



**AGENDA ITEM NO: 3**

**MEETING OF THE CABOT, CLIFTON AND CLIFTON EAST  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012  
THE PAVILION, 1 HANNOVER QUAY, BRISTOL BS1 5JE**

**PRESENT:**

**Members of Partnership**

Councillor Woodman and Councillor Dr. Wright (Cabot)  
Councillor Janke (Clifton)  
Councillor Cook and Councillor Martin (Clifton East)  
Malcolm Baker – Oakfield Residents Association  
Dennis Gornall – Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association (HCCA)  
Pauline Allen - Kingsdown Conservation Group/Ashley House  
Community Liaison Group (KCG/AHCLG)  
Fraser Bridgeford – Friends of Brandon Hill  
Nicolette Vincent – Friends of Brandon Hill  
Rosemary Chamberlin – Clifton and Hotwells Branch Labour Party  
John Rippon – Equalities Representative  
Mary Bannerman – Castle Park User Group  
Julian Jones – Cabot Forum Co-Chair  
Ben Appleby – Cabot Forum Co-Chair  
Inspector Keith Rundle – Avon and Somerset Police

**Bristol City Council Officers**

Nick Christo - Area Co-ordinator (07585 909030)  
Lorna Heaysman – Local Neighbourhood Officer (07795 446560)  
Patricia Jones - Democratic Services Officer (0117 92 22883)  
Rob McGovern – Area Environment Officer (0117 35 21045)

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made and Councillor Blythe was wished a speedy recovery. Councillor Janke chaired the meeting in his absence.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Blythe, Wendy Pollard, Maggie Shapland, Richard Whitburn and Sharon Baker.

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Statements were circulated in advance of the meeting.

The NP heard from Graham Goodman, Chairman of the Bristol Pitbulls Supporters Club, representing the various sports, organisations and users of the ice rink on Frogmore Street.

Councillor Cook responded in his capacity as Cabinet Member for Capital Programmes, Sport and Culture and reported that the council did not have the capital or revenue resources to run the ice rink. It was anticipated that any aspiration to build another rink on the site was likely to encounter problems at the planning stage, but talks with the operator would continue. Section 106 funding was not a viable solution given the resources required.

It was noted that Councillor Wright and Councillor Woodman had met with the developer to discuss the feasibility of including a leisure space as part of the new plans. However early indications from the developer suggested that an ice rink of the same size would not be possible on the new site. The Neighbourhoods Team would continue to advise the group about the opportunities available to them in influencing any future decisions in relation to the site.

The statement from Rosalind Delany (Chair of Avon Gardens Trust) regarding Victoria Square, and the response from the Area Environment Officer were noted.

## **4. MINUTES - 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

**AGREED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:-

Councillor Janke and Councillor Woodman were not present at the meeting. James Wood was present for HCCA. “Park” to be deleted after Victoria Square and Brandon Hill.

## **5. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

### **(a) A Boards**

There had been progress following the introduction of the guidelines and a multi-agency approach to the problem. A visualisation report put together by John Rippon provided a useful equalities perspective.

Five out of seven A Boards breaching the guidelines in Clifton Village were found to be still in breach during a recent enforcement exercise. The problem was compounded because the guidelines stipulated that boards should leave at least 1.8 metres of clear footway, and some pavements were only 1.7 metres wide. It was agreed that in some instances, a common sense approach should be adopted rather than blanket enforcement.

A full report would be brought to the March Meeting and would include the findings of five areas officers would be looking at within the NP. Thanks were extended to the Police for their assistance in raising awareness with traders.

### **(b) Change of Use to Small Houses in Multiple Occupation**

Changes to the planning legislation as set out in the report were noted.

### **(c) New Waste Contractor**

A table highlighting the differences between the new May Gurney contract and the previous contract was circulated. Most would take effect from January 2012. The NP would be notified of the start date for kerbside collection of mixed plastics and waxed cartons.

### **(d) Dates for Diary**

The dates scheduled up until January 2013 were noted. The next series of agenda setting dates would be circulated as soon as possible.

### **AGREED:**

- (1) NC to notify the NP of the start date for kerbside collection of mixed plastics and waxed cartons when available.**
- (2) NC to provide Dennis Gornall with a contact point in**

**Environmental Services to assist with his query relating to drains.**

## **6. FORUM UPDATE**

Lorna Heaysman provided an update for the Clifton Forum:-

- The Forum continued to be well-attended with 80 people present at the last meeting.
- Representatives from Bristol Water and Greater Bristol Bus Network attended which enabled residents to raise concerns about parking, access and transport. Information would be posted on the website and feedback provided at the March Forums
- Useful discussions took place around HMOs and anti-social behaviour.

Ben Appleby provided the following update for the Cabot Forum:-

- The last meeting was attended by a number of supporters of the ice rink. Waste collection, reduction of bins and the impact of College Green by protestors were also discussed.
- A new spreadsheet had been devised as a way of recording the issues raised at the Forum and what had been achieved. It was felt this was useful way of capturing outcomes.
- The Chair reported that the necessary legal notice had now been served on the occupants of College Green and only a small number of tents remained. Councillor Janke paid tribute to the Dean of the cathedral for his exemplary management of the protest and to the Police for their diplomatic approach. It was noted that the protestors wanted to help in clearing the site but this was probably unrealistic given time constraints and the need to reinstate the site for public use as soon as possible.

**AGREED – that the report be noted.**

## **7. POLICE UPDATE**

The partnership received a verbal update from Keith Rundle:-

- Over the year, dwelling burglaries in the area had decreased by 75, there had been a significant reduction in cycle theft of 100 and theft of motor vehicles was also down 65.

- The Police would continue to focus on reducing burglaries, violent crime, pedal cycle theft, the promotion of safe cycling and reducing anti-social behaviour. Stokes Croft had seen a big reduction in anti-social behaviour over the last year. This would now be dealt with by the Cabot Team following a recent boundary change. The Police were liaising with Safer Bristol to ensure the transition was managed well.
- Kingsdown and Clifton were the main focus of anti-social behaviour relating to HMOs.
- The situation with Redland Police Station was unclear but assurances were given that the Clifton Beat Team would remain within the wards.

Discussion followed and it was noted that the statistic referred to were available to the public on the website [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

Specific concerns were raised about a premises on Hotwells Road recently granted a licence to make pizza and alcohol home deliveries until 4.00am. It was understood that the Police had not objected to the application. Councillor Wright made the point that there were similar establishments already in operation in North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. For this reason he saw no problem with the grant of the licence. Anyone wishing to discuss the matter further or put forward an opposing view was invited to contact Councillor Wright.

**AGREED – that Councillor Woodman and Inspector Rundle meet to discuss the Hotwells Road application and the general issue of Police objections in licensing cases.**

## **8. COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE**

### **THE HIGHBURY PLAZA PROJECT - ST MICHAELS HILL**

The NP received an update from the representative of the scheme's working group, Linda Ewles.

A meeting was held at Senate House on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to discuss the principles behind the project and the feasibility of moving forward. The scheme was supported by 68 of the 70 people in attendance.

It had not proved possible to provide detailed costs requested at the last meeting. However the group had met with BCC's Highways and Traffic Manager who had advised on aspects of forward planning including land ownership, sophisticated pedestrian and traffic counts and traffic speed surveys.

Short term plans included:-

- Expansion of the working group and enlisting new volunteers, particularly people with specific expertise.
- Meetings with BCC engineers and the university for advice and to discuss shared objectives.
- Identifying potential sources of funding.

It was emphasised that the aim of the project was to revolutionise space, improve safety by slowing traffic and make the area a more social space. This had been shown to work well abroad. The 8 and 9 bus routes would not be affected.

A written update was circulated at the meeting and the two page summary of the feasibility study and other documents made available at the last meeting were available on the website [highburyplaza@gmail.com](mailto:highburyplaza@gmail.com).

**AGREED - that the Highbury Plaza Working Group be invited to provide a further update to the June NP meeting.**

## **CUMBERLAND PIAZZA**

The pre-application planning stage had been addressed. A recent meeting had taken place with BCC officers to discuss the way forward and a landscape architect was helping with the design of the site including tree planting.

## **AMBRA VALE EAST**

£50.00 had been allocated from the Clean & Green fund at the last meeting for the purchase of bulbs and chippings for pathways provided courtesy of Blaise.

## **DISABLED ACCESS SURVEY**

A survey of disabled access was conducted by John Rippon who visited a number of pubs in the BS8 area over January 2012. A report listing the premises and results was circulated at the meeting. Regrettably only 7 of the 38 pubs visited were found to be

accessible to a Disabled wheel chair user. Restaurants, cafes and bars were next in line.

**AGREED – that the NP consider ways of improving the situation:-**

- **Award of a badge/sticker to display in the window of the premises in recognition of being Disabled access compliant.**
- **Consider writing to inaccessible venues highlighting the problem and the advice available in BCC's recently updated accessibility guide.**
- **Consider ways in which the NP can encourage premises who were not complying to work with the NP. List of trader associations to be obtained.**

## **WUF TENANTS ASSOCIATION**

The NP heard from Colston Vear from WUF Redcliffe Tenants Association, previously allocated match funding of £2,500 in March 2011 to refurbish a disused building and provide computer facilities for children.

It was noted that the group had since made a successful application for £10,000 in Lottery funding and was now approximately £2,500 short to complete the project. An application would be made to the Wellbeing Fund in March to cover the shortfall. (It was recognised that the initial application had been well received by all members)

In the meantime, the group was invited to write to Councillor Janke who would pass their details to the team responsible for the Recycled Computer Scheme.

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP REPORT**

Lorna Heaysman provided the NP with an update.

- A walkabout round Brandon Hill was scheduled to take place in early February
- The next meeting of the Environmental Working Group will be taking place on the Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- The Kingsdown area and Dove Street would be explored on the next walkabout.

- The repair of the benches in Kings Square was complete.
- A Waste Audit was carried out on 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Cycle parking on Hill Street will be removed
- A request had been made for all bins to be the same colour on Hill Street as currently there are a variety of different bin colours and this looks unsightly

Rosemary Chamberlin reported that the large advertising hoarding on the Downs had gone. The contact email address to report breaches would be publicised.

Julian Jones drew attention to launch of Living Heart for Bristol at 12.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January in Millenium Square.

**AGREED - contact email address to report parked advertising vans/hoardings to be publicised.**

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### **10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **11. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE FROM THE AREA CO-ORDINATOR**

The neighbourhood partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 10) providing a devolved services update including:-

#### **Minor Traffic Schemes**

Dennis Gornall sought clarification of the assessment process for traffic counting in the Cliftonwood and Hotwells area. It was suggested that people would feel more confident about the outcomes if the NP could contribute to the process.

Colston Vear from the WUF Tenants Association asked for more information about the parking restriction review to the west of Redcliffe Hill. It was unclear if the car parks nearby were included in the review. It was reported that the one enclosed within the flats owned by BCC was not included. The car park outside the blocks



on Commercial Road was being used as overspill for residents and shop owners.

The pedestrianisation of Boyces Avenue was due to commence February 2012 against a budget of £10,000 agreed at the NP meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. An additional £9,000 allocated from the Wellbeing budget would enhance the scheme, estimated to cost £16,000 overall. The remaining £3,000 would revert back to the NP.

### **Carriage surface dressing and Footway resurfacing**

All schemes approved previously had been completed. Proposals for 2012/13 would be considered at the March meeting. Partners with ideas for potential schemes were invited to contact Nick Christo or the Traffic Section.

### **Clean and Green**

The NP noted the allocations set out in the table at page 38.

### **Wellbeing**

This would be covered in a separate report.

### **Section 106**

Recommendations for Section 106 spend on local priorities would be brought to the March meeting. This would include an application from the Bear Pit project.

Officers were drawing up a separate proposal for the Spring Hill Conservation Improvements based on funding already allocated to the scheme.

It was emphasised that no Section 106 money had been allocated to fund a proposed expansion to the existing play area on The Downs. The Downs Committee had been consulted to establish if there was any objection to the proposal and to seek approve of initial design costs.

The Environmental Work Group was in support of a play area in Victoria Square. It was felt that play facilities for children in that area were lacking and should not be overlooked. It was also pointed out that the area lacked facilities for older children.

It was suggested that a more strategic approach of identifying need/gaps in provision was required. The Area Environmental Officer was requested to keep local councillors informed of any developments relating to the play area on The Downs and any proposals affecting Section 106 funding.

**RESOLVED:-**

**(1) That the report be noted.**

**(2) That the Area Environmental Officer keep local councillors informed of developments relating to the play area on The Downs and any proposals affecting Section 106 funding.**

## **12. WELLBEING REPORT**

The neighbourhood partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no.11).

The NP noted the funding approved at the last meeting, the current balance of the fund (£44, 066.07) and the successful work carried out to date.

The NP considered the following new applications:-

### **The Corner Club - £6,000**

Councillor Martin provided more detail in relation to the club's application for £6,000. It was noted that the amount sought represented a one-off amount to cover a transition period following the phasing out of BCC funding. The club had been in operation for 22 years and was used by residents across the 3 wards.

Councillor Woodman expressed reservations about the breakdown of costs set out in the application, specifically the part funding of remunerations costs. Councillor Wright indicated that he would abstain. Following discussion it was agreed that if approved, the funding would be allocated on a one-off basis and not used to offset salaries or remuneration costs.

### **Friends of the Green (c/o HCCA) - £2,211.00**

It was noted that the project was aimed at the regeneration of the overgrown area in Alma Vale East designated as a town green.

## **Trinity Care Service - £10,000**

The NP heard that funding was needed on a one-off basis to sustain the day care centre and outreach service for the over 60's.

## **A Winning Whiteladies - £5,000**

Councillor Martin reported on this initiative to promote the Whiteladies Road retail area and encourage businesses back to the area. £5,000 was sought to assist with staff costs, materials, publicity and events. The same application would be made to the Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership to extend the scheme to Cotham Hill and Alma Vale.

There were varying degrees of support for this application. Some partners were sympathetic but felt the initiative would benefit only a few local traders. Others considered it a way of providing choice on the high street, establishing niche outlets and promoting locally sourced foods.

There was further discussion on the subject of revenue funding and the criteria for applications to the Wellbeing Fund. Councillor Woodman felt it was important for the NP to receive a report back on the outcomes and achievements of the project if approved.

Following discussion and on being put to the vote, the Neighbourhood Committee:-

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the proposals and funding approved by the Neighbourhood Committee at the last neighbourhood partnership meeting be noted;**
- (2) That the current balance of the Wellbeing Fund be noted;**
- (3) That the application for £6,000 from the Corner Club be approved on a one-off basis, funding not to be used to offset salaries or remuneration costs (3 voting in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention);**
- (4) That the application for £2,211.00 from Friends of the Green be approved for the purpose of regenerating the area in Alma Vale East designated as a Town Green (all voting in favour);**

**(5) That the application for £10,000 from Trinity Care Service to sustain the day care centre and outreach service be approved on a one-off basis (3 voting in favour and 2 against); and**

**(6) That the application for £5,000 from the Winning Whiteladies Project be approved on a one-off basis to promote the Whiteladies Road retail area (4 voting in favour and 1 against).**

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership is to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

(The meeting ended at 9.20 pm)

CHAIR