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Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)
7.30 pm on 11 June 2014
at ACTA community theatre, Gladstone Street BS3 3AY

Present:

GBCP Board

Councillors:

Councillor Bolton
Councillor Smith

Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:

Matthew Symonds, Co-chair
Ben Barker
Simon Hankins
Lesley Collins
Helen Thomas
Helen Moody
Julia Tutton
Les Potter

Equalities representatives:

John Vickery

Business representatives:

Peter Smith

Statutory sector and observers

Nick Christo (NC), BCC Area Co-ordinator
Ian Hird, BCC Democratic Services
James Dowling, BCC Highways
Penny Germon, BCC Neighbourhood Manager
Pip Sheard
Susan Welsh
Leonard Welsh
Emma Williams
Barney Smith
Matt Mayes
Jean Moloney
Stephen Wickham
Louann Sugden
Brian Richards
Dan Bramwell

Apologies: Cllr Bradshaw, Cllr Beynon, Stef Brammar, Tess Green

1. Welcome and introductions
(agenda item 1)

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

2. Declarations of interest
(agenda item 2)

There were none.

3. Nominations to the GBCP Board and chairing arrangements
(agenda item 3)

With reference to a circulated document, and the recently issued GBCP newsletter, Ben Barker updated the Community Partnership on nominations (so far) to the GBCP Board.

Main points raised / noted:

1. The Community Partnership endorsed the following nominations, to date, to the GBCP Board:

Councillors: Sean Beynon, Colin Smith, Charlie Bolton, Mark Bradshaw

Voluntary / community / faith groups: Ben Barker, Simon Hankins, Matthew Symonds, Stef Brammar, Helen Moody, Helen Thomas, Lesley Collins, Les Potter, Julia Tutton

Business representatives: Tess Green, Peter Smith

Equalities groups: John Vickery

2. The Community Partnership endorsed the following appointments:
 - Matthew Symonds and Stef Brammar elected as Co-Chairs.
 - Ben Barker elected as Secretary.
3. It was noted that the post of Vice-Chair and Treasurer were currently vacant.

Matthew Symonds took the chair at this point.

4. GBCP AGM report
(agenda item 4)

The Community Partnership considered the AGM report.

Following discussion, the Community Partnership **agreed:**

1. To note the chairing arrangements (as above). It was also noted that the local ward councillors (comprising the neighbourhood committee) would need to take certain

decisions, as defined within the terms of reference, following full discussion by the Community Partnership.

2. To note the terms of reference and neighbourhood committee financial operating framework, together with the information set out in the report on devolved budgets and those areas where the GBCP currently had influence on services.
3. To note that GBCP currently has approx. £9k of funds in its own bank account.
4. To endorse the meeting schedule as per the report, including the additional meeting on 21 July 2014 which would be focused specifically on devolved transport budgets for 2014-15.

5. Community chest recommendations
(agenda item 5)

The Community Partnership considered a report setting out funding recommendations from the Better Bedminster Community Chest Panel.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:

That the following allocations be approved, as per the Panel's recommendations:

- 1. Windmill Hill City Farm - Playing Safe - £1420**
- 2. Patchwork CGG - Apple press - £794**
- 3. West Street Neighbourhood Group - West Street stories - £1500**
- 4. Bed Winter Lanterns - Winter lantern parade - £2000**
- 5. Ashton Gate Neighbourhood IG – Book on North Street - £2000**
- 6. Birch Road residents - Community noticeboard - £200**
- 7. Southville Community Development Association – Bike storage - £1785**
- 8. Streets Alive - Age friendly streets - £650**
- 9. Bristol Autism Support - LEGO club - £922**
- 10. Luckwell Improvement Project – Basketball nets - £200**
- 11. SouthBank A&E – Super street party - £1990**

6. Environment Group Section 106 proposal
(agenda item 6)

The Community Partnership considered a report setting out information on the current status of the GBCP Environment Sub-Group. The report also outlined the 2 current priorities emerging from the group.

Main points raised / noted:

1. It was noted that the 2 emerging priorities were:
 - a. Developing a children's play in Ashton Vale.
 - b. Developing the Green Walkways.

Following discussion, the Community Partnership **agreed** to support further work taking place to develop how these priorities could be taken forward. The Chair also requested, however that written advice be provided as soon as possible to confirm that the Green Walkways project could appropriately receive Section 106 funding (**action: Nick Christo**).

2. In relation to the Environment Sub-Group, it was proposed that the new Neighbourhood Officer for the area (Dan Judges) should work closely with the Area Co-ordinator to re-establish the group. The Community Partnership **agreed** to support this proposal. It was also suggested that the opportunity should be taken though to explore whether any existing organisations could take on this role, or be linked in to the new approach (**action: Nick Christo / Dan Judges**).
3. It was suggested that ASDA should be approached with a view to securing environmental improvements around the car park and margins of the ASDA Bedminster supermarket site (**action: Nick Christo / Dan Judges**).

7. Neighbourhood partnership update (agenda item 7)

The Community Partnership considered an update report from the Area Co-ordinator.

Main points raised / noted:

1. **Neighbourhood management service update:** The update was noted – under the new arrangements, Penny Germon was taking up the new post of Area Neighbourhood Manager (for the south area of Bristol); Nick Christo would be the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator for the Greater Bedminster area. Community engagement and neighbourhood priority delivery in the area would be carried out by Neighbourhood Officers (so far, the officers allocated to the area were Dan Judges, Julian Cox and Lloyd Allen). Penny Germon introduced herself at this point and was welcomed to the partnership by the Chair.
2. **Devolved budgets:** It was noted that the previous “ring-fence” (covering local traffic scheme, clean and green, and wellbeing budgets) was being removed, to allow more flexibility around future expenditure, if partnerships so wished.
3. **Parks approach to grounds maintenance service:** It was noted that the Parks team would like to work with neighbourhood partnerships to influence and prioritise what was considered important in relation to grounds maintenance in their area, so that this could be taken into account in future contracts. It was **agreed** that in the first instance, it would be appropriate for the re-established Environment Sub-Group to consider these issues (**action: Nick Christo / Dan Judges**).
4. **Proposed community asset transfer of Ashton Vale community centre:** In discussion, it was noted that the centre had not really been run for the direct benefit of the local community. The Chair commented that the current proposal to offer a 5 year lease to Ashton Vale Community Association represented a short-term lease proposal rather than a community asset transfer (it was noted that whilst a 5 year lease was currently proposed, that could give the opportunity to prepare the way for a future full community asset transfer). Following discussion, it was agreed that further information needed to be circulated to GBCP Board members to confirm the specific detail of the

proposal, including the management arrangements. Once this information was provided, Board members would respond with further comments (**action: Nick Christo**).

5. **Green Capital 2015:** It was noted that as part of Bristol's year as European Green Capital, a festival would be held in 2015 to celebrate Greater Bedminster's gardens and green space (working title: "2015 Greater Bedminster and Green Space Festival). A meeting to discuss next steps would be held at the Southville Centre on 24 June.

8. **Devolved Transport budgets for 2014-15** (agenda item 8)

The Community Partnership considered a report on progress on outstanding local traffic schemes, and setting out details of possible schemes that the Community Partnership might wish to support.

Main points raised / noted:

1. The primary purpose of the discussion was to initially assess the list of possible schemes put forward for prioritisation. In light of today's discussion, officers would refine the list; a special meeting of the GBCP would be held on 21 July, to enable further discussion on the refined list of potential schemes, and to inform the Neighbourhood Committee decision due to taken on 21 July. A statement from Cllr Beynon was circulated. The refined list would be shared with the councillors prior to the meeting on 21 July so that they would have time to request further information prior to making a decision at the meeting.
2. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that in refining the list of potential schemes, the following factors should be taken into account:
 - a. Realism around scheme costs (taking account of the budget available).
 - b. Schemes which might be funded by other means (e.g. as part of, or linked with school expansion plans) should be removed from the priority list.
 - c. Where possible, look to prioritise traffic schemes which link in or join up with other priorities, e.g. retail streets, active travel.
 - d. Take account of any recent improvements to particular roads – i.e. it may be better to prioritise works at another location(s).
 - e. Take into account any existing community activity which is supporting particular schemes.**(action: James Dowling)**
3. Other comments:
 - a. Where possible, imaginative, relatively low cost solutions should be considered rather than "hard" interventions, e.g. the use of flower planter boxes as a traffic calming measure (it was noted that highways approval would still be required for such interventions).
 - b. It was noted that changes to traffic flow were proposed in Upton Road as part of the plans for the expansion of Ashton Gate primary school.
 - c. The on-going issue of speeding traffic, particularly in Raleigh Road, was noted. Pip Sheard advised that a local, volunteer community speedwatch team was in place. Further volunteers would be welcomed. As per the above, it was noted that the schemes for Raleigh Road (and North Street) needed to be reviewed in the context of whether works would be funded via school expansion plans.

- d. It was noted that a campaign was being launched in connection with Ashton Gate station. Further details of this would be made available by Dan Bramwell, a community engagement specialist, who was assisting with the campaign.
- e. Local residents raised an issue about inappropriate parking around the bus stop near The Robins (**action: Nick Christo / James Dowling to follow up**).

9. Resolutions to the GBCP (agenda item 9)

The Community Partnership considered resolutions as follows:

1. Make Sunday Special

“We welcome the recent celebratory Sunday events in Bristol city centre, but are concerned that they may be damaging trading activity in the Bedminster high streets by drawing large numbers of people away from BS3. Several traders have reported a decline coinciding with city centre events. We therefore think that the celebrations should be more evenly spread across the city, with several events per year being held in out-of centre areas such as Bedminster.”

Following discussion, the Community Partnership **agreed** to support this resolution. (**action: Nick Christo to forward the resolution to the Mayor’s office and council events team**)

2. Metrobus

“We note that one of the Metrobus routes will go through West and East Streets and Bedminster Parade. Public consultation on this project has been poor. Some members of the Business Improvement District (as well as the BS3 Planning Group and Bristol Civic Society) are concerned that the standard of design for the project has also been poor, so that the walking and cycling environment may be damaged. If so, this will have a detrimental effect on the economic health of Bedminster’s high streets. We request therefore that BCC extend the period of consultation and reconsider the design of the project taking into account a wider range of concerns than merely a bus route.”

Following discussion, the Community Partnership **agreed** to support this resolution and also to request that the officers for the Metrobus project attend a meeting with the GBCP Board and relevant local stakeholders (**action: Nick Christo to forward the resolution to Peter Mann, Service Director - Transport, and to arrange this meeting**).

10. Minutes - GBCP – 24 March 2014

The minutes of the 24 March GBCP meeting were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising:

- 1. Cycle ambition fund - Chocolate path: In discussion, the Chair advised that it was his understanding that the proposals would involve anti-slip surface treatment.
- 2. Local flood risk: It was noted that a discussion (especially in relation to flood risk at Colliters Brook and Gores Marsh Road) would be scheduled for the September meeting.

3. Ashton Vale - vegetation growth on footpath to Miners Bridge and signal changes: Nick Christo to clarify the outcome of discussion with the signals team about the potential safety risk.
4. Victor Road traffic scheme: It was noted that an update had been sent to WOW.
5. Resolution - Bedminster - a major gateway to the European green capital scheme 2015: It was noted that a Council press release was imminent, which would include details of additional funding for neighbourhood partnerships, linked specifically to the European green capital scheme.

11. Other business

Bristol Sport: Peter Smith briefly outlined details of the role and objectives of Bristol Sport, stressing their commitment to working with the Community Partnership.

12. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 21 July 2014 (as indicated above, this would be a special meeting dedicated to further discussion on local traffic scheme priorities).