



Greater Fishponds Area Neighbourhood Partnership

Thursday 18 December 2014 at 7 pm

Held at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ

P = Present

A = Apologies

MEMBERSHIP	26.6.14	25.9.14	18.12.14	
Ward Councillors (Neighbourhood Committee)				
Councillor Mhairi Threlfall – Eastville	A	P	P	
Councillor Mahmudur Khan - Eastville	P	A	P	
Councillor Lesley Alexander – Frome Vale	P	P	P	
Councillor Bill Payne – Frome Vale	P	P	A	
Councillor Phil Hanby – Hillfields	A	P	P	
Councillor Noreen Daniels – Hillfields	A	A	A	
Resident Partner Representatives				
Mary Wellbourne (The Vassall Centre)	P	P	A	
Leigh Cooper (Fishponds Business Forum)	P	P	P	
Hazel Durn (East Park Residents Association)	A	P	P	
Yvonne Sadler (Environment Sub-Group)	P	A	P	
Mo Lewis (Colston Neighbourhood Watch Group)	P	A	P	
Tony Locke – Chair (Eastville Neighbourhood Forum)	P	P	P	
Mark Logan (Fishponds Planning Sub-Group)	P	P	P	
Richard Irwin (Hillfields Community Trust)	A	A	A	
David Mock (Fishponds Traffic and Transport Sub-Group)	P	P	P	
Mike Tuohy (Hillfields Community First Panel)	P	A	A	
Scott Jacobs-Lange (Hillfields NF)	P	P	P	
Partner Organisations Representative				
Vacancy – Young Persons Rep		A		
Chris Bailes – Avon Fire and Rescue	A	A	A	
Jon Ames (Avon and Somerset Police)	P	P	P	

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Jimmy Taylor, CYPS, BCC	A	A	A	
John Moore – Bristol NHS Representative	A	A	A	
Officers in attendance				
Abdulrazak Dahir, NP Co-ordinator, BCC	P	P	P	
Steve Gregory, Democratic Services, BCC (Allison Taylor substituted on 26.6.14 & 18.12.14)	P	P	P	
Georgie Bryant, Neighbourhoods, BCC	P	P	P	
Residents in attendance				
Ann Godfrey	A	A	A	
Pauline Potter	A	A	A	
Rosemarie Rendu-Jeffries	A	A	A	
Del Everett - Positive Moves	A	A	A	
Sue Lovell	A	A	A	
Winn Evans	A	A	A	
Rick Lovering	P	P	P	
Chris Harris	P	A	P	
Martyn Chinn	P	A	A	
Sharon Randall	-	P	A	
Philippa Charlick	-	P	A	
Sarah Cornick (Student Health Visitor)	-	P	A	
Emma Williams Bristol CYN, (Tina Bond Bristol CYN substituted 25.9.14)	-	P	A	
Erica Wildgoode	-	-	P	
Ian Beckey (Living Easton)	-	-	P	
Norman Spalding (Bristol Pubs Group)	-	-	P	
Ian Chard (Bristol Pubs Group)	-	-	P	
Linda Tanner (Fishponds Voice newspaper)	-	-	P	
Andy Hacker (Croftsend Church)	-	-	P	
Lynn Davis (Croftsend Church)	-	-	P	
Andrew Yelland (Croftsend Church)	-	-	P	
Marietta Kirkbride (Bristol 2015)	-	-	P	
Emma Williams (Bristol 2015)	-	-	P	
Liam Condon	-	-	P	
Clare Fowle	-	-	P	
Pauline Shaw	-	-	P	
Jack Wareham	-	-	P	

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Bradley Wilde	-	-	P	

Item No:

1. Chairing Arrangements.

Tony Locke chaired the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

The Partnership noted that Councillor Hanby was Chair of the Neighbourhood Committee but the decisions relating to Green Capital on this agenda would be taken by the whole partnership.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

3. Apologies, Welcome and Introductions.

Apologies were received from Councillor Payne and Daniels, Kay Russell, Strategic Planning Manager, Alan Carpenter, Chair of Bristol age UK.

4. Minutes of 25 September 2014.

Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 be approved and signed by the Chair.

5. Crofts End Community Centre proposal.

The Partnership received a verbal report and slideshow presentation from Andrew Yelland and Lynn Davies of Crofts End Church regarding future plans of Croft End Church & Community Hub.

6. Bristol Aging Better (BAB)

Abdulrazak Dahir reported, in the absence of the two speakers, that BAB had received £5.5m Big Lottery funding for a project to tackle loneliness and isolation. The GFNP was one of four NP's that would pilot the project. It was hoped that the speakers would be able to attend the March 2015 meeting.

7. Green Capital Fund.

The Area Co-ordinator reported that £10,000 had been allocated to this Partnership from the Green Capital Fund and the Wellbeing panel had made

recommendations on 6 applications based on that funding. Since the Wellbeing panel met, it was announced that a further £15,000 had been made available to this Partnership from the Green Capital Fund. It was therefore noted that, if the Partnership wished, it could agree to fully fund those applications which had been recommended only for partial funding.

The applications were agreed as follows :-

Number	Name of Group	Amount approved
1	The Haven	£887.50
2	Incredible Edibles	£1300 but with a condition requiring the potential reuse of an existing notice board in Fishponds Park to be explored.
3	Chester Park Junior School	£3584 subject to condition and with an additional condition requiring clarification of where the space would be;
4	Bristol Metropolitan Academy	£370
5	Glenfrome Primary School	£4150 subject to condition
6	Hillfields Energy Group	£550

The following points were raised as a result of discussion:-

- The Haven – St George NP had funded the other half of the amount requested;
- Incredible Edibles – the panel noted that a notice board would cost more than the amount requested and agreed that it was a worthwhile project so wished to offer more funding. The NP noted that there was an unused notice board in Fishponds Park that it might be possible to re-use, thus saving money. This was conditioned on the grant;
- Chester Park Junior School – The NP noted that this was subject to conditions agreed by the panel to ensure that the money was used for raised beds. It was noted that the school site was fully used and was therefore unsure where the raised beds might be placed and therefore placed an additional condition requiring clarification of the area to be used;
- Bristol Academy – it was noted that a few of the applicants were doing similar projects and therefore should link up to share best practice and consider tool libraries. The RHS to visit schools to promote best practice;
- Glenfrome Primary School – The NP noted that this school was 100 yards within the Horfield and Lockleaze Area NP but the majority of pupils came from this NP area. The Area Co-ordinator urged against artificial boundaries as the Green Capital funding would benefit the whole area.

The area Co-ordinator drew attention to the 3 options in the report for the additional £15000. After some discussion, the NP agreed to Option 1 but with an additional element stating 'to assess the Bristol Green Map NP project like any other grant application.' It should also link to the City wide walking strategy.

Agreed – that the NP:-

- 1. noted the amount of green Capital Funding available;**
- 2. noted the Wellbeing Panel appraisal;**
- 3. approved the recommendations, as set out above, from the Wellbeing Panel for Green Capital expenditure as contained in the Green Capital appraisal sheets in the appendices of the document;**
- 4. noted the availability of additional Green Capital funding and selected Option 1 from the report with an additional element stating 'to assess the Bristol Green Map NP project like any other grant application.'**

The Area Co-ordinator agreed to promote the Green Capital grant on 13 January and circulate an update poster.

7. Neighbourhood Working Group.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and highlighted the following areas for the Neighbourhood Officer to investigate.

Parking on pavements.

It was agreed to look at Frenchay Park Road.

Street Drinking.

It was agreed to look at bus stop at Fishponds Road and Whitehall Road. The Neighbourhood Officer asked that NP members encourage residents to report instances of street drinking to the Police. The Police Officer added that instances of pestering at cashpoints should be reported to the Streetwise team.

Graffiti.

It was agreed to report Freemantle Buildings to the cleansing team.

Vice.

It was reported that a letter would shortly be delivered to residents where the impact of vice issues is most acute.

Burglary.

It was reported that the Burglary Project had been very successful and current stocks of equipment had run out. It was hoped to get more funding to restock in due course.

Domestic Noise Nuisance.

There had been no recent issues reported.

Agreed – That the report be noted and the new issues highlighted be investigated.

8. Neighbourhood Partnership Plan.

The Area Co-ordinator circulated a copy of the Partnership Plan to the NP. It pulled together all previous plans. It was noted that there would now be one simple neighbourhood budget as ring-fencing had been removed which allowed greater flexibility. It would be clear in March 2015 what the funding would be.

The following comments arose from discussion:-

- Most activities in the plan were transport related so ring-fencing by default existed;
- It was noted that actions from the meeting organised by Kerry McCarthy in relation to vice and the Change Course programme had not been included. It was agreed that the Area Co-ordinator would liaise with the Neighbourhood Officer regarding the detail of this and it be incorporated into the plan;
- It was agreed to incorporate the left hand turn at Hockey's Lane scheme which had been inadvertently omitted;
- It was agreed to include the railings at Manor Road junction and the 2 hour waiting and double yellow lines in Station Road and all along Fishponds Road;
- Reference was made to a planning sub-group. It acknowledged that developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area could four years or more.

The NP agreed the draft plan subject to incorporating the matters noted above.

Agreed – that the NP

1. notes the Cabinet decision to remove ring fencing from devolved budgets.

2. approves the draft plan subject to the following matters being included:-

- **The railings at Manor Road junction;**
- **The 2 hour waiting and double yellow lines in Station Road and all along Fishponds Road;**
- **Action from meeting organised by Kerry McCarthy in relation to vice and the Change Course programme;**
- **Left hand turn - Hockeys Lane.**

9. Neighbourhood Partnership report.

Part 1 – Neighbourhood Arts Programme.

Emma Williams, City Arts Manager, spoke on the Neighbourhood Arts Programme project for the Green Capital year. A series of arts projects would spring up across Bristol that have come out of partnership working between local communities and professional artists and makers. She urged the NP to inform residents of this and to get in touch if they would like to be involved in a project.

Part 2 – City Wide NP event.

It was noted that this would take place on 7 February 2015 and there were 5 members interested in attending from this NP. The Area Co-ordinator agreed to circulate the programme as soon as it became available.

Agreed – the NP noted :-

- 1. The Neighbourhood Arts Programme update;**
- 2. The City wide NP event update.**
- 3. The NP Co-ordinating Subgroup update;**
- 4. The Environment Subgroup update;**
- 5. The Traffic and Transport subgroup update;**
- 6. The Neighbourhood Forum update.**

10. Farriers Arms.

Ian Beckey addressed the NP on this matter. The NP noted that the pub was now owned by Morrisons and had been derelict for some years but in the past had been an important part of the Fishponds community. He wished to protect it from demolition by registering the building as an Asset of Community Value which was a useful mechanism for protecting the building from future demolition. Ideally he wished the pub to be re-opened as a community pub with a responsible landlord.

The NP commented as follows:-

- The pub had been stripped of its copper piping and pump mechanisms and would be hugely expensive to refurbish;
- Morrisons seemed uninterested in the building;
- There had previously been an unsuccessful application for English Heritage Listing;
- It was proposed and agreed to support a viable group to apply for an Asset of Community Value but the NP was insufficiently informed to be able to do this itself;
- It was therefore agreed that the Area Co-ordinator facilitate a meeting with Ian Beckey and Morrisons to discuss their plans. Councillor Alexander to be involved in any communications on this matter.

Agreed – that the NP would support a viable group seeking to apply for an Asset of Community Value but the NP was insufficiently informed to be able to do this itself.

11. Devolved Services Update.

There was no discussion.

Agreed – that the NP:-

1. Highways Schemes

- 1.1 Noted the progress of Highway schemes
- 1.2 Noted the progress of devolved Transport Section 106 schemes

2. Devolved Clean and Green Budget: Environmental improvements

- 2.1 Noted the progress of 2013/14 Clean and Green schemes

3. Parks Section 106 funded schemes

- 3.1 Noted the progress of S106 funded projects

4. Other schemes

- 4.1 Noted the progress of 2011/12- Bid to £29,000 Clean & Green pot
- 4.2 Noted the Capital stimulus funded projects.

12. Public Forum.

The NP noted that Clare Fowle was in attendance to speak to a Public Forum Statement she had submitted. This had not been produced for the meeting and it was therefore agreed to allow a verbal statement.

The Statement was in respect of opposition to the proposed McDonalds restaurant on Fishponds Road which was due to go before a Planning Committee on 4 February 2015. She reported that an e-petition was live on the group's facebook page. She asked whether the issue could be highlighted on the NP website.

The NP voted and gave their full support in opposing the application stating that it went against every objective of this Partnership. The Area Co-ordinator agreed to investigate whether a notice on this issue could be placed on the Greater Fishponds NP website.

Agreed – that the NP gave its support to the opposition to the proposed McDonalds restaurant.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership would be held at 7pm on Thursday 19 March 2015 at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 9.15pm)

Chair