

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4



GREATER FISHPONDS AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

**THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.00 pm
AT THE VASSALL CENTRE, OLDBURY COURT,
FISHPONDS, BRISTOL BS16 2QQ**

P = Present

A = Apologies

MEMBERSHIP	21 06 12	27 09 12	06 12 12	14 03 13	20 06 13
Ward Councillors (Neighbourhood Committee)					
Councillor Steve Comer – Eastville	P	A			
Councillor Mahmadur Khan - Eastville	P	P			
Councillor Lesley Alexander – Frome Vale	P	P			
Councillor James Stevenson – Frome Vale	P	P			
Councillor Phil Hanby – Hillfields	P	P			
Councillor Patrick Hassell – Hillfields	P	P			
Resident Partner Representatives					
Nicole Beebec/Mary Wellbourne (The Vassall Centre)	P	P			
Said Burale (Bristol Somali Forum)	A	P			
Alex Cassidy (Hillfields Neighbourhood Forum)	P	P			
Leigh Cooper (Fishponds Business Forum)	P	P			
Hazel Durn (East Park Residents Association)	P	P			
Katie Haydon (Equalities Rep & NP Chair)	P	P			
Kate Jerrold (Environment Sub-Group)	P	A			
Mo Lewis (Colston Neighbourhood Watch Group)	P	P			
Tony Locke – Chair (Eastville Neighbourhood Forum)	P	A			
Mark Logan (Fishponds Planning Sub-Group)	P	P			
Richard Irwin (Hillfields Community Trust)	P	P			

MEMBERSHIP	21 06 12	27 09 12	06 12 12	14 03 13	20 06 13
David Mock (Fishponds Traffic and Transport Sub-Group)	P	P			
Mike Tuohy (Hillfields Community First Panel)		P			
Partner Organisations Representative					
Vacancy – Young Persons Rep					
Chris Bailes – Avon Fire and Rescue	A	A			
Graham Fox/John Ames (Avon and Somerset Police)	P	P			
John Moore – Bristol NHS Representative		P			
Officers in attendance					
Abdul Razak Dahir, Area Co-ordinator, BCC	P	P			
Gemma Dando, Neighbourhoods, BCC	A	P			
Richard Jones, Democratic Services, BCC	P	P			
Richard Fletcher, Neighbourhoods, BCC	A	P			
Denise James, Neighbourhoods, BCC	P	P			
Jimmy Taylor, CYPS, BCC	A	P			
Jo Barry, Little Hayes Nursery	A	P			
Residents in attendance					
Ann Godfrey	A	P			
Pauline Potter	A	P			
Rosemarie Rendu-Jeffries	A	P			
Said Burale (Bristol Somali Forum)	A	P			

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1. CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS

The meeting noted that Katie Haydon would Chair the Neighbourhood Partnership; and would hand over to Councillor Patrick Hassell, who would Chair the Neighbourhood Committee section of the meeting.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Katie welcomed all to the meeting and asked for introductions.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Steve Comer, Chris Bailes, Nicola Beebec and Tony Locke.

4. MINUTES OF 21ST JUNE 2012 AND MATTERS ARISING

AGREED - that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair, subject to amending the attendance list to reflect that Leigh Cooper should be marked as present.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Greater Bristol Bus Network

The Neighbourhood Partnership asked that a copy of the safety report be request and circulated as soon as possible, or an explanation on why this is not possible if it cannot be circulated.

ACTION: RJ/AD

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP ITEMS CHAIRED BY KATIE HAYDON

6. GREATER FISHPONDS AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP GFNP REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report (Agenda Item No. 5), which update the Partnership progress since the last meeting.

During discussion on the report the following issues were highlighted:

- (a) Following the appointment of Mike Tuohy as the Chair of the Community First Panel, the Neighbourhood Partnership was asked to consider a request from the Hillfields Community First Panel to be a member of the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Board.

The Partnership noted that the Community First Panel would be responsible for administering £33,910 of Government grant funding for projects designed to improve Hillfields, during 2011-15.

AGREED:

that Mike Tuohy be approved as a member of the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Board.

- (b) the Neighbourhood Partnership was asked to note the nomination of John Moore, as the NHS representative on the Partnership Board.

Councillor Hassell noted that this was a timely appointment given the work being undertaken as part of the Governments 'City Deal' programme, and future potential discussions relating to property asset management across the Neighbourhood Partnership.

AGREED:

That Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Board note the nomination of John Moore, as the NHS representative.

- (c) Members noted that progress being made by the Environmental Sub-Group, and that its next meeting is scheduled to be held on 15th November. Several members noted that this was the date of the Mayor elections, and could affect elected member attendance at the Sub-Group.
- (d) The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a number of options associated with the projected under spend from the Wellbeing Budget for the current year.

AGREED:

(i) The Neighbourhood Partnership approved option B – to use any under spend to progress any of the Neighbourhood Partnership priorities in addressing:

- Any type of anti social behaviour;
- Issues relation to prostitution, drugs and kerb crawling;
- General environmental improvements and tackling litter and fly tipping;
- Traffic and transport, in particular, speeding and parking restrictions;
- Lack of community facilities for adults; and
- Promoting community cohesion and engagement.

(ii) that the Area Co-ordinator prepare a report setting out further details for taking forward the above option be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership.

- (e) the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group highlighted several of the issues set out in the report.

Councillor Alexander on behalf of the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group sought the Neighbourhood Partnership support in opposing the current proposals for BRT III and moved the following motion, which was seconded by David Mock

“the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership opposes the

current proposals for BRT (North Fringe to Hengrove), and ask that alternative arrangements be considered for the route which does not have a detrimental impact to the green belt land around the M32, mitigates an increase in air pollution and reduces the loss of high grade agricultural land.”

Upon the motion being voted by the Partnership – 17 voted for the motion and 1 voted against.

RESOLVED:

That the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership is against the current proposals for the BRT (North Fringe to Hengrove), and ask that further options be considered which do not have a detrimental impact on the green belt, air pollution and agricultural land.

- (f) Mark Logan updated the Board on the work of the Planning Sub-Group, asking Partnership to note that several future meetings has been arranged which would be considering proposals for Blackberry Hill Hospital site, St Matthias and the Community Land Trust development on Fishponds Road.

David Mock enquired as to whether discussion would be held with Neighbourhood Partnership relating to proposals for 20 mph zones.

AGREED:

That a representative from the team leading on the 20 mph zones be invited to the next meeting of the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group.

ACTION: AD

**NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE ITEMS CHAIRED BY
COUNCILLOR PATRICK HASSELL**

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

8. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 6) setting out the Wellbeing Report.

RESOLVED -

- (1) that the current financial statement be noted;
- (2) that the Wellbeing Panel summary appraisal sheets be noted;
- (3) that the following contingency schemes be approved

	Contingency scheme	£
1	Active	269
2	Bristol Youth Links	937
3	Arts and Humanities Research Council Project administered at UWE Bristol	1,000

- (4) that the following wellbeing schemes were approved by the Neighbourhood Committee:

	Wellbeing application	£
1	Youth and Community Focus Group	5,000
2	Grove Road Youth club	3,084
3	The Red Tent Project in alliance with The Haven	1,350
4	Hillfields Young Mothers Group	5,256
5	Holy Trinity Church, Stapleton	700
6	Glenfrome Primary School	998.53
7	Glenfrome Primary School	999.99
8	Activate	340

9. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

The Neighbourhood Partnership received the Area Environment Officer, Denise James report (Agenda Item No. 7).

(a) Park Investment Plan, Section 106 Funding

The Neighbourhood Partnership was asked to endorse the projects recommended by the Environment Sub-Group at its meeting on 6th September 2012.

Following a short discussion, it was suggested that robust metal bins be installed in Fishponds Park. With the Neighbourhood Partnership supporting the proposals - the Neighbourhood Committee

RESOLVED:

- (1) By approving £9,880 of Section 106 in support of Environment Sub Group recommendation; and
- (2) Approved additional £6,335.92 to complete the works currently being carried out to improve access to Coombe Brook Valley, due to recent intensification of use by Chester Park Infant School, for Forest School activities.

(b) Mallard Close – Section 106 Expenditure

The Neighbourhood Partnership noted that the report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Following a short discussion on the proposals, and the general approval of the Neighbourhood Partnership, the Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:

- (3) The Neighbourhood Committee approved the allocation of £43,569.70 of Section 106 funds devolved to the Partnership to a project funded by Bristol City Council capital investment programme to improved the skate park at St Georges Park, with the view that BCC will re-invest the same amount of funds into the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood area.**

(c) Parks Capital Stimulus fund – match funding Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership was asked to consider match funding proposals for improvements to Begbrook Green.

Following a short discussion on the proposals, and the general approval of the Neighbourhood Partnership, the Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED:

- (4) Approved the match funding requirements for Begbrook Green £10,931, in order to secure (£10,9311) of capital stimulus money allocated to this project.**

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WASTE PLAN

The Neighbourhood Partnership received reports of the Area Environment Officer, Denise James, (Agenda Item No. 8) relating to the waste and environment plan produced by the Environment Sub-Group at their meeting on 6th September 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

11. DEVOLVED 2012-13 SERVICES REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report of the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda item No. 9) relating to devolved services for 2012-13.

During detailed discussion on the report several members of the Partnership expressed concerns about the section 106 schemes due to

expire January 2013.

Neighbourhood Committee members queried what constitutes to commitment in relation to the devolved Traffic Section 106 funds. The Neighbourhood Partnership also sought clarification on whether BCC had claimed against insurance of drivers who irresponsibly crashed into the M32 junction 2 roundabout fence.

ACTION: AD to clarify if different section 106 rules apply to traffic and environment schemes.

ACTION: AD to find out why there had been delays in highways taking action to repair the M32 – Junction 2 fencing, which had been caused by a motor vehicles.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

12. COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY AGREEMENT

The Partnership considered a report of Neil Burwell (Agenda Item No. 10) relating to the community safety delivery agreement.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted. (Councillor Stevenson asked that his name be recorded as not approving the recommendation)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP ITEM

13. BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

The Neighbourhood Partnership welcomed Gemma Dando, Service manager, Neighbourhoods, who introduced her report (Agenda Item No. 11).

During detailed discussion of the report the following points were highlighted:

- The fundamental aim of the pilot to improve neighbourhood working. This would involve council staff working in a new way, within defined geographical areas. The intention that front line staff would accept much wider responsibility and would be empowered to deal with and resolve a much wider range of local issues (rather than just operating within “narrow” service remits). For example, it was anticipated that a wide range of officers would deal with dog fouling offences rather than this being the responsibility solely of dog wardens. This approach should result in local issues being resolved more swiftly.
- Paragraph 10 of the report identified the range of officers (forming the new neighbourhood teams) who would be involved in the pilot.

Approximately 30 staff would be involved, across the pilot area (which comprised 4 neighbourhood partnership areas, including Greater Fishponds Area).

- It was anticipated that a range of approaches to better neighbourhood working would be tested through the pilot period. Learning from the pilot would inform the anticipated citywide roll out of the arrangements, to take place from April 2013.
- Each neighbourhood partnership involved in the pilot was being asked to work with council officers to develop clear customer standards and targets, which would form a local customer charter, identifying the standard of service(s) and response times which local residents could expect from the council. Neighbourhood partnerships were also being asked to shape local priorities. There would also be improved feedback to residents about action taken on issues they had raised
- It was noted that highways and parking services officers were not included in the list of officers set out in paragraph 10. In discussion, it was clarified that an initial, manageable number of key officers had been identified for the early stages of the pilot; it was anticipated that a wider range of officers would link in with the new approach, as it developed through the pilot period.
- In terms of communications, it was suggested that it would be essential for residents to be given clear information about contact points. It would also be useful for progress updates on the pilot to be reported to the neighbourhood partnership.
- It was suggested that a clear, overall assessment of the pilot would need to be carried out, and communicated effectively to residents, giving clarity about the results and improvements achieved;
- It was agreed it would be essential to ensure full engagement and commitment from Children & Young People's Services in this initiative; and
- It was suggested that there be engagement with HMCS.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the council's proposals for piloting a new approach to Neighbourhood working within the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Area be noted;**
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Committee and Neighbourhood Partnership agree to work with the council to:**
 - Develop a customer charter for neighbourhood working.**
 - Identify local priorities to inform the work of the team.**

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Proposals for the Closure of the Vassell Centre

The Neighbourhood Partnership was update on current proposals for the closure of the Vassell Centre.

Should the management of the Vassell Centre require any assistance from the Neighbourhood Partnership they should make contact with the Area Co-ordinator.

(b) Proposals for an Additional Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting

Leigh Cooper sought support from the Neighbourhood Partnership for an additional meeting of the partnership to consider developing targeted action proposals for moving forward long standing issues, which impact on quality of life i.e. theft, burglary, prostitution etc. Which included consideration of restorative justice models.

It was anticipated that the meeting would also clarify how progress could be communicated to residents of the Greater Fishponds Area, and improving engagement with the priorities.

Following discussion, it was

AGREED:

That the Area Co-ordinator convened an additional meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership, which would facilitate a discussion on addressing some of the longstanding issues, associated with quality of life in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership would be held from 7.00 pm on Thursday, 6th December 2012 at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 9.40 pm)

CHAIR

GREATER FISHPONDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP ONGOING ACTION SHEET

Minute No.	Subject	Action	Resp Officer	Update
ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 21ST JUNE 2012				
21/6/12	Community Engagement Plan:	It was agreed that the dates and venues for Eastville Neighbourhood Forum meetings would be agreed within two weeks, and report back to the next meeting of the Partnership	Abdulrazak Dahir & Tony Locke	Dates and venue have been agreed and circulated widely,
21/6/12	Community Engagement Plan:	It was agreed to hold separate Neighbourhood Forum meeting aiming to target young people at the Bristol Metropolitan	Abdulrazak	Bristol Met expressed interest in hosting this. Provisional dates had been set for 29/01/13 or 01/2/13. Feedback will be provided to the NP.
21/6/12	Wellbeing Budget	It was agreed to monitor the number of applications the panel receives before December 2012 and to develop contingency plan to allocated any unspent funds to support Neighbourhood Partnership priorities.	Abdulrazak	Report with recommendation had been presented to the Sept 2012 NP. The partnership approved an option, which will be presented to the Neighbourhood Committee for decision in December 2012.

Minute No.	Subject	Action	Resp Officer	Update
21/6/12	Wellbeing Budget	Process approved Wellbeing Budget applications with total value of £9,481. Deferred one application with the value £340.	Abdulrazak	Applications have been processed accordingly and advise given to the deferred applicant.
21/6/12	City Wide Clean & Green:	Seek clarification as to why there is a need to prioritise on wards bases and not on Super Output Areas (SOA).	Richard Fletcher	The 5 priority wards are Lawrence Hill, Easton, Avonmouth, Filwood, Hillfields and Loackleaze. The reason these wards have been identified as priority wards is linked to the BCC Quality of Life Survey, and satisfaction with local environment. SOAs are based on economic deprivation & not Environment.
21/6/12	Tree Planting	NC to approve proposed tree planting for Eastville Park	Denise James	This is planned for 2012/13 planting scheme. Will report back once the planting is completed.

Minute No.	Subject	Action	Resp Officer	Update
21/6/12	Devolved Local Traffic Budget	NC approved further £7,278.22 to Frenchay Area Parking Restriction from devolved Local Traffic budget	Shaun Taylor	Funds have been made available in order to complete the scheme. For more information see Devolved Services report
21/6/12	Devolved Section 106 Budget	NC approved £3,144.11 from Section 106 to pay for the cost of TRO for Snowdon Rd parking restriction.	Shaun Taylor	Funds have been made available in order to complete the scheme. For more information see Devolved Services report
21/6/12	Devolved Local Traffic Budget	NC approved further £4,000 from Devolved Local Traffic budget to top up the Charlton Rd Area Parking Restriction.	Shaun Taylor	Funds have been made available to cover the projected shortage. For more information see Devolved Services report

Please note – Items marked as *Complete* will be removed from the Action List before the next meeting.

Minute No.	Subject	Action	Resp Officer	Update
ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2012				
27/09	GBBN	Circulate GBBN safety report ASAP if unable circulate explanation as to the reason why.	Abdulrazak Dahir	GBBN Audit Safety report had been circulated to Traffic and Transport Subgroup members.
27/09	GFNP membership update	Agreed Mike Tuohy to be on the NP Board membership. Update database accordingly	Richard Jones	Mike Tuohy is included in the Neighbourhood Partnership database.
27/09	Wellbeing Budget	Agreed to spend any Wellbeing Budget underspend to support NP priorities	Abdulrazak Dahir	Report detailing plan to spend projected Wellbeing Budget underspend is presented at the December Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

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Minute No.	Subject	Action	Resp Officer	Update
27/09	Bristol Rapid Transit (BRT) Scheme	Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership is against the current proposals for the BRT (North Fringe to Hengrove), and ask that further options be considered which do not have a detrimental impact on the green belt, air pollution and agricultural land	Alun Owen	The NP objection is noted, the next stage for the BRT is to go out for formal consultation through the planning process.
27/09	20mph Roll Out	A representative from the team leading on the 20 mph zones be invited to the next meeting of the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group.	Abdulrazak Dahir	Transport Planning Officers have attended the Traffic and Transport Subgroup meeting on 22 nd Nov 2012. For more information see GFNP report.
27/09	Wellbeing Budget	Process Wellbeing applications approved by the NC	Abdulrazak Dahir	Applications had been processed
27/09	Section 106:	Implement various approved Environment.	Denise James and Abdulrazak Dahir	Section 106 funds have been made available. The projects are on track to be completed. For more information see Devolved Services Report.

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Minute No.	Subject	Action	Resp Officer	Update
27/09	Section 106:	Process additional £6,335.92 approved to complete Coombe Brook Valley	Abdulrazak Dahir & Denise James	Section 106 funds have been made available. The project is on track, for more information see Devolved Services Report.
27/09	Section 106:	Process approved £43,569.70 Mallard Close section 106 to spend in St George Park skate park	Richard Fletcher and Abdulrazak Dahir	Once the scheme is completed Section 106 funds from Mallards Close will be used to pay for the works in St George Park MUGA development.
27/09	Section 106:	Process approved £10,931 of match funding required for the capital stimulus funds to improve Begbrook Park.	Abdulrazak Dahir	£10,931 of Section 106 funds have been allocated to match fund against this scheme.
27/09	Section 106:	Clarify if different section 106 rules apply to traffic and environment schemes.	Jim Cliffe	The same Section 106 rules apply to both Devolved Traffic and Environment. Jim Cliffe will provide more information about Section 106 before the March 2013 NP meeting.

Minute No.	Subject	Action	Resp Officer	Update
27/09	Devolved services report: Highways	Explain reason for long delays in repairing the fences caused by motor vehicles in junction 2 of the M32	Mark Sperduty	The railings on junction 2 of the M32 roundabout are structural. If the legal owners of vehicles causing damage to the railings are known, Bristol City Council seeks to reclaim cost from their insurance. If the driver is not known or has no insurance cover then the damage is assessed and depending its seriousness it is prioritised into the area works programme.
27/09	Better Neighbourhood Working	Work with BCC to develop customer charter for GFNP	All	Volunteer needed from the Greater Fishponds NP. Decision to be reached at the December NP meeting.
27/09	Additional NP meeting to discuss longstanding issues	Organise additional NP meeting to facilitate discussion on addressing some of the long standing issues	Abdulrazak Dahir	Additional NP meeting held on Monday 19 th November 2012. Outcome on agenda to be discussed at the December NP meeting.

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