



**Greater Fishponds Area Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Thursday 26 June 2014 at 7.00pm  
At the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ**

P = Present                      A = Apologies

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>26.6.14</b>			
<b>Ward Councillors (Neighbourhood Committee)</b>				
Councillor Mhairi Threlfall – Eastville	A			
Councillor Mahmadur Khan - Eastville	P			
Councillor Lesley Alexander – Frome Vale	P			
Councillor Bill Payne – Frome Vale	P			
Councillor Phil Hanby – Hillfields	A			
Councillor Noreen Daniels – Hillfields	A			
<b>Resident Partner Representatives</b>				
Mary Wellbourne (The Vassall Centre)	P			
Leigh Cooper (Fishponds Business Forum)	P			
Hazel Durn (East Park Residents Association)	A			
Katie Haydon (Equalities Rep & NP Chair)	P			
Yvonne Sadler (Environment Sub-Group)	P			
Mo Lewis (Colston Neighbourhood Watch Group)	P			
Tony Locke – Chair (Eastville Neighbourhood Forum)	P			
Mark Logan (Fishponds Planning Sub-Group)	P			
Richard Irwin (Hillfields Community Trust)	A			
David Mock (Fishponds Traffic and Transport Sub-Group)	P			
Mike Tuohy (Hillfields Community First Panel)	P			
Scott Jacobs-Lange (Hillfields NF)	P			
<b>Partner Organisations Representative</b>				
Vacancy – Young Persons Rep				
Chris Bailes – Avon Fire and Rescue	A			

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>26.6.14</b>			
Jon Ames (Avon and Somerset Police)	P			
Jimmy Taylor, CYPS, BCC	A			
John Moore – Bristol NHS Representative	A			
<b>Officers in attendance</b>				
Abdulrazak Dahir, NP Co-ordinator, BCC	P			
Steve Gregory, Democratic Services, BCC (Allison Taylor substituted)	P			
Georgie Bryant, Neighbourhoods, BCC	P			
<b>Residents in attendance</b>				
Ann Godfrey	A			
Pauline Potter	A			
Rosemarie Rendu-Jeffries	A			
Del Everett Positive Moves	A			
Sue Lovell	A			
Winn Evans	A			
Rick Lovering	P			
Chris Harris	P			
Martyn Chinn	P			

**Item No:**

**1. Chairing Arrangements.**

Katie Haydon would Chair the meeting.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations.

**3. Welcome and Introductions.**

Katie welcomed all to the meeting and invited introductions.

**4. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hanby, Threlfall, and Daniels and from Hazel Durn and Denise Thomas.

**5. Minutes of 20 March 2014.**

The Chair made a point of clarity regarding Point 1 – Chairing arrangements. She stated that she chaired the meeting overall including the Neighbourhood Committee. The Neighbourhood Committee Chair had the casting vote in decision making.

The Chair referred to Point 10 – Business Improvement District, paragraph 5, line 2 and asked that her name be deleted from the Sub Group as she had not volunteered. She also asked that '(project lead)' be inserted after Leigh Cooper.

**AGREED – That, subject to the changes noted above, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2014 be approved and signed by the Chair.**

The NP Co-ordinator referred to the Action Tracker that had not been circulated with the papers but was now before the Partnership. He highlighted the following:-

- The Neighbourhood Working Group Priorities, Local Traffic Schemes and Business Improvement District actions would be carried forward;
- The Neighbourhood Working Group – Andrew Spicer had brought a task to the sub group where a site visit was agreed. This was to be arranged by Abdulrazak;
- John Atkinson was no longer in the role covering St George. Georgie Bryant would pick up that work in the future.

## **6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.**

The Chair reported her decision to stand down from the Chair. Abdulrazak had sent an e-mail to the membership seeking nominations and had received two nominations for Tony Locke. The Chair asked the Partnership if there was any objection to the nomination. There was none.

**AGREED – that Tony Locke take the Chair at the September meeting.**

It was noted that there had been no nominations for Vice Chair and the Partnership was encouraged to submit nominations. In the meantime, the Partnership was happy to proceed minus the Vice Chair.

## **7. AGM Report 2014/15.**

The Partnership was referred to Appendix 17 of the papers which set out the membership for 2014/15. The following points were made:-

- Equalities responsibilities were now to be embedded in all partnership members roles and members would be given equalities training. The formal role would then disappear;
- There would be a new neighbourhood Police Inspector and Avon Fire Authority representatives;
- There was a need to attract two young people representatives. The Chair was keen to increase the diversity of the membership and local schools was a good place to attract interest. It was noted that it was possible to

engage in a meeting by submitting comments if attendance was a barrier to youths attending. It was also felt that the NP website would evolve so that it provided interest to young people.

- The 2014/15 budget would be £311, 697.27 which included influenced and non-influenced budgets. There was more flexibility around some budgets which had become un-ring-fenced;
- In reference to paragraph 4 of the report, it was noted that item ii – operations sub-group was an error. Item v – co-ordinating/management subgroup was a new group which would assist in managing the ring fenced budgets as there was insufficient time in the NP. The ToR would be made available at the next meeting;
- the other listed groups would roll over;
- regarding future dates, it was agreed that Neighbourhood Forum attendance in 2014 would be reviewed and if low, would be subject to change in 2015;
- at this point, a Councillor requested if gallery seating could be provided at future meetings so that it was clear who were NP members and who were public audience.

**AGREED – the membership, the proposed sub-groups and the meeting dates of the Greater Fishponds NP Board for 2014/15.**

## **8. Neighbourhood Working Group Priorities.**

Georgie Bryant, Neighbourhoods Officer, highlighted the following points:-

- Drug dealing – Police have targeted patrols in areas near East Bristol Youth Provision Group and Hillfields Youth Centre and reported decreased use;
- Litter – a recent audit showed a reduced rate after clearance. Morrisons had hired a private security firm to tackle fly-tipping and littering around their store and the evidence was now with enforcement officers who are looking to prosecute the perpetrators. The NP membership was encouraged to contact Georgie regarding hot-spot areas for education/enforcement campaigns. It was agreed that Georgie Bryant check the guidance and with street scene regarding businesses being made responsible for the litter they bring about;

**Action – Georgie Bryant to check guidance and with Street Scene regarding businesses being responsible for the litter they bring about.**

- Cycling – more cycle surgeries were planned. She asked that the membership inform her of any locations where education surgeries would benefit in relation to cycling on pavements. Jon Ames, Police representative reported that this was endemic in the city with shared space areas that were ambiguous for users. Cyclists could be confused or are ignorant of the shared space;
- Reference was made to pavement parking on Wellsford Avenue which was very narrow. The pavement have recently been resurfaced which

seemed pointless when cars continued to park on it. It was noted that there were parking restriction on this road and there was technically nothing the Council could do about pavement parking. This was only enforceable by the Police and could only be done if the Police observed an actual obstruction that prevented pedestrians getting past. It was suggested that Neighbourhood Police consider issuing letters in those locations where pavement parking was an issue as a preventative measure;

**Action – Police to consider issuing letters in locations of pavement parking.**

- Street drinking – there had been no reports;
- Vice - the Police had worked hard and had been successful in disrupting the market around Eastville. The Change Course for kerb-crawling offenders had raised £2,000 which had been reinvested in the community. Georgie to circulate a list of the good works done with the monies raised from this;

**Action - Georgie to circulate a list of the good works done with the monies raised from kerb-crawling offenders.**

- Burglary – neighbourhoods staff were helping Police identify vulnerable homes through walkabouts and forums and 500 homes would be secured with equipment by April 2015;
- Domestic noise nuisance – no hotspots identified;
- Hockey's Lane – it was noted that the Deputy Mayor for Transport, Mark Bradshaw, had recently made a decision regarding no left turning on this road.

**9. Wellbeing Report.**

Abdulrazak reported that there was £26, 288.08 in the budget and £25,000 was available to allocate. There had been seven applications for funding and the panel's assessments were detailed in pg.34 of the report. One application had been fast-tracked under the contingency arrangements and was detailed in pg.30 of the report.

The Neighbourhood Committee made the following comments and decisions relating to the applications:-

- **Feed Bristol Greenhouse.** The panel recommended grant but with two conditions attached which the Committee noted;
- Councillor Payne stated that this had been a very successful project and its regular events were well attended by residents;
- The Chair added that they had done fantastic work for those in the community with mental health problems and the disabled;

On being put to the vote, the grant was unanimously approved.

- **Grove Road Youth Club special activities.** The Committee noted that the panel recommended grant with no special conditions.

On being put to the vote, the grant was unanimously approved.

- **Harry Crooke Centre Young Bristol.** The Committee noted that the panel had been unable to make a recommendation on this grant as they were unhappy about a number of aspects of the application and were concerned that the application was for revenue costs which were not permitted within the wellbeing budget grant rules. The panel did, however, strongly support the desire to reopen the Centre;
- A panel member reported that the quality of the application had not been good and it was unclear who the applicant was. The state of the building was unknown which could result in the grant paying the bills but no progress on the re-opening of the building;
- It was noted that there were conditions on the lease to ensure that the building was put in good order. It was questioned why the Council did not get a new lease with a new group;
- Abdulrazak reported that this was a one off grant to bring the building back to community use. Without intervention, the building would become derelict and be further vandalised. Setting aside £3,000 would unlock the stalemate and the leaseholders and voluntary organisation could step in. Young Bristol still had one year on the lease. To clarify, the application had been sponsored by the current leaseholders Young Bristol but the grant would not go into their coffers but into a separate account for stakeholders to use in order to reopen the centre.
- Councillor Payne reported that he had spoken to Councillor Hanby who was happy to support the grant.

On being put to the vote, the grant of £3000 was unanimously approved.

- **Hillfields Community Trust Summer Event.** The Committee noted that the panel recommended grant but this was subject to the special condition;

On being put to the vote, the grant was unanimously approved.

- **Life Cycle UK.** The panel assessment had been done electronically and was handed out at the meeting;
- It was noted that their contract was funded by the City Council and it was felt the application was vague;
- Councillor Alexander felt that more information was needed but was willing to support the grant subject to the receipt of information;
- Councillor Payne felt unable to support the grant;

On being put to the vote, the grant was approved, 2 for, 1 against.

- **Light Direction Football Team.** The Committee noted that the table stated a £1, 800 grant but the Fund Appraisal top sheet stated £1,880. It was therefore agreed to clarify the grant figure;

On being put to the vote, the grant was unanimously approved.

**ACTION – Abdulrazak to clarify grant figure.**

- **Red Tent Willow Women.** It was agreed that a condition be added to publicise that the GFNP had funded the project;

**ACTION – Abdulrazak to add condition re GFNP funding project.**

On being put to the vote, the grant was unanimously approved.

**Community Cohesion Youth Project.** The Committee heard that the panel had recommended rejected as they felt this was work Creative Youth Network had already been commissioned to do, it was for core costs which fell outside the remit for grants and because the application was incomplete.

On being put to the vote, the grant was unanimously rejected.

- **Frome Valley Explorers.** The Committee had initially been unable to support the grant as the application was incomplete and seemed to be from an individual with a large component of self-payment. There had been subsequent communications which clarified the position and the panel were able to support the grant;
- It was noted that this was a great educational project which was of national interest.

On being put to the vote, the grant was unanimously approved.

**AGREED –**

1. **The Neighbourhood Partnership noted the financial statement;**
2. **The Neighbourhood Partnership noted the amount committed to date but not yet paid;**
3. **The Neighbourhood Partnership noted the Wellbeing Panel Summary Appraisal Sheets;**
4. **The Neighbourhood Committee made decisions as detailed above on wellbeing applications received since March 2014.**

**10. CIL/Section 106 Request.**

Abdulrazak referred to Table 1 of Appendix 1 which listed the Quick Wins for Parks and Green Spaces and the report's recommendation 1 that the quick win requests be ceased. He reported that although this had been an innovative scheme, it was onerous work for the Section 106 Manager to manage and there were no more community organisation schemes to carry forward. Delivering the Investment Plan priorities would be the preferred method of developing parks and open spaces in the future.

There were comments as follows:-

- Councillor Alexander noted that the Begbrook Green fencing was not included and was informed that there would be more money coming in to fund such schemes as 106 monies were not a slush fund;
- CIL provided a great deal more flexibility than S106 which was far more bureaucratic;
- Reference was made to Table 2 of the Appendix which listed proposed funds to support the new playground in East Park open space. Abdulrazak reported that this had been discussed at the Environment and Traffic and Transport sub-group meetings and noted that it was now possible to use devolved budgets more flexibly following the decision to unringfence devolved budgets.

On being put to the vote, all recommendations as detailed below were unanimously carried.

#### **AGREED –**

- 1. That the Neighbourhood Committee approved the cessation of the Section 106 Quick Win requests;**
- 2. That the Neighbourhood Committee approved the release of £14,446.76 of Section 106 monies to contribute to the new Children’s Play Ground in Eastville Park and £1,470 for new Community Notice Board near the Hideaway café area;**
- 3. That the Neighbourhood Committee approved the spend of £34, 673.61 of previously reported returned sum from the City Council to East Park Open Space for the Children’s Play Ground;**
- 4. That the Neighbourhood Committee approved the release of £22,180.14 of Community Infrastructure Levy;**
- 5. That the Neighbourhood Committee approved the release of 312,646.25 of 2014/15 Local Traffic Budget to contribute to the Children’s Play Ground in East Park Open Space and that a further £3,156.99 be released to off-set amounts overspent on park Road Zebra Crossing and Frenchay Area Review Schemes.**

#### **11. Neighbourhood Partnership Report.**

The Neighbourhood Partnership noted the report and agreed that until further details emerged regarding the removal of the ring fence for devolved budgets, they wished the Enviromental Sub-Group to deal with the grounds maintenance service.

The NP also noted that Nick Christo would be the new Area Neighbourhood Manager.

#### **AGREED –**

- 1. The NP noted the review update;**

2. The NP noted the Parks approach to Grounds Maintenance Service and agreed to leave this responsibility with the Environmental Sub-Group until further details emerged;
3. The NP noted the Environmental Sub-Group update;
4. The NP noted the progress from the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group;
5. The NP noted the Neighbourhood Forum update;
6. The NP noted the Neighbourhood Management Service update.

## **12. Devolved Services Update.**

The Neighbourhood Partnership noted that Georgie Bryant was responsible for the administering of the Clean and Green budget and members should contact her with areas where work was needed.

### **AGREED –**

**The Neighbourhood Committee noted:-**

1. The progress of highway schemes and devolved transport Section 106 schemes;
2. The progress of 2013/14 Clean and Green schemes;
3. The progress of Section 106 funded projects;
4. The progress of 2011/12 bid to £29,000 Clean and Green pot and Capital stimulus funded projects.

## **13. Confirmation of Election Results.**

The NP formally noted the election of Tony Locke as Chair of the NP for 2014/15 and congratulated him.

The NP took the opportunity to formally thank Katie Haydon for all the hard work she had done in her role as Chair and wished her the very best for her future plans. The Chair thanked everyone for the card and flowers and stated that it had been a pleasure and privilege to serve as Chair.

## **14. Public Forum.**

There was none.

## **15. Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership would be held from 7pm on Thursday 25 September 2014 at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 9.10pm)

CHAIR