



AGENDA ITEM NO:3

**MEETING OF THE CABOT, CLIFTON AND CLIFTON EAST
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
25TH JUNE 2013 AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Members of Partnership

Malcolm Baker – Clifton Down Residents Association (CDRA)
Fraser Bridgeford - Friends of Brandon Hill (FBH)
Councillor Charles Lucas (Clifton)
Rosemary Chamberlin – resident
Councillor Christian Martin (Clifton East)
Councillor Alex Woodman (Cabot)
Councillor Dr. Mark Wright (Cabot)
Julian Jones - Co-Chair Cabot Forum
Anne White - Richmond Hill Area Residents Association (RHARA)
Maggie Shapland – Clifton & Hotwells Improvement Association (CHIS)
John Rippon – Equalities Rep
Wendy Pollard – Richmond Terrace Residents Association (RTRA)
Nicolette Vincent – resident/Friends of Brandon Hill
Ben Appleby – Cabot Forum Co-Chair
Pauline Allen – Kingsdown Conservation Group

Bristol City Council Officers

Nick Christo - Area Co-ordinator (07585 909030)
Patricia Jones - Democratic Services Officer (0117 92 22883)
Deborah White (0117 922 3017)

ROLLING ATTENDANCE

	25 th June			
Ward Councillors				
Charles Lucas	P			
Simon Cook	A			
Barbara Janke	A			
Christian Martin	P			
Alex Woodman	P			
Mark Wright	P			
Other Attendees				
Pauline Allen (KCG)	P			
Ben Appleby (Cabot Forum Co-Chair)	P			
Malcolm Baker (CDRA)	P			
Sharon Baker (CHIS)	A			
Mary Bannerman (CPUG)	A			
Fraser Bridgeford (FBH)	P			
Rosemary Chamberlin (CHBLB)	P			
Linda Ewles (HRA)	A			
Dennis Gornall (HCCA)	P			
Julian Jones (Cabot Forum Co-Chair)	P			
Mary Lehane (CWI)	A			
Peter Newberry (Governor)	P			
Wendy Pollard (RTRA)	P			
John Rippon (Equalities rep)	P			
Keith Rodgerson (ORA)	A			
Keith Rundle (Police)	A			
Maggie Shapland (CHIS)	P			
University of Bristol				
Representative from WUF TA	P			
Nicolette Vincent (resident)	P			
Richard Whitburn (Clifton Forum Chair)	A			
Anne White (RHARA)	P			
Jerry Woods (RPRA)	A			

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The clerk opened the meeting and introductions were made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Janke, Councillor Cook and Keith Rogerson.

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGM REPORT

AGREED

- 1. That Fraser Bridgeford be elected Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) Chair for 2013/14.**
- 2. That Councillor Martin be elected Neighbourhood Committee (NC) Chair for 2013/14.**
- 3. That it be noted that the Terms of Reference remain unchanged from last year (available to view on the website)**
- 4. That the NPs devolved budgets as set out at page 6 be noted.**
- 5. That the NP and Forum meetings schedule at page 7 be agreed (Environmental Sub-Group dates to be agreed)**
- 6. That the financial statement and expenditure from 2012/13 at page 7 be noted (* unallocated amounts carried forward including £63K Footways Budget - prioritisation deferred to October meeting).**
- 7. That the Action Plan setting out the NP's remit and priorities for Neighbourhood Working for 2013-14 be noted.**

Membership Arrangements

The Chair briefly summarised the role of the NP, sub-groups and the forums. There was general agreement that work could be better managed and more effectively progressed if partners were able to find more time to focus on specific work areas and outcomes. The Area Co-ordinator (AC) recorded the names of volunteers and the Chair will write to the Partners to establish if anyone else wanted to participate in the sub-groups.

It was pointed out that as a proportion of the work was taken forward by the sub-groups, there needed to be an established process setting how they work, clear objectives and terms of reference.

Forums

The scheduling of forums and the publication of meeting notes was discussed. It was agreed that another round of forum meetings could usefully take place in September before the next NP meeting on 22nd October. It was agreed that the Communication Sub-Group should address the issue of when forum meetings should take place (before or after the NP) and the publication/accessibility of the notes.

AGREED – That the Communication Sub-Group (to be established in the near future) address the issue of when forum meetings should take place (before or after the NP) and the publication/accessibility of meeting notes.

3. MINUTES – 18TH MARCH 2013

AGREED- That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership held on 18th March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to Dennis Gornall being recorded as present and the attendance record to include those who attended the meeting on 22nd January 2013 that was cancelled due to weather conditions.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

The NP heard from Dr Laura Lafave. A copy of the statement was circulated in advance of the meeting (*copies of Public Forum statements are held in the Minute Book*).

People were currently being allocated places up to 2 miles away and there was a predicted shortfall of 50 places in the area for 2014. Dr Lafave suggested that people were moving out of the area for this reason and requested that regular updates be provided to future meetings. This was supported by a number of partners who agreed that lack of provision had serious implications for the community.

The councillors present acknowledged that this had been a major problem across the city for a number of years. The difficulty in the central area was lack of space for expansion. The process of making a statement or submitting questions to the Cabinet was explained, but it was pointed out that Councillor Massey (Cabinet Member for Education) was already alert to the issues.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Territorial Army site on Whiteladies Road and the long standing proposal to redevelop the site as a school. Whilst the site was ideally placed, it appeared to be the case that BCC was unable to compete with a supermarket bid and provide the additional capital needed to facilitate the TA's move to another site.

6. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

The Partnership received the following verbal reports (agenda item no. 7):-

Councillor Martin

The NP was updated on the residents parking scheme. It was noted that a full consultation exercise would be undertaken with all residents and the plans for schemes progressed as soon as possible. It was understood that details of the schemes for Cliftonwood and Clifton Village would be available by the end of the week. Councillor Lucas indicated that he was happy to talk through any issues people may have.

The NP was invited to support efforts to register the land known as Easter Garden as a town or village green.

A spurious offer had been made on the Whiteladies Road cinema and a cinema operator was looking for assistance in purchasing the building. A meeting had been arranged with the Mayor to discuss the feasibility of this. Community shares in the cinema was also an option, likely to be the preferred option of residents. A £10,000 fundraising appeal has been launched by a group aiming to return the building to its former glory, details available at <http://www.bristol247.com/appeal>.

Councillor Wright

It was reported that the following 3 route options had been considered for the BRT scheme:-

- Continue with the existing scheme
- Alter the existing scheme to use Cumberland Road
- Alter the existing scheme to use Hotwell Road

It had recently been announced that the Mayor intended to pursue Option 2, taking the route along the Cumberland Road and over Redcliffe Hill, instead of in front of the M shed museum and over Prince Street bridge. It was noted that a request from the Transport Alliance Group for sight of the Department for Transport's Inquiry report had been refused.

It was understood that the University wanted to delay the Woodland Road pedestrian improvement scheme for 3-4 months until a traffic movement study was completed.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP REVIEW OUTCOMES

Gemma Dando reported on the on the outcomes of the NP review consultation and the proposals for the next stages of the review.

Attention was drawn to the 3247 responses to the survey, and the 750 responses submitted through citywide, local meetings and through their NPs. The main outcomes were summarised as follows:-

- People wanted NPs to have a clear, defined purpose
- All stakeholders need to fully support the purpose of NPs
- There needed to be more work around standards and governance
- More interaction between the respective NPs.
- Communications and outreach – better engagement with the wider community and an increased on-line presence and in-put into decision making.
- More influence from communities in terms of planning, transport the environment, housing.
- A clear corporate commitment to reflect that NPs are a priority.

Over the summer work would commence on basic improvement. The above themes would be picked up and good practice shared

across the NPs. This would be brought together for discussion in more detail at the October meeting.

It was confirmed that the introduction of an on-line tracking system to monitor the status of issues reported to the Council was not imminent, but officers would confirm when this was likely to commence.

AGREED:

- 1. Proposals for the next stage of the review to be brought to the next meeting on 22nd October 2013.**
- 2. AC to make inquiries on the status of an on-line tracking system to monitor issues reported to the council.**
- 3. Any information on geographical response rates to the consultation would be circulated.**

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY UPDATE, INCLUDING NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS

The Partnership received a verbal reports as follows (agenda item no. 7):-

Julian Jones – Cabot Forum Co-Chair

- There had been good progress on transport issues
- Commercial interest in the Castle Park site appeared to have evaporated. Details of how JJ could contact the Mayor to be provided.
- Bear Pit Scheme – it was understood that the Mayor was taking forward plans for the walkway proposed by the LD group. It was noted that the Bear Pit Improvement Group and Stokes Croft wanted another round of consultation on the shape of the scheme. The officer responsible to be notified to JJ.
- BRT (Metrobus) – the preferred Cumberland Road route carried the most legal risk. It was suggested that this could scupper the whole scheme if made subject to judicial review.
- There was no formal planning sub-group in Cabot or Broadmead that receives notification of pre-planning inquiries from the Neighbourhood Planning Network.

Nick Christo- Clifton Forum

- The last meeting was dominated by concerns relating to Residents Parkin Zones (RPZ). Terry Bullock made a presentation followed by a question and answer session. BCC was committed to keeping residents informed. There was a dedicated email address and information was being shared with councillors.
- The proposed date for a Joint Forum meeting with the Bishopston Cotham Redland area to discuss common matters would be circulated (*later confirmed as 5th September*)
- The Old Bowling Green had reopened after 4 years. Information on a series of planned events would be circulated.
- The new playground at Charles Place was a success.
- Funding from the Sustainable Neighbourhood Transport Fund had been used to promote cycle routes around Hotwells.
- An event was planned for 21st July to display major art work and get the Piazza Project off the ground ??

AGREED:

1. **Details of how the Mayor can be contacted to be provided.**
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/form/mayor/contact-mayor>
2. **BCC lead officer for the Bear Pit scheme to be provided**
(Janine McCretton – 903 6745 Janine.mccretton@bristol.gov.uk)

9. WELLBEING REPORT

The NP noted the current balance of the Wellbeing Fund - **£38,101.**

The AC outlined the new grant applications submitted for consideration (agenda item no. 10).

Bristol Cathedral – £1000 replacement of garden tools and seasonal acquisition of plants and bulbs

It was noted that this project relied on volunteers and donations. £600 had already been donated and £1000 was sought to progress outstanding work.

There was general agreement that the Oasis garden was a public asset. It was suggested that the garden was relatively unknown to

most people and would benefit from some promotion in the form of signage or a poster.

Christmas Steps – printing costs

It was agreed that the application should be deferred in the absence of a representative to talk the committee through the application.

We are Fest (Bristol Pride) – £2000 Marketing, stalls, performers etc

A representative of the festival gave a detailed account of the plans for the festival on the 13th July 2013. It was confirmed that volunteers do not get paid. It was suggested that the project should consider purchasing the tables and chairs rather than hiring them. There was general agreement that this was a one off project in its infancy that would leave a tangible legacy and was therefore worthy of support.

Ambra Vale East Community Garden - £1980 seating, plants, notice board etc

It was noted that the cost of labour had been included in the requested amount of £2180. The amount sought was therefore £1980. The application was well received.

Nitty Gritty Guide – £800 bespoke guide promoting Bristol distributed via schools

A representative of the project explained its aims, plans for distribution and target audience.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) That £1000 be allocated to Bristol Cathedral for the replacement of garden tools and seasonal acquisition of plants and bulbs

(2) That the Christmas steps application be deferred.

(3) That We Are Fest (Bristol Pride) be allocated £2000 for costs associated with the launch/promotion of the project.

(4) That Ambra Vale East Community Garden be allocated £1980 for costs associated with improvements to the garden.

(5) That Nitty Gritty Guide be allocated £800 for the costs of producing a bespoke guide promoting Bristol and distributed via schools

(6) That the Wellbeing application form be amended to reflect that applications should relate to capital sums not revenue.

10. DEVOLVED SERVICES UPDATE INCLUDING UPDATE ON DEVOLVED TRAFFIC SCHEMES

The NP received a report from Nick Christo (agenda item no. 9) relating to devolved services.

The NP noted that the total devolved budget for 2013/2014 including Section 106 developer contributions is **£492,786.56**. The NP noted the breakdown and update for each category.

Attention was drawn to the revised Minor Traffic Schemes timetable at pages 21 and 22 providing the requested update on schemes that could be delivered in 2013/14. It was pointed out that the Pembroke Road crossing was scheduled for commencement in 2014.

Deborah White highlighted the Clean and Green Budget of £2,045.92, available for the purposes of funding small environmental improvements.

An updated copy of Appendix A was circulated, setting out a full breakdown of S106 funding devolved to the NP. This indicated which S106 schemes have already been allocated to a project as prioritised by the NP.

AGREED – that the report be noted.

(The meeting ended at 9.10 pm)

CHAIR