

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) Report

Date: Thursday 25th September 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO.9

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) is asked to:

- 1- Note Grounds Maintenance Service update (Nick Christo)
- 2- Note NP Co-ordinating Subgroup (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 3- Note update and agree recommendation from the Environment Subgroup (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 4- Note progress from Traffic and Transport subgroup (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 5- Note Neighbourhood Forum Update (Georgie Bryant)

Part 1: Parks Grounds Maintenance Service

- 1- There is a consultation taking place that will help residents and local groups, through the Neighbourhood Partnerships, to influence the new Grounds Maintenance Contract. The consultation is not prescribed in that it has a closing date – the Parks service would like a continual dialogue with Neighbourhood Partnerships so that influencing and contact changes can take place throughout the year. During the months of September and October, the Neighbourhood Officer will be consulting with local park groups, users and other interested bodies to understand their priorities so that the new contract can reflect this as best as possible.
- 2- Things that can be influenced include: areas to be weeded sprayed, grass cutting regimes, litter collections / litter picking, a site presence (park keeper) or not, which shrubs to maintain, what ornamental planting should take place, frequency of hard surface sweeping, toilet opening / closing. The consultation will also ask if there are any aspirations for the green space, e.g what doesn't take place in the park that the partnership would like to see.

- 3- Once information has been gathered through this initial consultation, the Environment subgroups / Neighbourhood Partnerships will establish themes for the whole NP area, e.g. littering, ornamental planting etc. This will become the base in which the Parks Service will build the new contract around for launching in February 2015. Thereafter, the Parks service will want to allow local communities to influence and introduce local park aspirations, e.g number of bins, different types of grass cutting regimes, introduction of bulb planting etc.

Part 2: NP Co-ordinating Subgroup

- 4- The first NP Co-ordinating subgroup meeting was held on Tuesday 26th August. The group briefly discussed the role and terms of reference for the group. It was agreed to finalise the terms of reference at the next subgroup meeting.
- 5- The group received the Citywide NP review update and welcomed the proposed citywide NP annual event. It would create an opportunity for Neighbourhood Partnerships to network across the city and learn from good practice.
- 6- The group also discussed the proposed new Neighbourhood Partnership Plans. This is a three year plan, which will entail all existing plans, including existing Waste Plan, Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan, Neighbourhood Working Group priorities, Parks Investment Plan and NP Tree Plan. It was suggested to ensure the NP plans have measurable outcomes and should link to the NP vision and objectives. For more information about NP review see agenda item 5.
- 7- The group agreed for subgroups to play a key role in their respective section of the NP Plans, with the view of the NP approving the draft final NP plan before March 2015.

Part 3: Environment Subgroup Update

- 8- The Environment Subgroup met on Wednesday 27th August. The meeting clashed with the BCC Development Control Committee meeting for the Bristol Metro Bus proposal, which impacts on the Stapleton Allotments and Feed Bristol. Not surprisingly, fewer people attended the Environment subgroup meeting.
- 9- The group received quick updates about ongoing projects including the East Park Children Play. The group requested to see proposals for the site before they go out for consultation.
- 10- There was a positive feedback from the public about the planters installed on Fishponds Rd as part of the HEFs in Bloom. It was suggested to order bulbs and winter planters for them. The group also suggested Community Payback for

PRoWs along Lodge Hill and Gordon Avenue, litter picking and Flytipping at Junction Two M32 Eastgate roundabout.

- 11- The group brain stormed ideas for the Green Capital Bid and agreed to recommend a project building on the Place Cards Richard Irwin produced for Bristol East. Other ideas group members suggested to add include a map showing walking trails connecting all the green spaces, highlighting areas of a particular interest including areas of historical significance and landmarks. It was suggested to erect as part of this project a landmark with direction to nearby places on top of Lodge Hill. It was agreed to invite Richard Irwin to help develop the project.
- 12- Finally the group welcomed the proposed Neighbourhood Partnership Plan and agreed to play a role in helping to develop the three year plan.

Part 4: Traffic and Transport subgroup update

- 13- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Wednesday 3rd September 2014. There was confusion about an invite sent to First Group to attend the meeting. Subgroup members requested for someone from First Group to attend the November 2014 subgroup meeting.
- 14- The group also requested an explanation as to why First Group bus number five was diverted from Small Lane to Blackberry Hill. A request to reinstate the number five bus route to its original route has been sent to First Group.
- 15- Andrew Spicer provided an update of live schemes he is currently working on. He was informed that Forest Rd Bridge closure is not on the BCC interactive map.
- 16- The group were also disappointed with the Quality Assurance (QA) Board's objection to the group's request to install a railing at the junction of Manor Rd and Fishponds Rd. Andrew Spicer provided different options to deal with the issue.
- 17- The subgroup felt this is a Health and Safety matter and that QA Board should reconsider their objection.
- 18- Finally due to the number of speeding vehicles along Frenchay Park Rd, the group agreed to recommend designating Frenchay Park Rd 20mph road as part of the citywide 20mph rollout programme.

Part 5: Neighbourhood Forum update.

Hillfields Forum

- 19- The Forum was held at Weds 6th August 2014 Seminar room, Cossham Hospital between 7pm-9pm. Prior to the meeting, we delivered flyers to approximately two hundred residences in the area. Nine local residents attended. One resident from south glos attended. One local Councillor was in attendance along with officers from the Police and Bristol City Council.
- 20- Nine issues were taken from the meeting, three environmental, five traffic related, and one other. There were no issues relating to neighbourhood policing, officers in the area will continue to work on neighbourhood working priorities.
- 21- Attendees were given a presentation from the Care Forum about the Health and well-being initiative that is being run in the area. The resident from South Glos gave an insightful presentation on the future of Cossham hospital services.

Fromevale Forum

- 22- The Forum was held at Thurs 14th August 2014 Fishponds Baptist Church from 7pm-9pm. Prior to the forum two hundred leaflets were delivered to households in the area.
- 23- Nineteen local residents attended, along with one Councillor (Apologies sent by 1 Councillor) and supporting officers from the Police and Bristol City Council.
- 24- Fourteen issues were gathered, including four which were carried over from the previous Forum as they are still under investigation. seven environmental, five traffic, three relating to streetlight and one shared traffic and police.
- 25- Attendees were given several presentations including a local resident looking to set-up Friends of Oldbury Court, Oldbury Court Out of School Club who were looking to promote facilities available at the Oldbury Court Youth Club and the Care Forum about the Health and well-being initiative that is being run in the area.

Eastville Forum

- 26- The Forum was held at Wednesday 20st August 2014, Scout Hut Gadshill Rd, The event started late due to issues with accessing the venue but finished on time running 7:30 -9pm. Prior to the event two hundred leaflets had been delivered to households in the area.
- 27- Fifteen residents attended, 1 Councillors was present along with supporting officers from the Police and Bristol City Council.

- 28- Thirteen issues were raised, six environmental, six traffic and 1 police. A discussion was had about the damaged wall on Manor road; this has now been raised with neighbourhood service manager.
- 29- There was a severe disruption caused in the meeting by one resident being abusive towards the chair, this resident was challenged on his behaviour and offered the choice of apologising to the chair or leaving the meeting, He chose to apologise and will be meeting with local council about the issues he raised and his conduct.

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