

Bristol City Council
Minutes of Greater Brislington Neighbourhood
Partnership
7th December 2015 at 7.00pm



Ward Councillors:

Councillor Mike Wollacott & Mike Langley (Brislington East Ward)
Councillor Rhian Greaves & Eileen Means (Brislington West Ward)

Neighbourhood Partnership members:

Officers and other statutory partners:

Ariaf Hussain, Bristol City Council (BCC), Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) Coordinator
Sam Mahony, BCC, Democratic Services
Beat Manager Neil Scarborough, Avon & Somerset Police

Others in attendance:

Barbara Thompson
Tony Carey
Brenda Munden
Linda Lewis
John Cosh

In line with the on-going 'rotating chair' arrangements, Cllr Mike Langley chaired the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions, apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Inspector Colston, Lynda Harris, Elizabeth Venn

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2015

Resolved:- the minutes of the 21st September 2015 were agreed as correct record

3. Declarations of Interest

None were received

4. Public Forum

None were received

5. NP Budget 2015/16 Update

The Partnership was updated on the Neighbourhood Budget 2015/16 which stood at £18,523.45. CIL money now totaled £9226.06. It was suggested and agreed that the partnership should form a sub group to consider how to allocate the budget to deliver resources. The NP Coordinator agreed to organize a meeting to prioritise issues in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan, such as improved street lighting on footpaths and access lanes in the area. **Action: AH to organize a sub committee to make recommendations to the Neighbourhood Committee**



6. Wellbeing Report

The Wellbeing Panel had met on the 23rd November to consider one application from Volunteering Matters. The application was discussed and the recommendation of the panel was to agree the full amount of £1540

Resolved:– To award the Wellbeing grant of £1540 to Volunteering Matters

7. Highways Update 2015/16

Four outstanding schemes were being developed. As listed in the report these were;

1. Improved pedestrian crossing facilities along Birchwood Road funded through section 106 developer contributions.
2. Footway and cycleway improvements in Emery Road funded through section 106 developer contributions.
3. The review and implementation of appropriate parking restrictions in and around the non-residential length of Broomhill Road (to include the industrial area) funded through the Investing in Bristol's Future Fund (IBFF) initiative.
4. The introduction of additional parking restrictions in Latimer Close and along Birchwood Road funded through section 106 developer contributions.

Two new local traffic schemes were also to be progressed, these were;

5. The review and implementation of parking restrictions in the residential area to the west of Wick Road
6. A feasibility and design study to identify possible road safety improvements along Wick Road/Newbridge Road.

Schemes continued to be behind schedule and future information would be reported to meetings through the NP Coordinator.

In response, the Partnership were disappointed that the timetable was delayed and made the following comments;

- a. With reference to (4) Latimer Close /Birchwood Road, the delay was incredibly frustrating as that being ongoing for a long time.
- b. With reference to Birchwood Road, the design remained as presented to the last NP meeting and comments were invited to the formal consultation. It was a difficult scheme due to the variety of road users but a crossing was still required.

Resolved:– To note the current position of the local traffic, section 106 and grant funded highway schemes in Greater Brislington

8. Highways & minor works 2016/17

The local traffic schemes for the next year were outlined as;

1. Wick Road/Newbridge Road
Implementation of road safety improvements as identified in the feasibility and design study.



A number of future schemes beyond 2016/17 were also discussed as indicated below. The NP Coordinator will meet with Highways to discuss these schemes and report back to the NP as to how to best progress.

1. Hungerford Road/West Town Lane/Callington Road feasibility and design study to identify possible road safety improvements (speeding, parking and access along those roads) due to queuing in times of high traffic volume with pinch points due to the bus lane and right hand turn out of Lidl.
2. Talbot Road/Hampstead Road/Kensington Park Road strategic look at issues considering the wider geographical area for possible road safety improvements.
3. First Ave/St Annes Park Road – following the removal of a speed hump there were now calls to reinstate it. In future the advice is that safety features should not be removed. A speed survey could provide some evidence.

It was reported that the highways team were only able to take on one scheme per year and the partnership were asked for suggestions as to the next scheme;

- a. The implementation of the Wick Road/ Newbridge Road scheme proposed following the feasibility work currently planned.

Further highways issues were raised at the meeting including:

- b. Installation of the yellow box when turning into Tramway, AH confirmed that would be chased up under the CIL arrangements.

There was concern regarding the increased traffic on the Bath Road and associated pollutants, and it was suggested that use of the link road to the M32 and City Centre should be encouraged.

There was also concern that Whitby Road was still being used despite its closure, however, this could be due to signs being blown away and it was confirmed that there was physically no access through the railway bridge. The road remained legally closed.

Resolved:-

- a. **That £1653 be allocated to minor signs and lines**
- b. **That £15,500 be allocated to local traffic schemes**
- c. **That the 2016/17 Highways scheme is the implementation of the feasibility study for Wick Road/Newbridge Road, following presentation and discussion of the study by Highways to the Neighbourhood Partnership**
- d. **That minor works were allocated through the Neighbourhood Budget as schemes were identified through reports to the partnership.**

9. Police & Community Safety Update

The Beat Manager reported the figures for South Bristol and the partnership area as outlined within the report. It was reported that changes in the way that crime was reported and classified had a knock on effect on some figures. For example, anti-social behaviour was down in South Bristol by 30.3% which could be attributed to those incidents now being classed as violence against the person, which was up 12.2%. Violence against the person included crimes such as murder, neighbour disputes and domestic violence.



It was reported that the closure of Brislington Police Station due to budget reductions had resulted in savings equivalent of 3-4 PCSO's a year. Councillor Means requested that the owners of the building be asked to come to the next meeting to discuss the intentions for the future of the empty building. It was hoped that a community organisation could use the building until a longer term future was identified. It was, however, acknowledged that the rent for the building was relatively high. It was agreed that AH would ascertain who owns it. **(Action: AH)**

Officers were calling on the assistance of Beat Managers and PCSO's in other areas due to the significant impact of the suspension of three Police Officers and 1 PCSO within the Brislington area (linked to the ongoing IPCC investigation into the death of Bejan Ebrahimi). As officers were now all located together there was more cooperation and team work through a 'one team' approach.

In reference to discussions at the last meeting about communications, it was confirmed that a review was ongoing to consider all practices for public contact in order to find the best practice. Various methods were currently utilized including posters, emails, letters through schools and community boards in Sainsbury's and Tesco's.

10. Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study

Bristol and three neighbouring Local Authorities were drawing together their local strategic plans/ site allocations documents and also discussing a Joint Transport Strategy for the area. The Joint Spatial Plan would look at new homes and transport for 2026 onwards and a number of sites within Brislington had been earmarked for development or alternative use. A consultation session specifically for the Brislington area would take place at Arno's Manor Hotel on 7th January 12 – 2pm. An evening session for citywide Neighbourhood Partnership members would take place on Wednesday 6th January in Central Bristol.

11. Communication Overview

Neighbourhood Partnership members were asked what could be done locally to get messages out efficiently and support communications from the Partnership. It was reported that Elisabeth Venn had written to the NP Coordinator to suggest they meet to discuss further and feed back to the Partnership at the next meeting.

12. BCC Grant Consultation

The Neighbourhood Partnership noted the new grant funding approach for Bristol City Council and the voluntary and community sector.

13. Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator Report

- a. The Neighbourhood Partnership City Wide Event had been well attended. Elizabeth Venn had attended from GBCP on the day and as a result wanted to propose a local volunteers group to clean up areas. **(ACTION: AH to progress)**
- b. Arena consultation events were taking place and it was recommended that residents look at the consultation and go along to those meetings. A good discussion had taken place at the last



Neighbourhood Forum and a key issue raised was Totterdown Bridge remaining a 'no right turn' junction in the current plans. An updated presentation would be emailed to the Partnership. **(ACTION: AH)**

- c. The Elected Mayor would visit the Neighbourhood Partnership area on Friday 26th February (not the 19th as advertised). Ariaif Hussain would plan a programme and asked for suggestions of activities for perhaps an hour/hour and a half visit to each location.
- d. There would be changes to the Neighbourhood Partnership boundaries as a result of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England review. A small south west area of Brislington West ward would become part of Stockwood ward and there were no changes to the number of Councillors for the wards.
- e. Following the future of the libraries service consultation process, change to libraries had been agreed including opening hours and broadband improvements. It was clarified that volunteers for libraries would be able to choose the library they would like to volunteer at.

14. AOB

- It was highlighted that Radio Bristol would no longer be available on MW frequency soon.
- It was suggested that No.1 buses on their way back to the depot should go there directly, rather than continue along the No.1 route.
- Cllr Greaves highlighted her charity fundraiser for the National Deaf Children's Society in June 2016, please ask her for more details.
- It was reported that diesel generators were proposed for the side of the roundabout that goes to Avon Meads Shopping Centre (behind the KFC) going to planning committee on 8th December 2016. The planning application is recommended for refusal by the planning department based on the impact to air quality.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Monday 14th March 2016 7-9pm at St Peters Church Allison Road

