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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP (GBNP)  
HELD AT 7.00 p.m. on 17 MARCH 2014  
AT BROOMHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL, ALLISON ROAD**

**Present:**

**Ward councillors:**

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

**Neighbourhood Partnership members:**

Lynda Harris  
Marie Hodge

**Officers and other statutory partners:**

Ariaf Hussain, Bristol City Council (BCC), Area co-ordinator  
Raquib Khandker, BCC, Neighbourhood development officer  
Ian Hird, BCC, Democratic Services  
Shaun Taylor, BCC, East area highways manager  
Nigel Colston, Avon and Somerset police  
Matthew Sugden, Flood risk technician

**Others in attendance:**

John Eccles (resident)  
Paul Hodge (resident)  
Christine Hodge (resident)  
Tony Carey (resident)  
Rhian Greaves (resident)  
Rob Edwards (resident)  
Nomis Parfitt (resident)  
Hollie Kemp (resident)  
Jeff Hyett (resident)  
Steve Beard (resident)

Note: in line with the on-going “rotating chair” arrangements, it was noted that Cllr Jackie Norman would chair the neighbourhood committee / partnership agenda items.

**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 Juliette Randall and Inspector Stephen Davey.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2013**  
(agenda item 2)

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013 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)

There were no public forum items.

**5. DEVOLVED TRANSPORT BUDGETS REPORT**  
(agenda item 5)

The neighbourhood committee considered an update report from the East area highways manager, seeking decisions on relevant transport budgets for 2014/15.

Key points raised / noted included:

a. Carriageway surface dressing:

- Council officers recognised that difficulties had been encountered in Sutton Avenue and the Sutton estate due to the fact that the original developer had not installed footpaths at the right height in

relation to the road surfaces. In relation to new surface dressing, re-profiling works would take place first on these roads.

- In response to points raised by residents, the East area highways manager agreed to look into concerns about the quality of patching works in Allison Road.
  - It was noted that potholes should be reported to the council via the customer service centre.
- b. Section 106 scheme - Allison Road / Birchwood Road pedestrian refuge: in response to a point raised by residents that, in the interests of pedestrian safety, an enhanced crossing was needed at this location, it was noted that the current pedestrian refuge proposal was the only scheme affordable under the relevant section 106 allocation. Officers were prepared to consider alternative provision, but the neighbourhood partnership (in the context of other proposed schemes) would need to take a view on whether it wished to fund an enhanced scheme as a priority.
- c. In response to a point raised by a resident, the East area highways manager agreed to look into the possibility of small bollards being installed to prevent vehicles crossing / obstructing the pavement / pedestrian crossing area adjacent to the Broomhill Road shops.
- d. To help inform future neighbourhood partnership prioritisation, the East area highways manager agreed to supply further information about potential road “treatments” which may be carried out as part of the roll out of 20 mph zones across the neighbourhood partnership area.
- e. Another resident suggested that in determining future priorities, consideration should be given to a scheme at the top of Sandy Park Road, to alleviate pedestrian safety problems caused by buses overhanging the pavement.

## **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the 2014/15 work programme priorities for carriageway surface dressing (section 1 of the report) be agreed.**
- 2. That in relation to footway maintenance schemes (section 3 of the report), the following priority schemes be agreed:**
  - **Scheme ref. 2: Water Lane, Gotley Road (estimated cost: £11,500)**
  - **Scheme ref. 3: St Anne’s Road, Woodside Road (estimated cost: £20,000)**

- **Scheme ref. 9: Churchill Road (estimated cost: £9,000)**

**3. To note the proposals for future delivery of local traffic schemes (sections 5 – 10 of the report) with the following comments:**

**It was noted in particular that, in future, the intention was to limit the number of schemes chosen per year across the city to 14 in total (equivalent to one per neighbourhood partnership area). Partnerships were also being asked to consider choosing their schemes for a 3 year programme - officers would then endeavour to implement work flexibly to enable delivery of schemes as quickly as possible.**

**4. To note the progress on outstanding local traffic schemes (section 11 of the report).**

**5. That the minor signing and lining budget for 2014/15 (section 12 of the report) be agreed.**

**6. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT**

(agenda item 6)

The neighbourhood committee considered an update report from the Area co-ordinator.

**RESOLVED:**

**To note the report.**

**7. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT**

(agenda item 7)

The neighbourhood committee considered a report from the Area co-ordinator setting out funding recommendations from the Brislington wellbeing panel for the allocation of wellbeing funding.

Key points raised / noted included:

- a. Access to Brislington Brook for disabled people and mothers / people with pushchairs: the Area co-ordinator agreed to arrange a meeting with relevant officers to discuss possible access improvements.
- b. Learning Partnership West: whilst indicating that they were prepared to support the allocation of £1,758 to Learning Partnership West towards a graffiti project, committee members stressed that Learning Partnership West should be advised that they should also seek to

access other funding streams; the committee would expect to see evidence of this in future.

**RESOLVED:**

**- That the following allocations be approved:**

- 1. Brislington Brook (purpose: trail of brass plaques; local event & guided walk; workshop x3) - £3,000**
- 2. Learning Partnership West (purpose: towards a graffiti project) - £1,758**
- 3. That with regard to the above, funds be released as necessary, as soon as possible in the 2014/15 financial year, to enable these projects to be delivered.**

**Neighbourhood Partnership items:**

**8. NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**  
(agenda item 8)

The partnership received a verbal update report (it was noted that a written update report would be circulated with the minutes of the meeting).

Key points raised / noted included:

- a. In overall terms, crime was relatively low and Brislington remained a safe place to live.
- b. Brislington west: there had been an overall reduction in crime of 9.05%. Burglary from dwellings remained low (approx. one per week on average).
- c. Brislington east: there had been an overall increase in crime of 7.05%. There had been significant increases in burglary from dwellings (+15%) and theft from motor vehicles (+14%). Most of the theft from vehicles related to number plates - a day of action was planned in south Bristol on 6 April aimed at countering theft from vehicles.
- d. There was a general overall decrease in recorded anti-social behaviour across both areas.

- e. An update was given on the implementation of the new police operating model. Broadbury Road police station would be the base for neighbourhood teams, and there would be some movement of PCSO location following a demand analysis. Concern was expressed by members and residents about the likely closure of the police station in Broomhill Road, although it was noted that the annual rental costs of approx. £100,000 per year were unlikely to be sustainable into the future. The police were retaining their commitment to effective neighbourhood working. There was general agreement that it was important to maintain a visible neighbourhood policing presence.

**AGREED:**

**To note the above information.**

**9. CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

(agenda item 9)

The partnership considered a report from the Group manager, transport assets providing a brief summary of the flood risk management strategy, its purpose and why it was required.

Key points raised / noted included:

- a. Having a strategy was a statutory requirement for the council.
- b. Given the geography and nature of Bristol's land use, all areas of the city were at risk from flooding of some kind.
- c. The strategy outlined how the council and partners would work together to manage these risks now and into the future.
- d. It was suggested that it would be important to monitor and assess the cumulative impact of new development in relation to flood risk, especially in relation to impact on Brislington Brook.

**AGREED:**

**1. To note the report and the above information.**

**2. That agreement be given to ensuring that the strategy consultation, and guidance on how to make comments, is widely advertised within this neighbourhood partnership area, to help**

**ensure that as many people engage with the consultation as possible.**

## **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING PRIORITIES**

(agenda item 10)

The partnership considered an update report from the Neighbourhood working co-ordinator on the partnership's priorities.

It was noted that target "hot spots" had been identified within a number of the priorities.

### **AGREED:**

**To note the report and the above information.**

## **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP REVIEW** (agenda item 11)

The partnership received a verbal update from the Area co-ordinator on the neighbourhood partnership review.

It was noted that planned proposals included:

- a. Removing the ring fence on the existing smaller devolved budgets (wellbeing; clean and green; minor traffic) to create a more flexible, combined neighbourhood budget of between £20-30k per ward per year (to take effect from June).
- b. Developing a neighbourhood services charter to define specific service standards for neighbourhoods.
- c. Improved communications, improved reporting (and reduction in paperwork), updated neighbourhood partnership terms of reference and an improved way of measuring the real benefits and impacts of neighbourhood partnerships' delivery.
- d. Implementing a programme of citywide events to enable neighbourhood partnerships to share good practice and highlight areas of success and innovation to the Mayor and wider partners.
- e. From September, consultation with elected members and citizens on the future powers and purpose of neighbourhood partnerships.

### **AGREED:**



**To note the above information.**

**12. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S UPDATE REPORT (agenda item 12)**

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

**AGREED:**

**To note the report.**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS – FOR INFORMATION (agenda item 13)**

- a. Fire services: it was noted that Avon Fire and Rescue would be closing fire stations in Brislington and Keynsham, and opening a new station on the Avon ring road.
- b. St Anne's junior school: it was noted that Cllr Wollacott would contact the council's property section to clarify the position re: the proposed covenant to prevent potential future development of "public space" land within the school footprint.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (agenda item 14)**

It was noted that the next meeting of the partnership would take place at 7.00 pm on Monday 16 June 2014 (venue to be confirmed).

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

CHAIR