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Greater Fishponds Area Neighbourhood Partnership

**Thursday 8 October 2015 at 7.00pm
At the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ**

P = Present A = Apologies

MEMBERSHIP	2.7.15	8.10.15		
Ward Councillors (Neighbourhood Committee)				
Councillor Mhairi Threlfall – Eastville	A	P		
Councillor Mahmadur Khan - Eastville	P	A		
Councillor Lesley Alexander – Frome Vale	P	P		
Councillor Bill Payne – Frome Vale	P	P		
Councillor Craig Cheney – Hillfields	P	P		
Councillor Noreen Daniels – Hillfields	A	A		
Resident Partner Representatives				
Mary Wellbourne (The Vassall Centre)	P	P		
Leigh Cooper (Fishponds Business Forum)	P	P		
Hazel Durn (East Park Residents Association)	A	A		
Yvonne Sadler (Environment Sub-Group)	P	P		
Mo Lewis (Colston Neighbourhood Watch Group)	P	A		
Tony Locke – Chair (Eastville Neighbourhood Forum)	P	A		
Mark Logan	P	P		
David Mock (Fishponds Traffic and Transport Sub-Group)	P	P		
Mike Tuohy (Hillfields Community First Panel)	A	A		
Scott Jacobs-Lange (Hillfields NF)	P	P		
Phil Hanby –Vice Chair	P	A		
Joseph Glasgow (Young People)	P	A		
Kate Brook (Grove Road Youth Club)	P	A		
Partner Organisations Representative				
Vacancy – Young Persons Rep				

MEMBERSHIP	2.7.15	8.10.15		
Chris Bailes – Avon Fire and Rescue	A	A		
Sgt. Anthony Westhall (Avon and Somerset Police)		P		
Deborah Yeates (Avon and Somerset Police)		A		
Tina Newman, A&S Police Vice Team	P	A		
John Moore – Bristol NHS Representative	A	A		
Officers in attendance				
Abdulrazak Dahir, NP Co-ordinator, BCC	P	P		
Allison Taylor, Democratic Services,	P	P		
Georgie Bryant, Neighbourhoods, BCC	A	A		
Dave Collis, Housing Officer		P		
Residents in attendance				
Ann Godfrey	A	A		
Pauline Potter	A	A		
Rosemarie Rendu-Jeffries	A	A		
Del Everett Positive Moves	A	A		
Sue Lovell	A	A		
Winn Evans	A	A		
Rick Lovering	A	A		
Chris Harris	A	A		
Martyn Chinn	A	A		
Gemma Adams	P	A		
Kate Brook	P	A		
Ben Cattle	P	A		
Ken Blanchard, Fishponds Business Forum		P		

1. Chairing Arrangements.

David Mock would chair the meeting. Cllr Payne would chair the Neighbourhood Committee.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Welcome and Introductions.

These were made. The new Sargent for the area, Anthony Westhall, took the opportunity to introduce himself to the NP and gave a brief summary of his priorities for the area.

3. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Khan, Tony Locke, Mo Lewis, Kate Brooks and Deborah Yeates, the new Sargent for the Greater Fishponds NP area.

4. Minutes & Action Tracker of 2 July 2015.

It was agreed to add to the end of Item 6, agreed decision No.4 'and to make contact with Fishponds Planning Group to support them.' It was agreed to invite them to the next NP meeting and ask them to do a presentation.

Action NPC: To invite Fishponds Planning Group to the next NP.

The minutes of 2 July 2015, subject to the change above, were **agreed** as a correct record.

It was noted that the next Fishponds Planning Sub-Group meeting would be held on 29 October at 7pm. Partnership members could attend to offer their support.

It was also noted that the NP Plan leaflet would be circulated in the next two weeks.

The Action Tracker was noted.

5. Briefing on expansion of Discretionary Licensing.

The Partnership heard from Dave Collis, Housing Policy and Contracts Officer. The following key points arose :-

- The Housing Policy team were seeking to roll out Discretionary Licensing in the Eastville and St. George West wards;
- One quarter of all housing stock was privately rented and was of the poorest condition and poorly managed;
- The Council had a statutory duty to deal with poor housing in private rented sector;
- Data was compiled from housing conditions surveys, quality of life surveys, complaints and other data;
- There had been 427 complaints in the above wards, with 281 specifically relating to disrepair and management;
- The scheme's aim was to work with landlords to meet minimum housing standards on rented properties and to improve living conditions for tenants. If there was not co-operation, the Council could take enforcement action;

- A mandatory scheme was in place for all 3 storey, 5 bedroom properties, the rest was discretionary but would need to be licenced if the scheme was introduced;
- The Council preferred to settle breaches through a formal protocol rather than going to court;
- Consultation on the scheme started on 11th August and completes 3rd November 2015. Responses would then be analysed and recommendations made to Cabinet for February 2016;
- Comments would be welcomed from residents in these wards.

The following comments arose from discussion:-

- Landlords and tenants were obliged to keep their curtilages of their property clean and tidy;
- A pre-requisite for introduction of the scheme into an area was a high level of private rented properties. This scheme could therefore only be introduced in certain wards which could demonstrate this;
- Survey information would also be placed in libraries for those residents who could not access the internet;
- A Councillor observed that the scheme would really help in Eastville and particularly help tackle fly tipping.

At this point, Councillor Payne took the Chair for Neighbourhood Committee decisions.

6. NP Activities – Business Report.

Part 1 – Briefing on Expansion of Discretionary Licensing for Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

See minute 5 above.

Part 2 – Co-ordinating Subgroup.

It was noted that Raquib Khandker had been appointed as a Community Development worker to support the East Park Resident Association for six months.

The M32 Junction 2 roundabout and Eastgate Retail Park were part of the Action Summary from the Mayor's visit and the Partnership were asked whether Eastgate businesses should be invited to a meeting or a letter requesting financial contribution should be sent. Councillor Threlfall reported that Tesco had already been contributing in the area with benches on Freemantle Road. Tesco had a community funding budget and were keen to engage. She suggested that a quick phone call would be the most effective approach.

It was **agreed** that Mark Logan would prepare a plan to illustrate to businesses what was wanted in the area and this be brought to the Environment Subgroup on 25 November. Councillor Threlfall would research what potentially could be done and report back to the Subgroup regarding funding streams.

Action NPC: to send copy of M32 Junction 2 roundabout plans.

Action ML: to prepare planting enhancement to present at the next Environment subgroup.

Action MT: to check other funding sources available in the area.

Part 3: Environment.

The Committee heard that the Environment Budget was spent and therefore were requested to approve £2,500 being transferred from the Neighbourhood Budget.

The Partnership heard about an innovative scheme which was to be trialled in Stonebridge Park where residents were tackling traffic issues with the creation of street pockets. These measures psychologically enhance the area and slow down drivers who see the pockets in use by pedestrians. The Council has given permission for the scheme to operate for 2 – 4 weeks and if successful could operate permanently. The NC was therefore being asked to fund £1,479 contribution for this scheme totalling £1, 479 if made permanent.

The NP Co-ordinator also reported an aspiration to have Winter planters in key high street locations requiring funding of £480.

Finally, the NP was asked to support the Bristol TreeForum proposal presented at Appendices A & B.

RESOLVED – The Neighbourhood Committee unanimously agreed to top up the Environment Budget as set out below.

2015/ 16 Neighbourhood Budget available £42, 084.82

NP Plan Priority	Activity/ Description of works	Amount £	Running Balance
Environment P1, P2, P3	Environment Budget topped up for the amount of £2,500.	£2,500	£39, 584.82
	Remaining Neighbourhood Budget		£39, 584.82

RESOLVED - The Neighbourhood Committee unanimously agreed to fund the following activities as set out below.

2015/16 Environment Budget available £2,500

NP Plan Priority	Activity	Amount £	Running Balance £
Enviro Ref: P1	Winter planting scheme for Fishponds Road and Lodge Causeway shopping districts	£480	£2,020
Traffic and Transport	Stonebridge Park street	£1, 479	£541.

Ref: P1, Environment Ref: P3, Community Cohesion Ref: P1	pockets scheme		
	Remaining Neighbourhood Budget		£541.

The Neighbourhood Partnership **agreed** to support the Bristol TreeForum proposal presented at Appendices A & B.

Part 4: Community Buildings.

Councillor Payne agreed to represent GFNP at a meeting with club officials and officers regarding the future of Downend Amateur Boxing Club on 12 October 2015.

Part 5: Wellbeing Grant.

The NP Co-ordinator referred to paragraph 21, last line. 'Beechwood Club' should read 'Begbrook'.

The NP's attention was drawn to the Wellbeing Panel summarised table.

The NP Co-ordinator referred to a previous Green Capital decision funding £2,400 to the Eastville Workhouse Memorial Group for two benches. The Group now proposed to use the money to fund a memorial garden instead and the approval of the NP to use the funding for this purpose was sought. This was **agreed** by the NP, subject to securing support from East Park Resident Association who submitted the original application.

Councillor Threlfall suggested that the Fishponds Business Forum make contact with Jason Thorne who works with Business Forums and will be able to assist them in their work.

RESOLVED – The Neighbourhood Committee approved the Wellbeing Grant applications as summarised in the table below.

Name of organisation	Summary of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Amount approved
Eastville Workhouse Memorial Group	Memorial to mark the site of the Eastville Workhouse paupers' burial ground.	£535	£535	£535
Bristol Playbus Project	Six months trial of 'walking playranger's scheme in	£1,224	0.00	0.00

	Meadowvale & Speedwell area			
Fishponds Business Forum	Christmas Light Project.	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500

Part 6: Bristol Arena Consultation.

This was noted.

Part 7: Citywide NP event 24 October 2015.

It was thought possible that members could attend for part of the event only. The NP Co-ordinator agreed to mail round the programme so that members could decide when best to attend.

The NP Co-ordinator referred to ASK 1, 2 & 3. With respect to ASK 1, members were asked to contact him if they wished to take part in the Radio training. With respect to ASK 2, it was agreed to use HEFs in Bloom as a case study, using Snuff Mills and Lodge causeway as examples, Mark Logan agreed to provide images of Snuff Mills. Regarding ASK 3, it was suggested that the NP Co-ordinator e-mail groups the NP has previously funded and request images of their events/activities.

7. NP Plan Update Report.

The NP Co-ordinator reported that if works had not been done to members satisfaction, they would remain on the Plan, otherwise they would be removed.

Councillor Threlfall referred to Priority 1.1, Activity 4. She reported that it was not the businesses causing the fly tipping but was from residential flats above the shops. Many of the residents living here did not speak English and a letter would not therefore be helpful. She suggested that a door knocking exercise be undertaken to explain what to do with waste.

Discussion took place regarding the need to review the list of priorities and for the plan to be more flexible. The NP Co-ordinator agreed that it would not be possible to achieve all that was in the investment plan but schemes could not be progressed unless on the plan.

It was **agreed** to e-mail the NP Co-ordinator if there were other activities that members did not feel were completed.

8. Public Forum.

There was none.

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership would be held from 7pm on Thursday 10 December 2015 at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 9.15pm)

CHAIR