



Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)
7.00 pm on 21 July 2014
at the Southville Centre, Beaufey Road, BS3 1 QG

Present:

GBCP Board

Councillors:

Councillor Charlie Bolton
Colin Smith
Councillor Sean Beynon

Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:

Stef Brammar, Co-chair
Matthew Symonds, Co-chair
Lesley Collins
Helen Moody
Les Potter

Jasmine & Julie – youth members

Statutory sector and observers

Nick Christo (NC), BCC Area Co-ordinator
Ian Hird, BCC Democratic Services
James Dowling, BCC Highways
Dan Judges, BCC Neighbourhood Officer
James Coleman, BCC Traffic Choices Developer
Celia Phipps
Matt Mayes
A. Barrett
Julie Chapman
Phil Hinchcliffe
Malcolm Brammar
Tess Green

Apologies: Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Ben Barker

1. Welcome and introductions
(agenda item 1)

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves.

2. Declarations of interest
(agenda item 2)

There were none.

3. Minutes - GBCP - 11 June 2014

The minutes of the 11 June GBCP meeting were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising (updates for information):

Page 4 – approaching ASDA about securing environmental improvements around the car park and margins of the ASDA Bedminster supermarket site: it was noted that this had not yet been progressed but was in hand (**action: Nick Christo / Dan Judges**)

Page 4-5 – proposed community asset transfer of Ashton Vale community centre: it was noted that a meeting with the Ashton Vale Community Association was scheduled to take place on 22 July.

Page 6 – GBCP resolution on Metrobus: it was noted that the suggested meeting involving officers for the Metrobus project, the GBCP Board and relevant local stakeholders would be scheduled for September.

4. Older people and social isolation
(agenda item 4)

The Community Partnership received a verbal update for information.

Main points raised:

- a. A project was underway around tackling the social isolation of older people in the GBCP area.
- b. Further information about the project would be circulated (**action: Nick Christo**).
- c. It was suggested that it might be useful to look to involve people who had recently retired, so they could make early contact with others who may be in a similar position.

The Community Partnership **agreed** to note the above information.

5. Environmental sub-group re-establishment – update
(agenda item 5)

The Community Partnership received a verbal update for information.

Main points raised:

- a. An email had been sent to previous members, with a view to rejuvenating interest.
- b. The aim was to hold a first meeting of the re-formed sub-group in September.

- c. It was suggested that other local groups with an environmental interest might be approached to see if anyone was interested in joining the sub-group.

The Community Partnership **agreed** to note the above information.

6. Devolved transport budgets for 2014/15

(agenda item 6)

The Community Partnership considered a report seeking a decision on prioritising local traffic schemes.

Main points raised / noted:

1. Further to the discussion which had taken place at the previous meeting of the partnership on 11 June, the long list of schemes had been refined, taking appropriate account of the following factors:
 - Realism around scheme costs (taking account of the budget available).
 - Schemes which might be funded by other means (e.g. as part of, or linked with school expansion plans).
 - Where possible, looking to prioritise traffic schemes which link in or join up with other priorities, e.g. retail streets, active travel.
 - Taking account of any recent improvements to particular roads, i.e. it might be better to prioritise works at another location(s).
 - Taking into account any existing community activity which is supporting particular schemes.
2. The partnership engaged in detailed discussion on the shortlisted schemes, recognising that each scheme had its merits and that priorities needed to be determined. At the conclusion of that discussion, there was general agreement that schemes should be prioritised as follows:
 - a. First priority: North Street pedestrian crossing facilities – it was felt that the proposals should be taken forward to achieve the best, holistic solution within the budget available, also taking account of any local traffic improvements to be provided via local school expansion schemes.
 - b. Second priority: Duckmoor Road speeding and traffic calming measures – in supporting this priority, it was agreed that the expectation should be that every effort would be made to secure CIL funding support for this scheme from the Ashton Gate football stadium development.
 - c. Third priority: Greville Road DIY street works – in supporting this priority, it was recognised that further, extensive local consultation would be necessary before the proposals were finalised.
3. In discussion, it was suggested that it would have been useful to have had (as in some other partnership areas) a traffic / movement sub-group in place, which could have engaged in more detailed evaluation of proposed schemes, to help inform a more “evidence based” partnership discussion and committee decision on prioritisation. It was agreed that officers should be asked to set up a traffic / movement sub-group to take on this task for future years. It was also suggested that the sub-group could look to engage with officers

around more imaginative proposals, which could be considered in future, e.g. low cost schemes (such as “build outs”) which may secure greater overall value for money.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:

1. That local traffic schemes be prioritised as follows:

- a. **First priority: North Street pedestrian crossing facilities - the proposals to be taken forward to achieve the best, holistic solution within the budget available, taking account of any local traffic improvements to be provided via local school expansion schemes.**
- b. **Second priority: Duckmoor Road speeding and traffic calming measures – it was anticipated that every effort would be made to secure CIL funding support for this scheme from the Ashton Gate football stadium development.**
- c. **Third priority: Greville Road DIY street works – it was recognised that further, extensive local consultation would be necessary before these proposals are finalised.**

2. That, in light of the discussion at this meeting, a Traffic / Movement sub-group be established.

7. Other business

(agenda item 7)

- a. Petition – Save Southville Methodist Church and hall (Faithspace) for the community: Matthew Symonds advised that this e-petition was live, and encouraged partners and residents to sign it. The aim was to try to retain this building for community use.
- b. Southville Community Development Association (SCDA) AGM – It was noted that SCDA would be launching the BS3 community champion awards as part of this event on 13 September.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 22 September 2014.