



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DUNDRY VIEW  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON  
MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013 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 :**

Diana Porter	Resident
Bob Giles	Resident
Geoff Woodburn	Resident
Mike Knight	Local business
Insp. Nigel Colston	Avon & Somerset Constabulary
Jean Erskine	Voluntary Sector rep
Hannah Cheek	Equalities representative

**Other Attendance:**

Keith Houghton	BCC Area Co-ordinator
Ian Pagan	BCC Democratic Services Manager
Julian Cox	BCC Area Environment Officer
Tina Bond	Youth Service

22 members of the public were in attendance.

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Jan Bohin and Don Smith.

#### **42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

##### **AGREED -**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

#### **43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from councillors.

#### **44. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no items of public forum business.

#### **45. COMMUNITY POLICING UPDATE**

At the invitation of the Chair, Insp. Nigel Colston gave a verbal update on community policing issues, including:

- The staffing situation locally following the departure of a PC as part of current round of budget savings is as follows: that officer won't be replaced – a further 60 officers are being lost over the coming year. To date this was not having a significant impact on the resources which were able to be deployed in the area; Ash Jones has moved to Burnham and his replacement is on sick leave at present.
- 2012 had been a good year in terms of a reduced incidence of crime in the Bishopsworth policing area with a reduction of 11.5 % overall. In particular, burglaries had reduced by 6% and thefts of motor vehicles by 20%. In contrast there had been a slight increase in the incidence of thefts from motor vehicles by 2%;
- The Police “keep me informed” newsletter was attracting favourable comment from the community. He invited

members of the public to supply their e-mail addresses if they wish to receive copy.

#### **46. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chair, with the consent of the Committee and Partnership, agreed to take agenda item 10 – Options for the development of the Bishopsworth Pool site as the next item of business.

#### **47. BISHOPSWORTH POOL REPORT**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 10) relating to work done to identify possible future uses of the Bishopsworth Pool site, based on priorities which had been identified by the Bishopsworth Pool Development Steering Group.

In the ensuing discussion Partnership members discussed the merits of 2 options which concerned either (A) redevelopment of the site as a community resource/hub or (B) re-use of the existing building to include provision for young people which would include an indoor skateboard park.

The following is a summary of the key points in the discussion;

- The Mayor would be visiting Dundry View the next day and the visit would include a stop at the Pool site. The opportunity should be taken to impress on him, the community's wish to be delegated responsibility for the site with powers to determine its future use;
- Devolution of responsibility for the site to the local councillors (in consultation with partners) could be used as a model for further devolution of decision taking to neighbourhoods across the council's area;
- A member stressed the importance of this happening quickly. He was concerned that if the site remained within the general control of the Council, the building fabric would deteriorate and eventually be demolished, leaving an empty site for a prolonged period of time due to the current state of the property market. Eventual use of the site for housing was not desirable;

- It was confirmed that the Option A proposal – creation of a village hub community resource implied demolition of the buildings and redevelopment whereas Option B would involve a re-use of the current building;
- Option B was the choice of some members; it may be more achievable in financial terms, it would provide a facility for young people in the former swimming pool area whilst leaving open, the option of developing a village hub in addition elsewhere on the site.;
- Reference was made to the importance of creating something of benefit to the whole community on the site which might include provision for things like Saturday markets and community events, notwithstanding the option which was selected;
- In response to a member question about funding, it was explained that if the community interest company was chosen to deliver Option B, the indoor skate board centre, they would need to apply for support from various sources of grant funding that were available. Such a company would plough most of its trading profits back into the property, rather than the money going to shareholders as per an ordinary commercial business model;
- If Recommendation 2 (exploring both Option A (village hub) and Option B (skateboard centre) were to be pursued, then the next stage should be for the skateboard company to produce a detailed business case for the skateboard facility to demonstrate how it will make a viable and sustainable proposition; further exploration of the viability of the the Village Hub option would also be necessary
- An observation was made that there could well be more support for the youth provision of a skateboard park in the wider community and that the voice of younger people hadn't been fully canvassed so far.
- A Partner representative indicated that there were concerns in the community about provision for elderly people at the facility should option B be pursued.

After further discussion it was;

## **AGREED :**

- (1) That the Mayor be asked to devolve powers to the neighbourhood committee to make a final decision on the future development of the Bishopsworth Pool site, working in conjunction with officers of Leisure Services, and**
- (2) That whilst noting the preference for Option A by community consultation so far undertaken in the report, both Options A and B should continue to be explored by the Steering Group at this stage with a view to a further report back to the committee in due course for final approval. In particular to consult more widely with a particular focus on engaging young people's representation**

## **48. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) REPORT**

The Neighbourhood Committee considered a report (agenda item no. 5) relating to the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and how it will impact on initiatives within the Partnership's area.

The following is a summary of the key points in the discussion;

- It was noted that the CIL available to neighbourhood committees would be at a rate of 15%. Officers should be asked to investigate whether and how this rate might be increased – 25% would be preferred;
- Cllr Brain enquired if a Neighbourhood Plan could be produced for the whole Dundry View area to benefit from the 25% CIL return. The advice from BCC Strategic Planning was that a Neighbourhood Plan works at a smaller scale than three wards
- It was agreed that Sarah O'Driscoll be requested to attend a meeting of the Pride of Place Group to discuss the workings of CIL and Neighbourhood Planning;
- It would be useful if a comparison could be made for presentation at that meeting, on the value of S106 receipts which have been available to the Committee compared with the equivalent receipts which would be available under the CIL system

- The Chair pointed out the the impact of the 85% of CIL retained for strategic projects by the City Council needs to deliver benefits to Dundry View and take account of deprivation

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That it be agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 the Dundry View Neighbourhood Committee accepts responsibility for decisions over Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spend, and**
- (2) That the Cabinet’s policy on the allocation of CIL to neighbourhoods and whether the % rate will be varied to reflect factors such as deprivation / disadvantage be reported back in due course.**

**46. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT PLAN**

The Neighbourhood Committee considered a report (agenda item no. 6) concerning the waste and environment plan which had been produced by the Pride of Place Working Group in conjunction with the BCC Area and Environment Officer and May Gurney .

The Area and Environment Officer outlined the key features of the Plan. During discussion the following matters were raised;

- The hot spot locations in each ward for the purpose of monitoring fly tipping were at Pigeonhouse Stream, The Rising Sun, Bishopsworth, Withywood Park and Wilmott Park;
- Reports of fly tipping would initially go to the BCC enforcement team who would forward details on to May Gurney. The contractor, as part of their role in dealing with fly tipping, would be to look for evidence of the offender, and report back to the enforcement team;
- Partners expressed concerns about the capacity of enforcement staff to deal adequately with problems as there were only 2 such staff for South Bristol and one of those officers worked only part time;

- It was agreed that the proper role of the Pride of Place Working Group should be to receive regular updates from both BCC officers and May Gurney on matters pertaining to the delivery of the waste plan.

After further discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED - that the Waste and Environment Plan produced by the Pride of Place working group in partnership with the Area Environment Officer and May Gurney representative in December 2102 and January 2013, described in the report and Appendix A be approved.**

#### **47. DEVOLVED TRANSPORT SCHEMES 2013-14**

The Neighbourhood Committee considered a report (agenda item no. 7) concerning progress with devolved transport schemes for 2013/14.

The Transport Officer discussed progress with the carriageway surface dressing programme, and the position in relation to the programme for footway maintenance; he explained the situation regarding local traffic schemes which would now need to be delayed to enable outstanding works to be completed, and the fact that unspent 2013/14 devolved budgets could accrue for spending in 2014/15. An update on the current position in relation to narrow estate roads work was also given.

During the ensuing discussion, the following points were made :

- The Chair expressed disappointment that it would not be possible for the Committee to commission new traffic schemes in the current year but noted that the carry over of the unspent budget would permit more or larger schemes to be undertaken next year;
- A member commented that he had been assured that officers were on top of the work programme. The officer pointed out that traffic regulation order work for schemes was being progressed rapidly but the delay was in progressing and implementing the works;

- The Chair inquired as to whether the delay in the work programme would enable the decision not to provide light control for the Bishopsworth Road crossing scheme to be reversed. The officer indicated that the scheme was still being looked at but he thought that on balance, a zebra crossing and associated work would be better in that it would also reduce vehicle speeds in the road around the crossing point;
- The Transport officer pointed out that Footways proposals would come to the June meeting, having been discussed in the Transport Sub-Group, for decision and also a recommendation about a Signs and Lines budget in 2013/14 for decision
- In relation to a question about the Fulford Road parking measures, the officer reported that the IBFF funding bid had been successful so he anticipated completion by March 2014;
- Regarding the scheme to install parking lines along Headley Lane it was reported the scheme was to have been unnecessary because of the change of use of the May Gurney site but the uncertainty of whether the recycling centre would go ahead means the parking situation still needs to be addressed. It will now be delivered as an extension to an existing S106 further along the road;
- In relation to the Transport Officer's remarks about the "top slicing" of budgets for centrally funded schemes within the area, he undertook to report to e-mail members about the roads concerned.
- The Transport Officer confirmed that East Dundry surface dressing would be funded from their central budget
- and that the over-spends on the Local Traffic Schemes highlighted in the Area Co-ordinator's Report (Item 8) would be funded as much as possible from central Highways budgets to reduce any overspend as much as they can

After further discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED -**

- 1) That the 2013/14 work programmes for carriageway surface dressings be agreed;**



- 2) That it be noted that the footway schemes are delayed until later in the year;**
- 3) To note the schemes that will be delivered in the Dundry View NP area in 2013/14 ; and**
- 4) That it be noted that a pause in decision making of 12 months is needed in order to deliver this year's work programme.**

#### **48. 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.

During discussion, particular reference was made to the following:

- The Transport Officer discussed the anticipated overspend of £6,131.42 on the local traffic scheme budget and how this had arisen, and the actions which could be taken to resolve the situation. He explained that the Highridge Green weight restriction extension had cost more than anticipated, in part due to the use of inaccurate costing information. He indicated that it may be possible to absorb most of the overspend through the allocation of central funding and he undertook to work towards this end;
- The Area Co-ordinator discussed the current position regarding the clean and green budget and the spending commitments to date;
- The Area Co-ordinator reported back on the discussions at / outcomes from the meeting with officers from Learning Partnership West at the Youth Links Sub-Group meeting on 6 March. In particular, he explained that LPW would continue to use Hareclive Youth Centre until the end of April; they had made no commitment to continue to use the building beyond that time and their final decision was pending the outcome of current consultation;
- The Area Co-ordinator to set the date for the next Youth and Play sub-group.

- LPW's staffing arrangements were discussed. Whilst it would be employing some BCC staff through the TUPE process, they envisaged working with voluntary staff as well. Some concerns were expressed about the capacity of LPW to meet its targets;
- The Big P Easter event would take place and be staffed by LPW personnel; the future of the half term and summer events were still up for discussion with LPW – there would be detailed negotiations with them after Easter;
- The Partnership discussed the itinerary for the forthcoming Mayor's visit.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) To note the progress on schemes selected with the devolved transport budgets (items 1.1 a&b in the report refer)**
- (2) To note the final costs of completed 2011/12 local traffic schemes and the resulting overspend; the potential spend risks; the suggested way of managing the overspend by funding it from the 2013/14 local traffic scheme allocation (item 1.2 d in the report refers), and the intentions of the Transport Officer to seek to secure central funding for as much of the overspend resulting from the Highridge Green works as possible;**
- (3) To note the progress on narrow estate road work and that there is sufficient funding to complete the agreed Geoffrey Close scheme (item 1.3 in the report refers);**
- (4) To note the latest updates on the devolved Clean and Green budget of £1,500 and the request to fund painting of Bishopsworth Pool gates from the Hartcliffe allocation (item 3a in the report refers);**
- (5) To note the progress updates on the agreed S106 parks budget (item 4 a & b in the report refers);**
- (6) To note the progress on Traffic/Transport S106 projects;**
- (7) To note the issues raised at February 2013 Neighbourhood Forum events (item 5 in the report refers);**

- (8) To note the results of the Sub-Group meeting held on 6th March 2013 and the meeting notes in Appendix C (item 7 in the report refers);
- (9) To note the rearranged provision for Action Plan workshops (Item 8 in the report refers);
- (10) To note the Mayoral visit on Tuesday 26th March and the itinerary at Appendix D (item 9 in the report refers), and
- (11) To agree 2013/14 Neighbourhood Partnership and Neighbourhood Forum meeting dates (item 10 in the report refers) as follows :

Partnership meetings :- 24 June, 30 September, 9 December 2013, and 24 March, 2014.

Bishopsworth Neighbourhood Forum:- 5 June, 19 September, 27 November, 2013 and 18 March 2014.

Hartcliffe Neighbourhood Forum :- 6 June, 18 September, 28 November, 2013 and 19 March 2014.

Whitchurch Park Neighbourhood Forum :- 3 June, 16 September, 25 November 2013 and 17 March 2014.

#### **49. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT**

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

He tabled a supplementary paper concerning additional applications for funding from the Community First Fund for Bishopsworth and Whitchurch Park which had been considered and awards made by the separate funding panel for that budget :- Friends of Dundry Slopes, £2,414 and Zion Arts/Community Centre, £1,500 from 2012/13 and £2,500 from 2013/14, a copy of which has been appended to the minute book.

Councillor Eddy expressed concerns about the way in which the recommendations for Community First funding had been drawn up and awarded, which had not involved the Wellbeing Panel.

Notwithstanding the fact that Community First funding was provided separately by central government, there was a general feeling that there should be a more joined up approach to considering applications for wellbeing funding and it was agreed that there should be a report to the next meeting on how that might be achieved.

Councillor's Eddy and Quartley asked that their grave dissatisfaction at the process and decision to award £2,414 Community First funding to the Friends of Dundry Slopes be recorded in these minutes.

After further brief discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) that the current available funding of £6,956.35 for allocation to wellbeing initiatives in 2012/13 be noted;**
- (2) That wellbeing grants totaling £5,395.18 considered by the Wellbeing Panel at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be approved as follows;**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount of grant approved</b>
HWCP : Big P	£959 to provide accessible free holiday play facilities	£959
Bishport United JFC	393 for new team kit	£393
Hartcliffe & Withywood Amblers	£1,160 for minibus hire, publicity & carers costs for annual walk programme	£1,160
Severn Vale Bowling Club	£1619.18 for car park fence replacement	£1619.18
Withywood Senior Social Club	£400 towards day trip to Weymouth	£400
Zion	£865 towards elders day at Zion	£865
Friends of Dundry Slopes	£5000 for footpath clearance	Nil, pending

Applicant	Purpose	Amount of grant approved
		further information

**(3) that the Community First allocations, agreed by the Whitchurch Park and Bishopworth Community First Panels be noted and that a further report be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership on how a more joined up approach to the funding of wellbeing schemes which fall within the criteria of both the Partnership's fund for wellbeing and Community First could be delivered;**

**(4) that the Wellbeing Fund remaining to carry over into 2013/14 of £1,561.17 be noted, and**

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

## **50. DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 11) concerning a proposed review of the arrangements for neighbourhood partnerships and seeking members' responses to a range of questions that had been posed.

The Area Co-ordinator commented that the Mayor was seeking to devolve more powers to local people and therefore Partnerships and the public were being asked to consider the services and provision which they would like to have more influence over. In that connection, a questionnaire would be circulated for completion.

During the ensuing discussion, particular reference was made to :

- The need for the review to look at the decision making process and whether there is scope within Localism for decision making to be undertaken by all members of a neighbourhood partnership; the point was made that Councillors should retain sole decision-making over funds and spend because they represent the people beyond those present at the NP meeting, that they have a clear wider mandate.

- The need for Partnerships to play a part in decision taking on issues which impact on employment in their areas and economic development generally. The Area Co-ordinator undertook to convene a meeting of interested parties to see how matters could be taken forward in this regard.
- More powers to the NP was supported and influence over building disposals, along with a suggestion to increase learning between NP areas about good practice and to share innovative ideas.;
- HWCP had operated successfully in its own right over a number of years but its remit does not include the whole of the Partnership's area. It would be of value to consider rebranding the WHAM publication and the Community Partnership to apply to the whole area;
- A member of the public suggested that a review of the various sub-groups within the Partnership should be undertaken with a flow chart produced to show, for the benefit of residents, how each worked within the umbrella of the Partnership itself;
- The Partnership should be able to perform a scrutiny role in relation to the delivery of youth provision within its area and be able to hold the new service provider, Learning Partnership West, to account for its provision. A new sub-group has been formed with a specific remit to oversee youth work and play provision, The new group should have evening meetings in order that young people were able to attend them.

## **51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**AGREED - that the next partnership meeting would be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.00 pm. Venue to be confirmed.**

(The meeting ended at 9.15 pm)

CHAIR