



Agenda item 9

**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting
on 10 September 2015 at 7pm**

Present:

GBCP Board

Councillors:

Councillor Celia Phipps
Councillor Charlie Bolton
Councillor Stephen Clarke
Councillor Mark Bradshaw

Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:

Matthew Symonds	Southville Community Development Association
Jackie Smith	Marksbury Area Community Association
Ben Barker	Dame Emily Park Project
Julia Tutton	Marksbury Area Community Association
Lesley Collins	Way Out West
Julie Chapman	Ashton Vale Youth Club
Ricky Dowden	Ashton Vale Together
Stef Brammar	West Street Neighbourhood Group
Les Potter	BS3 Churches Together
Simon Hankins	Front Garden Awards

Statutory Sector and Observers

Sam Mahony, Democratic Services Officer, Bristol City Council (BCC),
Andrew McLean, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator, BCC
Annie Berry
Alan, Jason and Liz Pratley
Pat Wright
Lucy
Alan Davey

1. Welcome, Apologies and introductions
(Agenda item 1)

Stef Brammer (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Apologies were received from Helen Moody

2. Declarations of interest
(Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Clarke declared that he was involved in the Hamilton Road Residents application to the Let's Walk Bedminster fund so withdrew from that specific decision of the Board.

3. Highways Update

Neil Terry (Area Manager) presented the report of the current position on the Local Traffic, Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant and Section 106 funded schemes in the Partnership area. The following updates were given:

- Victor Road/ Stanley Street – This scheme was now in a position to commence.
- North Street – The scheme was on hold until the residents parking scheme (RPS) went live. The RPS detail would help show where pedestrian crossings were feasible.
- Duckmoor Road – The Transport and Mobility Sub Group and residents had established that the scheme was still required. It was hoped work on the scheme would commence in the New Year.
- Greville Road – DIY street measures would be incorporated into the Southville RPS six month review.
- As the latest plans had been rejected as not feasible by the signals team, it had become necessary to re-approach the developer regarding Section 106 funds to upgrade the existing signals at the junction of the Ashton Gate underpass to Brunel Way. **ACTION: It was suggested that residents could speak to the developers through the BS3 Planning Group to consider an alternative use.**
- Officers were asked to provide detail of where dropped kerbs, tactile pavements and buildouts had been installed on Risdale Road/ Langley Crescent, Riskdale Road/ Ashton Drive and Risdale Road/ South Liberty Lane. It was also reported that Pink Stars money from Bovis had been concentrated on Risdale Road when it was needed in Swiss Drive/ Avery Road (where the school was) **ACTION: Andrew McLean offered to provide maps for residents to help them note areas of concern for officers, and Neil Terry to investigate.**
- Merrywood Road/ North Street – The order had been placed on 14 August for the footway works with £1100 from Section 106 funds. Officers would try to install tactile paving at the same time.

Cllr Phipps reported that a meeting would be taking place about South Liberty Lane and Highways Officers were invited to attend. Officers hoped that the South Bristol Link would improve things as well as the planned parking restrictions scheme planned for the area to protect junctions.

Officers were asked to investigate the pavement widening in North Street which appeared to slope down towards properties rather than towards drainage, and raising concerns regarding the width of the pavement (**ACTION**).

It was confirmed that pay and display parking at the Southville Centre had been reinstated. Representations had been made to increase the 3 hour parking to 4 or 5 hours so as not to harm the use of the centre. Officers reported that there would be reviews at 3 and 6 months and a year, to assess the scheme and resolve problems through a formal legal process.

Complaints had been raised about the traffic measures around Ashton Gate Primary School's new site on Upton Road. Measures had been put in place through the planning process that had not been implemented and officers in the Education team had agreed to revisit the scheme to improve the situation. **ACTION: Councillors to lead on resolution of the issue with officers**

It was AGREED that the report was noted.

4. **Ashton Vale Together**

'Ashton Vale Together' were a group of residents who believed that together they were in a stronger position. Since their first meeting they had been on visible walkabouts, meeting other residents, identifying concerns, picking up litter, got some overhanging trees cut back, identified needs for dropped kerbs, highlighted dogs mess with non toxic spray to time log it and highlighted problems with drains and surface water flooding.

It was reported that bus shelters on Swiss Drive and Ashton Drive seemed to be facing the wrong way and it was hoped they could be altered, with the bins at the bus stop also moved to a more appropriate location.

It was hoped to install more planters and benches and improve general cleanliness. There were plans to install a bench by the railway arch on Ashton Drive.

On a recent visit by the Mayor, residents had highlighted the reduction of facilities at the Youth Social Club due to the MetroBus. The group had also linked with VOSCUR to assist them.

Future aims included the installation of a bus shelter opposite the Robins and identification of sites for a youth play area. In response to the speed of lorries leading to damage to property and risk to residents, it was hoped that a resident's speedwatch group could be established as an attempt to reduce traffic problems in the area.

5. **General Community Updates**

The **Our Place** initiative was hosting a conference targeted at Older People at the Tobacco Factory on 29th September. This follows on from the February conference and there would be formal talks, updates and stalls for networking.

The **WOOP** Group (What's On for Older People) had been set up for older people to discover what's going on in the area. There would be four meetings in October in the area which will consider how to get activities for older people more known about and also look at the support systems which would aid people to start getting involved in the community. For further information speak to Ben Barker or see the Pigeon.

On-Street Bike Store – Matthew Symonds was interested to see if there would be interest in an on street bike store in Bedminster. An online survey had been set up and further details would also be in the Pigeon.

A **Toy Library** was being planned for the South Bristol area to help young people's development through play, giving equal access to a wide and changing range of toys. The project would be a volunteer led not for profit venture with people asked to pay a small fee to join the library and a small hire fee. The challenge was to find venues to hold the library sessions in, and storage for between sessions. If anyone had any ideas of venues please contact Annie Berry and more information would be in the Pigeon.

The funds had now been raised to hold the **Bedminster Lantern Parade** in 2015. A small group of volunteers had raised a lot of money to make it happen. Volunteer stewards were being sought to help at the event.

The **Acta Centre** had been redeveloped to provide extra community space and a bar/café on the side of the park and would be open from 10 – 7pm every weekday as a pilot until next Easter. More information would be in the Newsletter. Use it or lose it.

6. GBCP Finance Statement

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Let's Walk Bedminster Funding Applications

It was reported that four applications had been received by the awards panel which made recommendations for approval to the board as per the report. The fourth round for the remaining £3867.14 would commence immediately with a closing date of the 2nd October 2015. Further details of the process would be sent within the NEWSLETTER. As the next board meeting was not to take place until November, it was agreed that recommendations would be sent to the Board electronically for approval.

A mid-term conference would take place on the morning of 27th September at the Tobacco Factory for a 'show and tell' of all the different projects, showing successes and issues.

It was AGREED by the Board that applications agreed as:

1. Hamilton Road Residents	Street Noticeboard	£325
2. St. Johns CA	Park Link/ Missing Link	£1890
3. Ashton Vale Together	Planter/Bench	£615
4. Luckwell Im Pr	Ashton Walkway	£1003

8. Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator Report

The report included proposals for future Community Chest Award Panel process with some general principles of panel composition and application forms. Comments were invited.

- The principles were a good balance of accountable and simple.
- That equal weighting should be given to applications with/ without match funding.
- That to apply under one priority was enough.
- There could be a column to measure the impact of the project, although that could perhaps be picked up using the monitoring form
- It was helpful to show applicants a reason why people were unsuccessful
- Consideration could be given to how to deal with larger organisations over local smaller community groups.
- Equalities training and mentor support should be offered to coach smaller groups to fill out the forms.
- It was important to go back to groups if questions were forthcoming, or to have a representative of groups at the awards meeting to help answer queries.

It was confirmed that the Partnership had agreed to retain segregated budgets for the current year but that the option remained to combine the different budgets into one 'pot' in the future. **ACTION: Andrew McLean to add to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Board in November then for recommendations to the meeting of the Partnership in January regarding budgeting options.**

9. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2015

It was noted that Time Team should say Town Team. It was also noted that there was no such thing as an informal meeting of the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership.

Environment Sub Group – The Environment Sub group asked whether there needed to be a separate Environment and Highways/mobility sub group, or whether they could be combined. A request was also received from the group that their terms of reference be reviewed and confirmed at the next Board meeting. The GBCP Officers were in the process of undertaking this **ACTION: Andrew McLean.**

Equalities monitoring forms would be reissued to board members via Andrew McLean.

Community Right to Buy – Matthew Symonds had now been formally notified of a disposal of a community asset of value and the closing date was January.

Bridge Consultation – a walk with officers had taken place and it was apparent that the development was engineering led without proposals for the walking route. Residents needed to continue to raise those ideas and proposals.

10. Public Statements and Resolutions

The Partnership received a statement from the University of Bristol about a £60,000 fund for tree planting across the city in a three year deal. Following site surveys proposals were presented to remove tree stumps and re plant trees by the end of December 2015. The Partnership supported the project and asked that there remained enough room for wheelchairs and buggies.

11. Date of the Next Meeting – the next meeting would be on Monday 9th November 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm