



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP (GBNP)
HELD AT 7.00 p.m. on 23 JANUARY 2012
AT HUNGERFORD ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
HUNGERFORD ROAD, BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL BS4 5EX**

PRESENT:

Ward councillors:

Councillor Peter Main (Brislington West ward)
Councillor Jackie Norman (Brislington West ward)
Councillors Mike Langley (Brislington East ward) (Neighbourhood Committee chair, in line with the “rotating” chair agreement).

Neighbourhood Partnership members:

Ali Hender
Louise Bale
Jan Wren
Alan Bale

Officers and other statutory partners / other attendees:

Gemma Dando, Bristol City Council (BCC), Area Co-ordinator
Ariaf Hussain, BCC, Community Engagement Officer
Ian Hird, BCC, Democratic Services Team Leader
Steven Thomas, BCC, Principal Lighting Technician
Richard Gwyn, BCC, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer
Kevin Duffy, Avon & Somerset police
Mike Johnson, Avon & Somerset police
Frank Grundy-White, resident
Steve Beard, resident
Maurice King, resident

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
(agenda item 1)

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves.

Apologies were received from Steve Pearce, Maxine Powell, Cllr Mike Wollacott, and Elizabeth Venn.

The partnership noted that Cllr Peter Main had been nominated to be Lord Mayor for the 2012/13 Council year.

2. MINUTES - NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2011 (agenda item 2)

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

Neighbourhood Committee items (chaired by Councillor Mike Langley):

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this stage, although see note in minute no. 6 below.

4. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT ON DEVOLVED BUDGETS AND OTHER ISSUES / UPDATES (agenda item 4)

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

The main discussion points were:

- a. Progress in relation to local traffic schemes was noted. With regard to the schemes at West Town Lane (introduction of 7.5 tonne weight limit between Hungerford Road and Sturminster Road) and Fermaine Avenue / St Aubins Avenue /Allison Road (new / revised parking restrictions), the statutory Traffic Regulation Order process was now underway.
- b. Clean and green expenditure to date was noted.
- c. With regard to section 106 budgets, it was noted that the environment group would meet on 8 February (venue: Arnos Vale cemetery) to assess scheme costs and identify recommendations to be discussed at the next neighbourhood partnership / committee meeting on 19 March.
- d. Transport budget: drawings of the footway improvements were viewed. It was noted that a 1.2m high timber post and rail fence would be erected as part of the works, which were due to start by the end of January.
- e. Meeting dates: The proposed neighbourhood partnership dates were noted. Following discussion, it was agreed that joint neighbourhood forums should continue, at 2 monthly intervals, at a range of appropriate venues. It was noted that Ariaf Hussain would update (and then circulate) the programme of future meetings. It was also noted, however, that it would be important to actively promote and

take forward other forms of local engagement (i.e. other than by public meetings).

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:

- **That the report and the above information / action points be noted.**

5. SECTION 106 HIGHWAYS REPORT – CALLINGTON ROAD (agenda item 5)

The partnership considered a report seeking approval for spending the devolved transport s106 budget 01/02339/Mental Health Hospital, Callington Road, Brislington /ZCD ...338.

The main discussion points were:

- a. It was noted that the report set out 2 options, namely a subway lighting option, and a footpath lighting option.
- b. It was also noted that the cost of improving lighting along the full (approx. 500m) length of the footpath was approx. £40,000 (the section 106 allocation being £31,159.56).

Following discussion, **the Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:**

That a decision be deferred at this stage, to allow an opportunity for further liaison to take place with the Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill neighbourhood partnership about the possibility of agreeing a formula (over and above the section 106 allocation) to enable street lighting improvements to be carried out over the full (approx. 500m) length of the footpath.

Action: Steven Thomas / Gemma Dando

6. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT (agenda item 6)

The partnership considered a report seeking approval of the recommendations from the Brislington wellbeing panel for the allocation of wellbeing funding.

Following discussion, **the Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:**

That the following recommendations / allocations be approved:

- 1. Wick House – integrated community kick start project - £1990.23 subject to a safeguarding policy being produced.**
- 2. Arnos Vale Cemetery – wild tales project for local families - £1212.75**
- 3. BEC – sports leadership - £1400 subject to further information about community sports days.**
- 4. Brooklea / Wicklea words and art for health – costs to run art group for people with health needs – no allocation (monitoring information not returned and project is not viewed as sustainable).**
- 5. Datura Dance – music and movement workshops for pupils at BEC – deferred.**
- 6. 5th St Lukes Scouts – fencing and groundworks to land around scout hut - £2,000. (Note: Cllr Peter Main advised that he lived next to this property and declared an interest in this regard).**

Action: Gemma Dando to implement.

In subsequent discussion, it was agreed that all partners should encourage further bids to the wellbeing fund to ensure that the allocation was fully committed for community benefit. It was noted that there may be opportunities around encouraging community cohesion, e.g. street parties re: the Queen's diamond jubilee. All partners should email suggestions to Gemma Dando.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY, AND ACTION PLAN (agenda item 7)

The Partnership considered a report setting out the Partnership's communications and engagement strategy and associated action plan.

The main discussion points were:

- a. The strategy and action plan were generally welcomed.
- b. It was noted that any points of particular detail should be emailed to Ariaf Hussain.

- c. It was noted that the section on forum meetings would be updated to reflect the discussion earlier at this meeting.
- d. It was noted that the strategy / action plan would be monitored and kept under future review as necessary.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:

That, subject to the above comments, the communications and engagement strategy, and action plan be endorsed.

Action: Gemma Dando / Ariaif Hussain to implement / monitor progress.

Neighbourhood Partnership items (chaired by Cllr Mike Langley in light of the fact that apologies had been received from Steve Pearce):

8. YOU SAID, WE DID – WELLBEING FUNDING MONITORING (agenda item 8)

The Partnership considered a report summarising recent achievements and project outcomes / successes.

AGREED:

- That the report be noted.

9. WOODCROFT ROAD COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECT PROPOSAL (agenda item 9)

The Partnership considered a report relating to proposals to create a community food project at the site of the paddock on Woodcroft Road, Broomhill.

The main discussion points were:

- a. Frank Grundy-White outlined details of the proposed project.
- b. It was noted that the project aimed to engage with and be led by the community, and that there was an aspiration for the site to ultimately be cultivated as a community orchard.
- c. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to look to develop links with other initiatives, e.g. in Stockwood.

AGREED:

- That this community engaging project be supported.

Action: Steve Clampin

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE (agenda item 10)

The partnership considered a report providing an update on neighbourhood community safety.

AGREED:

That the report be noted.

Discussion then took place on a particular request from the police that the neighbourhood partnership (as per a request being made to all south Bristol neighbourhood partnerships) should contribute £500 per ward to enable Operation Biker to continue.

This proposal was generally supported.

The Neighbourhood Committee then RESOLVED:

That £500 per ward (from the wellbeing budget) (i.e. £500 each for Brislington East and West wards) be contributed to Operation Biker

Action: Gemma Dando

11. WICKLEA CENTRE – FUTURE USE OF THE BUILDING (agenda item 11)

The partnership discussed the position regarding the Wicklea Centre.

The main discussion points were:

- a. It was noted that the Council was now planning to use the Wicklea site for a newly built St Anne's Junior School. Works to develop the site would take place, with a view to the new school site opening in September 2013.
- b. It was also noted that a drop-in event about the plans would be held on 31 January at St Anne's Junior School. Information about this event would be communicated as widely as possible.

- c. Concern was expressed by some partners around the communication of key information to current groups / organisations using Wicklea in relation to its closure.
- d. The urgent need to meet demand for local school places was also noted.
- e. It was noted that groups / organisations using Wicklea would have to leave by 31 August. Information would be provided to groups to assist them in finding alternative locations; however, it was important to recognise that the groups would themselves need to actively engage in determining their own accommodation solutions. A longer term plan would be developed assessing future community provision needs.

AGREED:

- That the update and the above information be noted.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

It was noted that no public forum items had been received for this meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 19 March 2012.

(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)

CHAIR