



AGENDA ITEM 9
GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

YOU SAID WE DID - MARCH 2012

This is a brief summary of some of the achievements of the Neighbourhood Partnership in recent months. This includes the work of partnership members, councillors, voluntary and statutory agencies.

Support for Wicklea user groups to find new premises



Lots of work has taken place to provide information on the development of the Wicklea site and to find the current users of Wicklea different premises to use from September 2012.

- Attendance at user group meetings on 9th November 2011 and 30th November 2011
- Organising an all stakeholder meeting on 4th January 2012, with attendance by BCC Schools, Youth and Play, Property and Skanska
- Attendance by Ian Purnell at 9th January 2012 Neighbourhood Forum
- Attendance by Ian Purnell, Craig Bolt as well as Skanska representative on 6th February 2012 Neighbourhood Forum meeting.

- Support from the BCC Community Buildings Officer both in providing intelligence as to the facilities that are available in the area and to provide specific support to groups without the capacity to find alternative accommodation.
- The NP officers have ensured that information of meetings has been sent in a timely fashion to the Wicklea User Group.
- The NP officers have captured the issues that have been raised at meetings and have fed these back to the relevant officers.

This work runs alongside the work to provide dedicated community space as part of the plans for the development of St Anne's Junior School on the Wicklea Site and the current school site.

- Assisting the Oasis after school club in obtaining support to run the club from alternative premises (through BAND)
- Assisting the silver surfers group to find suitable new premises to run their computer activities
- Supporting 5 groups to move to St Anne's Church
- Supporting other user groups to find new premises
- Supporting and promoting opportunities for local people to input into plans and have their say at community meetings

Supporting Local Businesses

The first meeting of the Sandy Park Road/Wick Road Business Association took place on 24th January 2012 with 6 businesses in attendance. The group will meet every month. The group set the priorities below, and have requested financial support from the Neighbourhood Partnership.



Action plan for the group:

- Develop a "Shop Brislington" website and Twitter account
- Children's competition to design a logo for the new association. They plan to communicate through local schools and the library on this
- The competition winner will be invited to a formal launch of the group. They are hoping to attract a local celebrity to this launch.
- Promotional flyer including discounts
- Highlighting local shops/facilities in other community communications

- Replacement of existing and additional signage promoting the area. The signage at the bottom of Sandy Park Road is out of date.
- Better signage to promote the car park.

Hungerford Road Community Centre



The Neighbourhood Partnership were first approached by members of the Hungerford Community Association at Forum meetings to highlight to residents that they have space available for hire.

At the Forum meeting on 6th February 2012 the Neighbourhood Development Officer was approached by trustees of the Centre to ask for additional support.

A meeting was arranged for 13th February 2012, and at this meeting the NDO was advised of the acute financial challenges the organisation is currently facing due to a number of issues:

- Having had to meet the costs for replace/repair to a leaking roof.
- Misappropriation of funds within the organisation to the amount of £20k.
- Kitchen not fit for purpose any longer.
- No disabled toilets.
- Tables and chairs old and tatty

This has resulted in a loss of income generation ability and the centre has been unable to raise the funds both for day-to-day costs and payment to monies owed occurring from the past financial difficulties.

As such the following advice and support was provided to the group:

- Application to Well Being Fund to support the day-to-day needs.
- Development of a Action Plan to address the capital needs of the building

- Organisational revue to look at income generation ability – including lettings
- Community and Business fundraising events to both raise the profile of the Centre and increase use.
- Promotion and marketing campaign to increase lettings.
- Develop relationships with service providers to run activities from the Centre to increase income

Neighbourhood Forum update

As well as delivering evening Neighbourhood Forums, additional forum sessions have taken place at groups in the area to enable people that do not usually attend forms to have their say. Sessions have taken place or are planned at the following groups:

- St Peter's Over 50's group (two sessions attended by 33 people and 34 people)
- Brislington and St Anne's Monday Club (32 attendees)
- BEC school senate (planning a forum for the school later in the year with 15 senate members)
- Brislington St Peter's Lunch Club (planned for 18th April 2012)

More information about the actions from all of the forums can be found on www.myneighbourhoodbristol.com

Discover Brislington Brook Project Update



The discover Brislington Brook community litter pick took place on Saturday 25th February. 16 members of the public came along, as well as 10 people from community payback. Three quarters of a tonne of rubbish was collected, as well as a 25 yard skip full of waste.

The project is looking for regular volunteers, anyone that is interested in becoming a regular volunteer is encouraged to have a look at

www.discoverbrislingtonbrook.wordpress.com/volunteering

Details of all the exciting things coming up as part of the project are in the poster below – please do spread the word and come along to enjoy the brook and the activities that are taking place.

Discover Brislington Brook

Spring/Summer diary 2012

February



Fri 10th Feb
Walking for Health in Nightingale Valley
meet at St Anne's Church – sets off 10am*



Sat 25th Feb
Community Litter Pick
Nightingale Valley & St Anne's Woods
Meet at Wicklea Centre – 10:30am*

March



Sat 10th March, Sat 24th March
Oral History training sessions
10.30am – 4:30pm please book
Arnos Vale Cemetery



Tues 27th, Weds 28th and
Sat 31st March
Build a Bench with BTCV
9:30am - 4pm please book*
Nightingale Valley

April



Sat 7th April
Early Birds and Bacon Sarnies
Walk in Nightingale Valley led by bird expert
Richard Bland, 8am-10am please book*



Fri 20th and 27th April
Know Your Place website workshop
For those who have less confidence with IT,
Stockwood Library, 2-4:30pm please book.



Sat 28th April
Number 1 Bus Route Pilgrimage
Meet at bus stop on Whitmore Ave, Broomhill,
9:15am – 3pm*

May



Dates and venue TBC
**Pilgrim's Way Writing and
Exploration workshops**



Thurs 10th May
St Anne's Archaeology Walk
1.5hrs leaving the Wicklea Centre at 6pm
please book*



Sat 19th May
**Community Litter Pick in
Nightingale Valley**
meet at Brookside Rd Scout Hut (The
Wigwam) at 10am followed by a Scout
Fundraiser from 1:30pm

June



Sat 9th June
**Community Invasive Weed
Pulling Day**
Stockwood, meet on Saltwell viaduct
10:00am, finish 1:30pm for a bring your
own picnic*

July



Sat 14th July
Practical Weed Pulling Workshop
Nightingale Valley,
meet at Wicklea Centre at 10:00am, finish
1:30pm for a bring your own picnic*



Weds 25th July
Booted up Brislington
A day of fun science for kids aged 5-10 &
their families
10am-4pm please book*

To book onto any of these please call or email Rowan on
07737344318 or rowan.matthiessen@bristol.gov.uk

* Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear (wellies or walking shoes and waterproofs)

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