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Greater Fishponds Area Neighbourhood Partnership

**Thursday 20 March 2014 at 7.00pm
At the Vasall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ**

P = Present A = Apologies

MEMBERSHIP	20 06 13	26 09 13	19 12 13	20 03 14
Ward Councillors (Neighbourhood Committee)				
Councillor Mhairi Threlfall – Eastville	A	P	A	P
Councillor Mahmadur Khan - Eastville	A	P	A	A
Councillor Lesley Alexander – Frome Vale	P	P	P	P
Councillor Bill Payne – Frome Vale	P	P	P	P
Councillor Phil Hanby – Hillfields	P	A	P	P
Councillor Noreen Daniels – Hillfields	P	A	A	A
Resident Partner Representatives				
Mary Wellbourne (The Vassall Centre)	P	A	P	A
Leigh Cooper (Fishponds Business Forum)	P	P	A	P
Hazel Durn (East Park Residents Association)	A	P	P	A
Katie Haydon (Equalities Rep & NP Chair)	P	P	P	P
Yvonne Sadler (Environment Sub-Group)	A	P	P	P
Mo Lewis (Colston Neighbourhood Watch Group)	P	P	P	P
Tony Locke – Chair (Eastville Neighbourhood Forum)	P	P	P	P
Mark Logan (Fishponds Planning Sub-Group)	A	P	P	P
Richard Irwin (Hillfields Community Trust)	P	P	P	A
David Mock (Fishponds Traffic and Transport Sub-Group)	P	P	P	P
Mike Tuohy (Hillfields Community First Panel)	P	A	P	P
Partner Organisations Representative				
Vacancy – Young Persons Rep			A	A
Chris Bailes – Avon Fire and Rescue	A	A	A	A
Simon Dewfall (Avon and Somerset Police)	P	P	P	A

MEMBERSHIP	20 06 13	26 09 13	19 12 13	20 03 14
John Moore – Bristol NHS Representative	P	A	A	A
Officers in attendance				
Abdul Razak Dahir, Area Co-ordinator, BCC	P	P	P	P
Richard Jones, Democratic Services, BCC (Sam Mahony substituted)	A	P	P	A
John Atkinson, NW Coordinator, BCC	P	P	A	P
Denise James, Neighbourhoods, BCC	P	P	P	P
Jimmy Taylor, CYPS, BCC	A	A	A	P
John Bos, Neighbourhoods, BCC			P	A
John Roy, Flooding Team, BCC				P
Shaun Taylor, Highways, BCC				P
Residents in attendance				
Ann Godfrey	P			
Pauline Potter	P			
Rosemarie Rendu-Jeffries	A			
Del Ewverett Positive Moves	P			
Sue Lovell				P
Winn Evans				P
Rick Lovering				P
Hazel Durn				P

Item No:

1. Chairing Arrangements

The meeting noted that Katie Haydon would Chair the Neighbourhood Partnership and would hand over to Councillor Mhairi Threlfall who would Chair the Neighbourhood Committee section of this meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hanby confirmed that he had now resigned from Barton Fields Trust.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Katie welcomed all to the meeting and invited introductions.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See list above. It was noted that Jon Ames was substituting for Simon Dewfall.

5. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Chair confirmed that Denise James and Richard Jones were due to leave the Council shortly and Richard was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting passed on their thanks to him for his work and efforts for the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP).

6. MINUTES OF 19 DECEMBER 2014

AGREED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair.

7. BRISTOL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Partnership considered a report of the Group Manager, Transport Assets (Agenda Item No. 5) providing a brief summary of the Strategy, its purpose and why it was required.

Following national flooding in 2007 Local Authorities had increased powers and BCC were designated a lead flood authority with duties to manage and coordinate flood risk management.

The draft Flood Risk Management Strategy was released for consultation from mid March until 10th June and was available through Ask Bristol, Citizens Panels as well as libraries and by phoning 0117 922 3206 for a copy.

BCC were specifically responsible for risk from surface water, ground water and local watercourses and the Strategy also outlined how BCC worked in partnership with other bodies such as the Environment Agency to cover the different areas of responsibility within the flood infrastructure.

A map was distributed showing modelling and mapping information of areas at risk within the NP area with further detail provided within the Strategy. Members of the NP were invited to contact individual officers through the consultation about specific details who could report to the NP at the next meeting. Councillor Alexander specifically highlighted an area that had flooded recently that was not highlighted as such on the map. Such information was welcomed as submissions to the consultation.

ACTION: All to send their comments to patrick.goodey@bristol.gov.uk

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED that the report be noted.

8. HIGHWAYS REPORT

The Partnership considered a report of the East Area Highways Manager (Agenda Item No. 6) updating on the highways devolved transport budgets for 2014/15.

Carriageway Surface Dressing – It was noted that the options presented to the NP were based on a Citywide priority order.

Footway Maintenance – Following recommendations from the Traffic and Transport Sub Group, the Neighbourhood Committee agreed to prioritise options one and five from the list of footways maintenance schemes.

It was suggested that the footpath behind the wall by the Old Tavern be included as part of the Blackberry Hill development.

Local Traffic Schemes – The Neighbourhood Committee would be asked to select one scheme for delivery during the 2014/15 financial year. A limit of one scheme had been established due to the backlog of delivery of local traffic schemes acknowledged in 2013/14 and the lack of resources in terms of officer time to progress more than 14 schemes a year across the city. The NPs were invited to select a rolling three year plan going forward.

It was confirmed that S106 schemes sat outside of the process and would continue to be developed, as would the progression of local traffic schemes already agreed in previous financial years.

The following points were raised/clarified in response to the report:

- The budget available for the next financial year could alter depending on the final outcome of schemes currently being completed.
- There was a period of consultation, process of traffic regulation orders and installation of infrastructure which were often the same for smaller schemes compared to larger schemes.
- A three year rolling plan could continue to be flexible as developments took place and priorities changed. Schemes could be prepared and then put on the shelf if a higher priority emerged.
- The number of staff and resources available to progress schemes had reduced due to cutbacks rather than due to the cost of the schemes.

Concern was raised regarding zigzag lines outside of primary schools following an incident outside St. Joseph's and it was suggested that an NP wide audit take place. In response it was highlighted that the school expansion project and Safer Routes to School team could assist with changes. John Atkinson agreed to pass on details of the Safer Routes to School team (**ACTION: John Atkinson**).

It was proposed that the recommendations of the Traffic and Transport Sub Group (outlined within Appendix 3) were proposed with three schemes in a priority order. The first priority was proposed as the bus stop opposite Coop on Fishponds Road/ Straits Parade which had been prioritised on the grounds of safety and had been backed by the Police.

The East Area Highways Manager confirmed that he would accept the recommendations and that officer advice had been provided in attendance at the Traffic and Transport Sub Group.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) that the 2014/15 work programmes for carriageway surface dressing be agreed as**
 - **Drummond Road, Eastville £1530**
 - **Gordon Avenue, Eastville £7760**
- (2) that footway maintenance be agreed as;**
 - **No.1 - Brockworth Cres, Frome Valley Road and Begbrook Lane, Frome Vale £31,973**
 - **No.5 – Welsford Road/Ave, Croft Ave, Rowland Ave, Eastville**

£32,000

- (3) that progress on outstanding Local Traffic schemes be noted and priority list and budget for Local Transport Schemes agreed as**
 - (a) 1st priority - Bus Stop opposite Coop on Fishponds Road/ Straits Parade, Frome Vale £10,000**
 - (b) That a feasibility study take place for lane marking on the M32 junction2 roundabout £10,000**
- (4) that the 2nd and 3rd priority schemes be noted as;**
 - 2nd priority – Parking restrictions on Abingdon Road, Hillfields £4,000**
 - 3rd priority – Parking restrictions on Dunkirk Road, Eastville £tbc**
- (5) that the Minor Signing and Lining Budget for 2014/15 be agreed as £2,250.**

9. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT

The Partnership considered a report from the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 7) relating to the Wellbeing report. The budget for the upcoming financial year was confirmed as £30,000 for the NP area. The Partnership discussed the applications in turn and noted the following points:

- The Area Coordinator confirmed receipt of breakdown and monitoring information from Barton Fields Trust as requested by the Wellbeing Appraisal Panel. Councillor Hanby confirmed he had stood down from the Trust.
- Councillor Alexander abstained from votes involving Activate as she was a member.
- It was clarified that although the Wellbeing Panel had recommended some part-funded grants, it was now confirmed that more money was available for the Neighbourhood Committee to commit if appropriate.
- It was hoped that the cost of no.9 for East Park Resident Association for new IT equipment could possibly be achieved under budget with the help of Richard Irwin. If so, less funds would be required.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) that the financial statement be noted;**
- (2) that the Wellbeing Panel Summary Appraisal Sheets be noted;**
- (3) that applications supported from contingency be noted; and**
- (4) that the wellbeing applications received since December 2014 be approved as;**
 - 1. Barton Fields Trust – Community Funday - £2,500**
 - 2. Activate - HEF's In Bloom - £1080**
 - 3. Activate - Fishponds Horticulture Show - £265**
 - 6. Activate – St George's Day Tea Party - £300**
 - 7. BMCS – Bristol Islamic Cultural Fayre - £2485**
 - 8. Brook Road & Tyndale Road Neighbourhood Watch Group – Garden make overs £700**

9. East Park Resident Association – New IT equipment £700
10. Brandon Trust, enhance neglected land outside Elm Tree Farm - £998
11. Hillfields Forest School, Coach hire to Leigh Woods £840
13. Bristol Playbus, Social Circus £1125 subject to conditions.

10. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Partnership received a verbal report from Councillor Mhairi Threlfall (Agenda Item No. 8) regarding Business Improvement Districts and a presentation from George Grace of Bedminster Town Team. The powerpoint presentation can be found appended to these minutes.

In response to the presentation the following points were raised:

- The Bedminster Town Team BID had been set up using £25,000 of the grant awarded by the Mary Portas Foundation. Initial work on the Gloucester Road had followed a grant of £10,000 from their NP. The initial cost would be a feasibility study which could cost approx. £3-4000 for the assistance of an independent company.
- Members highlighted the different geography of Bedminster compared to Fishponds as Bedminster had four main roads with compact businesses.
- Work to enhance and 'beautify' Lodge Causeway had been successful so far and it was hoped to move along Fishponds High Street this year.
- A Sub Group to explore the option of a BID was proposed and agreed with the following volunteers; Denise James, Katie Haydon, Mike Tuohy, Leigh Cooper, Councillors Threlfall and Alexander. The group would initially engage with businesses and gather information, identifying any money available through the NP and elsewhere. **ACTION: Area Coordinator to arrange (AD)**

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED that the report be noted.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report of the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 9) setting out the neighbourhood working group priorities update.

With reference to point 4, the unsafe crossing on Fishponds Road/ Manor Road, there was concern that a suitable railing was reportedly not possible due to the 50cm requirement of regulation space from the kerb meaning the island would not be accessible to foot passengers, prams and wheelchairs. It was agreed that although it remained a priority for the NP, it was not in the remit of the Neighbourhood Working Officer to progress.

ACTION: John Atkinson/ Highways officers to present drawings of railings and island at the Traffic and Transport Subgroup meeting

With reference to point 5, parking on pavements, the NP gave the steer that officers should focus first on the Hillfields ward.

With reference to point 7, vice, it was confirmed that the recent signage, media campaign along with overt and covert enforcement had resulted in 40 offenders being engaged for kerb crawling. It was also confirmed that projects operated to help the girls involved. Staff were thanked for their hard work.

Further consideration of the priorities would take place in June 2014.

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED to note the report.

12. GREATER FISHPONDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 10).

A verbal update was given and a report tabled to update the **NP review** and proposed changes. The proposals included increased flexibility in terms of budget allocations, performance related measures through a Neighbourhood Working Charter and opportunities to share practice and knowledge between NPs and to influence the Mayor.

NP subgroup champions and stakeholders were invited to a meeting to consider how to manage the devolved funding and have an input into the progress the development of the Neighbourhood Working Charter. The Area Coordinator would arrange and facilitate the meeting to take place during April or May 2014 before the next round of sub group meetings.

With reference to the **Tree Pips Project**, officers had been encouraged to ensure that the project complimented the Tree Planting Plans adopted last year. It was reported that to fund mature trees, further alternative funding would be required.

The Environment Subgroup had discussed the need for children's play facility in **East Park Estate**. Concerns were expressed about reports suggesting that there were no S106 funds available although the NP were asked to prioritise the scheme in anticipation of future allocations or surplus funds becoming available (**ACTION: Area Coordinator would confirm if any surplus**). It was confirmed that the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill NP had agreed a grant of £5-500 but it was unlikely that more money could be secured via that channel.

With reference to point 8 of the report, **St Matthias Campus Site**, it was stressed that the benefits listed had been provided by GVA Consultants and therefore were not necessarily an independent viewpoint.

Councillor Alexander provided feedback from her meeting with GVA Consultants with reference to their plans for the site. She reported that traffic volume remained a concern which she would raise with them when she meets them again.

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED that –

(1) that the Neighbourhood Partnership Review update be noted;

- (2) that the Environment Sub-Group Update be noted;
- (3) that East Park Open Space in Eastville be made a priority scheme for children's play facilities in 2014/15
- (4) that progress from the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group be noted;
- (5) that the Neighbourhood Forum Update be noted;
- (6) that the 20mph roll out be noted;
- (7) that the Real Economy Project be noted;
- (8) that the Bristol East Youth provision and facilities update (Bristol Youth Links Team) be noted;
- (9) that the St Matthias Site Update be noted.

13. DEVOLVED SERVICES UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report of the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 11) relating to devolved services.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) that progress of highway schemes be noted;
- (2) that progress of devolved Transport Section 106 schemes be noted;
- (3) that progress of 2013/14 Clean and Green schemes be noted;
- (4) that progress of S106 funded projects be noted;
- (5) that the progress of 2011/12 – Bid to £29,999 Clean and Green pot be noted;
- (6) that capital stimulus funded projects be noted; and
- (7) that wellbeing funded projects be noted.

14. PUBLIC FORUM

There was none received

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership would be held from 7pm on Thursday 26 June 2014 at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol.

The NP thanked Denise James for her work for the NP area as she was leaving the employment of the Council at the end of the month. Members of the partnership considered her input and the difference she had made above and beyond that of an employee, illustrating true partnership work with the community. DJ indicated that she would continue to volunteer within the area.

(The meeting ended at 9.30pm)

CHAIR

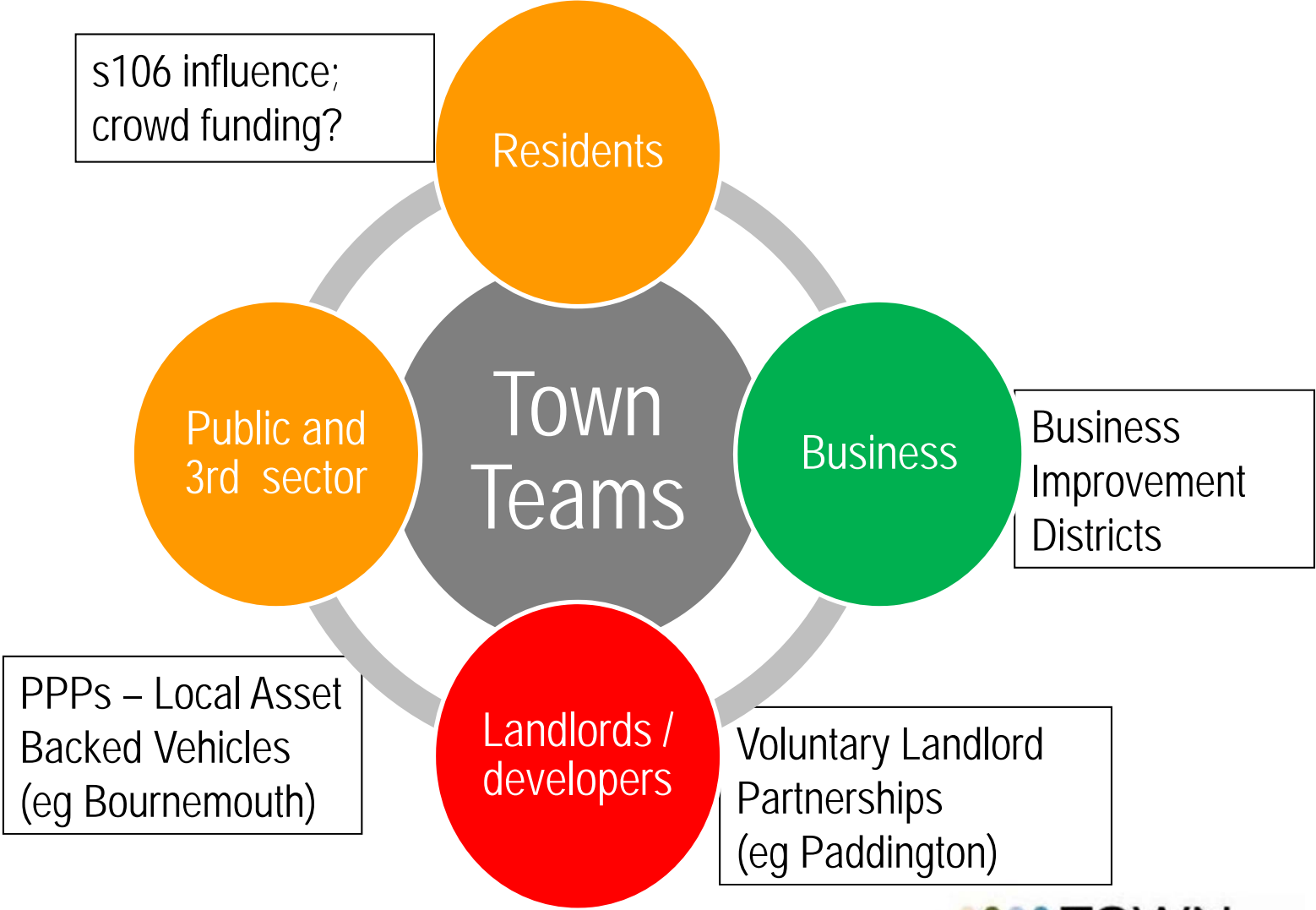


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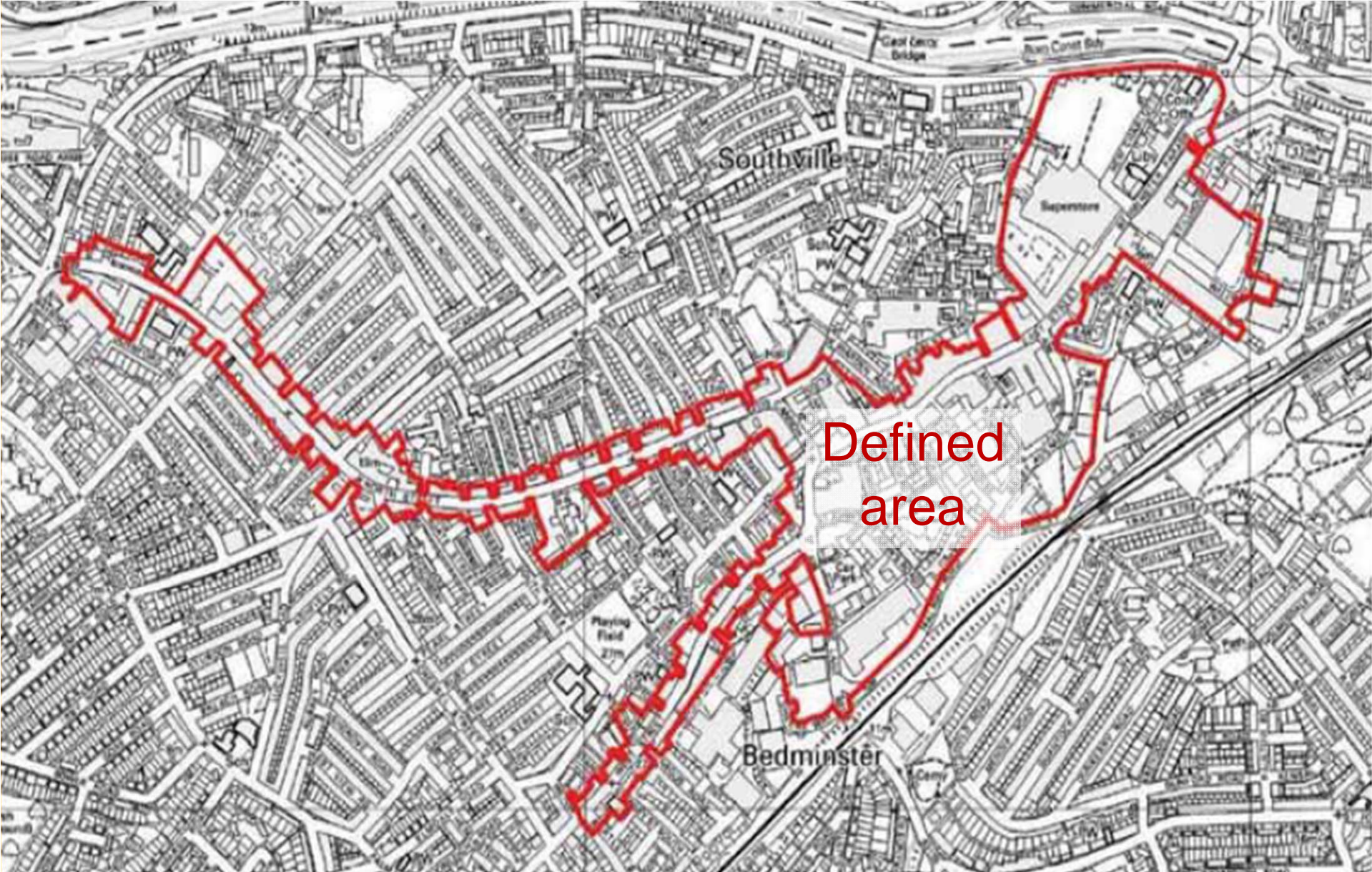
Bedminster Town Team 2012-14

for Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership
March 2014

Town Centres and High Streets?!



What is a BID?



Business agree:

- On improvements through marketing, street beautification, collective purchasing, advocacy etc
- To pay an 'levy' to fund these projects (based on 1-2% of rateable value – c £200pa)
- Services must be additional to those provided by the council

Why do we need a BID?

High streets are under growing pressure from:

- the internet
- supermarkets, out-of-town retailing
- the economy etc

A BID enables multiple businesses to collaborate, agree and fund changes otherwise outside of their control

Who controls a BID?

A BID is controlled in two ways:

1. The BID Proposal and Business Plan - this is agreed in advance
- 2. The BID Company - a limited company in which local businesses are the members, who elect a Board amongst themselves

Businesses stay in control. By business for business (customers)

Ballot: All Can Vote... All Pay

- All businesses pay the BID levy if YES ballot
- Typically generate £100K per annum
- After 5 years re-ballot

95% of BIDs choose to renew again and again

Bedminster Town Team Approach – Our Vision:



“exploit and eventually explode the gap between art, advertising and entertainment, high street retailing and real estate development”

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North Street Christmas Fayre and East Street Market Roaring Success



Won £25,000 for 'Pocket Parks' on East Street



Commissioned the Beautiful Bugs of Bedminster – 90 Giant Bugs by March!




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Beautiful Bugs of Bedminster






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Newcastle

- Free car parking
- Extended opening hours
- Evening 'meal deals'
- Extra bus services
- Programme of events

- Worth £106m in first year



London Bridge

- Professional representation of businesses prior to major infrastructure change
- 12 recommendations... 10 accepted by Network Rail



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July 2012



TownCentred A-Z for High Streets

A – Arts districts

In broad terms, two hundred years ago we had an agricultural economy, then came the industrial economy and now and for the foreseeable future it is the knowledge or creative economy. Happily town centres and high streets are very well placed to take advantage of this trend as most knowledge economy workers prefer to live and work diverse, higher density, mixed use and mixed income places such as town centres.

In times of limited resources the arts and cultural initiatives are a most appealing community-development strategy. The fine-grained arts district — one that does not reinvent a neighborhood wholesale but enhances the existing community with diverse new development — has grown as an idea in the UK and burgeoned in the US. However they are quite complex entities with subtleties and nuances that tend to develop over long periods of time with multiple organizations and individuals contributing to a district's character and success.

Fundamental to this approach is the sharing of resources – ie multi-tenant projects that bring different organisations together in shared space, typically in a converted building and financed by one lead organisation that takes the burden of raising capital off of smaller arts type organisations. As a community development strategy, these kinds of buildings can create a vibrant sense of place, provide a venue for diverse arts and other innovative events, and offer educational and social programs that engage local residents.



Final Word...

You can do this

You have to do this! ;-)

The internet is not going away
...its just the end of the beginning

Thank you

