



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DUNDRY VIEW
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON
MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Ward Councillors:

Councillor Eddy	Bishopsworth Ward
Councillor Quartley	Bishopsworth Ward
Councillor Brain	Hartcliffe Ward
Councillor Pickup	Hartcliffe Ward
Councillor Holland	Whitchurch Park Ward
Councillor Kent	Whitchurch Park Ward

Other members of Partnership :

Jan Bohin	Resident
Lorraine Horgan	Resident
Diana Porter	Resident
Bob Giles	Resident
Don Smith	Resident
Geoff Woodburn	Resident
Mike Knight	Local business
Hannah Cheek	Equalities representative

Other Attendance:

Richard Fletcher	BCC Parks, Neighbourhood
Engagement Manager	
Emily Smith	Safer Bristol Community Safety
Officer	
Keith Houghton	BCC Area Co-ordinator
Heather Williams	HWCP Community Partnership
Manager	
Ian Pagan	BCC Democratic Services Manager

13 members of the public were in attendance

19. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed councillors, partners and members of the public to the meeting.

20. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2012

In relation to accuracy, it was noted that Lorraine Horgan was present at the meeting and should be included in the attendance list.

In relation to matters arising, the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator reported on :

- The VCS would be appointing a representative to serve on the Partnership at a meeting to be held tomorrow
- The ability of passengers to use First tickets on Abus services upon payment of 50p had yet to be clarified. This would be checked out and information provided in the next publication of the WHAM
- May Gurney had been invited to the next meeting of the Pride of Place Group to discuss tailoring their service to meet local requirements. The outcome would be reported to the next meeting of the Partnership/Committee.
- Arrangements for community tree planting had been discussed by the Pride of Place Group and agreed.
- In relation to the Bishopsworth Pool site, the Partnership and committee members both felt that the future of that site should be determined locally. It was agreed that the Cabinet should be asked to delegate the responsibility.

AGREED-

- (1) That, subject to amendment of the attendance record as described above, the minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

- (2) That the Cabinet be asked to delegate to the Neighbourhood Committee, responsibility for determining the future use of the Bishopsworth Pool site.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from councillors.

22. PUBLIC FORUM

An item of public forum business was received from Lorraine Bush, manager of HAWKS. A copy of her statement has been attached to the minute book.

Ms Bush discussed the impact of the council's approach to commissioning the Bristol Youth Links contract which encouraged large consortia to bid but prevented small organisations such as HAWKS from getting involved. HAWKS had been unsuccessful in becoming part of a larger consortium, and as a result was faced with losing around 50% of its income and potential closure.

Ms Bush pointed out that the families and individuals who used the services of her organisation usually required local support within the community and would simply not engage with a large, impersonal and externally based service provider.

She explained that she had raised her concerns about the impact of commissioning in a letter to the executive member, Cllr Hopkins, who had not responded to her. It was ;

AGREED - that this matter should be followed up by officers on behalf of the Partnership

During discussion it was proposed that the matter should be discussed at the forthcoming VCS networking meeting. It as noted that other community based voluntary sector organisations had been similarly adversely affected by BCC's commissioning process notwithstanding the Council's objective, which was for a uniform approach but where local organisations could join larger consortia.

It was also noted that the impact of service commissioning on small community based organisations had been taken up through

VOSCUR and had also been raised with Safer Bristol where a response was awaited. It was ;

AGREED - that the Partnership would support HAWKS in its dialogue with the Council over the coming months. That the Partnership Chair would write to Cllr Hopkins to request a response on behalf of HAWKS

23. PARKS INVESTMENT REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Richard Fletcher, Neighbourhood Engagement Manager, BCC Parks (agenda item no. 5) concerning the Council's parks investment fund and inviting the committee to agree minimum match funding which would secure capital stimulus monies from the Council for investment in parks projects within the Partnership's area.

During discussion, Mr Way expressed concerns that the process had not engaged with local residents. It was understood locally that there would be significant restrictions on the funding which was available and if it had been clear from the outset how much money was likely to be available, then this might have affected the aspirations which had been put forward. He was also concerned that he had first learnt of the current approach via the Parks Forum rather than through direct communication by the Council with partners and residents. He made the point that the devolved S106 for parks had, in effect, been committed in advance by the central process.

The Chair echoed these concerns. Cllr Kent pointed out that the Councillors, in putting forward bids to the Capital Stimulus fund, were aware of the NP priorities.

Following discussion and advice from the Neighbourhood Engagement Manager that the actual figure required from the Committee for match funding was £44,523.83, it was;

RESOLVED -

That match funding of £44,523.83 be contributed by the Committee towards the costs of the project to improve St Augustine's Park from The Groves S106 monies. A summary of the total funding arrangements for the project is as follows:

Project	Amount Requested (Total project cost)	Amount funded from the Capital Stimulus pot	Match funding agreed from Neighbourhood Committee	Match funding details
St. Augustine's Park	£125,000	£80,500	£44,523.83	Devolved s106 contribution.

24. COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY AGREEMENT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Emily Smith, Community Safety Officer, Safer Bristol (agenda item no. 6) setting out details of the Community Safety Delivery Agreement.

Partners discussed the various priorities of the CSO , which had been agreed through local consultation and discussion at neighbourhood level. Particular reference was made to hate crime and how this could be identified and measured, as such behaviour often went unreported.

It was suggested that a campaign to promote awareness of and reporting of such crimes should take place.

Following further discussion, it was;

AGREED -

That the community safety priorities Delivery Agreement for Dundry View for 2012/13 be endorsed and the proposed actions within the delivery agreement (appendix 1 to the report) be noted.

25. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 7) detailing progress and providing updates in relation to (1) devolved highway budgets spending; (2) local sustainable transport fund bids submitted in July 2012; (3)

clean and green budget spending and (4) an update on S106 budgets.

The Area Co-ordinator also reported on (5) feedback from neighbourhood forums; (6) the situation on relation to the Bishopsworth Pool site; (7) progress with the Crox bottom management plan and (8) development of the Dundry View Action Plan.

During the ensuing discussion, particular reference was made to the following :

Local traffic schemes -

It was reported that final costing for Longway Avenue verge repairs had yet to be provided but that should the tree planting scheme incorporate this vicinity, then the overall cost could be significantly reduced.

It was reported that the Highridge Road and Fulford Road 2012/13 schemes were proposed for taking out of the 2012/13 local traffic schemes and submitted as bids to the local sustainable transport fund, as there were insufficient funds in the local scheme to allow for their completion in 2012/13.

The Committee discussed funding issues generally in relation to the 2012/13 local traffic schemes and anticipated adjustments to spending.

In relation to the Church Road scheme (2011/12 outstanding), Councillor Brain expressed his concern about the inaccuracy of the estimate for the works. The Area Co-ordinator explained that it was his understanding that this was due to services which were subsequently found within the pavement which were not displayed on any plans and which would have to be moved to enable the project to be undertaken.

In relation to narrow estate road schemes, Councillor Brain expressed concerns at Council officers proposals to divide the narrow estate roads budget between all of the neighbourhood partnerships. He pointed out that the fund had specifically been devised to deal with problems with this type of road, which was particularly prevalent in the Dundry View area. A better approach would be to devise a precise definition of such roads.

He moved :

“Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership does not believe that the narrow estate roads budget should be distributed to all of Bristol’s neighbourhood partnerships for the general provision of parking spaces across Bristol. Instead, a definition of a narrow estate road that includes a specified width should be determined and only those roads within that width should be eligible for funding.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Eddy, put to the vote and carried.

It was agreed that should the above proposal be accepted by the Executive Member, then the new arrangements should apply from 2013/14.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund bids submitted in July-

In relation to LSTF bids submitted in July, it was noted that of the proposals listed on pages 49/50 of the agenda papers, the proposals for Fulford Road had been successful, with Elm Tree Corner corridor, being on a reserve list. Formal notification of the outcome was anticipated shortly.

Clean and Green-Central £19K fund

Councillor Kent made reference to replacement of dog bins at Court Farm Road.. Parks had maintained that central funding was not available and that the replacement cost of £700 would need to be picked up by the Partnership. As there was an ongoing maintenance charge for emptying bins which no longer existed, he felt it reasonable the cost was picked up centrally and he would pursue the matter.

Section 106 budgets update –

Amelia Nutt S106: The Partnership was informed of the circumstances in relation to damaged granite seating in Willmott Park, its proposed replacement with new steel items, and proposed use of under spent Amelia Nutt S106 monies for the replacement, because of the better value available as a result of maintenance monies being included within the funding package. The proposed approach was agreed.

Enterprise Inn S106: The Partnership noted the general favourable feedback from work at Ilchester Crescent undertaken with this money. Some outstanding issues and use of underspend will be fed back by the Area Co-ordinator and recommendations discussed in the Dundry View Transport Group meeting

Bishopsworth pool site –

Mike Knight expressed the view that the building/site should be retained for local community use and that it would be inappropriate to market the site to organisations outside of the Partnership's area. He felt that the concept of local people being invited to do something with the facility should be explored in the first instance.

The Area Co-ordinator explained that officers were currently assessing the extent of local interest in the site and this included discussion with local groups.

The Chair commented that all options should be explored and that the building should not be allowed to fall into disrepair in the mean time.

Crox Bottom -

The Area Co-ordinator advised that following further discussion with the Friends of Crox Bottom and further consideration as to how the £93K S106 monies will be spent in line with the requirements of the S 106 agreement, a final report would be brought to the December meeting

RESOLVED -

- (1) that progress on schemes selected with the devolved transport budgets, in particular the further additional costs reported on the Church Road Traffic Scheme, be noted;**
- (2) that the schemes originally proposed as Local Traffic budget pieces of work that have now been submitted as Local Sustainable Transport Fund bids be noted;**
- (3) that the financial issues raised in the report and the potential actions to manage the risks of overspend be noted;**

- (4) that the full list of bids submitted from the Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership area to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund at the end of July 2012 be noted;**
- (5) That in relation to officer proposals concerning the future funding arrangements for narrow estate roads, the Executive Member for Budget and Transport be asked to instruct officers to provide a definition of a narrow estate road that includes a specified width and only those roads within that width should be eligible for funding from the budget for narrow estate roads, and that if agreed, these arrangements should take effect from 2013/14;**
- (6) that the spends proposed by the AEO on the devolved Clean and Green budget of £1,500 and those being delivered from centrally-held BCC Clean and Green budget of £10,000 to benefit Dundry View wards be noted;**
- (7) that progress on delivery of 2011/12 Clean and Green funding for bins and applications submitted to the 2012/13 Clean and Green central funding of £19,000 be noted;**
- (8) that the unforeseen underspend from Amelia Nutt S106 and the Wilmott Park spend proposal, along with progress updates on delivery of other Park S106 allocations be noted;**
- (9) that the proposed allocation of remaining Amelia Nutt S106 funding of £3089.69 to Wilmott Park improvements including replacement of damaged granite seating with steel seating and installation of new bin liners be approved;**
- (10) that the progress updates on agreed S106 Traffic/Transport projects; Youth Provision and libraries, be noted;**
- (11) that the progress update from the Bishopsworth Pool Steering Group be noted, and**

(12) that the actions being taken to finalise the Crox Bottom Management Plan which means the final plan will now be presented to the December NP meeting be noted.

8. WELLBEING REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 8) on the wellbeing budget.

Following discussion of the various proposals in the report, it was;

RESOLVED -

- (1) that the available Wellbeing funding for 2012/13 be noted;**
- (2) that the recommended Wellbeing grants totalling £6,750 put forward by the Wellbeing Panel at its meeting on 3rd September 2012 be approved as set out below;**

Applicant	Amount applied for	Purpose	Amount of grant recommended
Counterslip Baptist Church	£10,150 (full project costs)	A new drop in for the surrounding community offering a range of support and advice (also applying to Hengrove & Stockwood NP)	£1,500
CSV Learning SW	£1075	Play workshops to offer a range of diversionary activities over the Halloween and bonfire period (Will apply for some funding towards this from NDT funding)	£1,075
HBH Community Action	£750	Day out for an older persons group	£750
Highridge Community Group	£700	Christmas meal and day trip for an older persons group	£700
Putting the Well into Being	£2500 requested	Support local residents by setting up and running a 30 week programme around healthy living.	£1,500
Willmott Park	£3896.04	To improve seating and bins in the park for the benefit of the park	£240 for room hire. (see Amelia Nutt S106)

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		users. To cover the costs of room hire for the park group meetings	recommendation to fund seating and bins)
Zion	£985	Refurbishment of the toilet and utility area with the garden of the community building.	£985 (was considered for Community First but no match funding available)
Totals			£6,750
Application not recommended for funding in this round:			
Kooky Ukes	£1140	Music sessions for groups of people with learning difficulties and mental health needs	Panel agreed to defer til December panel - awaiting more information about the impact of project for residents of Dundry View

- (3) that it be noted that no Community First recommendations were able to be agreed at the Assessment Panel ;**
- (4) that the monies remaining in the Wellbeing Fund for allocation in 2012/13 - £17,046.35 be noted;**
- (5) that the request from Friends of Dundry Slopes to amend the use of their Wellbeing Grant as described in the report be approved; and**
- (6) that the legal information set out in the report which guides all decisions about Wellbeing grant funding be noted.**

9. ACTION PLAN

The Area Co-ordinator tabled an Action Plan development proposal (agenda item no. 9), a copy of which is attached to the minute book and is available on the Council website.

The Area Co-ordinator discussed the key features of the plan and proposals for an Action Plan Overview Group which would oversee development of the Plan and monitor progress .

During discussion it was agreed that in relation to councillor membership of the Overview Group, it should be open to any of

the ward councillors for the Partnership area to attend its meetings.

After further discussion, it was;

AGREED -

That the action plan development arrangements described in the report be endorsed.

10. BRISTOL YOUTH LINKS COMMISSIONING UPDATE

The Area Co-ordinator provided a verbal update on progress with Bristol Youth Links commissioning (agenda item no. 10).

He explained that an announcement on the outcome of the Bristol Youth Links commissioning would be made on 25th September and that this would include details of the Service providers in the Dundry View area. Delivery of the new contracts would commence from January 2013.

He proposed that there be a meeting with the new providers before the end of the year to discuss how they envisage working with young people in the area, and to enable them to start to develop links with the Partnership. This approach was agreed.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Don Smith raised the issue of police attendance at meetings. He recalled that it had been agreed previously that a representative of the local police would attend at the start (informal session) in order that residents could raise issues with them. **It was agreed that this would be followed up by the Area Co-ordinator.**

Jan Bohin raised the issue of tenant representation at meetings as there was no structure within the Neighbourhood Forum arrangements for this, and the Housing Forum no longer existed. **It was agreed that the Area Co-ordinator would discuss this with colleagues and consider possible arrangements for involving tenants in neighbourhood arrangements.**

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED -

The next meeting of the Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership will be held on Monday 17th December 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)

CHAIR