



**PRESENT:**

**GBCP Board**

Councillor Green	Southville Ward
Councillor Beynon	Southville Ward
Ben Barker	Dame Emily Park Project
Alan Pratley	Swiss Drive Neighbourhood Watch
Les Potter	BS3 Churches Together
John Vickery	LinkAge, Equalities Rep
Helen Thomas	University of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Age
Nigel Singer	Windmill Hill City Farm
Matthew Symonds	Front Garden Competition - co-chair
Stef Brammer	Way Out West – co-chair

**Statutory Sector and Observers**

Nick Christo (NC)	BCC Area Co-ordinator
Samantha Mahony	BCC Democratic Services Officer
Caroline Hollies	BCC Neighbourhood Working Coordinator
Gemma Dando	BCC Service Manager – Neighbourhood Partnerships
Deborah White	BCC Area Environment Officer
Rosie Tomlinson	Greville Smythe Bowls Club
Sgt. Paul Honeychurch	Avon & Somerset Police
Chris Pratley	Ashton Vale Resident
Charlie Bolton	Councillor candidate – Green Party
Satyen Joshi	Chest Properties
Roger Allen	BCC Tenant Participation Team
Malcolm Brammer	WOW, Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade
Chris Miller	Local Resident
Stephen Wickham	BS3 Planning Group
Eric Booth	Bike Forum
Jo Cross	Ashton Road Resident
Jean Moloney	West Street Resident
Simon Hankins	Southville Centre
Celia Phipps	Councillor Candidate – Labour Party

**Apologies:** Cllr Bradshaw, Ian Collinson, Brian Richards, Simon Dicken

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and asked to introduce themselves.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

## 3. UPDATE ON UPFEST RESOLUTION

The Community Partnership received a report (agenda item no. 3) updating the board on a meeting which took place following the Upfest resolution of June 2013. The tabled report can be found in the minutebook.

It was reported that a small group had met with Upfest organiser Stephen Hales about the concerns raised at the meeting and to consider how to increase engagement with the neighbourhood. Six recommendations were proposed within the report and the board were asked for discussion and support.

It was confirmed that the GBCP did not have an ongoing funding relationship with Upfest although a small Community Chest grant was awarded in 2012.

Members of the Partnership made the following comments:

- Although some negative reports had been received by Councillors in the past, Upfest has also been responsive and removed unsuitable images when approached.
- Engagement could be more systematic and thorough.
- It was suggested that information about the area be provided to artists to encourage street artists to have responsibility to the neighbourhood they are painting in.
- It was suggested that incidences of tagging decreased when Upfest started and businesses often welcomed the images.
- The proposal to help identify £5k for the removal of pieces considered unsuitable was not supported although it was clarified that the money would commission a replacement piece.
- Upfest would be taking a year's break in 2014 which was an opportunity to build more of a relationship with the organisers.

### **The NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED**

**That the board would be asked for comments and changes to the recommendations outside of the meeting and a brief discussion would then take place with revised recommendations in March 2014. Dialogue would continue between the group and Upfest organisers.**

## 4. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Community Partnership received a verbal update on the following community activities (agenda item no. 4).

**Cumulative Impact Area** - Sergeant Paul Honeychurch reported that in light of the CIA the negotiation of conditions and restrictions on the expansion of licensed premises in the area had been largely effective. Officers confirmed that there would be an opportunity for review after six months which could include consideration of changes to the area covered if

incidences and issues called for it.

**Violent Crime** – Sergeant Paul Honeychurch reported targeted work on violent crime hotspots within the NP area. Processes were being used to prevent offenders returning to premises within which they were violent.

The GBCP received an update regarding **Community Harm/ Massage Parlours** (discussed in March 2013) that Bristol Women's Forum and Bristol Fawcett were considering a strategy for future engagement and action in communities. It was stressed that any incidences relating to problem premises needed to be reported and counted.

**Skills Week** was planned to take place during the last weekend of May and first week of June with activities in the area. More information would feature in the NEWSLETTER and anyone with a skill to exchange or a business or building that could be utilised should contact Ben Barker.

**City Resilience** – Les Potter highlighted the Guardian feature about planning within cities and their reinvention after disaster events. Bristol had been one of two cities successful in securing a grant for resilience work and the board asked for someone to speak to the NP.  
**ACTION: NC**

**Way Out West** – Three green spaces had come together into the South Street Park and it was hoped to make other greenway links with the Malago and North Street. Victor Road should be improved through funding from LSTF phase two. The Bedminster winter lantern parade 2013 had been very successful despite inclement weather during the afternoon.

The process for the **2014 Good Garden Awards** would commence soon with further information made available via the GBCP forum along with a call for volunteers and judges.

Southville Community Development Association? had been shortlisted for a scheme which could mean £6m over six years to help older people avoid isolation and loneliness. Consultation would take place as part of the final bid and suggestions for the best approach would be sought via the NEWSLETTER.

The **Shop Window Competition** would take place working with traders within BID. More information would follow.

**A Partnership website** was being devised to link together all the local websites. Anyone who would like to be included as links and news should contact NC. The web address is [www.greaterbedminster.org.uk](http://www.greaterbedminster.org.uk). It was also highlighted that the information on the Bristol.gov.uk website should also be kept up to date **ACTION: NC**

**Young Employers** day of volunteering was planned for the Spring. Targeted at 16-25 year olds, if anyone has ideas they should contact NC.

## 5. AREA CO-ORDINATOR UPDATE/DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT

The Community Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 5) giving an update on devolved services.

**Local Traffic Schemes** - Following the pause on decision making it was hoped that the process would start again in March 2014 but more detail would be known following agreement of the budget in February.

**Clean and Green Fund** – everyone was reminded to contact Deborah to apply for available

Clean and Green funds.

**Environment Sub Group** – the group were looking for ways to spend 106 funds. Community engagement would continue and a feasibility study would consider walks and links between green areas as well as other ideas such as interpretation boards.

**Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant** – The third round of bidding would close on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014. There were two active applications.

**Community Chest** – Following comments of the Community Chest Panel, two minor changes had been proposed to the application form to encourage use of alternative funds and schemes outside of the NP area. No objections to the changes had been received.

**NP Review Update** – Concerns were raised that the future BCC officer structure was not yet known and it was suggested that NPs join together to discuss how to protect against future cuts. Officers confirmed that the review and changes would continue to improve the delivery of services through neighbourhood working. A charter was also planned that would hold the council to account and other processes would pull together all the NPs. Once through statutory staff consultation, the proposed structure would be shared.

#### **The NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED –**

- (1) that the contents of the devolved budgets be noted;**
- (2) that the update on the NP review be noted;**
- (3) that Round 2 of the Community Chest Recommendations be noted and approved;**
  - Lifecycle UK Silver Cyclists £800**
  - The Big Friendly Choir £950**
  - Hebron Burial Ground £918**
  - Luckwell Improvement Project Park Improvements £600**
  - Greville Smyth Bowls Club Equipment etc £1090**
  - SCDA Four Tea Dances £2000**
- (4) that the Active Neighbourhood Travel Grant guidance (round 3) be noted; and**
- (5) that Bristol City Council's Budget Consultation Update be noted.**

#### **6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES WORKING UPDATE**

The Community Partnership considered a report of the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 6) updating on neighbourhood priorities working.

Following the feedback received at the last meeting the next steps were presented for comment. Officers had planned two evenings of observation to record incidences of anti social parking and dog fouling. Planned engagement with residents was hoped would identify hotspots and consider reporting practices. Local groups would be contacted to discuss the hotspots, consider the preferred approaches and devise action plans. It was also hoped that the 'Street Rep' initiative would get rejuvenated for the reporting of incidences.

It was reported that 8/9 volunteers had been found for a Community Speedwatch initiative

within the area. Police were currently assessing the feasibility of the roads selected and planning the appropriate training.

**The NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED that the report be noted.**

## **7. COMMUNITY PLANS**

The Community Partnership received a verbal report on community plans (agenda item no. 7). Eight community groups had come together to map and draft plans for different parts of the NP area to audit what's going on in the community space and plan for the future. Two or three plans were advanced enough to be released as 'draft' for comment. Coverage was not complete with a gap particularly around North Street and Ashton.

Concern was raised that the initiative was 'top down' and decisions would be made without resident involvement, but it was clarified that proposals would be drawn up, plans logged with the GBCP and BCC and made available for comment and discussion over about six months. Community plans were compiled through wide consultation speaking to residents and members of local organisations and discussing improvements to the areas. The democratic process for agreeing the plans was up for discussion with potential overlap between areas that require discussion.

With reference to the Neighbourhood Forum arrangements for Ashton Vale and Bedminster it was reminded that the forum format had not been successful in that area which was why a conference had been held. Another was planned for 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Bowls Club.

## **8. RESOLUTIONS TO THE GBCP**

There were none.

## **9. MINUTES – 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**The NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGREED - that the minutes of the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.**

It was confirmed that the barriers on **Gaol Ferry Bridge** had been removed following the last meeting. Assurances had been received that the requirement for signage would be monitored.

Members were updated on the decision of the Council to declare land in Balfour Road (the scout hut) an Asset of Community Value being upheld by the Tribunal hearing held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014. As the **Scout Hut** has been demolished residents were asked to report any unauthorised change of use to BCC planning enforcement.

Further enquiries would be made about the requested cutback of vegetation on **South Liberty Lane**, and the installation of **play equipment in Ashton Vale**. An update would be given at the Ashton Vale Community Conference on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014.. **(ACTION: NC)**

An update was requested regarding the resolution at the October meeting recommending a change to the current leasing arrangements for the **former ITO building on Lydstep Terrace**, Southville. A joint email would be sent by NC and Councillor Green to chase progress **(ACTION: TG & NC)**

Members requested further information about the **Cycle Ambition Fund** and whether the

plans could be altered to bring more benefit to Southville. NC agreed to try to find someone to attend the next meeting or provide plans and detail. **(ACTION NC)**

No further details were known about spray painting taking place at Sylvia Crowe Park on a large canvas and concern was reiterated that the park needed to be protected and the community consulted on changes. It was reminded that the Greville Smyth Park Group agreed to act as a consultee for that area and acknowledged that the Clifton and Hotwells NP area would need to be involved in any future plans too.

It was reported that the flower beds on East Street were in need of attention and BB offered to approach BID traders to remind them to maintain them.

Residents reported that an alleygate had been put up across a lane in Ashton which had previously been accessible at the back of Ashton Drive and Swiss Drive. NC agreed to investigate the circumstances **(ACTION: NC)**

#### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**AGREED -:** that the date of the next neighbourhood partnership meeting be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at with a continued start time of 7.30pm.

(The meeting ended at 9.45pm)

CHAIR