



**BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE
4.00 P.M. ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2013
AT CITY HALL, COLLEGE GREEN, BRISTOL**

PRESENT:

Ward Councillors

Councillors Radice(left at 4.30pm) and Willingham (Bishopston Ward)
Councillors Harrison and Negus (Cotham Ward)
Councillors Hance and Townsend (Redland Ward)

Members of the Partnership

Nick Clark, Local Resident
Jenny Hoadley, The Bishopston Society
Liz Kew, Local Resident
Hamish Wills, Sustainable Redland

Bristol City Council Officers

Andrew McGrath, Area Co-ordinator
Mark Sperduty, Area Manager, Highways and Traffic, Transport Service
Karen Blong, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

None.

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

Clr Harrison, Chair of the Neighbourhood Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None

4. LOCAL TRAFFIC SCHEMES - FUNDING ALLOCATION - (Agenda item 3)

The Partnership received a report of the Service Director, Transport Services relating to the local traffic schemes funding re-allocation.

Mark Sperduty (MS) Area Manager, Highways and Traffic, Transport Service introduced the report and the following was noted as part of the discussion;

Colharbour Road Zebra crossing

- LED halos would improve the visibility (day and night) and increase safety at Coldharbour Road by the junction with Bayswater Avenue. £4,500 was the estimated cost for the work.
- It was suggested that Halos were expensive due to their specialist nature; only a limited number of companies would produce them.
- Cllr Hance noted the huge increase in the number of drivers who were not stopped at zebra crossing along Coldharbour Road. Local Councillors had visited the school and residents were very concerned. The Police Inspector had suggested that moving the zebra crossing would not alleviate the problem but increasing visibility of the current crossing could assist. It would be important to listen and response to the concerns of the residents and parents of children attending the school; local demand for change had been demonstrated.
- MS confirmed that anti-skid re-surfacing work and a replacement of existing worn signs and lines would take place from the maintenance budget. Additional signs could be considered but their effectiveness was questionable. As a busy road, it would not be suitable to introduce a raised platform form with the zebra crossing on Coldharbour Lane.
- The Committee discussed the need for a lolly pop lady at the crossing and noted that funding was available but recruitment was a challenge.

Liz Kew, local resident, suggested that the need for a lolly pop lady should be advertised at the Neighbourhood Forums in and around the Ward.

- The Committee debated the impact that advanced warnings signs could have – some parts of Coldharbour lane were difficult to navigate. MS suggested the forthcoming 20mph restrictions would impact the speed vehicles travelled in the area.
- The Committee agreed that that £4,500 would be allocated to fund improvements to the Coldharbour Road zebra crossing. The Committee supported the introduction on LED Halos.
- The Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym local traffic schemes sub-group had agreed to recommend that the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting resolve (2nd December 2010) that £2,250 be refunded to the Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership for the scheme.

Councillor Harrison moved, seconded by Cllr Townsend

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:-

That the allocation of £4,500 to fund improvements to the Coldharbour Road zebra crossing, be agreed, with £2,250 being refunded by the Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym Neighbourhood Partnership;

The Committee considered the other report recommendations and the following was noted;

- The remaining money from the 2012/13 budget had been allocated and spent. No deadline had been given for allocating the budget in 2013/14.
- Cllr Negus suggested that the information tables were confusing. A written explanation of the information contained in the tables was found in the body of the report.
- Cllr Townsend highlighted resident concerns about the mini round about on Bishop Road. MS referred to the possible expansion of Bishop Road School. It would be wise to delay any decision on

addressing the issue until the expansion plans were known. The Committee agreed to consider the issue at a later date.

- Residents had assumed that funding for Effington Road footway had been allocated. The road was dangerous and residents were keen for the issue to be addressed.
- The Chair asked the Committee to note that the funding requested for the Effington Road Scheme and the Chapel Green Lane junction with Lower Redland Road scheme would be for design and consultation work. Further funding would be required to implement schemes. It would be unlikely that either scheme could be delivered in this financial year and it would therefore be probable that the money could be allocated from the 2014/15 budget.
- The Committee agreed to allocate £10,000 to previously identified schemes on Effingham Road and at the junction of Lower Redland Road and Chapel Green Lane.
- Cllrs Harrison and Hance and the Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership would meet as the highways sub-group. The Area co-ordinator would arrange a first meeting and recommendations would be presented to the NP meeting in March 2014. Any issues of public concerns would be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Form process.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the current spends against the Local Traffic Schemes Budget be noted;**
- (2) That the underspend in the Lower Redland Road/Elgin Park project into the Local Traffic Schemes Budget reallocation be agreed;**
- (3) That the allocation of £10,000 to previously identified schemes on Effingham Road and at the junction of Lower Redland Road and Chapel Green Lane be agreed.**

Moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Hance, 5 Members in favour.

Cllr Radice was not present for the vote.

5. WELL BEING GRANT FUND APPLICATION – URGENT ITEM

Following agreement from Cllr Harrison, Chair of Neighbourhood Committee, an urgent report considering recommendations from the Grants Subgroup was presented.

Jenny Hoadley, The Bishopston Society introduced the report. The Grants Subgroup recommended a full discussion on the application about how best to spend the money in light of the inevitable further cuts to local services in 2014-15.

Liz Kew, Local Resident expressed concerns that money would be allocated to 'volunteer expenses'. No other expenses were paid to volunteers and allowing them as part of this application could set a precedent.

The Committee agreed to support the application but requested that it be clearly expressed that expenses paid to volunteers would be for out of pocket purchases only. This would not include petrol or travel.

Cllr Willingham stated he had not received the report and did participate in the vote.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:-

That the Community and Engagement Group Application for £756 be awarded from the Well Being Grant Fund.

Moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Negus, Members in favour, 1 Member abstention.

Cllr Radice not present for the vote.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership will take place at 7.00 pm on Monday 20th January 2014.

The meeting ended at 4.55 pm.

CHAIR