



AGENDA ITEM NO:3

MEETING OF THE CABOT, CLIFTON AND CLIFTON EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 22ND OCTOBER 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)
Councillor Barbara Janke (Clifton)
Councillor Simon Cook (Clifton East)
Councillor Christian Martin (Clifton East)
Councillor Dr. Mark Wright (Cabot)
Julian Jones - Co-Chair Cabot Forum
Dennis Gornall – Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association (HCCA)
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
Mike Burgess – Brandon Hill Residents Association (BHRA)
Simon Talbot-Ponsonby – Christchurch Primary

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

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting and introductions were made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Woodman, Maggie Shapland, Rosemary Chamberlin, Sharon Baker, Richard Whitburn and Peter Newbery (sub Simon Talbot-Ponsonby)

3. MINUTES – 25TH JUNE 2013

AGREED- that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership held on 25th June 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to Dennis Gornall and Mike Burgess being recorded as present.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

(Copies of statements were circulated in advance of the meeting and are held in the Minute Book).

The NP heard from Brian Price in relation to the Trinity Care Day Centre in Hotwells which was now operating only one day a week and relying on volunteers and a significantly reduced budget. It was noted that the centre received no financial assistance from BCC and the support of the NP was now sought to ensure the centre remained sustainable in the future.

AGREED – that Councillor Janke would lead on an Older People Sub-Group and with the assistance of Brian Price and other volunteers, look into what is on offer for older people in the area and to learn about what councillors and local people have achieved in Henleaze with the help of the charity Linkage.

Moiria Kray did not attend and the officer response to her concerns regarding 20mph zones was noted.

6. COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Partnership received the following verbal reports (agenda item no. 6):-

Residents Parking Zones

Clifton and Howells

Informal engagement was complete and feedback would be published prior to the formal consultation planned for November 2013. It was anticipated that the Cliftonwood and Hotwells scheme would be in place by April 2014 and Clifton Village and Clifton West around 6 weeks later.

Clifton East

Informal consultation would begin early November with public drop in sessions arranged for mid November. Formal consultation was planned for April 2014 and implementation around August 2014.

Brandon Hill

No update available. Councillor Wright had experienced difficulty in confirming the position with Parking Services.

Spike Island

The process was due to commence in January 2014.

Britain in Bloom and Bristol/SW in Bloom Awards

The NP noted recent awards and the Chair extended thanks to all groups involved.

A slide of the art work recently installed at Brandon Hill bowling green was also shown.

John Rippon and Dorothy Brown

The NP placed on record its sincere appreciation of the valuable work carried out by John and Dorothy over many years. Both would be sadly missed.

Councillor Martin

Easter Garden – the acquisition of the land had been secured from the developer after protracted negotiation. SJRA held a street party.

Consultations and Publications

The Chair drew attention to a list of on-going BCC consultations and publications, potentially of interest to the NP. The NP needed to find out how it could usefully get involved with some of these issues, including any necessary training.

7. HIGHWAYS UPDATE AND FOOTWAYS DECISION

The NP received a report from the Service Director - Transport Services (agenda item no. 7) relating to footway maintenance schemes for 2013/14 and local traffic schemes and carriageway surface dressing updates.

The NP considered the table of schemes recommended for resurfacing / repair in the Cabot Clifton and Clifton East areas from the available budget of £126,000. It was reported that schemes were listed in priority order based on inspections (set out in detail in the officer report). It was noted that Park Street had been funded from a separate budget due to the costs involved. There was scope for top up from a central budget should any of the chosen schemes necessitate this.

It was clarified that maintenance funding could not be used for enhancement works. Some of the schemes highlighted as priorities by Partners would be suitable for consideration in March 2014 when local traffic schemes would be submitted for consideration. The Chair suggested the NP should find a way of making parking on pavements an operational priority.

Following discussion, on being put to the vote and with due consideration of the views expressed by the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group, the Neighbourhood Committee:-

RESOLVED -

(1) That the following footway schemes be agreed as the priorities for 2013/14:-

- **St Michaels Hill (£35,000)**
- **Southleigh Road (£40,000)**
- **College Street area (£12,000)**

- Princess Victoria Street (£25,000)

- (2) That the remaining funds totalling £16,500 includes the £2,500 contribution to Southleigh Road from Bristol Water Company) be allocated towards the Zig Zag path.**
- (3) That the 2013/14 work programme for footway maintenance be agreed; and**
- (4) That the progress on local traffic schemes and carriageway surface dressing be noted.**

The Partners advised officers that it would be useful to know precisely when works would be taking place, in the form of a work plan for example. It was noted that the prioritised schemes were scheduled for completion by end of March 2014.

The NP considered the table of local traffic schemes scheduled for completion by the end of the March 2014 with the exception of Pembroke Road. Neil Terry agreed to establish if this delay was due to the works being carried out by Bristol Water, and to reprioritise the timing of Pembroke Road if necessary. The NP was advised that if the university's contribution of £10,000 towards the Woodland Road scheme was not forthcoming, Pembroke Road could not be progressed as planned (works estimated to commence October 2014).

AGREED – Councillor Wright to talk to the University and establish the current position in relation to their traffic study and contribution towards Woodland Road.

8. DEVOLVED SERVICE UPDATE

The total devolved budget of £576,649.25 for 2013/2014 (including Section 106 developer contributions) was noted. The NP also considered a detailed slide setting out the spending and existing balance against each category.

Applications to the Clean and Green project (£1,946 across the 3 wards) could be made to the Area Co-ordinator (Nick Christo) or the Area Environment Officer (deborah.white@bristol.gov.uk).

It was confirmed that additional funding streams were available from the Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant, to be submitted by the 28th February 2014.

Approval for £14,525 was sought from the Wellbeing Fund in accordance with the applications circulated in advance of the meeting.

Following discussion and on being put to the vote (unanimous unless otherwise indicated) the Neighbourhood Committee:-

RESOLVED –

- (1) that the devolved budgets and existing balances be noted;**
- (2) that £8,000 be allocated to BID Clifton Village for Christmas street lighting.**
- (3) that £1,384 be allocated to Kingsdown Conservation Group for reproduction box lanterns.**
- (4) that £808.39 be allocated to the Christmas Steps Arts Quarter Association for leaflets to promote the area.**
- (5) that the application from Ambra Vale Residents for £1331.00 be deferred until the next meeting.**
- (6) that £3000 be allocated to Christchurch Primary School for planters and installation costs (agreed by 4:1 majority)**
- (7) that the Wellbeing balance of £17, 796 be noted.**
- (8) that the update on the NP review be noted;**
- (9) that the Active Neighbourhood Travel Grant guidance be noted;**
- (10) that the Bristol European Green Capital 2015 opportunity for NPs be noted; and**
- (11) that the update on the 20mph rollout be noted.**

9. PARKS S106 REQUESTS AND CAPITAL STIMULUS PROJECT

The Environmental Working Group made the following requests for release of S106 funds to fund the projects set out in the report.

Following discussion and on being put to the vote (unanimous unless otherwise indicated) the Neighbourhood Committee:-

RESOLVED - that the following Section 106 requests be agreed:-

- **Cumberland Piazza – £21,240.76 for 12 additional trees and other small environmental improvements.**
- **Arlington Gardens – £4,462 for tree maintenance works.**
- **Pembroke Road – £3,017.78 08/00172 Trees**
- **Chesterfield Hospital – £4,088 for trees**

The NP considered the alternative use of £120,000 in funding originally allocated for play equipment in Victoria Square Clifton.

Following discussion and on being put to the vote (unanimous unless otherwise indicated) the Neighbourhood Committee:-

RESOLVED – that £120,00 be allocated to the proposed parks improvement projects in the following priority order:-

- **Infrastructure renovation to Victoria Square
£49,979.50**
- **Access and Increased use of Mall Gardens £49,690**
- **Refurbishment of Brandon Hill Toilets
£18,918.86**

10. SUB-GROUP UPDATES

The NP received a range of verbal updates.

AGREED - that the Area Coordinator and Neighbourhood Development officer assist in setting up meetings for the new sub groups in the initial stages.

11. CITY CENTRE STRATEGY DISCUSSION

The Chair reported that Castle Park had again been included in the development plans. There could lead to the loss of green areas within the park and a number of established trees. The NP considered a slide demonstrating the extent of the preferred development and the areas that would be affected.

Councillor Cook suggested that concern at this stage was premature as definitive proposals had not yet emerged. The Mayor had indicated that the building line along the High Street should be restored, however this was at an early stage and the suggested boundaries were indicative only. Councillor Cook stated that some trees would have to go in order to create a viable development and emphasised that the development of Mary Le Port was crucial to create space around the church tower.

However Partners were concerned that once a line is drawn for development, then development would take place accordingly. It was felt that any line should therefore be drawn so that important Open Space is retained as currently defined.

A number of Partners expressed concerns about the environment and the potential for plans to gain momentum without all options being considered. Partners were sceptical of the plans to build shops when a city centre retail study had established this was not viable. It was suggested that less commercial development was needed.

The Chair invited the NP to support the position taken by the Environmental Sub-Group that the preferred development would encroach detrimentally on Castle Park and that any development line should not encroach on the park, including the existing depot. On being put to the vote, there was overwhelming support for this.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING UPDATE

The NP considered a summary a of action to date against the top 10 neighbourhood priorities identified after consultation with at

Neighbourhood Forums, NP sub-groups and other community events.

AGREED – that the 10 priorities identified for the future be agreed subject to a formal definition of cycling on pavements.

13. CCNP STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

A separate meeting would be held to develop the recommended / suggested priorities and would be reported back to the NP meeting on 28th January 2014.

The new slide format for the meeting was well received. A copy of the presentation material is attached as Appendix 1 to the Minutes. It was noted that the acoustics at The Pavilion remained an issue for some people.)

(The meeting ended at 9.05pm)

CHAIR