



Agenda item 8

**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting
on 27 January 2016 at 7pm**

Present:

GBCP Board

Councillors:

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

Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:

Ben Barker	Dame Emily Park Project
Matthew Symonds	Southville Community Development Association
Peter Smith	Good Garden Awards
Lesley Collins	Way Out West
Simon Hankins	Front Garden Awards
Julie Chapman	Ashton Vale Youth Club
Stef Brammar	West Street Neighbourhood Group

Statutory Sector and Observers

Sam Mahony	Democratic Services Officer , Bristol City Council (BCC),
Andrew McLean	Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator, BCC
Jason and Chris Pratley	Local Residents
Naomi Fuller	Playing Out
Mitch Dowden	Ashton Vale Children & Young People
Brian Richards	Local Resident
Hannah Taylor	20mph Bristol, BCC
Jean Moloney	Osborne York NHW
Steve Sayers	Windmill Hill City Farm
Francesca Rolle	Libraries, BCC
Annie Berry	South Bristol Toy Library
Jo Kingston	Holy Cross School
Daniel Ashfield	Avon & Somerset Police
Paul Singfield	Avon & Somerset Police
Sarah Smith	Local Resident
Gordon Turnery	Local Resident
Les Smith	Local Resident

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 Councillor Bradshaw, Helen Moody and Les Potter.

2. Declarations of interest

(Agenda Item 2)

There were none.

3. Update re Holy Cross Traffic Calming Resolution

The following resolution was presented:

The Greater Bedminster Community Partnership is increasingly concerned at the safety of parents, children, residents, pedestrians, cyclists and others in and around the area of Holy Cross School on Dean Lane.

This is not only a route to the school itself. It is also en-route to Gaol Ferry bridge, the main pedestrian-cycling route into town for Southville and Bedminster residents.

Problems at the site include

- *The narrowness of the pavement on the school side*
- *Street furniture on the same pavement, forcing buggy users onto the road around a blind bend*
- *Speed of traffic around two sharp bends*
- *Tendency of pedestrians to cross Dean Lane to Acramans Road (heading to/from Gaol Ferry bridge) by a blind corner*
- *Absence of protection around the school*

We are aware of at least one incident including a pregnant mother, child and cyclist which, fortunately did not result in serious injury. We are deeply concerned that this area is an 'accident waiting to happen'.

The partnership is aware that an officer has visited the site.

The partnership therefore asks that officers investigate the best solution, and that the road outside of Holy Cross should be put forward for consideration as a priority scheme for the partnership area.

The resolution was discussed and the following points were raised:

- (a) It was hoped that the resolution from the GBCP would help add weight to and prioritise the issue for short and long term solutions.
- (b) There remained a delay for the delivery of Neighbourhood Partnership traffic schemes and there was confusion about what scheme 'pot' any appropriate scheme would come out of.
- (c) It was suggested that as the principle route for walkers and cyclists travelling to the City Centre, funds previously allocated to the proposed (and now not being progressed) bridge from Camden Road should be redirected to this issue.
- (d) Similar problems also existed at Parson Street School and Ashton Vale School.

It was AGREED that the NP Coordinator would write to the Service Director for Transport (also the Mayor, Assistant Mayor, Chair of Place Scrutiny Commission and the Strategic Director for Place) to request officer time to help devise a solution.

4. GBCP Plan

The themed GBCP Plan had been in place for seven months and it was important to ensure that it was current and relevant.

Small group based discussions took place considering each element of the plan. Suggestions were made of items to remove, add or re-prioritise.

The following suggestions were made about how priorities were identified and fulfilled:

- Energy should be focused on a specific priority for 60% of the time. A priority such as the older people's agenda would then in turn affect many other priorities.
- Themes and priorities should be better defined to outline who does the work and who would be best to lead. The plan should identify who was leading for each priority and subsequently where there were gaps.
- There should be measurable goals and objectives.

The following priorities were highlighted or suggested:

- Traffic and transport safety in and around schools.
- Utilising libraries and their buildings.
- Infrastructure for housing developments.
- Road safety for children.
- Activities and projects for older people and opportunities for intergenerational connections.
- Transport for older people.
- 'Older people' should be a theme of its own, and link with active citizenship.
- 'Children with special needs' should be included within 'families'.
- General road safety.
- Crime as a priority rather than its identification as anti-social behaviour.
- Rubbish, Bins and Dog Poo.
- Bad parking.
- Greening of Bedminster.
- Engaging with other communities within the Neighbourhood Partnership area.
- Mitigating the impact of the Ashton Gate Stadium.
- Measuring the impact of Residents Parking Schemes.

The following suggestions were made for priorities to be taken out of the plan:

- Grounds maintenance contract
- Volunteer equalities Co-ordinator
- Variations of crime which were listed which were in the remit of the police

The suggestions were collected by the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator and would be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion and decision. If appropriate a separate meeting would be arranged or a meeting themed to look further at the Plan in more depth.

ACTION: Further discussion to take place at the next (or a separately arranged) meeting.

5. GBCP Structure – VOSCUR actions

Feedback about the future options for the structure of the GBCP had been collated.

It was proposed that due to the changes to ward boundaries, and the elections in May more time would be needed to assess changes before a new structure could be agreed.

It was clarified that the new electoral geographical boundaries would mean Councillor representation and devolved decisions (such as the Community Chest) would follow those changes. It was noted that if the Community Partnership followed those boundary changes, some members of the Partnership would not be able to continue into the next municipal year.

It was suggested that a timely new structure was required to ensure that opportunities such as Business Improvement Districts, Lets Walk Bedminster and other funding streams could be accessed.

ACTION: GBCP structure to be agreed following the May 2016 elections

6. **Better at 20 Street Art Proposal**

The Community Engagement Officer for 20mph introduced herself to the Board and proposed a street art project which aimed to re-engage and re-energise communities to continue to drive at 20mph. Road data highlighted hotspots within Bedminster and Southville as Duckmoor Road and Raleigh Road. It was reported that there was £5,000 available for the project of either one large or two/three smaller pieces of artwork. An Art-Coordinator would be appointed to identify an appropriate site, hold engagement events and commission the piece.

In response to the proposals the following comments were made:

- (a) There was concern that street art would not stand out as there were already so much wall art and graffiti. Also it was questioned whether it would be seen by drivers if one or two stories high.
- (b) In response to the suggestion of art on the road, it was confirmed that the process to put artwork on the road would take longer than the funding was available. It would be easier to obtain permission for privately owned walls of buildings.
- (c) It was suggested that the project could link with the arts trail in May and coincide with the timing of upfest to add an element of 'cool'.
- (d) It was hoped that a member of the GBCP would be on the panel for the appointment of the Arts Coordinator.

The GBCP AGREED to the proposal for 'Better at 20mph' street art.

7. **General Community Updates**

Playing Out thanked the board for the funding they received last year which had allowed coordinators to attend community events and groups to spread the word about Playing Out. Six new streets had held Playing Out days regularly, two sessions had been held in Ashton Vale and good inter-generational work had taken place. A formal monitoring report had been submitted.

Window Wanderland would take place this year on February, 27-29 between 6 and 9pm. Leaflets and further information was available from Ben Barker.

The period of time that **Faithspace** was protected from sale ended on the 27th January 2016. Activities were ongoing and a campaign group were hoping to put a bid in for the building.

There would be a second **Bedminster Secret Gardens Open Day** on 24th April and 12th June 2016.

Conversations were ongoing about the a **trial to stop the use of pesticides** in Southville (in particular Glyphosates)

A **pop up museum** would take place in the URC Church Hall on West Street from April 14th to 17th 2016.

2016 was the 40th year anniversary of **Windmill Hill City Farm** and funding from the Arts Council had been secured for a theatre project. Four free writing workshops to performance events would take place.

8. Neighbourhood Partnership Business Report

1. Future GBCP dates were proposed as

7pm Monday 27th June 2016 provisionally at the Southville Centre

7pm Monday 5th September 2016 at ACTA

7pm Monday 16th January 2017 at Windmill Hill City Farm

7pm Monday 27th March 2017 provisionally at the Southville Centre

ACTION: The number of meetings at the Southville Centre would be reduced to one and an alternative venue in Ashton Vale would be investigated again.

2. Community Asset Transfer

It was reported that the Windmill Hill City Farm had applied for a longer lease from the Council and had been offered 35 years from application, the maximum that could be offered. The Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to and supported the application and lease although were disappointed that it was not for a longer period and called upon the Council to consider a longer term.

ACTION: Matthew Symonds to draft a recommendation to the Council supporting the extended lease for Windmill Hill City Farm and asked that it be for a longer term.

3. Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Investment Levy

The GBCP agreed that the Environment Sub Group would work with the Council's Horticultural Department regarding the spending of available Section 106 tree specific devolved funds.

The GBCP discussed the remaining S106 funds, of which £50k did not relate to highways, trees of specific localities or assets in the area. The Partnership acknowledged that a consensus should be reached as to whether to spend money received or leave it to accumulate into a larger amount.

ACTION: The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator to find out if any S106 funds were due to be allocated.

ACTION: The Environment Sub Group would canvas the parks groups as to whether to spend smaller amounts, or leave S106 contributions to build up. Discussions would then take place at their next meeting of the 1st March 2016.

With reference to devolved S106 funds for transport, it was suggested that 06/04513 Ashton Vale Prefabs provision of security lighting and street lighting improvements and provision of dropped kerb and tactile paving was marked completed when it had not been.

Officers confirmed that the advice had been that a sum of money from the 'Megabowl development' for a play park in Ashton Vale. The park had not been progressed as a site was yet to be chosen. A project officer had been assigned who would work with Ashton Vale Together through consultation and installation. **ACTION: Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator to provide an update on the play park in Ashton Vale for the next meeting.** A further update was also requested regarding the project involving UWE which was looking at cycle routes around the

A370/Megabowl area. **ACTION: Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator to provide an update on the UWE project around cycle routes around a370/Megabowl area for the next meeting**

The Board requested a simpler, more understandable format for presenting the figures, showing what was in the band, what was omitted and what had been spent. **ACTION: Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator to liaise with S106 officers to compile a simpler report format for S106 updates**

4. Clean and Green update was noted. There was £859.75 remaining in the Clean and Green Fund and everyone was encouraged to contact Lorena about any requests for action. Lorena would work with Council officers and Ward Councillors to progress.

5. The update on the project 'The AV Hub' was noted. Some residents requested that if another project of its type was planned, that the correct information was sent out beforehand.

6. Two Marksbury Road Library Community Events of Christmas Decoration workshops took place over Christmas which were very successful.

7. The Citywide Conference Report was noted.

8. The Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Funding Consultation was noted.

9. The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator presented proposals for an overall Neighbourhood Partnership's Communication Strategy and it was reported that the Council were considering what the Local Authority could offer with regards to social media and printed leaflets. It was suggested that the needs of GBCP specifically could be fed into discussions about the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan and active citizenship. It was suggested that the Partnership should ask for the funds to handle all communication and it was highlighted that printed word was important for those that did not have computers.

It was RESOLVED

(1) that the forthcoming meeting dates would be;

7pm Monday 27th June 2016 provisionally at the Southville Centre

7pm Monday 5th September 2016 at ACTA

7pm Monday 16th January 2017 at Windmill Hill City Farm

7pm Monday 27th March 2017 provisionally at the Southville Centre

(2) The number of meetings at the Southville Centre would be reduced to one and an alternative venue in Ashton Vale would be investigated again.

(3) The GBCP supported the extended lease for Windmill Hill City Farm of 35 years and asked that it be for a longer term.

(4) The GBCP agreed that the Environment Sub Group would work with the Council's Horticultural Department regarding the spending of available Section 106 tree specific devolved funds.

(5) The Clean and Green update was noted

(6) Updates on the project 'The AV Hub', Marksbury Road Library Community Events, Citywide Conference report, Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Consultation and Neighbourhood Partnerships communication strategy were all noted

9. Minutes of the meetings held on 10th September 2015 and 9th November 2015

Actions would be revisited by the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator. Particular reference was made to;

- Plans would be forwarded to board members outlining proposals for the administration and monitoring of the Community Chest. The Board would be asked for agreement at the AGM in May 2016.
- A new Library Development Officer was now in post for Bristol South to work with the community on community development issues and how best to use the libraries.

It was AGREED that the minutes of the 10th September and 9th November 2015 were a correct record.

10. Public Statements and Resolutions

The GBCP received a statement from the Town Team regarding plans for a small park area, and asked everyone to show their support by contacting Knightstone and ask them to give their permission and help transform the space. For further details contact Ben Barker.

It was AGREED that a letter would be drafted by the Chairs and sent to Knightstone on behalf of the GBCP to show support for the proposals to turn the Victorian gate on lower North Street into a pocket park.

11. Any Other Business

There was none.

Meeting Ended at 9.00pm