



AGENDA ITEM NO:3

**MEETING OF THE CABOT, CLIFTON AND CLIFTON EAST
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
31st JANUARY 2013**

PRESENT:

Members of Partnership

Malcolm Baker – Clifton Down Residents Association (CDRA)
Mary Bannerman – Castle Park User Group
Fraser Bridgeford - Friends of Brandon Hill (FBH) & NP Chair
Councillor Trevor Blythe (Clifton)
Councillor Simon Cook (Clifton East)
Councillor Barbara Janke (Clifton)
Councillor Christian Martin (Clifton East)
Keith Rodgerson – Oakfield Residents Association (ORA)
Maggie Shapland – Clifton & Hotwells Improvement Association (CHIS)
Councillor Dr. Mark Wright (Cabot)
John Rippon – Equalities Rep
Wendy Pollard – Richmond Terrace Residents Association
Nicolette Vincent – Brandon Hill Residents Association
Ben Appleby – Cabot Forum Co-Chair
Pauline Allen – Kingsdown Conservation Group

Bristol City Council Officers

Deborah White – Area Environment Officer (0117 9223017)
Nick Christo - Area Co-ordinator (07585 909030)
Ian Pagan - Democratic Services Manager (0117 92 22387)

ROLLING ATTENDANCE

	26 th June	22 nd October	31 st January	18 th March
Ward Councillors				
Trevor Blythe	P	P	P	
Simon Cook	A	P	P	
Barbara Janke	A	P	P	
Christian Martin	P	A	P	
Alex Woodman	A	A	A	
Mark Wright	P	P	P	
Partners				
Pauline Allen (KCG)	P	A	P	
Ben Appleby (Cabot Forum Co-Chair)	A	A	P	
Malcolm Baker (CDRA)	P	P	P	
Sharon Baker (CHIS)	P	A	A	
Mary Bannerman (CPUG)	P	P	P	
Fraser Bridgeford (FBH)	P	P	P	
Rosemary Chamberlin (CHBLB)	P	A	A	
Linda Ewles (HRA)	P	A	A	
Dennis Gornall (HCCA)	P	P	A	
Julian Jones (Cabot Forum Co-Chair)	P	P	A	
Mary Lehane (CWI)	A	P	A	
Peter Newberry (Govenor)	A	A	A	
Wendy Pollard (RTRA)	P	A	P	
John Rippon (Equalities rep)	P	A	P	
Keith Rodgerson (ORA)	P	A	P	
Keith Rundle (Police)	A	P	A	
Maggie Shapland (CHIS)	P	P	P	
University of Bristol			A	
Colston Vear (WUF TA)	P	P	A	
Nicolette Vincent (resident)		A	P	
Richard Whitburn (Clifton Forum Chair)	P	P	A	
Anne White (RHARA)	P	P	A	
Jerry Woods (RPRA)	A	A	A	

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting and invited members and partner representatives to introduce themselves.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Woodman, Dennis Gornall, Julian Jones, Richard Whitburn & Lorna Heaysman.

3. MINUTES – 22ND OCTOBER 2012

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership held on 22nd October 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:-

Page 8, line 5 – Leigh Road should be replaced by Southleigh Road.

Page 16, line 13 – Alexander Road should be replaced with Alexandra Road.

Matter Arising

It was agreed that notes of the informal meeting which took place on 22 January (NB: the formal meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum) be circulated as an appendix to these minutes (See Appendix A).

The Chair gave a brief update on the matters which had been discussed at that session.

Action Sheet

The Action Sheet was noted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared by councillors in relation to the St Johns School wellbeing application:

Cllr Cook– wife works at St Johns School

Cllr Blythe – wife is a governor at St Johns School

5. PUBLIC FORUM

The Partnership considered 2 items of public forum business from (a) Malcolm Baker, in relation to Arlington Villas Gardens and (b) from Ben Appleby of the keep Cinema Local Group in relation to the current planning inquiry.

In relation to (a) Mr Baker explained the useful work which had been carried out under the community payback scheme to remove vegetation and make the site accessible to local residents. Residents would now be getting together to decide on the most appropriate use for the site and an application prepared in due course for S106 or CIL funding to progress the necessary tree works. Councillor Martin thanked Mr Baker for progressing the project. It was agreed that Councillors Martin and Cook should maintain an oversight of the project on behalf of the Partnership.

In relation to (b) Mr Appleby commented on his experience of the fifth day of the inquiry and appreciation of the inspector for the submissions which were made by local residents. The findings of the inspector were anticipated at the end of February / early March.

With the consent of the Chair, Jackie Furneaux made reference to 2 licensing applications - from Urban Tiger and Central Chambers for lap dancing clubs at their premises. She understood that whilst it was too late to formally object to the applications, residents who were opposed should make representations when the applications come before the Licensing Committee.

AGREED –

That , in relation to the lap dancing club applications, the Area Co-ordinator ascertain when the licence applications will be made to the Licensing Committee and provide details and times to members of the Partnership.

6. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT

NC introduced the report (agenda item no. 6) and gave a brief update on the following (set out in detail in the report):-

- Carriageway surface dressing schemes at Redcliffe Parade, Cumberland Close and Canada Way were now complete;

- Some £222, £400 and £922 remained in the respective budgets for Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East wards for spending on clean and green (small application) works to enhance the area. It was agreed that Partners should consider ideas for spending which could then be presented to the Committee for funding at the next meeting;
- It was noted that the wellbeing budget would be dealt with elsewhere on the agenda;
- In relation to S106 funding, the Area Co-ordinator discussed the funding which remained unallocated for parks, transport, urban design and community building purposes.

He explained the change which would occur, potentially over several years from S106 to new funding arrangements under the community infrastructure levy (CIL). It was proposed that a report should be made to a future meeting on the likely impact of this change for funding projects in the Partnership's area;

- Councillor Wright discussed the current provision for parks spending and proposed a meeting with officers to decide how the £30K remaining in the current year's budget should be spent and prepare the necessary bid(s), and
- With regard to funding of transport schemes, the Area Co-ordinator explained the current situation in relation to spending and undertook to circulate a table setting out the detailed and up to date position with the minutes of the meeting.

AGREED –

- (1) That the report be noted;**
- (2) That the Area Co-ordinator meets with Cllr Wright to consider how the monies remaining in the budget for Parks in 2012/13 might be spent, and**
- (3) That details of the current spending position in relation to transport be circulated as part of these minutes (see Appendix B)**

7. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS SUB-GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Partnership considered proposed terms of reference for a sub-group to consider traffic and transport issues and make recommendations to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

During the ensuing discussion, the following matters were discussed;

- Councillor Janke made reference to the Mayor's intentions regarding the extension of residents parking in the City. Local arrangements would be drawn up for each area following local consultation. She felt that this was a matter in which the Sub-Group should be involved, but because of the wide ranging impact of such an initiative, the Group's membership should be open to all interested parties, rather than a select group of individuals;
- An alternative option might be to have a separate working group on residents parking;
- The general view was that the Sub-Group should have residents parking as part of its remit as it was linked with the broader issue of traffic management;
- Councillor Blythe understood that legislation was likely to change to allow yellow line schemes to be implemented without the complexity of the traffic regulation order process. This would be another thing which the Sub-Group could oversee and was linked with local parking arrangements;
- A resident suggested that the Sub-Group should also have within its membership, someone who had to rely on properly maintained pavements and dropped kerbs to facilitate their mobility, and
- It was suggested that there should be a specific meeting set aside to look at the issue of residents parking in Clifton, with appropriate officers from the Council in attendance to advise the meeting.

After further discussion, it was;

RESOLVED - that the creation of a Transport, Traffic and Highways Sub-Group be endorsed but the terms of reference be widened to include responsibility for residents parking and in due course, making proposals for local

schemes, and that the membership criteria be widened to enable all interested parties to be involved.

8. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS SUB-GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

The Partnership considered the recommendations of the Sub Group for spending on local highways and traffic schemes over a two year period, and utilising the combined budgets for two years (agenda item no. 8). The estimated costs of the proposals were £40,800 which left a further £16,450 to allocate.

Below is a summary of the discussion that followed:-

- Councillor Wright proposed that, in relation to the Woodland Road (Tyndalls Park Road) pedestrian improvement scheme, the University of Bristol should be approached to see whether it would be prepared to part fund the scheme, in view of the fact that the proposals would primarily benefit the students of the University;
- It was proposed that if the University could be persuaded to match the Committee's contribution to this scheme, then the scheme for a crossing in Pembroke Road (by All Saints) (scheme 38) could be brought forward from the schedule of identified but unfunded projects, for inclusion in the current programme;
- It was moved by Councillor Cook and seconded by Councillor Blythe that, subject to the University agreeing to contribute up to 50% of the cost of the Woodland Road (Tyndalls Park Road) pedestrian improvement scheme, the scheme for a crossing in Pembroke Road (£12K) be added to the programme. The motion was put to the vote and declared carried;
- The Area Co-ordinator reported that a business group from traders in Princess Victoria Street had formally objected to residents parking proposals in that area. The options were to carry on with the wider scheme but exclude this street or halt the project and look at the proposals again. The Sub-Group was recommending the former option and further consultation with Princess Victoria Street traders. The Partnership concurred with this approach.

After further discussion it was;

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the following recommendations of the Sub-Group be approved;

Scheme no.	Issue	Proposal	Ward	Cost (Estimate)
9	Parking too close to buildings – West Mall / Sion Lane	Application for a bollard on the pavement near our building on West Mall/Sion Lane	Clifton	£300
19	Pedestrian safety as this space on the pavement often used as layby usually at some speed by those coming down the hill to allow traffic coming up to pass	Need for bollards either side of dropped curb by 28 Ambra Vale.	Clifton	£1000
Scheme no.	Issue	Proposal	Ward	Cost (Estimate)
20		More sturdy replacement bollards at the very bottom of Ambrose Rd on the right and a dropped curb beyond onto Ambra Vale.	Clifton	£500 + £1,500 for dropped kerb only (no build out)
23	Thomas Street	Request for Handrail on steps	Cabot	£1000
25	Christmas Steps	Request for handrail	Cabot	£6000
40	Quarry Steps – parking too close in front of front door	Possible planters to prevent parking	Clifton	£500
43	Woodland Road – Pedestrian crossing issues	Pedestrian improvement scheme through installing a raised platform across the	Clifton East	£20,000 (subject to match funding of £10,000 from

		junction		University)
38	Pembroke Road crossing (by All Saints)	Pedestrian crossing	Clifton East	£12,000 (subject to 43 above)

(2) That the wider review of residents parking in Clifton progress but that further consultation take place with Princess Victoria Street traders about the arrangements for that street.

9. WELLBEING REPORT

NC introduced the report and outlined the new grant applications which had been received (agenda item no. 9).

J Killingback - local history/walks booklet

Julia Killingback made a brief presentation to the Partnership on her proposals for a local history/walk booklet which would include the Clifton, Cliftonwood and Hotwells area.

Councillor Blythe asked questions about her business plan for the proposed publication including production costs, marketing and likely profits. Ms Killingback indicated that she did not anticipate making any profit on the work.

It was moved, seconded and carried (Councillor Wright voting against) that a grant of £2,000 should be awarded to Ms Killingback, but with the proviso that she should keep the Partnership apprised of progress with her sales, and that should a profit be made, the grant should be returned to the Partnership for reinvestment in the Wellbeing Budget.

A Winning Whiteladies – support for cost of part time and fixed term community/business development worker

Councillor Martin discussed the application and the proposed role of the post. Questions were asked as to how the application fitted in with the BID grant in relation to Clifton. Councillor Janke expressed the view that if the grant was agreed then the possibility of extending the business improvement district into Whiteladies Road should be investigated.

G-Force Gardening Club – St Johns School

Councillor Cook indicated that he had an interest in this matter and did not intend to vote on it.

Councillor Wright sought assurances that the Club was eligible for funding as the criteria for grant aid was that initiatives should be accessible to the whole community. Councillor Martin explained that this would be the case except when school children were directly involved when there would be CRB issues.

Councillor Janke indicated that she could support a one off grant being made but felt that more needed to be done to explain the availability of “green grants” for such initiatives within the City.

On being put to the vote, the proposal was carried, 3 members in favour and 1 abstaining.

The Area Co-ordinator indicated that if the above mentioned applications were all approved then there would be a balance of £10,640 remaining in the wellbeing budget for 2012/13.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the following wellbeing grants be agreed :

Applicant	Grant applied for (£)	Purpose
Julia Killingback	2,000	Production of a local history /walks booklet with an open book of accounts being visible to the NP whereby if the applicant made a profit that she would then contact the NP
A Winning Whiteladies	5,000	Support for cost of part time and fixed term community/business development worker
G-Force Gardening Club : St Johns School	3,467.48	Integrating pupils into Club and improving their awareness of nature and sustainability

(2) That the balance remaining in the Wellbeing Fund be noted.

10. CITY-WIDE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In the absence of Dennis Gornall, the chair decided to defer this agenda item to the next meeting. In the meantime, the Area Co-ordinator updated the NP about the City Wide consultation being carried out and encouraged NP members to participate and encourage others to do so.

11. UPDATE ON THE MAYOR

Councillor Cook gave an update on governance arrangements at the Council, making particular reference to:

- The current composition of the Mayors Cabinet, the executive members and their portfolios and how the current position had been arrived at;
- The difficult budget situation and the internal consultation arrangements with working groups of councillors who were looking at specific initiatives and proposals;
- BRT schemes, and where officers had been asked to review certain parts of some of the proposed routes;
- The intention of the Mayor to devolve further powers/budgets to neighbourhood level, and
- The current position in relation to night buses where the Mayor had agreed to reinstate some services where funding was previously going to have been withdrawn.

After further brief discussion, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)

CHAIR