



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 23rd March 2015

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RECOMMENDATIONS. The NP is asked:

1. To note the updates from the last round of forums
2. To note the latest meeting schedule and advise the AC in its updating
3. To note the latest update regarding the Libraries review and to discuss if it wishes to take any action regarding the cabinet proposals of 3rd March relating to the potential closure of Redland Library
4. To note the update regarding the recent city wide NP review meeting
5. To note the latest Devolved Service updates
6. To note the Highways statement relating to budgets and the Cabinet decision to ‘un-devolve’ carriageway resurfacing budgets
7. To note the tree report and to discuss and agree the requests in this report

1. Forum Updates

Cotham Neighbourhood Forum Monday 16th February 2015

Councillors: Anthony Negus (Chair), Neil Harrison

NP reps: Alison Bromilow, Liz Kew, Roger Gimson

Officers: Matt Jones, Andrew McGrath

Police: unable to attend

20 residents

Updates and news:

Planning. Victoria House on Redland Hill. Application is pending. Roslyn Rd/Alexandra Park – conversion to two HMOs. This will go to committee. There have been lots of objections so far from residents.

Speedwatch. About to launch in the area. Training sessions this week. There is a concern that cyclists make pedestrians feel vulnerable. They need to use their bells. And their lights. Are cyclists insured under their household insurance? No.

RPS. Still trying to get meetings with officers regarding the 6 month and 2 year reviews.

Neil has been working on the road issues relating to the school development of the Colstons annexe.

Constitution. Roger Gimson gave a description of the work undertaken by the NP to update its constitution. This has been a difficult task and is nearing completion. The constitution sets out the way the NP performs its work, what its constraints are etc. The NP is hoping to sign it off at the next NP meeting. Residents were asked if they had any views. If they do, they can submit comments by Friday 27th February.

Attendees were also asked to partake in two exercises: the **Forum review** and a review of the NP's draft priorities for the **NP Plan**. This was a successful and useful exercise. The results will be ready for the NP meeting on 23rd March.

Waste services in the Cotham area. Anthony introduced this session and after a preamble, asked residents to direct their questions at the waste officers from BCC in attendance.

Questions/comments: There is a feeling we don't enforce as much as we ought to. Many traders and private households seem to get away with neglecting their responsibilities regarding removal of bins, securing them, taking them in after collections etc. Trudy Feney (BCC Waste Officer): we are looking at producing a leaflet to educate people. Unfortunately, the government doesn't want all recycling in one bin as is done on the continent. If one 'wrong' piece of waste is in a bin, it often isn't emptied at all.

Q/C. Leaflets to students are a waste of time. They discard them along with every other leaflet they get through their doors. There needs to be a more robust education of requirements. Trudy. After 5 years of working with the universities, we have now changed. The universities are now taking responsibility for ensuring the behaviour of students regarding things such as rubbish. We do the Moving In/Moving Out Campaign each October and June. This is promoted on www.lovewhereyoulivebristol.co.uk

Q/C. It's usually only a few students who cause all the trouble. Can't the bin men just do it where there's a problem, such as put something through the letterbox? Trudy: The bin men are already working at capacity. Tell us and we'll do something. Anthony: regular offenders should have action taken against them. No law that states we can fine for poor recycling. It's difficult. We have to try

education.

Q/C. The problem is students only stay a short time. What about the ambassadors? They are not yet all in place but they can be contacted via the website above.

Q/I. We must be falling back on recycling rates? Yes, we are. Enforcement may be the answer eventually. There is a vegetable growing competition for students to try and persuade them to take more pride in their accommodation. This may help. Anthony. There is no evidence of any enforcement. Waste officer: we need photos. We need proof of who is acting illegally.

Q/C. There are techniques that work; Enforcement is one tool. Letting agencies are important. Let them know which of their tenants are causing problems. Some will speak to students. Let the Universities know. We also netted every recycling box that didn't have one.

Neil: Enforcement is clearly a problem. When we targeted Arley Hill, many were sent letters warning them of their failure to act properly. But we didn't follow-up with any fines. We need a system for identifying problem houses. After a couple of weeks, problem houses should be followed up and have action against them. But they never are.

Trudy. One problem, that we are now trying to resolve, is the agencies (BCC, May Gurney) not telling each other what is going on. We have started having monthly meetings. But we have to be clear – there is a serious staffing problem.

Q/C. On the continent they have communal collection points. Could we have this here? Trudy: we do this in parts of the city but they attract fly-tippers.

G/C. We have very little over commercial waste as these are all private arrangements.

Q/C. Use the report site on the BCC website. It works. One example is when a report was submitted and the problem was cleared within 24 hours

Q/C. Try emailing the private landlord team at BCC. It takes time but they do act eventually

Q/C. What about bin men spilling litter when emptying bins? You need to let us know. They often don't pick up spilt litter as they are working so fast. Anthony: They have a duty to keep the streets clean. Trudy: Yes, but not litter. Contractors should clear leaves in the Autumn.

Bishopston Neighbourhood Forum 11th February 2014

Councillors: Daniella Radice, Tim Malnick

Chair: Rob Stroud

NP Reps: Liz Kew, Roger Gimson

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Matt Jones

Police: PCSO David Said, PC Derek Black

20 residents

Updates:

The **Window Wonderland** event was praised as a huge success. Ever one who attended said it was fantastic.

Station Lane is regularly flooded. As this part of the school run for Fairfield pupils it needs sorting. BCC is trying to sort it but it is complicated.

Residents were reminded of the need to **register online to vote**.

Planning. It looks as though Sainsbury's and Bristol Rovers will go to court over the purchase issue of the Memorial Ground.

The floodlight decision at Glos County Cricket Club has been deferred. If passed, the floodlight pylons will be 45 metres tall. Councillors have not taken objection as it is clear that residents, whilst possibly against the floodlights, have positive feelings about the club being in the area. Councillors have asked the planners to work with the club to reduce the impact of the lights as much as possible

There is a 4 house development on Seymour Road planned.

Planning submission for the new Lidl yet to happen. Councillors have heard from local people and the consensus is that most would like Lidl's to be built.

Wetherspoons is yet to appear on planning website.

The Library on the Gloucester Road is due for completion soon.

Daniella explained her new **cabinet** role as head of Neighbourhoods. This includes public health, Environmental services, Licensing, and Neighbourhood Partnerships. Boundary Review. The consultation finishes soon. The NP is making a submission, not about specific boundaries but about principles such as not cutting across roads (Gloucester Road), and perhaps having the boundaries running along people's back gardens rather than down the middle of roads; and the need for wards to include natural coherent areas.

Police update. Derek Black informed the meeting that there have been many shed breaks recently, mostly targeting bikes. 4 arrests recently seem to have stopped this spate. Tim mentioned that he'd had bikes stolen from his shed. Derek advised more marking of bikes. It really works. We have many, many bikes that we don't have owners for.

Licensing locally includes the new bagel bar – going for a liquor licence.

The team is moving to Southmead and will no longer be beat specific.

Constitution. Roger Gimson described how the constitution describes how the NP does its work. Various documents have made the picture confusing. The constitution should clarify all this. Residents were urged to check it out and make comments, by 27th February. It can be viewed, and comments left at

www.bcrnp.org.uk

On 21st February there is a drop in session regarding the new playground at Muller House (Ashley Down Green)

Redland Neighbourhood Forum

Thursday 17th February 2015

Councillors: Fi Hance

NP Reps: Nick Clark (Chair), Alison Bromilow, Liz Kew, Roger Gimson

Officers: Matt Jones, Andrew McGrath

Police: PC Derek Black

35 residents

Apologies: Martin Fodor

Updates:

Fi: **RPS** consultation now over. Opinions seem split on its success. Elton Road and Redland Road now want to be included in the scheme.

Boundary Review. The ward may well change. The draft suggests the need this. St Andrews Park may well be out of the ward and Redland Station in. The political parties have submitted their thoughts. The consultation period is now over. Final recommendations will be published in May 2015.

Redland Green Playground is now nearly finished. Just a small piece of work to do.

Police update. There are changes taking place in the team. Not sure who will come in. As of 30th March, the Neighbourhood Police team is being aligned with the response team and moving to Southmead station.

There has been a spate of shed breaks, targeting bikes. This seems to have stopped now that 4 arrests have recently been made.

Relax cafe has now closed and is becoming a bagel bar, with a liquor licence. In most other crime areas, crime is significantly down.

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Residents were asked if they had any views. If they do, they can submit comments by Friday 27th February.

At this point attendees were asked to take part in two interactive: the **Forum review** and a review of the NP's draft priorities for the **NP Plan**. Many comments and suggestions were made. The results will be ready for the NP meeting on 23rd March.

There followed a discussion on priorities for the area. Many agreed that youth activities are of great importance. We need to get the schools involved in the work of the NP. Some work has been done before but it is difficult to sustain. The relationship with RGS isn't what it was due to the staff rep no longer attending meetings. It was a useful relationship and benefited the school and the NP. The Parks Maintenance contract will come back to the NP soon. We will be able to influence its work and priorities.

Residents were recommended to report issues online to BCC. It is effective. Liz informed the meeting that the Street Scene Group could get involved if the response from BCC wasn't satisfactory.

Residents were reminded that there is an action day session on 28th February – south Road litter picking, cutting back etc.

Someone ended the meeting with the comment that it's nice to have somewhere to come and complain at.

2. Future meeting dates

	Meeting round 3 2014/15	Meeting Round 4 2015/16	Meeting Round 1 2015/16	Meeting Round 2 2015/16
Neighbourhood Partnership	7.00pm Monday 23 rd March RGS	7.00pm Monday 22 nd June Venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 12 th October Venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 25 th January Venue tbc
Neighbourhood Partnership Pre meeting	9.30am Friday 13 th March Venue tbc	9.30am Friday 12 th June Venue tbc	5.00pm Monday 5 th October Venue tbc	9.30am Friday 15 th January Venue tbc
Informal Neighbourhood Partnership meeting	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
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Bishopston Forum	7.00pm Thursday 12 th February Venue tbc	7.00pm Tuesday 19 th May Venue tbc	12.00pm Saturday 12 th Sept Venue tbc ????????	7.00pm Monday 7 th December Venue tbc
Cotham Forum	7.00pm Monday 16 th February Venue tbc	7.00pm Thursday 21 st May Venue tbc	12.00pm Saturday 12 th Sept Venue tbc ????????	7.00pm Thursday 10 th December Venue tbc
Redland Forum	7.00pm Tuesday 17 th February Venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 18 th May Venue tbc	12.00pm Saturday 12 th Sept Venue tbc ????????	7.00pm Tuesday 8 th December Venue tbc

3. Libraries Consultation

Message from the BCC Libraries service: The results of the consultation are being analysed. The consultation has been the most successful in the council's history in terms of response. We have heard back from over 8000 citizens. The analysis helps towards forming proposals for the future library service. The proposals will take into account the consultation feedback, what we already know about the neighbourhoods, what we know about library usage and the proposed budget for April 2016. The proposals will form the main part of the cabinet paper, to be debated on March 3rd. We will be asking for a further 12 week consultation programme to discuss the proposals with Bristol citizens. The consultation will finish on May 27th with a final cabinet paper after that.

The next phase of the consultation is for each NP area to have one open public evening meeting to bring all interested parties together for a briefing from Libraries

followed by a Q and A, and then after this there will be a drop in session at each library in the NP area. The Open public meeting for BCR will be held at **6.30-8pm on Monday 13th April North Bristol Post 16 centre, Charnwood House, 30 Cotham Park.**

Afternote: Following the Cabinet meeting of 3rd March regarding the Library Service, Redland Library has been categorised as a library *that doesn't fit the criteria of a library that is a) Meeting the standard of those already delivering to the level of quality which meets the new library offer or b) and doesn't have the development potential to do so.* This puts the future of Redland Library at risk. The NP is asked to **discuss** if it wishes to take any action to challenge the draft proposals. Please note that the consultation period has been extended by 4 weeks to 16 weeks, and will now end in June.

4. Neighbourhood Partnership City wide event

The Citywide NP Event took place on the 7th February 2015, attracting over 80 active Neighbourhood Partnership Residents. The opening question and answer session with the Mayor was followed by interactive workshops. Key themes discussed included governance, communications, Section 106 and Community Infrastructure levy, Planning and Transport. A short report will be presented at the next round of NP meetings.

One piece of work that has come out of the governance meetings is the need for NP Members' packs. A toolkit will be finalised by the end of the financial year, with a view to NPs working on their own local NP Members' pack with their NPC, ready to launch at the AGM. Our next event will be in October (to link in with European Democracy Week).

5. Devolved services update

S106 update

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership				
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 31 January 2015				
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	Richard Ennion (Horticultural Services Manager)	£4,637.54	28 Sep 16	The provision off-site replacement tree planting in the vicinity of the development

10/00101 / 148 to 156 Gloucester Road, Bishopston / ZCD...A37	Richard Fletcher (Parks Operations 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 Childrens Play Ground and will be drawn down as the scheme progresses)
00/02850 / City of Bristol College Site, Ashley Down / ...SB18	Richard Fletcher (Parks Operations Manager)	£83,995.63	26 Jul 18	The provision of a Children's Play Area on the public open space behind Muller House in a location and to a specification to be agreed with the developer (Persimmon)
Transport				
12/01237 / Glos County Cricket Club, Nevil Road, Bishopston / ...SB38	Ed Plowden (Public Transport Manager)	£31,321.17	12 Dec 18	The provision of bus stop improvements in the vicinity of the development.
12/01237 / Glos County Cricket Club, Nevil Road, Bishopston / ...SB39	Gareth Vaughan-Williams (Highway Services Manager)	£15,655.60	12 Dec 18	The provision of improvements to junction safety within 1 kilometre of the development
12/01237 / Glos County Cricket Club, Nevil Road, Bishopston / ...SB40	Gareth Vaughan-Williams (Highway Services Manager)	£20,874.14	12 Dec 18	The provision of improvements to pedestrian facilities in the vicinity of the development
12/01237 / Glos County Cricket Club, Nevil Road, Bishopston / ...SB41	Gareth Vaughan-Williams (Highway Services Manager)	£15,655.60	12 Dec 18	The provision of road closure Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and signage to include: A: making the existing temporary TRO for the closure of Nevil Road on Major Event and Major Match days permanent and the introduction of point closures in the surrounding area which shall include 22 drop down "no entry" signs, that will only be visible when road closures are in operation B: additional pedestrian signing in Gloucester Road and Ashley Down Road C: the provision of a prism sign at the entrance of College Mews, for presenting different information for users of the Cricket Ground to suit a given event as agreed between the owner and the Council and to be operational on the first Major Event

Other

00/02850 / City of Bristol College Site, Ashley Down Road, Ashley Down / ZCD...944	John Bos (Community Buildings Officer)	£64,657.46	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)
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Community Infrastructure Levy

BISHOPSTON, COTHAM & REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP CIL monies held - 30 November 2014

Monies to be spent on measures to support the development of the Neighbourhood Partnership's area, by funding:

a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area

Date Received	Application	Site Address	Amount
09/01/14	12/05134	31 Egerton Road, Bishopston	£267.75
06/02/14	13/05428	36 Cotham Hill, Cotham	£617.69
01/05/14	13/00398	Rear of 477 Gloucester Road, Horfield	£609.00
19/05/14	13/03110	73 Sommerville Road, St. Andrews	£559.65
02/07/14	13/02822	Land at rear of 29 Berkeley Road, Bishopston	£714.00
04/11/14	13/03447	9 Ashley Down Road, Bishopston	£1,924.65
20/11/14	13/04405	158 Coldharbour Road, Redland	£913.50
Total			£5,606.24

Clean and Green

Clean and Green. As of the BCC Cabinet meeting of 2nd September 2014, the annual Clean and Green allocation of £1,500 to this NP has now been 'unringfenced' and is now part of the NP's general fund. The NP is yet to decide if it wishes to retain this budget as a discrete Clean and Green budget. At the October NP meeting it agreed to consider this as part of the development of the NP Plan. The NP is reminded that it has yet to designate funds from this year's Clean and Green allocation. It is **recommended** that it do so in order to ensure funds are carried forward in to 2015/16.

Non-devolved S106 as of 31st January 2015

These S106 contributions are generated within the NP, but are not necessarily to be spent in these wards

Permission / Site / S106 Code	Ward	Neighbourhood Partnership	Dept with spending responsibility	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution / Comments
10/00101 / 148 to 156 Gloucester Road, Bishopston / ZCD...A37	Bishopston	Bishopston / Redland / Cotham	Neighbourhoods	Richard Fletcher (Parks Operations Manager)	£4,111.86	11 Jan 17	The provision and/or improvement of citywide sports pitches
12/01237 / Glos County Cricket Club, Nevil Road, Bishopston / ...SB42	Bishopston	Bishopston / Redland / Cotham	People	Bob Rutherford (Education Facilities Manager)	£26,092.67	12 Dec 18	The provision of education services within 1 kilometre of the development.
06/02256 / 288 Gloucester Road, Bishopston / ZCD...895	Bishopston	Bishopston / Redland / Cotham	Place	Tim Southall (Enabling Team Manager)	£6,564.46	No Limit	The provision of affordable housing in the City of Bristol
06/04630 / Cotham Lawn House, Cotham Lawn Road, Cotham / ZCD...830	Cotham	Bishopston / Redland / Cotham	Place	Alistair Cox (Strategic Transport Service Manager)	£1,711.31	No Limit	Car Club Contribution (see note at foot of spreadsheet)
06/03782 / 21 Dundonald Road, Westbury Park / ZCD...823	Redland	Bishopston / Redland / Cotham	Place	Alistair Cox (Strategic Transport Service Manager)	£2,506.43	No Limit	Car Club Contribution (see note at foot of spreadsheet)

6. Devolved Transport Budgets, March 2015

1 Highways Maintenance Budgets Decision Making

1.1 What has happened?

Cabinet on the 3rd March 2015 decided to return the decision making responsibility on how to spend the annual carriageway surface dressing budget and the annual footway resurfacing budget to Officers from April 2015 onwards.

1.2 Why is this change necessary?

We have developed a new Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) which will use survey data to make best use of the money available by working out what repairs need to be carried out and when.

This is particularly important as less money will be available to us from 2015 onwards, so we need to change the way that we work to spend the money that we do have as efficiently as possible. This will also provide us with more flexibility to co-ordinate with utilities and other works.

The previous system led to some instances where significant footway resurfacing works had to be funded from elsewhere as they cost more than the total budget held by individual Partnerships. Not carrying out works when they are needed increases the cost of managing problems as we have to carry out response works to ensure that the area is safe. It is the footways budget that will benefit most from the new approach.

1.3 How will the new process work?

The new approach will involve a technical Footway Network Survey being undertaken. The findings from this survey will be fed into the new TAMP system alongside reported defects and feedback from Neighbourhood Partnerships. Highways will ensure that ward members and Neighbourhood Partnerships are asked to provide feedback at an appropriate time to ensure that it is included.

Once this has taken place, each Neighbourhood Partnership will be provided with clear information that explains whether their suggestions are included in the final citywide work programme and if not, the reason for this. This will enable the local community to gain a greater understanding of how maintenance decisions are made. Overall, the level of meaningful involvement that each community has is expected to increase whilst Highways are given the flexibility needed to set the budgets and decide how the money is spent.

2 Update on Local Traffic Scheme Delivery

2.1 What has happened?

Full Council on the 17th February 2015 approved £500k to pay for the delivery of outstanding Neighbourhood Partnership, S106 and grant funded schemes.

2.2 What does this mean?

This funding is to get us up to date over the 18 months from April 2015 in terms of our Local Traffic Schemes work programme. We will be using agency staff and a new delivery model to make sure that we do not continue to have a backlog of commitments in future. Progress will be reported through the Traffic Choices website Tracker pages.

7. BCR NP Tree Report - Mar 23rd 2015 - Clive Stevens (on behalf of BCR NP Tree Team)

Best considered after our Tree Strategy (part of the priorities paper)

Virtually all of our street tree replacements should be done by now. We have a list of 15 or so for next year already.

In January BCR NP approved the carryover of the remaining allocated well-being money (estimated at £793). Additionally we think we will need approx. £3,000 to £4,000 of wellbeing this coming year and have alerted the BCR NP Grants Chair (Jenny Hoadley) to that effect. We recognise that we will need to apply and compete just like any other group. This NP money would extend the previous scheme whereby we ask for £99 from the public/community groups and match it with £175 from the NP.

The main reason for failure of some sites in 2014/15 was for pits which had been tarmacked over some years ago, residents said there had been trees there and money was raised. But there is no system for Tree Dept. to work with Highway's Dept. to get these sites investigated (we even have a business offering to pay the exploratory costs). Therefore we ask BCR NP to support the new Assistant Mayor to ask whether a process can be commenced to uncover old pits as a way to start re-treeing the city rather than just keeping up with replacements.

BCR NP notes that there may be an application for £3,000 or so for tree replacements in 2015/16. Amount to be confirmed as per all other grants.

BCR NP asks its tree team to start publicising the £99 a tree scheme for 2015/16 too.

BCR NP asks the Assistant Mayor to request Highways commence a scheme of investigating old, covered over pits.