organisations themselves often fall into these monopoly habits. Indeed I have seen residents including myself get sucked inadvertently into defending levels of service that aren't really fair on the tax payer. So within the argument I am making, the Council itself can't be part of a partnership, if only because the last thing I think one should do as the receiver of services (we are the customer after all) is partner your monopoly supplier. If you do that it's a recipe for lower levels of response, and quality of delivery.

So given my belief in the above, I have developed an approach to chairing the NP which I wish to make clear to all. The Council is a monopoly, I can't change that, but I have discovered the role of Chair is actually more powerful than I first imagined, and so I have slowly developed the following tactics. A Chair can exert a level of choice over encouraging public statements, agreeing agenda items, their running order and recently I have ventured to suggest to officers, in advance of their report, some of the issues they might care to address. In this way I have tried to lead our NP (rightly or wrongly) so that our Councillors feel supported by the community when we scrutinise the sometimes less than adequate service we get. I also try to not let service providers feel too comfortable lest they feel they can exert their monopoly power over us. Indeed sending one strong message from all NP members somewhat redresses the power imbalance between customer and supplier.

This March, conscious it is my last meeting, but also conscious that three councillors are up for election in May, it has been an especially difficult balance, so if I have got it wrong I apologise.

So because I think a Councillor is tainted due to being a politician, sorry but that's my bias, I would love to see a resident (or two sharing) chair our NP along similar lines as I have and make sure the right things get on the agenda at forums and partnerships, and that people are encouraged to make representations and the NP feeds back the answers to them.

So there you have it, my biases and prejudices, at least the ones I know about, to help you decide whether you buy into the concept of a resident Chair (or team) and a philosophy behind one approach to agenda setting and chairing.

**BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

Application for a grant 2012/2013

Closing dates: 11th June and 26th November 2012

1. Grant Priorities

Your grant must relate to one or more of the following priorities:

- Young people ☐
- Improving the local built environment and street scene ☒
- Trees parks and green spaces ☐
- local traffic and transport ☐
- improving the lives of people living in the neighbourhood,
the priorities for 2011/12 being: ☐
 - neighbourliness
 - local arts where they are likely to appeal to a wide section of the community
 - activities which engage with people facing social disadvantage
 - activities which support carers and the "cared for"
 - schemes to promote food sustainability

Please tick which one(s) would benefit from your activity.

Proposed activity for grant funding (no more than one sentence – details in 5) below)

To fund a certificated hand removal of graffiti training course for 15 people to be run by Nordic Pioneer.

2. Your organisation(s) details:

a) Name of your group or organisation: **BCR Street Scene Group**

Contact name for this application: **Mrs Elizabeth Kew**

Contact Address: **21 Queens Drive , Bishopston, Bristol**

Post code: **BS7 8JR**

Telephone number: **0117 9241646**

E-mail address: **Kew@zoo.co.uk**

3. Your organisation's legal status

Please ring which one best describes your organisation:

- Registered charity Registration number.....
- Organisation not with a registered charity but has written constitution/set of rules¹
- Group without a written constitution/set of rules but affiliated to a registered charity
(please specify nameand
registration number.....)
- Group without a written constitution/set of rules²
- Another legal status (please specify).....
- Other (please specify) **BCR sub group**

¹ If your organisation has a written constitution (set of rules) please submit a copy with the application.

² If your organisation does not have a written constitution, please complete the questions below:

- a) Do you have a membership? Yes ☒
- If Yes
 - who are they? **Core group Councillors, BCC officers, residents and police**
 - how many **12**

b) How does your group make decisions? (eg meetings (how often?), are minutes/notes recorded?)

Once per month. Action notes recorded.

c) What arrangements do you have for receiving money and spending money? (eg separate bank account just for the group, two or more signatories?)

The Council will be invoiced directly.

4. Objectives of your organisation

Please tell us briefly what your organisation does.

To improve the street scene within Bishopston, Cotham and Redland.

When did your organisation start? **June 2012**

5. Details of what you would use the funding for:

Name of the project (if appropriate): **Hand removal of graffiti course**

Details: **A certificated theory and practical course to train volunteers to safely and effectively remove graffiti by hand.**

Copy of course details attached.

Which ward area will benefit the most from your proposal? (Please refer to the map attached)

Depends on which ward the participants reside.

Please outline the timescale of when you would use the grant (eg start and finish dates):

Thursday May 9th 2013

6. Impact of the funding

How will the funding impact on the priority(ies) you indicated in Question 1?

The skills obtained will allow participants to work within the local community and parks to assist in removing graffiti tagging in accordance with BCR operational street scene guidelines.

How will you demonstrate the impact? **Feed back from residents.**

Will the grant benefit any particular section of the community? **NO**

7. How much money are you asking us for?

£.....max - less depending

on any participants from other NP.

How much money do you have/expecting to receive from other sources of funding for what you are hoping to do?

£ NK at present

NB This course will be opened up to other NP who will reimburse the course fees directly to the BCR NP for participants from their NP.

- Are you applying to another Neighbourhood Partnership? **No ✓**

8. Your Resources

a) Please set out a breakdown of the total costs of your project, showing us which items you are asking us to fund and which are being funded from another source

Item	Cost	Please tick if you are asking for us to fund this item
Training course	£1,260	✓
Refreshments / light lunch	£100	✓
Hire of hall	£100	✓
Total Cost:	£ 1,460	

b) Please tell us about any non-cash resources you have managed to attract eg volunteers, donations "in kind"

A volunteer , Liz Kew, will be helping facilitate the course before and during the course as well as obtaining permission for the practical element of the course.

9. Long term sustainability

Are you expecting to apply for a similar amount of money for the same reason in 2013/14?

No ✓

Comment:

10. Financial details of your organisation

a) Does your group have a bank/building society account? **No**

11. How did you hear about the Neighbourhood Partnership Wellbeing Fund?

In *Bishopston Matters*? ☐

In the *Redland and Westbury Park Directory*? ☐

From another applicant to the fund? ☐

Other – please specify:

Applied for grants before


SIGNATURES

We declare that the information above is true and accurate.

If we were to be successful, we agree

- **to take all reasonable steps to ensure that local people know that this project received financial support from the Partnership**
- **that in the unlikely event that we are unable to carry out the project as described above, we will return the money to Bristol City Council before March 31st 2013.**

Name of person submitting the form:

Signature: 

Name: **Mrs Elizabeth Kew**

Date: **March 6th 2013**

Position in the group or organisation:

Chair of BCR Street scene group



Basic Graffiti Removal by Hand Course

There are many reasons why it is beneficial to upskill a variety of employees to tackle the problem of graffiti. Graffiti is a criminal activity and adds to the fear of crime in an area. In our experience, we have seen huge increases in fear of crime in areas where graffiti is a problem; complaints rise and perceptually areas are more likely to suffer from poor local environmental quality. Removing graffiti from an area quickly will assist in preventing the problem from spreading, therefore if you increase the resource base of those who are able to remove graffiti, this will help you tackle this growing problem.

Certification

Our NCFE accredited course is developed to enable individuals to confidently and safely remove graffiti by hand. This course is suitable for volunteers, residents groups, youth groups, PCSOs, Wardens and front line staff. The course has also been used by many local authorities as an integral part of restorative processes for offenders. For further details on this scheme, please call us on 01325 464880.

Course Aim

To safely and successfully remove graffiti by hand.

Course Objectives

On completing this training learners will be able to:

- Work safely in the removal of graffiti
- Identify different surfaces
- Identify different types of graffiti
- Use different methods of graffiti removal

Cost

This course for up to 15 learners is £795. Accredited certification costs are an additional £15 per learner. We are able to offer a 20% discount for two consecutive courses run at the same time.

Course Duration

This is a practical course, which will last until delegates are confident in the graffiti removal process, usually between three to four hours.

The course is an extremely practical course, and is suitable for up to 15 delegates at a time.

*£84 per person
for 15 participants.*