



Agenda Item No: 3

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Cabot Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership

Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.00pm

Brunel House, St George's Road, BS1 5UY

Partners Present

Councillor Simon Cook (Clifton East)

Councillor Carla Denyer (Clifton East)

Councillor Charles Lucas (Clifton/Chair of the Neighbourhood Committee)

Councillor Ani Stafford-Townsend (Cabot)

Councillor Jerome Thomas (Clifton)

Councillor Mark Wright (Cabot)

Julian Jones – 10 Unity Street Residents Association/Co-Chair Cabot Forum

Pauline Allen – Kingsdown Conservation Group/Co-Chair Cabot Forum

Dennis Gornall – Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association (HCCA)/Chair
Clifton/Clifton East Neighbourhood Forum

Maggie Shapland – Clifton and Hotwells Improvement Society (CHIS)

Keith Rodgerson Oakfield Resident's Association (ORA)

Rosemary Chamberlin – Castle Park User Group/Clifton and Hotwells Labour Party

Dr Evelyn Lewis – Byron Place Resident's Association

Pat Smith - Richmond Hill Resident's Association

Officers:-

Kurt James - Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (903 7365)

Patricia Jones - Democratic Services Officer (922 2883)

Neil Terry – Area Manager, Highways (903 6824)

Mike Lawlor – Neighbourhood Officer (352 5501)

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Rolling Attendance

	23 rd June 2015	13 th October 2015 (new membership)	26 th January 2016	29 th March 2016
Ward Councillor Partners				
Simon Cook	P	P		
Carla Denyer	P	P		
Charles Lucas	P	P		
Ani Stafford-Townsend	A	P		
Jerome Thomas	P	P		
Mark Wright	P	P		
Partners				
10 Unity Street Residents Association - Julian Jones -	P	P		
Ambra Vale Residents Group - Kathy Stagg				
Ashley House Community Liaison Group - Paul Garner				
Avon and Somerset Police – Deborah Yeates	P	A		
Bearpit Improvement Group - Alan Morris				
Boathouse Residents Association - Greg Jones				
Brandon Hill Residents Association - Johnathon Hyams				

Broadmead BID – Jo Hawkins				
Byron Place Residents Association - Evelyn Lewis	P	P		
Cabot Cruising Club - Pat Ludwell				
Capricorn Place Residents Association - ?				
Mary Bannerman - Castle Park Users Group	A	A		
Clifton and Hotwells Branch Labour Party - Rosemary Chamberlin	P	P		
Clifton and Hotwells Improvement Society – Maggie Shapland	P	P		
Clifton Down Community Association - David Jepson				
Clifton Hill Residents Association - Jonathan Hurford				
Clifton Village Traders – Rosie Joseland				
Cornwallis Crescent – Kathy Crossthwaite				
Crescent Resident's Association - Sylvia Doubell/David Pomeroy				
Deanery Road Residents - Association Robin Williams				

Ilse Hambrook - Friends of Easter Garden				
Friends of Avon New Cut – Chris Hanmer -				
Friends of Brandon Hill	A	P		
High Kingsdown Residents Association – Karen Sillence				
Highbury Residents Association - Linda Ewles -	A	A		
Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Dennis Gornall	P	P		
Invicta Apartments – Kate Thornton				
Jacobs Wells Traders Association – Alistair Mchardy				
Jacobs Wells Community Hub – Sally Silverman				
Kingsdown Conservation Group – Pauline Allen	P	P		
Mall Gardens Resident's Association – Toni Brown		P		
Oakfield Resident's Association – Keith Rodgerson/Richard Barnes	P	A		
Philps House Resident's Association – Maira Stylianou				
Pooles Wharf Resident's Association – Trevor George/Erica Thomas				

Redcliffe West Residents Association – Jerry Woods				
Richmond Hill Residents Association – Pat Smith	A	P		
Richmond Terrace Resident’s Association – Wendy Pollard	P	A		
Rownham Mead Management Company – Karen Larwood				
St Michael’s Hill Traders Association – Jay Jethwa				
University Of Bristol Union – Jemma Harford				
WUF Redcliffe Resident’s Association – Diane Rowland/Tom Cooke	P	P		
Residents interested in NP involvement: Jillian Ewings		A		
Laura Lafave		A		
Tony Miles		A		
John Morison		A		
Sam Saunders		A		
Ray Smith		A		
Christine Townsend	P	P		

The meeting included a powerpoint presentation summarising the agenda items. A copy of the slides are attached as Appendix 1 to the Minutes.

1. Neighbourhood Partnership Membership

The NP considered a report of the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (KJ) setting out the work undertaken to formalise the membership.

Resolved – that the proposed membership of the NP set out at pages 6 and 7 of the report be agreed.

2. Election of Neighbourhood Partnership Chair

Two nominations were received and one was withdrawn in advance of the meeting. Fraser Bridgeford was duly nominated and elected.

Resolved – that Fraser Bridgeford be elected Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership for the 2015/16 Municipal year.

3. Welcome and Introductions and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Deborah Yeates, Avon and Somerset Police.

4. Minutes – 23rd June 2015

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

St Michael's Church

Christine Townsend reported that people living in the grounds of the church had been evicted.

Agreed – KJ to establish if any support was being provided to the people concerned (via Nick Hooper). It was also agreed that the diocese would be asked to keep the NP informed on any plans to develop the site.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Public Forum

None.

7. Neighbourhood Partnership Finance Update

(Neighbourhood Committee decision)

KJ gave a brief overview of the resources available to improve the quality of life across the NP area (set out in detail in the report). Attention was drawn to the following recommendations in the report:-

1. Agree Devolved Neighbourhood Budgets
2. Ratify the Clean and Green Funding Expenditure

On being put to the vote, the NC:-

RESOLVED - that the Clean and Green funding Expenditure of £3, 772.28 be ratified (expenditure as set out at page 27 of the report).

Councillor Lucas (Neighbourhood Committee Chair) referred to the budget table at page 25 of the papers and emphasised the importance of finding feasible schemes to progress from the uncommitted funding - £1,219,563.40.

It was recognised that the recently agreed Neighbourhood Plan would assist with the allocation of resources and that the sub-groups would also be instrumental in developing and scoping projects. However it was also important for people to feed in ideas for consideration. KJ was available for advice in relation to the rules/spending criteria for Community Infrastructure Levy funding.

With reference to recommendation on page 25, "Make recommendations to the Neighbourhood Partnership on priority Minor Traffic Schemes to be

delivered at the frequency of one per annum” – it was pointed out that this was in addition to the Section 106 schemes described in the report.

Councillor Denyer referred to the recommendation at page 26 of the report relating to the use of £21,293.62 in Section 106 Community Buildings funding. She suggested that it might be useful to have a defined spending strategy and specific guidance on how the money could be used. KJ stated that this could be developed by Mike Lawlor, Neighbourhood Officer – the spending decision was ultimately one for the NC.

Agreed:-

(1) The NP noted that £1,219,563.40 in devolved funding remained available as at 13th October 2015.

(2) Two meetings of the Transport and Environmental Sub-Groups to take place between October 2016 and February 2016 to develop and scope viable projects.

(3) Mike Lawlor to assist the Neighbourhood Committee with options for the use of £21,293.62 in Section 106 Community Buildings funding, including guidance and a strategy for spend.

8. Grant Applications for Approval

- **Wellbeing Fund** (*Neighbourhood Committee decision*)

The current balance of £30,407 was noted.

The NP then considered a report from the NP Co-ordinator setting out the recommendations from the Wellbeing Sub-Group for the allocation of funding:-

Organisation	Amount Requested/Project	Recommended Award
HCCA	Tree Planting Cumberland Piazza	£5000
Jacobs Wells Community Hub	Notice Boards – Jacobs Wells area	£2,500

The Long John Silver Trust	Maintenance of the Treasure Island Trail	£2,500
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Councillor Lucas clarified that the Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association (HCCA) submission was a re-application for funding initially approved in 2012 but not transferred to HCCA due to an administrative error. If approved, this amount would have no impact on the current budget (having already been carried over from the 2012 budget).

Councillor Wright informed the partners that previous efforts by the Long John Silver Trust to secure funding from BCC had been challenging and he therefore welcomed this application.

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

RESOLVED:-

- (1) Application from HCCA approved in the amount of £5,000.
- (2) Application from Jacobs Wells Community Hub approved in the amount of £2,500.
- (3) Application from The Long John Silver Trust approved in the amount of £2,500.
- (4) The balance of £25,407 to be noted.

Green Capital – allocation of awards (*Neighbourhood Partnership decision*)

Councillor Lucas informed the partners that the recipient of an award in January 2015 had returned a proportion of the funding - £1018.72 (details at page 40 of the papers). The NP was invited to consider

re-distributing this amount between the other successful applicants for Green Capital Funding. This was agreed as follows:-

Christmas Steps Arts Quarter – £300

Creative Youth Network – £418.72

Friends of the Green - £300

In conclusion, the NP noted that the total available funding of £15,000 had now been allocated following the spending decisions in January and June 2015.

AGREED:-

- (1) The amount of £1018.72 in Green Capital Funding to be re-distributed between Christmas Steps Arts Quarter, Creative Youth Network and Friends of the Green in the amounts of £418.72, £300 and £300 respectively.**
- (2) The NP noted that the total available Green Capital Funding of £15,000 had now been allocated.**
- (3) The £3,000 Wellbeing Grant funding allocation for Christchurch Primary School be noted.**

9. Studentification

The NP received a detailed presentation from Pat Smith, representing Richmond Hill Resident's Association and other Clifton residents. A copy of the presentation is attached as Appendix 2 to the Minutes.

The NP heard about the growing concerns associated with the expanding student population in Clifton and the desire for a coherent management strategy by residents frustrated by a range of impacts on residential amenity and the character of the area.

It was reported that the consensus amongst residents was that BCC policy (directly related to planning) and the University master plan failed to adequately address issues of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and action was specifically sought to address:-

- the number of planning consents for student accommodation;
- the expansion of the night-time economy close to residential areas; and
- strong enforcement of planning conditions

Below is a summary of the ensuing discussion:-

- Councillor Wright reported that despite an assurance to the contrary 5 years ago, the university continued to increase its numbers. It was suggested communication in relation to the master plan could be improved.
- Gordon Schofield, Community Liaison Officer for the university suggested that some of the figures provided in the presentation did not stack up – how representative are the objectors of the areas where problems apparently ? He suggested that the size of the problem as set out in the presentation was not reflected in the number of complaints received by the university.
- Partners commented that there were situations/complaints that the University was unlikely to hear about – for example, an elderly couple who were the only non-student residents on their street. It was proposed that Equality Standards should be incorporated into any future strategy.
- Councillor Cook acknowledged the benefits of the student community and stated that the problem was down to a lifestyle clash. He felt a framework where student accommodation could be measured and controlled across areas like Clifton was needed and that developments like the one adjoining the Pro Cathedral should be encouraged.
- Councillor Stafford-Townsend stated that efforts to resolve this problem should not result in Cabot being adversely affected numbers wise. A balanced community meant affordable housing, not just luxury flats and student accommodation.
- Councillor Denyer stated Bristol had the highest student retention rate in the UK and that she was encouraged by the tone of the presentation.

There was general agreement that the NP should support the development of a city-wide Supplementary Planning Document and that the assistance of Place Directorate and the West of England Partnership should be sought to progress this. Councillor Cook undertook to investigate the possibilities with Planning. Councillor Stafford-Townsend indicated that she would like to assist where possible.

Agreed - the NP committed to support the development of a city-wide Supplementary Planning Document and securing the assistance of Place Directorate and the West of England Partnership to progress this. Councillor Cook undertook to investigate the possibilities with Planning.

10. Highways Update

- **Junction improvement – Bridge Valley Road, Clifton Down and Ladies Mile**

Following recent investigations into the feasibility of improving the traffic situation at the junction of Bridge Valley Road, Clifton Down and Ladies Mile, the NP considered a report from Neil Terry :-

- setting out a potential solution to the problem; and
- inviting the NP to indicate its support or otherwise for the proposed highway improvements.

NT reported that drivers were naturally cautious in approaching the junction and for this reason the accident history was not serious. However the negative issues associated with the junction were the subject of more complaints/correspondence than any other location in Bristol.

It was noted that a single mini-roundabout at the top of Bridge Valley Road was the recommended solution to the problem with related costs of between £165,000 and £200,000 (dependent on the quality of materials used). This would accommodate all turning movements, reduce vehicle speeds and make it easier for motorists to indicate their intended turning movements. BCC's City Design Team had indicated initial support for this option, however a formal design study was needed to progress the detail design and costing of the suggested measures.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the viability of this scheme should be considered alongside the schemes already under consideration by the Transport Sub-Group, and a set of ranked costings produced to assist the NP in making decisions. In the event that the NP was unable to fund the totality of the preferred schemes, it was agreed that KJ should explore other funding streams.

- **Update on Highways Scheme Delivery**

NT provided the following updates:-

Christmas Steps, Little Thomas Lane and Quarry Steps

These schemes were unable to proceed for the reasons verbally reported.

Woodland Road and Tyndall's Park Road

Works to commence in December 2015.

Pembroke Road

The scheme was out to consultation and was being progressed by the Legal Department. It was anticipated that works would commence in February/March 2016.

Bollards Sion Hill

Work would commence later this week.

Bus Station drop off bay

This was a Section 106 funded scheme linked to the redevelopment of the Bus Station. The Magistrates Court continued to object on security grounds and alternative options were being looked at.

Minor Lines and Signs

£2,250 was available in the 2015/16 budget.

Minor Works Budget

It was proposed that £3,000-£5,000 be set aside for suitable schemes.

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

RESOLVED:-

- (1) The viability of the Bridge Valley Road, Clifton Down and Ladies Mile scheme should be considered alongside the schemes already under consideration by the Transport Sub-Group, and a set of ranked costings produced to assist the NP in making decisions. In the event that the NP was unable to fund the totality of the preferred schemes, it was agreed that KJ should explore other funding streams.
- (2) Christmas Steps, Little Thomas Lane and Quarry Steps Schemes to be withdrawn from the work programme for the reasons reported by the Area Transport Manager.
- (3) The £2,250 Minor Signs Budget to be used at the discretion of officers.
- (4) Minor Works Budget – £3,000 - £5,000 to be set aside and recommendations for spend to be considered by the Sub-Group and referred back to the Neighbourhood Committee for consideration.

11. Using Murals to combat tagging in Cabot Ward - Presentation

Councillor Stafford- Townsend proposed a preventative design strategy to discourage abuse in targeted areas of the ward.

It was noted that research suggested that painting carefully chosen murals on vulnerable walls and surfaces was successful in both combatting the problem and encouraging community ownership. The NP

was shown examples of abstract murals painted by local artists and was invited to consider what might work in specific locations.

Councillor Stafford-Townsend sought the NP's approval in principle for the idea/design concept and to consult with local artists.

Agreed – with the assistance of the Neighbourhood Officer, appropriate community groups and residents to be consulted to establish the level of support for the idea and to reach agreement on appropriate art work.

12. Sub-Group Updates

The NP received updates from representatives of the Sub-Groups (set out in detail in the presentation slides). Specific attention was drawn to:-

Environmental Sub-Group

Arlington Gardens – possible site for a play area but it was emphasised that the ownership issue needed to be resolved as soon as possible.

Transport Sub-Group

KJ confirmed that the aim as to bring a definitive list of Section 106 schemes/recommendations to the January or March NP meetings.

Agreed – that the reports be noted.

13. Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator Report

Spike Island – ML confirmed that issues of concern affecting residents would be looked at along with the Harbourside as a whole in anticipation of the Boundary Review changes. A meeting would be arranged by ML and ward councillors and appropriate officers invited to address the anxieties raised.

Howells Road/buses – KJ to consult operator and confirm any route changes to Rosemary Chamberlin.

Castle Park Development and Bristol Arena – there would be public consultation on both.

Residents Parking Scheme Review - the results of the Cliftonwood and Hotwells RPS review has now been published:-

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/transport-and-streets/cliftonwood-and-hotwells-ch-residents-parking-scheme>

The Clifton Village review would commence the end of October 2015. No date as yet for Clifton East.

Equalities Training – a new date had been arranged for 22nd October at 6.30pm (St George Library, Church Road, Bristol, Avon BS5 8AL). Anyone wishing to attend should contact KJ.

Mayors Visit – action notes arising from the visit in July were available as per the presentation slide.

Boundary Review – the impact on the NP area would become clear in due course, however the following wards would be created:-

- Harbourside and Hotwells (1 councillor)
- Clifton Down
- Central (replacing Cabot)
- Boundary changes to all wards. Central gaining the whole of Redcliffe from Lawrence Hill ward, the loss of Kingsdown to Cotham Ward and the inclusion of Whiteladies Road in CliftonDown.

New Name for CC&CE NP - to be considered.

14. Date of next meeting

- 7pm Tuesday 26th January 2015, Brunel House, St George's Road, BS1 5UY

(The meeting ended at 8.55pm)