



**BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
7.00 P.M. ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2014
AT CHARNWOOD HOUSE, COTHAM SIXTH FORM CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Ward Councillors

Councillors Radice and Willingham (Bishopston Ward)

Councillors Harrison (Cotham Ward) (In the Chair for the Neighbourhood Committee items) and Negus

Councillors Hance and Townsend (Redland Ward)

Members of the Partnership

Simon Baines, Business Representative

Alison Bromilow, Redland and Cotham Amenities Society

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

Jenny Hoadley, The Bishopston Society

Martin Fodor, Sustainable Bishopston

Roger Gimson, Sustainable Redland

Liz Kew, Local Resident

Inspector Keith Rundle, Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Lesley Welch, Equalities Adviser

Bristol City Council Officers

Andrew McGrath, Area Co-ordinator

Hayley Ash, Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator

Jeremy Livitt, Democratic Services Section

Other Attendees who signed the Attendance List (organisation represented where indicated)

Helen Lease

Vassili Papastavrou

Clive Stevens

John Tarleton

Paul Townsend

Gay Johns

Apologies for Absence

None

30. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
(Agenda Item 1)

Nick Clark (NP Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that all members of the NP introduce themselves.

Upon being put to the vote of Neighbourhood Committee members, it was:

RESOLVED: (unanimously) that Roger Gimson (Sustainable Redland) and Martin Fodor (Sustainable Bishopston) be approved as additional members of the Bishopston Cotham Redland Neighbourhood Partnership.

31. MINUTES - BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP (INCLUDING NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE) – 14TH OCTOBER 2013 (Agenda Item (2A))

AGREED - that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:

- (1) Lesley Welch to be identified as Equalities Representative, not Equalities Adviser in the Membership List;**
- (2) The word “for” in Minute 21 Paragraph (g) to be altered to read “by”.**

ACTION: Jeremy Livitt

32. MINUTES - BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE – 12TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Agenda Item 2(B))

AGREED - that the minutes from the meeting on 12th November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment:

- (1) Minute Number 4 – Bullet Point 3 – “round about” to be altered to read “roundabout”**

ACTION: Jeremy Livitt

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda Item 3)

The following Declaration of Interest was noted:

Simon Baines (Business Representative.) – David Jenkins (Public Forum Statement Number 4) provided flowers to the Oxford Street Party which had been organised by his employers.

34 PUBLIC FORUM

(Agenda Item 4)

The following Public Forum Statements were made:

Statements 1 and 2 – Tree Stump Replacement – Managing Street Trees Sustainability (Statement 1 - Vassili Papastravou and Statement 2 – Clive Stevens)

In conjunction with this statement, the partnership considered a report from Clive Stevens (BCR Tree Sub-Group) noting that the Council could not maintain funding for the Tree Replacement Programme and that funding was being diverted to the PiPS (Planting in Primary Schools) Tree Education Programme. This report put forward a number of options for stump replacement.

During discussion of this item, the following points were made by NP Members and those individuals making Public Forum Statements:

- (1) The Partnership needed to make trees a key asset within the area and to prioritise replacing them and maintaining them;
- (2) Within the last 3 years, it was noted that approximately 40 trees had been removed within the BCR area – some Councillors indicated that they had not been kept advised of tree felling within their area. It was agreed that local Councillors and the local community needed to be kept informed of these issues;
- (3) The work of the Tree Forum in maintaining a “green” city was supported.

The Partnership was reminded that, since the funding for street trees had previously been approved as a Neighbourhood Committee decision at a meeting on 21st January 2013, any resolution at today’s meeting to re-allocate funds would only need to be a Neighbourhood Partnership decision.

Upon being put to the vote, it was moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Harrison and **RESOLVED (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Partnership that:**

- (1) £6,200 be reallocated approximately 50:50 to replace 9 stumps directly and allow grants applications up to £3,080 from community groups/traders for 14 trees'**
- (2) That the Partnership expresses a preference for retail areas due to the benefit on the local economy;**
- (3) That the Partnership writes to the Mayor concerning the weakness of his current funding approach;**
- (4) That the Partnership expresses support for a future application in April 2014.**

ACTION:

(1), (2) and (4) - Andrew McGrath/Hayley Ash

(3) Jeremy Livitt (to prepare a draft text for submission to the Mayor – final version agreed by Nick Clark)

Statement 3 – Purchase of Laptops and Printer for Learning Partnership West – Clive Stevens

The above statement was noted.

Statement 4 – Obstruction to Pedestrians caused by A Boards and Commercial Refuse Bins – David Jenkins

The following points were made during a discussion on the above issue:

- (1) A more flexible approach was required by the Neighbourhood Partnership to address the problems caused by plant displays on Cotham Hill being treated as an obstruction on the pavement in the same way as “A” Boards and commercial refuse bins;
- (2) There were other areas of the BCR area where there was a problem ie Cranbrook Road;
- (3) Any de-cluttering policy needed to be enforceable as part of a wider strategy;
- (4) One possible option would be to establish either a specific Cotham Hill or a wider BCR Area Working Group to examine all the key issues ie the need for consistent rules, the possibility of establishing a clear figure for a distance between the pavement edge and any “clutter” to be allowed on the pavement ie at the moment 1.8 metres for “A” Boards, possible exemptions (ie buggies, flowers etc.);
- (5) It was noted that local arrangements would be appropriate in certain parts of the BCR area where special circumstances applied;

- (6) Limiting access to cares in Cotham Hill could also bring benefits in increased footfall and purchases – it could be appropriate to consult Cotham Hill Traders on this suggestion;
- (7) Highways officers had not been properly consulted when certain utility boxes had been installed in certain areas of the BCR area – officers indicated that they would ensure this took place in future.

Councillor Harrison moved, seconded by Councillor Hance and, upon being put to the vote, it was:

RESOLVED: by the Neighbourhood Partnership (12 For, 0 against, 3 Abstentions – Councillor Negus, Liz Kew and Inspector Rundle) that for the entire length of Cotham Hill, the requirement for a clear figure setting out the minimum distance between the pavement edge and “pavement clutter is set at 1.2 Metres rather than 1.8 Metres as at present.

35 AREA CO-ORDINATOR’S REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Partnership received a report of the Area Co-ordinator and discussed the following issues:

Residential Parking Schemes (arising out of Item 1 - Minutes of Cotham Neighbourhood Forum on Thursday 5th December 2013 and Redland Neighbourhood Forum on Tuesday 3rd December 2013)

It was noted that certain residents as well as the Neighbourhood Partnership itself had not been kept informed of progress on these schemes. Following concerns expressed by a number of Neighbourhood Partnership members, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Chair writes to the Mayor on behalf of the Partnership to:

- (i) **express their concern in the strongest possible terms its deep unease about the considerable delay in the timetable for the consultation process**
- (ii) **the inability to obtain information on current progress with arrangements and**
- (iii) **to request as soon as possible concrete details of progress on the scheme as well as a timetable for it.**

ACTION: Nick Clark to send an e-mail to the Mayor, copying in Di Robinson and Peter Mann (Jeremy Livitt to co-ordinate).

Item 2 – Future Meeting Dates

Members of the Partnership expressed their concern that no venues had yet been fixed for 24th March 2014 and 25th June 2014 Neighbourhood Partnership meetings.

ACTION: that Andrew McGrath finalise arrangements for venues for these dates as soon as possible.

Item 3 – Neighbourhood Partnership Review (NPR) Update

It was noted that progress on the review would need to wait for the Boundary Commission review to be completed.

Item 4 – Devolved Services Update

Councillor Willingham raised the issue of Neighbourhood Partnership of delays in collection and lack of consultation of Section 106, in respect of non-devolved Section 106 contributions to major (ie non-devolved) Planning Applications. He referred to the following recent Planning Applications as examples:

- (1) Planning Application 12/01237/F – Gloucestershire County Cricket Club
- (2) Planning Application 12/02090/F – Memorial Stadium, Filton Avenue

It was moved by Councillor Willingham, seconded by Councillor Radice and upon being put to the vote it was **RESOLVED: (unanimously) that the Bishopston Cotham Redland (BCR) Neighbourhood Partnership requests to the officer responsible for Section 106 Payments (Planning Obligations Manager) and the Chair of the Development Control (North) Committee that it is properly consulted on all future Section 106 contributions to major (ie non-devolved) Planning Applications within the BCR NP area in future.**

ACTION: Jeremy Livitt – to draft and then send an e-mail to people identified above + cc to Service Director (Sustainable Development).

Highways Sub-Group

ACTION: Andrew McGrath to advise Councillor Harrison of the latest situation as soon as possible.

Festival Update

It was noted that Clive Stevens would be raising the issue of Trees as an item for discussion at the superforum.

Upon being put to the vote for members of the Neighbourhood Committee, it was moved by Councillor Townsend, seconded by Councillor Harrison and:

RESOLVED: (unanimously) that the Neighbourhood Committee agrees to the allocation of £488 of Well Being funding to the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator to achieve the Neighbourhood Working Priorities.

ACTION: Hayley Ash/Andrew McGrath

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the updates from the last round of Forums be noted;**
- (2) That the latest meeting schedule be updated;**
- (3) That the latest update on the Neighbourhood Partnership be noted;**
- (4) That the update on the Neighbourhood Partnership's devolved budgets and services be noted;**
- (5) That the latest Well Being figures be noted;**
- (6) That the update on the BCR Community Festival be noted;**
- (7) That the brief updates regarding playground developments be noted.**

ACTION: Not Applicable

36 STREET SCENE UPDATE (Agenda Item 6)

The report was introduced by Liz Kew. It was noted that the initials "NW" in Paragraph 4.2 referred to Neighbourhood Watch.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

37 EQUALITIES BRIEFING (Agenda Item 7)

The report was introduced by Lesley Welch who circulated a draft Statement of Commitment which had been drawn up in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

It was noted that the commitment to varying timings of meetings to suit parents/carers might prove difficult since many venues were being used for other community meetings and were unavailable during the day.

Upon being put to the vote for members of the Neighbourhood Partnership, it was moved by Nick Clark, seconded by Liz Kew and **RESOLVED – that the following Statement of Commitment be approved:**

“ Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership is committed to complying with the Bristol City Council Equalities Policy and, therefore, working for the benefit of and opposing discrimination against all and any members of our communities. We work to integrate the consideration of equalities into all of our activities by upgrading our understanding of the needs, rights and interests of all in our communities and by developing a Neighbourhood Partnership Improvement Action Plan”.

ACTION: Lesley Welch

38 NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING (Agenda Item 8)

This report was introduced by Hayley Ash and a further update report tabled (as a spread sheet) setting out new priorities, as well as progress on existing priorities.

During discussion on key individual priorities, the following points were made:

- (1) 1.2 – This service had been sold to Viridor who had maintained the service for bagged collections but which was dearer than the normal service. This continued to be a problem for some traders;
- (2) 2.4 – There were no clear guidelines. Work would take place with Bristol City Council for it to be adopted;
- (3) 2.6 and 2.7 – Both of these were new. It was noted that a different A Board regime operated at weekends ***ACTION: Hayley Ash to pursue with Planning Officers prior to enforcement;***
- (4) 3.3 – Sergeant Sean Underwood had been speaking to drivers and cyclists at junctions and cycle lanes on Gloucester Road. However, many of the double yellow lines were proving unenforceable. It was acknowledged that good work had been carried out by the Police. However, the Parking Officer figures needed to be added to the Police figures to fully assess the numbers of cyclists at risk, although cycle tracks were advisory. It was noted that these issues would be referred to the Maintenance Team for further action;
- (5) 3.7 and 3.8 – these were new priorities;
- (6) 4.1 – Officers had been discussing this issue with Jody Savickas as part of a wider environment project in the area. A meeting would shortly take place concerning a Walking Strategy for the centre – it was hoped that a similar strategy could be developed in the BCR Area;
- (7) 4.3 – There had been a delay of approximately one year concerning implementation of the No Pavement Parking regulations arising out of the Walking Strategy ***ACTION: Hayley Ash to write to Alistair Cox reminding him of the existing commitment in this area;***

- (8) 5.1 – This issue remained unresolved. Whilst officers within the Parks Section had sufficient funding for fencing to address problems of Anti-Social Behaviour, they were constrained by limits to the impact of tree roots;
- (9) 6.3 and 6.4 – These were new priorities. The work carried out by Neighbourhood Officers demonstrated how, when requested, they could add key support to existing work in this area (ie talking to students about litter and noise). However, it was noted that staff were already in place to carry out all work outlined in 6.3 to 7.2;
- (10) 6.5 – The Web Address for this item was set out;
- (11) 8.1 – An extra sentence had been added to the Action Plan;
- (12) 10 – The Funding Strategy would examine what is required;
- (13) 11 – A request for a street scene event had been submitted.

RESOLVED – that the report and update report on priorities be noted and actions taken as indicated in paragraphs (3) and (7) above.

39 NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES (Agenda Item 9)

Andrew McGrath introduced this information report which set out the wider achievements of the BCR NP against its priorities.

It was noted that the penultimate bullet point on Page 55 should read “The Zebra crossing on Kings Drive was part paid by the NP, after many years of campaigning by local people”.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 10)

- (1) Well Being Funding – In response to a question, it was confirmed that the deadline for the next round of Well Being Fund applications was 2nd May 2014 – an up to date application was currently available on the BCR NP website;
- (2) Garden Share Scheme – details of the existing scheme were drawn to the attention of the BCR NP

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Bishopston Cotham Redland Neighbourhood Partnership was scheduled for **7.00 p.m. on Monday 24th March 2014 at a venue to be confirmed.**

The meeting ended at 9.35pm

CHAIR