



**BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
7PM ON MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2013
AT REDLAND GREEN SCHOOL**

PRESENT:

Ward Councillors

Councillor Radice (Bishopston Ward)

Councillor Negus (Cotham Ward) (In the Chair for the Neighbourhood Committee items)

Councillors Hance and Townsend (Redland Ward)

Members of the Partnership

Alison Bromilow, Redland and Cotham Amenities Society

Nick Clark, Local Resident (in the Chair for the Neighbourhood Partnership items)

Jenny Hoadley, The Bishopston Society

Liz Kew, Local Resident

Clive Stevens, Redland and Cotham Amenities Society

Hamish Wills, Sustainable Redland

Bristol City Council Officers

Andrew McGrath, Area Co-ordinator

Lucy Fleming, Democratic Services Officer

Mark Owen, Parks Officer

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The outgoing Chair, Clive Stevens, welcomed all those present and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harrison and Willingham.

Councillor Hance moved that a vote of thanks be passed for the contribution Clive Stevens had made to the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) during his time as Chair and it was unanimously supported.

2. MEMBERSHIP CONSTITUTION

Note – this item was taken out of order at the meeting, so that the election of Chair, Vice Chair and representatives took place prior.

As the report contained decisions that could only be made by the Neighbourhood Committee (NC), Councillor Negus took the Chair for this item.

Members were provided with a tabled document detailing suggested changes to the Constitution, a copy of which can be found at the following link.

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The NC went on to consider each of the recommendations in turn. The outcome was as follows;

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that:-

- (1)** The details contained within the report be noted.
- (2)** The following positions be added to the NP Membership;
 - Business/Trade representative
 - Neighbourhood Watch representative
- (3)** That the maximum term for each NP rep be extended from 2 years to 3 years.

3. ELECTIONS – RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES, CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The following appointments were made;

- That Councillor Harrison be elected (in absence) NC Chair and NP Vice Chair for the 13/14 municipal year; and
- That, in the absence of Councillor Harrison, that Councillor Negus be elected NC Chair and NP Vice Chair for the current meeting; and
- That Nick Clark be elected Chair of the NP for the 13/14 municipal year; and
- That the Neighbourhood Watch be invited to nominate a representative to sit on the NP until the end of the 16/17 municipal year. Members noted that they had been advised in advance that Liz Kew would be the nomination for 13/14.
- That the Business/Traders organisations be invited to nominate a representative to sit on the NP until the end of the 16/17

municipal year. Members noted that they had been advised in advance that Simon Baines would be the nomination for 13/14.

It was agreed that Andrew McGrath/Fi Hance would write to the respective appointees not present at the meeting to confirm if they were willing to accept their role as member of the Partnership.

ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH/FI HANCE

AGREED - That;

- (1) Nick Clark be appointed chair of the NP for the 13/14 municipal year; and**
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Watch be invited to nominate a representative to sit on the NP until the end of the 16/17 municipal year; and**
- (3) That the Business/Traders organisations be invited to nominate a representative to sit on the NP until the end of the 16/17 municipal year.**

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) That Councillor Harrison be elected (in absence) NC Chair and NP Vice Chair for the 13/14 municipal year, with Councillor Negus acting as substitute for the current meeting.**

4. MINUTES - BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP – 25TH MARCH 2013

The minutes from the meeting on 25th March 2013 were agreed to be a correct record, although Councillor Townsend commented that she had requested that road signs designed by children needed to be easily decipherable.

The following matters arising were discussed;

- Councillor Hance confirmed that the issue regarding the preservation of the ancient trees on Redland Green was still being pursued with officers.
- The Sustainable Transport applications that had been submitted by Sustainable Redland and Sustainable Bishopston, and supported by Bishopston, Cotham and Redland NP (BCR NP) had both been successful.
- Officers were looking into the concerns raised about the quality of the resurfacing works at Trewlawney Road and a response would be provided prior to the next NP meeting.

ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH

- The Highways Sub-Group would be reconstituted later in the municipal year.
- The suggestion to provide more mandatory cycle lanes was being considered by officers.
- All other outstanding actions had been completed and full details could be found on the updated action sheet at the following link;

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AGREED - That the minutes from the meeting on 25th March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Clive Stevens declared that he lived in Redland, which was the subject of a planned Residents' Parking Scheme.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

The NP received a number of public forum statements.

In response to the statements regarding plans for Redland Green, officers confirmed that the recent consultation had revealed four local priorities, one of which was refurbishment of the play area. A detailed proposal for the scheme would be circulated by Mark Owen.

ACTION: MARK OWEN

It was agreed that Clive Stevens would send a letter of complaint to the Highways department in response to the public forum statement concerning the building works and removal of trees near the Church of the Good Shepherd.

ACTION: CLIVE STEVENS

Members went on to discuss the Residents' Parking Schemes (RPS) that were planned for the BCR NP area, inviting comments from those in the public gallery. The discussion could be summarised as follows;

- The plans to fast track the roll out of RPSs across the city had proved highly controversial, with very strong views being held across the spectrum.
- It was appropriate for residents to decide whether or not their neighbourhood should have a RPS and schemes should not be mandatory where they were not wanted.
- The displacement issues created when RPSs were introduced in a piecemeal fashion were extremely problematic for some residents.

- It was not appropriate to decide on RPS boundaries on a ward by ward basis and areas such as Redland ward should be split.
- Whilst the Mayor had agreed to consult residents more extensively than he had originally intended, he was unlikely to make material changes to his original proposal. Residents in areas that desperately wanted RPSs would be disappointed if there were further holdups due to lengthy consultation.
- Many suggestions had been made about ways to amend the RPSs to find a compromise between the needs of various stakeholders, although there appeared to be some reluctance to consider alternative models.
- It was agreed that Andrew McGrath would amend the draft public forum statement that would be submitted to the Cabinet detailing BCR NP's views about the RPS proposals – *see agenda item no.8*
ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH

The NP went on to consider the statement from Clive Stevens regarding the City Council's policy in relation to over filled refuse bins and agreed that no further action need be taken.

7. BCR NP GLOUCESTER ROAD STREET SCENE

The update report was noted. Members were concerned that the situation regarding public liability insurance remained unresolved and discussed the adverse impact that was having on recruitment of volunteers. It was agreed that Liz Kew and Alison Bromilow would write to Di Robinson, Service Director – Neighbourhoods and Communities to raise the issue once more.

ACTION: LIZ KEW/ALISON BROMILOW

Members expressed thanks to Liz Kew for her ongoing support of the Gloucester Road Street Scene group.

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Members received a tabled document detailing the draft statement to Cabinet from the outgoing Chair on behalf of BCR NP regarding concerns about the proposed RPSs. A copy of the statement can be found on Bristol City Council's website at the following link;

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It was agreed that Andrew McGrath would amend the statement following the discussion at agenda item no. 6 and circulate the draft to the NP for their approval.

All the other information within the Highways report was noted.

AGREED - That the report be noted, and that a statement from the NP regarding members' views about RPSs be revised in accordance with the discussion at agenda item no.6 and submitted to the Cabinet for consideration at their meeting on 27th June 2013.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE WELLBEING FUND

As the Wellbeing report contained spending decisions that could only be made by the Neighbourhood Committee, Councillor Negus took the Chair for this item.

Members received a copy of a tabled document providing details of an application for funding that had been submitted on time, but not included in the main report due to an administrative error. A copy of the document can be found on Bristol City Council's website at the following link;

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The Committee accepted that they were unable to make a decision on the matter of the funding application from Avon & Somerset Constabulary for CCTV on Cotham Hill because the application had not been published within the statutory timescale. It was therefore agreed that an extraordinary meeting of the NC would be arranged to take place as soon as possible. The Area Co-ordinator confirmed that he had asked Inspector Rundle to provide additional details in relation to the costings for the proposal.

The Committee went on to consider each of the Wellbeing applications in turn, asking for additional information as appropriate. The discussion could be summarised as follows;

- Bristol Kitchen Radio – Members confirmed that the recordings that would be produced as part of the project are/would be available via the M Shed's website.
- Gloucester Road Traders' Association – Concerns were raised about some aspects of the proposal and Members agreed that it would not be appropriate to release the full amount of £10K until additional details had been provided. It was confirmed that £2.5K would be approved and that a further application for the remaining £7.5K be provided for consideration at the meeting on 14th October 2013, or at the NC's extraordinary meeting (the date of which was to be confirmed).

ACTION: JENNY HOADLEY/ANDREW MCGRATH

- Redland Green Community Chorus – Members discussed the suitability of using Wellbeing funding to pay local schools for use of their facilities. There were mixed views about whether it was appropriate, but the majority of Members accepted that Academy schools operated as a business and needed to remain financially viable.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that:-

(1) The following organisations be funded (total cost £17,600);

(a) BCR Neighbourhood Partnership Streetscene Group £3,300

Moved by Councillor Negus and seconded by Councillor Townsend, with unanimous support.

(b) Bristol Interfaith Group £1,450 (on condition of approval from the two schools involved)

Moved by Councillor Hance and seconded by Councillor Townsend. 3 Members in favour and 1 abstention.

(c) Bristol Kitchen Radio £900

Moved by Councillor Radice and seconded by Councillor Hance, with unanimous support.

(d) Gloucester Road Traders' Association £2,500 - as an interim measure with the remaining £7,500 sought being considered as a separate application.

Moved by Councillor Negus and seconded by Councillor Hance, with unanimous support.

(e) Henleaze, Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop NP – Working Group for Older People £200

Moved by Councillor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Radice, with unanimous support.

(f) Life Cycle UK £500

Moved by Councillor Radice and seconded by Councillor Townsend, with unanimous support.

(g) Redland Green Community Chorus £1,250

Moved by Councillor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Hance, with 2 Members in favour and 2 abstentions.

- (2) **That Friends of St. Andrew's Park not receive Wellbeing funding because of the availability of ex S106 money (see further details at agenda item no. 10).**

Moved by Councillor Hance and seconded by Councillor Negus with unanimous support.

- (3) **That £500 be allocated from the Clean and Green Budget to the Partnership Streetscene Group to be used for Community Payback sessions as required during the current financial year, as directed by the BCR Streetscene Group;**

Moved by Councillor Negus and seconded by Councillor Hance, with unanimous support.

- (4) **That S106 money be granted to Friends of St Andrews Park to cover the renovation of the wildlife pond.**

Moved by Councillor Negus, and seconded by Councillor Hance, with unanimous support.

- (5) **That a meeting of BCR NC be arranged to take place as soon as possible to consider the application from Avon & Somerset Constabulary for funding for CCTV on Cotham Hill.**

10. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Partnership received a report of the Area Co-ordinator. The salient points that arose during the ensuing discussion could be summarised as follows;

- Members noted that the Parks Officer would be looking into the options for the playground on Horfield Common and would report back at the earliest opportunity, although the playground was likely to remain in its current location.

ACTION: MARK OWEN

- The NP were advised that feedback on the outcome of Wellbeing funding allocations could be provided by the Area Co-ordinator upon request.
- Members noted that the recent Neighbourhood Festival had been very successful and the organisers were thanked for their efforts. Councillor Radice confirmed that she intended to conduct further

work with the speaker, Lesley Welsh, who had provided a talk about violence against women and girls.

- It was agreed that the plan in relation to Horfield Common playground outlined in the report be approved.
- Members supported the recommendation that officers be asked to identify a way to establish closer working relationships between the local Parks Groups. It was noted that plans were in place to establish a new 'Friends of Muller Road Open Space' Parks Group. The matter would be discussed further at the NP's next informal meeting.

ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH

- It was agreed that a summary of the responsibilities of the Parks Officers and Area Environment Officers would be provided to the NP for information purposes.

ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH

The NC, chaired by Councillor Negus, went on to consider the recommendation that £3,260 be released from the Parks Stimulus Fund for the pond renovation works at St Andrew's Park and the proposal was unanimously approved.

AGREED –

- (1) That the updates be noted; and**
- (2) That officers be asked to provide further clarification regarding the plans for the playground on Horfield Common as soon as possible; and**
- (3) That officers be asked to establish a way to bring the local parks groups closer together.**

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) That the remaining £3,260 be released from the Parks Stimulus Fund for the pond work in St. Andrew's Park (as per the Wellbeing application). Moved by Councillor Hance and seconded by Councillor Negus, with unanimous support.**

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGM

The Partnership considered a report of the Democratic Services Officer (agenda item no. 11) setting out the annual procedural matters. The NP agreed to accept each of the recommendations, but made the following comments during the discussion;

- The reference to 'Street Champions Group' was incorrect and should be replaced with 'Street Scene Group.'
- Inspector Rundle (not Rendle as suggested in the report) should be invited to send a substitute to future meetings if he was unable to attend.

ACTION: ANDREW MCGRATH

AGREED

- (1) that the Neighbourhood Partnership membership be confirmed;**
- (2) that the Neighbourhood Committee and Neighbourhood Partnership terms of reference and the Neighbourhood Committee financial operating framework be confirmed;**
- (3) that the devolved powers and influence on services be noted;**
- (4) that the devolved budgets be noted;**
- (5) that the meeting schedule including sub-groups and forums be agreed; and**
- (6) that the dates for updating the Neighbourhood Partnership action plan and communications plan be noted.**

12. NP BUSINESS REPORT

The Partnership received a report from the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 12) setting out the NP business report.

AGREED –

- (1) that the financial summaries on devolved budgets for 2012/13 be noted; and**
- (2) that any underspend carried forward to 2013/14 be noted.**

13. PLANNING UPDATE

The Partnership received a report (agenda item no. 13) giving a planning update.

AGREED - that the report be noted.

14. NP REVIEW REPORT

The Partnership received a report from the Service Manager, Neighbourhood Partnerships and Neighbourhood Working (agenda item no. 14) setting out the NP review report.

AGREED – that the report, including Mayor Ferguson’s statement about the future of NPs, be noted.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of BCR NP would take place on Monday 14th October 2013 at a venue to be agreed and that prior to that an extraordinary meeting of BCR NC would take place (as per discussion at agenda item no. 9).

(The meeting ended at 9.45pm)

CHAIR