



Greater Fishponds Area Neighbourhood Partnership

**Thursday 2 July 2015 at 7.00pm
At the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ**

P = Present A = Apologies

MEMBERSHIP	2.7.15			
Ward Councillors (Neighbourhood Committee)				
Councillor Mhairi Threlfall – Eastville	A			
Councillor Mahmadur Khan - Eastville	P			
Councillor Lesley Alexander – Frome Vale	P			
Councillor Bill Payne – Frome Vale	P			
Councillor Craig Cheney – Hillfields	P			
Councillor Noreen Daniels – Hillfields	A			
Resident Partner Representatives				
Mary Wellbourne (The Vassall Centre)	P			
Leigh Cooper (Fishponds Business Forum)	P			
Hazel Durn (East Park Residents Association)	A			
Yvonne Sadler (Environment Sub-Group)	P			
Mo Lewis (Colston Neighbourhood Watch Group)	P			
Tony Locke – Chair (Eastville Neighbourhood Forum)	P			
Mark Logan	P			
Richard Irwin (Hillfields Community Trust)	A			
David Mock (Fishponds Traffic and Transport Sub-Group)	P			
Mike Tuohy (Hillfields Community First Panel)	A			
Scott Jacobs-Lange (Hillfields NF)	P			
Phil Hanby –Vice Chair	P			
Joseph Glasgow (Young People)	P			
Kate Brook (Grove Road Youth Club)	P			
Partner Organisations Representative				

MEMBERSHIP	2.7.15			
Vacancy – Young Persons Rep				
Chris Bailes – Avon Fire and Rescue	A			
Jon Ames (Avon and Somerset Police)	P			
Tina Newman, A&S Police Vice Team	P			
Jimmy Taylor, CYPS, BCC	A			
John Moore – Bristol NHS Representative	A			
Officers in attendance				
Abdulrazak Dahir, NP Co-ordinator, BCC	P			
Allison Taylor, Democratic Services,	P			
Georgie Bryant, Neighbourhoods, BCC	A			
Residents in attendance				
Ann Godfrey	A			
Pauline Potter	A			
Rosemarie Rendu-Jeffries	A			
Del Everett Positive Moves	A			
Sue Lovell	A			
Winn Evans	A			
Rick Lovering	A			
Chris Harris	A			
Martyn Chinn	A			
Gemma Adams	P			
Kate Brook	P			
Ben Cattle	P			

Item No:

1. Chairing Arrangements.

Phil Hanby would chair the meeting. Cllr Payne would chair the Neighbourhood Committee.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Welcome and Introductions.

These were made.

3. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillor Threlfall, Tony Locke and Hazel Durn.

4. **Minutes & Action Tracker of 2 April 2015.**

'Fishponds Planning Sub-Group' to be deleted against Mark Logan's entry on attendance list within the minutes.

The minutes of 2 April 2015 were **agreed** as a correct record.

The Action Tracker was noted.

5. **Vice Update.**

Tina Newman, Vice Liaison Officer, Avon & Somerset Constabulary made the following comments :-

- Ten years ago there were approximately 360 sex workers and the issue was not addressed. There was now a multi-agency approach and the charity One25 was the key organisation working to get women off the street;
- Enforcement would not alone resolve the problem but was an important part;
- Last year there had been 334 offences for loitering and kerb crawling and 17 ASBOS issued to men who repeatedly came into an area. Such bans could be open ended and agencies had dealt with 170 different women;
- The women were often transient and on any one evening there could be 6 women out;
- There had been a massive decrease in both men and women. For men, this was likely due to enforcement;
- Staff at One25 had specialisms for the different reasons women worked on the street so that they could get to the route of the issue;
- In 2008, the Change Course was introduced to re-educate men and was a structured 8 hour day which focussed on hard core facts and figure regarding the reasons women worked on the streets. This acted as a strong deterrent as only 5% of men reoffended;
- The course cost £200 and a certain number were needed to run it. Any profit made was used to fund causes directly affected by prostitution. In 2008 it raised £43,000 which was match funded to fund various related requests. It was noted that One25 had also received funding for a van;

The following points arose from discussion;

- The biggest factor for women becoming a prostitute was drugs with 99% of women on heroin/crack or alcohol;
- There was a misconception regarding pimps, this was no longer predominantly the case. Now women were working to fund their own and their boyfriend's habit;
- Agencies acted very quickly if they saw children on the street;

- As from April there was no longer a dedicated team of officers working on vice but instead 5 uniformed teams that patrolled and two of these members had been upskilled in vice matters;
- The 20pmh restriction had not helped with respect to kerb crawlers. Good street lighting was key in kerbing prostitution;
- It was agreed that it would be helpful if Tina was able to attend the Mayor's visit at some point. The NP Co-ordinator agreed to liaise outside of the meeting regarding an appropriate time;
- The Partnership thanked Tina for her attendance.

6. **AGM Report 2014/15.**

The NP Co-ordinator reported that Tony Locke sent his apologies and stated that he wished to continue as Chair of the Partnership if his health allowed. Phil Hanby had also been nominated for Chair. It was therefore proposed that Tony Locke continue as Chair and Phil Hanby be appointed Vice Chair.

1. The NP membership was confirmed and it was agreed that Tony Locke continue as Chair and Phil Hanby as Vice Chair for 2015/16 municipal year.

It was noted that Councillor Payne would chair the Neighbourhood Committee for the next 6 months with Councillor Alexander as Vice Chair.

2. The NC and NP terms of reference and the NC financial operating framework were confirmed.

Joseph Glasgow, a potential youth representative was welcomed. Discussion took place regarding the importance of appointing another youth representative as there had been vacancies for some time.

It was suggested and agreed that the Creative Youth Network be approached in this regard.

With respect to Devolved Budgets, it was reported that these would be available on the GFNP website from next week and would provide a detailed breakdown of the S106 and wellbeing budgets.

3. The devolved budgets and influences on services were noted.

A discussion then took place regarding sub-groups. It was noted that the Planning Subgroup who were developing a Neighbourhood Plan wished to remain in the NP but be independent from the NP due to the nature of work. Some concern was expressed that this would dilute the strength of the NP as there had been victories in the past from pulling resources. It was agreed that it was important to be able to engage with the group and therefore influence the Neighbourhood Plan and that the capacity limit be removed and the Planning Subgroup be retained.

4. The meeting schedule for 2015/16 including sub groups and forums was agreed and it was agreed that the capacity limit be removed and the Planning Subgroup be retained.

5. The financial statement and expenditure for 2014/15 was noted.

7. NP Activities – Business Report.

Part 1: Narrow Estate Roads Budget.

The NP Co-ordinator reported that this budget was to increase the width of roads on estates so that cars could more easily manoeuvre. In 2016/17 the budget would increase from £57, 214 to £61,243.

Part 2: Co-ordinating Subgroup.

Discussion took place regarding the Mayor’s visit. It was agreed to add Hockey’s Lane and Hillfields Community Trust to the itinerary and that the NP Co-ordinator would liaise with PC Tina Newman to establish the best point she could join the visit.

The NP Co-ordinator agreed to draft a revised itinerary and map and to give consideration to other methods of getting the Mayor around.

NP members noted the progress.

Part 3: Environment.

The NP was informed that the project team had requested an additional £5000 be added to their contingency fund in order to avoid delays.

RESOLVED – The Neighbourhood Committee unanimously agreed the spend as set out below.

	2015/16 Neighbourhood Budget available		£52, 084.82
NP Plan priority Ref: Families, Young and Older	Activity/Description of works	Amount	Running Balance £
P3 Activity 2	It is recommended that £5000 contingency is made available to East Park Children Play facility.	£5000	£47, 084.82
	Remaining Neighbourhood Budget		£47, 084.82

The Neighbourhood Committee’s attention was drawn to Appendix 2 of the report which detailed a full breakdown of costs.

RESOLVED - The Neighbourhood Committee unanimously approved the draft schedule for 2015/16 Environment Budget expenditure proposal as set out below.

	2015/16 Environment Budget available		£5000
NP Plan priority: Ref: Area is Clean, Tidy and Well Maintained	Activity/Description of works	Amount	Running Balance £
P3 Activity 2	It is recommended that £5000 of the Environment budget allocated enhancing various locations of the NP area.	£5000	£5000
	Remaining Neighbourhood Budget		£0.00

Part 4: Traffic and Transport.

NP members noted the progress.

Part 5: Wellbeing.

RESOLVED - The Neighbourhood Committee unanimously agreed to top up the Wellbeing Grant by an additional £5,000 as set out below.

	2015/16 Neighbourhood Budget available		£47, 084.82
NP Plan priority: Ref: Families, Young and older	Activity/Description of works	Amount	Running Balance £
P1 Activity 2	The Wellbeing panel recommends allocating a further £5000 to top up the Wellbeing Grant from £25,000 a year to £30,000 a year	£5000	£42, 084.82
	Remaining Neighbourhood Budget		£42, 084.82

**RESOLVED – The Neighbourhood Committee approved the Wellbeing Grant applications summarised in the table below.
Councillor Cheney abstained from the Hillfields Community Trust application as he was a member.**

Greater Fishponds NP Wellbeing Sub-group : Funding appraisal top sheet

Name of organisation	Summary of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Amount Approved
The Care	The group is seeking	£3,615	£3,615	£3,615

Forum	match funding from the NP to fund volunteer recruitment, advertisement, volunteer expenses, training etc			
Crofts End Church	Street party to celebrate 120 year anniversary	£900 (£387 funded by St George NP, £388 from this NP)	£900	£388
Little Hayes, Hillfields Early years and Family Centre	Funding of artist and costs of material for wildlife garden in the Community Orchard	£2,500	£1, 800	£1, 800
Bristol Muslim Cultural Society (BMCS)	Free community event	£4, 325.99	£1,000	£1,000
Hillfields Community Trust	Venue hire	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000

Part 6: Citywide Code of Conduct.

The NP Co-ordinator reported that all 14 NP's had sight of the document. Further discussion would take place at the Co-ordinating Subgroup.

Part 7: NP Plan short leaflet.

The NP Co-ordinator passed around the draft leaflet. It was agreed that 'triangle' be removed from Eastville Triangle reference. It was agreed to include an image of the clock tower on the front cover.

The NP Co-ordinator agreed to re-circulate subject to receipt of clock tower image and this would then be published.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Update Report.

This was noted.

9. Public Forum.

There was none.

10. Other Business.

Leigh Cooper took the opportunity to address the NP regarding their views on providing Christmas lights in Fishponds. He reported that the business community fully supported this and would contribute to it but hope that the NP could also provide some funding.

NP members were supportive and it was agreed that Leigh Cooper work on a business plan by September and this would be assessed as in all other applications for funding.

11. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership would be held from 7pm on Thursday 8 October 2015 at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 9.15pm)

CHAIR