



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DUNDRY VIEW
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON
MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER 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
Diana Porter	Resident
Bob Giles	Resident
Don Smith	Resident
Geoff Woodburn	Resident
Mike Knight	Local business
Insp. Nigel Colston	Avon & Somerset Constabulary
Jean Erskine	HWCP/ Voluntary Sector rep

Other Attendance:

Keith Houghton	BCC Area Co-ordinator
Ian Pagan	BCC Democratic Services Manager
Julian Cox	BCC Area Environment Officer
Stuart Pattison	Safer Bristol – Community Confidence Manager
Gill Brookman	Health Improvement Manager for Bristol South and Schools
Adam Carter	Learning Partnership West (new Bristol Youth Links provider)

15 members of the public were in attendance

31. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair welcomed councillors, partners and members of the public to the meeting. Nigel Colston was introduced to the meeting, being the new Sector Inspector with responsibility for policing in the area.

The Chair, with the agreement of the Committee, agreed to take item 6 (Community Safety Delivery Agreement) as the first item of business. Also, that the 2 items of public forum business should be taken at the time of consideration of the agenda items to which they relate.

32. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2012

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

- Abus : ticket inter-changeability – it was confirmed that, having checked out the regulations, First Day tickets could only be used on equivalent Abus services for a 50p extra payment where those services operated in parallel with First. No services currently fulfilled that criteria.
- HAWKS concerns - it was agreed that the concerns raised at the last meeting in relation to the commissioning of youth services (minute 22 refers) should now be raised with the Mayor.
- There remained no council wide definition as to what constitutes a “narrow estate road”. The Transport Division had indicated that at least for the 2012/13 year, provision would be made available to Dundry View on the same basis as it had in the past to complete any outstanding schemes. Beyond that the position seemed to remain that provision would be allocated on a council-wide basis.

It was agreed that the Area Co-ordinator should, on the Partnership’s behalf, ask for a definition and point out the impact which any change in the rules will have on the area, with its large proportion of narrow estate roads, which were laid out at a time when the number of vehicles using them was much less than it is now.

AGREED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from councillors.

34. PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum business had been received as follows :

Mr G Denford – concerns about the potential loss of Play Rangers

Mr K Way – allocation of S106 monies to park investment projects

which would be considered in conjunction with the agenda items to which it referred.

35. COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY AGREEMENT FEEDBACK

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

Stuart Pattison introduced the item and discussed actions and achievements to date against the 6 key issues in the Agreement

He explained that the issues which had arisen during 2012 would be reviewed in conjunction with the findings of the Quality of Life survey and people's perceptions of crime and community safety issues.

There was agreement that a meeting of the Partnership should be convened in April/May to take stock of this work and to agree priorities for 2013/14, in order that a report can be presented to the June meeting for formal sign off. After that it was envisaged that a progress update including qualitative and statistical information would be presented to the September meeting of the Committee/Partnership. There was general support for this approach.

In further discussion, particular reference was made to;

- Bishopsworth Library security, following damage to the doors and windows. Insp Colston explained that this appeared to be vandalism rather than an attempt to break in. Groups of young people had been observed accumulating in the vicinity of the building, but upon investigation it was found that they were making use of free internet which had been left on in the Library rather than attempting to damage the building. The site was now being kept under closer scrutiny.
- Better publicity to local neighbourhood watch issues. Insp. Colston acknowledged that the quality of publicity had deteriorated following the deletion of some police officer posts. The new Police Commissioner had indicated that effective neighbourhood watch would be one of her priorities and this was likely to be a focus in 2013. PCSOs had been asked to contact and re-engage with local neighbourhood watch co-ordinators in this connection.
- A resident commented on the important role that residents newsletters can play in helping publicise police information eg crime prevention initiatives, details of burglaries etc. Insp. Colston commented that he would be happy to forward such information to relevant neighbourhood contacts and had no objection to the reproduction of police bulletins/information in local newsletters.
- It was agreed that an article should be prepared for the next edition of the WHAM promoting neighbourhood watches and advising residents how they can support the Police in local crime prevention work. Insp. Colston undertook to assist with this initiative.
- The issue of parking on pavements obstructing access was raised. Inspector NC commented that police can take action if they receive a complaint about an actual obstruction. The police need the complaint to act.
- Inspector NC agreed to ask someone in his team to contact Bedminster and Uplands Society
- In response to comments about speeding on estates and speedwatch courses for offenders, Insp. Colston explained how local community representatives could become involved

in monitoring and reporting speeding traffic within their areas, in support of work being done by the Police. Concerns were expressed that a lot of speeding was occurring after dark and this was not being covered. It was agreed that Speedwatch information would be sent out to residents at the meeting and beyond.

After further discussion, it was;

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the progress and updates on the neighbourhood community safety priorities be noted; and**
- (2) that the progress made and updates on the CSO work plan reported at the September 2012 meeting be noted.**

36. CROX BOTTOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Partnership received a report of the Parks Project Development Officer (agenda item no. 5) seeking approval of the Crox Bottom Management Plan.

Julian Cox, Area Environment Officer presented the report.

The Plan was generally welcomed by partners and residents. Specific thanks were agreed to Vicki Abel, the Parks officer who worked with residents to produce the report.

Particular reference was made to the following matters :

- The proposed S106 funding which could be accessed for the purpose of a footpath / cycleway between Imperial Park and Headley Park. It was explained that the funding was for this specified use therefore it may be difficult to use the funds for other related purposes. Jan Bohin commented that the provision of a cycle path was probably impractical because of the gradients involved.
- The Chair welcomed the proposal to create a Friends of Crox Bottom Group which would ensure wider community involvement in the project

- In response to comments by Mr Way, the Chair advised that if there was a desire to spend S106 monies in ways other than those identified in the legal agreement, then Jim Cliffe, Parks Dept at the Council should be consulted, who could advise as to any flexibility available within the specific S106 agreement. It was noted however that there was a deadline for spending the money and if the funds were not committed within the timescale, then they could return to the developer.
- Residents referred to the accumulation of rubbish in and lack of collection of rubbish from Pigeonhouse Stream. Julian Cox explained that Quadron were the Council's contractor with responsibility for this area. It was agreed that the issue should be taken up with the contractor and that on going monitoring should be undertaken by the Pride of Place Sub-Group.
- Several residents made reference to the need for the hand railings on the bridge which crosses Pigeonhouse Stream to be replaced.

After further discussion, it was :

RESOLVED: that the Crox Bottom Management Plan be approved.

37. PARKS INVESTMENT PRIORITISATION – ALLOCATION OF S106 TO PARKS INVESTMENT PROJECTS

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the Area Environment Officer, Bristol City Council (agenda item no. 7) on the priorities for parks investment.

The Partnership also considered the public forum submission from Mr Way about allocation of S106 monies to park investment projects.

Julian Cox discussed the report. He tabled an amendment sheet (copy attached to the minute book) which varied some of the recommendations in the report, in the light of new information and further discussion.

The following is a summary of issues raised in the subsequent discussion:

- Concerns were expressed about the way in which recommendations for the allocation of S106 monies had been arrived at; in particular some residents felt that they had been left uninformed about what was going on. In particular, the funding for Pigeon House Stream had been reduced and should be re-instated back to £10,000 as previously envisaged;
- The Chair commented on the proposed allocation of £5,000 to Valley Walk/Pigeon House Stream. She noted the concerns of some residents about the adequacy of this sum but argued that this money should not be regarded as the sole funding which was available for the site. Pigeon House Stream was a unique site and as such, would be able to attract additional funding from other sources that were not available to conventional parks. The £5,000 should be seen as “seed corn” money which could trigger other investment. On that basis she was minded to vote in favour of the officers recommendation in the report;
- Jan Bohin commented that she was unhappy with the way in which consultation was undertaken and recommendations were brought forward in relation to the spending of S106 parks monies;
- It was acknowledged that the consultation process had not been as effective as it could have been, and the Area Co-ordinator and the HWCP Officer would be reviewing how and what issues are brought to the Pride of Place Group (and what comes directly to this Committee) in future, times of meetings and how local people are engaged with generally;
- Councillor Eddy endorsed the remarks of the Chair in relation to Pigeon House Stream and accepted that there remained room for improvement in the consultation process, but pointing out that progress was only possible through compromise and a willingness for give and take on some issues;
- In relation to the proposed allocation to Pigeon House Stream, Julian Cox confirmed what this could purchase. He suggested that if agreed, there be a meeting on site with residents, to confirm how the funding should be allocated.

Following further discussion, it was :

- RESOLVED - (1) That the following funding be agreed:**
- (a) £30,895 toward the provision of new children's play at Willmott Park;**
 - (b) £5,000 to Valley Walk/ Pigeon House Stream, for seats, picnic benches and removal of current barrier restrictions, and**
 - (c) £7,982.95 to Witherwood Park Lighting (noting that £621.93 remains unallocated in the Turtlegate Avenue S106 fund).**
- (2) To allocate £10,871.27 to Headley Lane Park for new railings, on the understanding that additional funding will be required to complete this work.**

38. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 8) 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; (4) an update on S106 budgets; (5) feedback from the neighbourhood forums; (6) an update on Bishopsworth Pool and (7) Dundry View action plan development.

The Partnership also received a report on proposed improvements to the Bishopsworth and Hartcliffe branch libraries and an update on public health improvement initiatives within the area.

During discussion, particular reference was made to the following:

Devolved highways budgets

The Area Co-ordinator provided an update on current schemes in progress and spending, as set out in the report. He made particular reference to anticipated financial issues in relation to the 2012/13 traffic schemes programme and discussed ways of managing any potential overspending.

Geoffrey Close Narrow Estate Road: the Committee considered using Narrow Estate funding for 2012/13 to deliver the more expensive scheme but agreed to stick with the smaller scheme which is in process of being delivered.

S106 budgets for transport

In relation to measures to improve road safety in Bishport Avenue, it was reported that Highways had indicated that they were unable to meet the costs of maintenance of a fully signalled crossing . Alternatives were therefore being considered and the matter would be reported to the Transport Sub-Group.

Libraries spending

The Partnership discussed the report from the Libraries Group Services Manager (Appendix B) proposing an upgrade to library stock and library furniture. Councillor Brain asked that consideration be given to whether, as the Partnership would be acquiring new stock with locally allocated S106 money, books could be retained within libraries in the Dundry View area, rather than be subject to wider circulation throughout the city in line with library service practice.

Bishopsworth Pool Update

The Area Co-ordinator reported on progress on securing expressions of interest in the site. Several serious proposals seemed to be in development, with the deadline for responses being 31st December 2012. A community workshop would be held in February to consider what community benefits need to be delivered by the site.

The Chair proposed that clarification should be sought from the Mayor as to whether he would devolve decision-making powers on the future of the site to the Committee. That way, the Committee/Partnership would have a freer hand in determining use and also how any receipt from disposal is re-invested locally. It was agreed that a letter to the Mayor should be prepared.

Local public health initiatives

Gill Brookman, NHS Improvement Projects Manager reported on the principle health concerns within the Partnership area and the

various initiatives that were being undertaken in 10 key areas. She was seeking community input and involvement in this work.

It was agreed that the respective neighbourhood forums should be invited to discuss this work in more detail at their next available meetings.

- RESOLVED -**
- (1) that the progress on schemes selected with the devolved transport budgets (item 1.1 a&b of the report) be noted;**
 - (2) (a) that the final costs of completed 2011/12 Local Traffic Schemes, be noted, together with the balance of overspends /underspends and projected spend which is still within budget. (1.2a);**
(b) that the recommendation by the Transport Group to deliver the proposed tree planting at Longway Avenue be agreed; that the match funding required for the Fulford Road scheme be approved and that it be noted that spend on 2012/13 schemes is projected to remain in budget (1.2b).
(c) that the potential spend risks in relation to local traffic schemes identified in 1.2c be noted and the suggested ways of mitigating any risk of overspend (1.2d refers) be also noted;
 - (3) that the progress on Narrow Estate Road works be noted and the option now available of delivering the full Geoffrey Road Scheme using part of the narrow estate roads 2012/13 budget was considered but the Committee agreed to stick with the smaller scheme which is in process of being delivered.**

- (4) that the results of the Local Sustainable Transport bids submitted (Item 2) be noted;**
- (5) that the current position regarding the devolved Clean and Green budget for 2012/13 (£1,500) and the funds available from centrally-held BCC Clean and Green budget to benefit Dundry View wards (£10,000) (Item 3a; b & c) be noted;**
- (6) that the progress updates on agreed S106 Parks Budget (4.1 a&b) be noted;**
- (7) that the progress on Traffic/Transport S106 projects – in particular the request for a process to decide location of bus stops on Bishport/Hareclive and the anticipated underspend on Hollisters Drive (4.2) be noted;**
- (8) that the recommended allocation of £4,624.91 to improve library provision (4.4 & Appendix B to the report) be approved;**
- (9) That the Mayor be asked whether he would be willing to devolve to the Neighbourhood Committee, decision-making power for the Bishopsworth Pool site and its future use, and**
- (10) that the presentation on local public health activities (item 8 & Appendix C to the report) be noted.**

39. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 9) on the wellbeing budget.

After brief discussion, it was:

RESOLVED - (1) that the available funding for wellbeing 2012/13 be noted;

(2) that the recommended wellbeing grants totaling £10,090 put forward by the Wellbeing Panel at its meeting on 12th November 2012 be approved as follows;

Applicant	Purpose	Amount of grant approved
116 th Bristol Guide Company	£1,200 to support the costs of an educational and fun trip for members to London.	£1000
Blenheim Scouts	£3,500 to support some of the travel costs of a group trip.	£1750
HW Angling Club	£2,600 to fund a peer education group for young people. Offering coaching training and volunteer experience.	£500* See Community First below
Hartcliffe Methodist Ladies Group	£888.50 to support members funding for the costs of transport to weekly meetings.	£500
Kooky Ukes	£1,510 to extend the music sessions to support activities for groups of people with learning disabilities.	£1140
TAI CHI NHS Bristol	£440 to provide a 10 week course for local residents to improve their mental wellbeing.	£440
The Carpenters Foodstore	£3,120 to support the costs of room hire to run this project for six months.	£1560
WASPS	£3,200 to support the room hire costs to deliver the play scheme session during school holidays.	£3,200
Total :		£10,090

(3) that the Community First allocations, agreed at the Assessment Panel be noted;

(4) that the Wellbeing Fund remaining for allocation in 2012/13 of £6,956.35 be noted; and

(5) that the legal information which guides all decisions about Wellbeing grant funding set out in the report be noted.

40. YOUTH LINKS COMMISSIONING UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered an update from Adam Carter from Learning Partnership West (agenda item 12) about how the Learning Partnership West consortium would be delivering local youth services in the Dundry View area under the new commissioned service arrangements.

The Partnership also considered the public forum submission from Mr G Denford about the potential loss of Play Rangers at the end of January, as a result of the commissioning by the Council of youth and play service provision .

Mr Carter explained that :

- His consortium were contracted to run youth provision in the area on behalf of the Council from February 2013;
- Its membership included Barnados, 16-25 Independent People and TBG Learning;
- Its focus would be targeted support for vulnerable young people – those at the greatest risk. It would provide targeted access to its service. It would also provide open access play activities and positive activities for young people and would enable young people to have a say in the services which they were receiving;
- Their service would cover both day and evening activity. There were a range of targets which the Youth Links was required to meet including a reduction in anti-social behaviour and the number of unemployed teenagers;
- The main priority to begin with would be the transfer of eligible staff to the new organisation and in that regard, all

existing staff had been written to and advised of the new arrangements;

- Youth Links were committed to retaining play workers; this would include play schemes in parks and play schemes would be run under the oversight of Barnados;
- Mr Carter was unable to provide specific information about the future of Play Rangers as he did not have local information to hand, however Rose Richards at the Council should be able to assist. Mr C confirmed that his company's bid to deliver to the South West area (Dundry View & Greater Bedminster) included 3 play workers

Members of the Committee/Partnership asked questions of Mr Carter.

- Jean Erskine explained that HWCP ~~her group~~ was responsible for co-ordinating holiday open access play activity and wanted to know how the Big P would be protected. Mr Carter indicated that he did not have specific information to hand but undertook to check. He re-iterated that all relevant staff would be eligible to transfer across to the new organisation;
- Mr Carter indicated that overall funding would be less in future. Youth Links still had outcomes that it must achieve and in that connection it would be looking to engage volunteers and work with the community to resolve local issues;
- Members enquired whether existing youth centres would continue to be used in service provision. Mr Carter commented that the emphasis would be on using workers to engage with young people directly as opposed to focusing on buildings. Youth Links would seek to use Council youth premises where it was appropriate and necessary to do so, but obviously premises hire particularly on evenings and at weekends incurred additional costs and there was only limited money available. In the short term at least, he envisaged that most services would continue to be based at the centres which they were currently provided from; The City Council has committed to maintaining all existing venues for youth and play until the end of July 2013 as a minimum and to support community asset transfer work with

local organisations which were interested in leasing premises.

- In relation to a question regarding careers advice, Mr Carter explained that formal advice would continue to be a function of schools careers services. Youth Links approach was to give informal advice and guidance to help individual young people make their own choices;
- The Chair commented that whilst Mr Carter had been relatively clear about the nature of the service that Youth Links would be providing, the issue as to how all of this would link in with existing local structures and arrangements remained very unclear. Further discussion was necessary before the new contract commenced;
- She proposed that a sub-group be formed to take these discussions forward – particularly youth work provision and funding, to be attended by appropriate BCC representatives, a representative from the Consortium and Barnados (there's no e in Barnados)
- Mr Carter confirmed that an initial Delivery Schedule would be ready in the New Year and that he could send it out. The meeting agreed this Schedule would form the focus of the above meeting.

After further discussion, it was;

AGREED - that a Sub-Group be formed along the lines proposed above, to be open to ward councillors and partners, a meeting to take place during January 2013 before the new Youth Links contract commences.

(The meeting ended at 9.15 pm)

CHAIR