



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP (GBNP)  
HELD AT 7.00 p.m. on 18 JUNE 2012  
AT ARNOS VALE CEMETERY, BATH ROAD, BRISLINGTON**

**PRESENT:**

**Ward councillors:**

Councillors Mike Langley and Mike Wollacott (Brislington East ward)  
Councillors Peter Main and Jackie Norman (Brislington West ward)

**Neighbourhood Partnership members:**

Ali Hender  
Juliette Randall  
Jan Wren

**Officers and other statutory partners:**

Ariaf Hussain, BCC, Area Co-ordinator  
Ian Hird, BCC, Democratic Services Team Leader  
Inspector Colin Salmon, Avon and Somerset Police  
John Bos, BCC, Community Assets Manager  
Jennifer Mackley, BCC, Parks & Green Space Strategy Co-ordinator  
Richard Gwyn, BCC, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer

Note: in line with the ongoing, “rotating chair” arrangements, it was noted that Cllr Wollacott would chair this meeting of the neighbourhood committee. On noting that Cllr Wollacott was not present at the start of the meeting, it was agreed that Cllr Langley should take the Chair until Cllr Wollacott’s arrival.

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

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from Louise Bale, Steve Pearce and Maxine Powell.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 19 MARCH 2012** (agenda item 2)

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2012 be agreed as a correct record.

***Neighbourhood Committee items:***

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM** (agenda item 4)

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

**5. AGM ANNUAL REPORT** (agenda item 5)

The partnership considered the annual report of the Democratic Services Officer and the Area Co-ordinator.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the membership of the neighbourhood partnership, as set out in the report, be noted.
2. That, in terms of chairing arrangements, it be agreed that:
  - a. In terms of the chairing of the neighbourhood committee, the previously agreed arrangement whereby the councillor chair rotates at meetings be continued.
  - b. Steve Pearce be elected as Chair of the neighbourhood partnership.
3. That the neighbourhood partnership and neighbourhood committee terms of reference be noted.
4. That the partnership's devolved powers and budget be noted.
5. That the following sub-groups be established:
  - \* Wellbeing Panel
  - \* Transport Sub-Group(membership details / meeting arrangements to continue to be co-ordinated / overseen by the Area Co-ordinator).

6. That future meetings be held on the following dates (venues to be confirmed):
- \* 7.00 pm, 15 October 2012
  - \* 7.00 pm, 21 January 2013
  - \* 7.00 pm, 18 March 2013

**6. ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT 2011-2012** (agenda item 6)

The partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator setting out financial summaries of devolved budgets for 2011-2012.

In presenting the report, the Area Co-ordinator advised that further clarity was being sought to establish the figure for the level of underspend re: local traffic schemes relating to the previous year.

**RESOLVED:**

- That the financial summaries of devolved budgets for 2011-2012 be noted.

***Neighbourhood Partnership item:***

**7. COMMUNITY BUILDINGS REPORT** (agenda item 12)

It was agreed that this item should be brought forward for earlier discussion at this meeting. Cllr Mike Woollacott arrived at the meeting during the partnership's discussion of this item and took the chair.

The partnership accordingly considered a report from the Community Assets Manager setting out an overview of community assets for the Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership area.

Key points raised / noted:

- \* John Bos highlighted the areas covered by the report, including the proposed community right to bid for assets – it was noted that the final detail of this proposal was awaited from the government.
- \* With regard to section 2, it was noted that Arnos Vale Cemetery should be added to the list of existing community venues. Any other “missed” venues should be notified to John Bos.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED:**

- That partners should feed back comments and views to the Area Co-ordinator, with a view to a firm proposal being brought back to the next meeting about establishing a sub-group to co-ordinate local community buildings issues and to play an active part in the planning of community infrastructure in the Greater Brislington neighbourhood partnership area.

It was noted that this work could include examining the potential future use of any redundant council owned buildings in the area. It was noted also that VOSCUR were undertaking a co-ordinating role in identifying buildings which may be suitable / available for community asset transfer.

***Further Neighbourhood Committee items:***

**8. PARKS AND GREEN SPACE STRATEGY – SURPLUS LAND  
DECISION** (agenda item 7)

The partnership considered a report seeking a decision on whether or not to declare 5 sites (as identified in the report) surplus to requirements as green space for recreation.

Main points raised / noted in discussion:

\* The neighbourhood committee was reminded that at their last meeting on 19 March, decisions had been taken to retain the following sites as green spaces for recreation:

- Part of St Anne's Park.
- Part of Newbridge Road open site.

Also on 19 March, decisions on 5 other sites (the subject of the report being considered at today's meeting) had been deferred, and the committee had agreed to request the Cabinet to review the incentive mechanism.

\* It was noted that on 31 May, the Cabinet had agreed that the incentive scheme should not be altered, i.e. the incentive scheme recommended by the Cross Party Working Group, and agreed by the Cabinet in January 2012 would be retained.

The Neighbourhood Committee

**RESOLVED -**

- That the following sites (as identified in the report) should not be declared as surplus to requirements, and should be retained as green space for recreation:

- \* Allison Avenue open space
- \* Broomhill Road Park
- \* Belroyal Avenue open space
- \* Bonville Road open space
- \* Broomhill Road (Emery Road) R/O bank

## 9. ENVIRONMENT REPORTS – CLEAN & GREEN, AND MAY GURNEY (agenda item 8)

### **a. Clean & Green**

The partnership considered a report from Richard Gwyn, Area Environment Officer.

It was noted that this year, in addition to the £1,500 already devolved to each neighbourhood partnership across the city, each individual neighbourhood partnership could also bid for a share of an additional £19k of Clean and Green funding. The deadline for bids was 17 August.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the changes that apply to the Clean and Green fund from the date of this meeting to the end of the 2012/13 financial year be noted.
2. That, in terms of making decisions on devolved Clean and Green budgets this year, option B be approved, i.e. to delegate the legal authority to make decisions to officers, on the understanding that officers will subsequently seek neighbourhood committee councillors' agreement via e-mail, prior to spending funds.

### **b. May Gurney – update:**

Key points raised / noted:

- \* An update report was noted.
- \* By the end of June, each neighbourhood partnership should have a community steward in place (operational experts who would liaise and work with the Council's area environment officers). Work was also taking place to produce neighbourhood plans to cover the key issues experienced in local communities.
- \* Some concerns were raised by attendees about the prevalence of weeds in some areas, and residual waste / mess left behind by crews in making collections. It was noted that any individual concerns about particular locations should be reported to the area environment officer.
- \* In response to a question, it was noted that a programme was in place to work with schools to educate children about waste / recycling issues.

### **c. Proposals for a BMX cycle track at Arnos Court Park:**

Key points raised / noted:

- \* The partnership was updated on the proposals to establish a BMX cycle track at Arnos Court Park.
- \* It was noted that the intention was to ensure the new track would not impact negatively on current park uses. In terms of the current consultation, it was suggested it would be important to ensure that residents of Kings Road and Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust were given an opportunity to comment.

\* It was noted that it was the intention to capture all local “intelligence” (e.g. in relation to the spring in the park) and views before the track location was determined finally.

\* It was noted that officers would arrange for an information stall on the proposals to be available at the 8 September Arnos Court Park dog show event.

## **10. COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING** (agenda item 9)

The partnership considered a report from Richard Gwyn, Area Environment Officer relating to community tree planting.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That a tree planting plan for Victory Park be approved.
2. That it be agreed that TreeBristol can deliver a community tree planting event at the nominated site (i.e. Victory Park) between November 2012 and March 2013.

## **11. WELLBEING REPORT** (agenda item 10)

The partnership considered a report from the Area Co-ordinator.

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

a. That the following be approved:

1. Brislington Enterprise College (Christmas meal): £540
2. Brislington Enterprise College (community planters): £600 plus cost of branding (but no more than an additional £100).
3. Brislington Enterprise College (occupational therapy scooters): nil award.
4. Brislington Community Archaeology Project (Brislington’s virtual museum): no award at present; deferred to the next round.
5. Brislington St Anne’s Monday club (coach trips to the seaside) - £300
6. Community café (equipment, training and rent): 439.72 (it was noted that the group had ensured that relevant policies were in place by 18 June).
7. Friends of Eastwood Farm (Eastwood farm discovery day): £1500

8. Woodcroft Community Orchard (set up costs, materials, plants, tools): up to £1500, subject to the group being encouraged to establish whether any redundant tools at Wicklea community centre can be used, thus reducing costs.
9. St Anne's Church (refurbishment of kitchen): in light of timescale difficulties, neighbourhood committee members to agree this proposal (via e-mail confirmation if necessary) once relevant further information is submitted, so that approval does not need to wait until the 15 October meeting.

b. That support be given to changing the application return deadlines (details of the exact change to be confirmed by the Area Co-ordinator to neighbourhood committee members via email exchange (members stressed there must also be clear communication locally about the change)).

### ***Further Neighbourhood Partnership items:***

#### **12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT** (agenda item 11)

The partnership considered a report from the Area Co-ordinator summarising neighbourhood partnership achievements in 2011-12.

In discussion, it was noted that the Area Co-ordinator would pick up, with Gemma Dando, the issue of discussing (with the Pride of Place organisers) the naming of a Pride of Place award after the late David Waters, in recognition of his achievements as former Chair of this neighbourhood partnership and of the Brislington Community Partnership, as suggested initially at the partnership meeting held on 17 October 2011.

#### **AGREED:**

- That the report and the above information be noted.

#### **13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN REPORT** (agenda item 13)

The partnership considered a report from the Area Co-ordinator relating to the partnership's action plan.

#### The Neighbourhood Partnership **AGREED:**

- That the action plan be noted and endorsed.

The Neighbourhood Committee **RESOLVED:**

- That the priority headings be used subsequently as the criteria for wellbeing funding.

**14. BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE: POP UP SHOP PLANS** (agenda item 14)

The partnership considered a verbal update from Ali Hender on the community partnership's pop-up shop plans.

It was noted that the first pop-up shop / event would be held on the weekend of 8-9 September, operating out of a (currently) vacant shop unit in Sandy Park Road.

**AGREED:**

- That the update be noted.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** (agenda item 15)

It was noted that the next meeting of the Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership would take place on 15 October 2012 at St Peters Methodist Church, Allison Road.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the following items were noted for information:

\* A Lord Mayor's service would be held on 1 July at the United Reform Church, Brislington.

\* A family fun day would be held in St Anne's Park on 28 July.

\* Information relating to the site allocations consultation process would be available on the Council's web site.

CHAIR