

## **DISCLAIMER**

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**Greater Fishponds Area Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Thursday 10 December 2015 at 7.00pm  
At the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ**

P = Present                      A = Apologies

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>2.7.15</b>	<b>8.10.15</b>	<b>10.12.15</b>	
<b>Ward Councillors (Neighbourhood Committee)</b>				
Councillor Mhairi Threlfall – Eastville	A	P	P	
Councillor Mahmadur Khan - Eastville	P	A	P	
Councillor Lesley Alexander – Frome Vale	P	P	P	
Councillor Bill Payne – Frome Vale	P	P	A	
Councillor Craig Cheney – Hillfields	P	P	P	
Councillor Noreen Daniels – Hillfields	A	A	A	
<b>Resident Partner Representatives</b>				
Mary Wellbourne (The Vassall Centre)	P	P	P	
Leigh Cooper (Fishponds Business Forum)	P	P	P	
Hazel Durn (East Park Residents Association)	A	A	A	
Yvonne Sadler (Environment Sub-Group)	P	P	P	
Mo Lewis (Colston Neighbourhood Watch Group)	P	A	P	
Tony Locke – Chair (Eastville Neighbourhood Forum)	P	A	P	
Mark Logan	P	P	A	
Joseph Hassell (Fishponds Planning Subgroup)			P	
David Mock (Fishponds Traffic and Transport Sub-Group)	P	P	P	
Mike Tuohy (Hillfields Community First Panel)	A	A	A	
Scott Jacobs-Lange (Hillfields NF)	P	A	P	
George Sloan (Hillfields Youth Centre)			P	
Joseph Glasgow (Young People)	P	A	A	
Anna Keen			P	
<b>Partner Organisations Representative</b>				

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Vacancy – Young Persons Rep				
Chris Bailes – Avon Fire and Rescue	A	A	A	
Sgt. Anthony Westhall (Avon and Somerset Police)		P	A	
Deborah Yeates (Avon and Somerset Police)		A	P	
Tina Newman, A&S Police Vice Team	P	A	A	
John Moore – Bristol NHS Representative	A	A	A	
<b>Officers in attendance</b>				
Abdulrazak Dahir, NP Co-ordinator, BCC	P	P	P	
Allison Taylor, Democratic Services,	P	P	P	
Georgie Bryant, Neighbourhoods, BCC	A	A	A	
<b>Residents in attendance</b>				
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	P	
Winn Evans	A	A	A	
Rick Lovering	A	A	P	
Chris Harris	A	A	A	
Martyn Chinn	A	A	A	
Gemma Adams	P	A	A	
Kate Brook	P	A	P	
Ben Cattle	P	A	P	
Ken Blanchard, Fishponds Business Forum		P	A	
George Sloan	P	A	P	
Joseph Glasgow			P	
Anna Keen			P	

## 1. Chairing Arrangements.

Tony Locke would chair the meeting. Councillor Alexander would chair the Neighbourhood Committee in the absence of Councillor Payne.

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2. Welcome and Introductions.**

These were made.

## **3. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillor Payne, Mark Logan and Hazel Durn. It was noted that Phil Hanby had resigned from the NP membership.

**Action: NP to agree new Vice-Chair.**

## **4. Minutes & Action Tracker of 8 October 2015.**

The minutes of 8 October 2015, were **agreed** as a correct record.

The Action Tracker was noted.

## **5. Briefing update from Fishponds Planning Subgroup.**

Joseph Hassell, Chair of the Fishponds Planning Group was introduced himself and the following points arose :-

- The group was formed in February 2015 and was initially a small group primarily of Thingwall Park area residents opposed to the McDonalds planning application. It had now developed into a group which wished to have a greater say on development in their area as there was currently very little input from residents in the planning development process;
- The group developed their constitution, which had now been ratified and successfully secured £2500- from 'first steps' training fund;
- They had already received £1000 in funding which was given to the Christmas lights scheme;
- Part of its remit would be to consult the wider neighbourhood on development plans and to build on the success of other groups ie. the Fishponds Business Forum;
- An early success had been in partnership with the UWE on a strategic planning document for the area detailing what was needed in it;
- The Neighbourhood Development Plan was a blueprint setting out what was wanted in the area. It involved a rigorous process taking 3 years to develop which culminated in a referendum. If achieved, it would provide a tool for the area and would become part of the policy in determining planning applications. It was important not to have policies which conflicted with existing Council policies.
- The Subgroup liaised with developers and architects regarding key developments in the area and for housing developments not smaller than 10 units. The Subgroup was usually supportive of applications although they had opposed the McDonalds application which was to go to Public Inquiry. Rule 6 status had been applied for;
- The last Subgroup meeting in November had been well attended and the media were aware of the Subgroup's existence. There were now 21

members so it could become a Forum and the next step would be to develop the Plan;

- Next year the Subgroup would build upon its presence in the community by attending local events and using Fishponds Voice to publicise its work;
- He confirmed that one's 'neighbourhood' was difficult to define and the Subgroup was not bound by ward boundaries or perceived neighbourhoods. Key factors though would be arterial roads, strategic development sites and who represents populations near them. It was not within the Subgroup's scope to cover the whole of the Greater Fishponds area;
- The development plan was pro-development but the right development. In the past there had been wrong developments in the wrong place and the plan would help bring back that control;
- He confirmed that the Subgroup wished to be represented on the NP as it grew and become a voice for the whole area.

## **6. NP Activities – Business Report.**

### **Part 1: Citywide NP event:**

It was noted that Leigh Cooper had attended the event. A volunteer was sought to attend a training session on radio and publicity which would be used to promote the NP in the area. It was noted that this might be a good opportunity for the Fishponds Planning Subgroup to promote their work and move it forward.

**Action: JH to consider taking up the offer.**

### **Part 2: Co-ordinating Subgroup.**

This was noted.

### **Part 3: Environment.**

Yvonne Sadler reported that Avon Wildlife Trust had attended the Environment Sub-Group to talk about a project named 'My Wild City' which aimed to make Bristol a city where wildlife flourishes. It was noted that this had health benefits and helped to reduce pollution. NP's were asked to look at their area and consider ways of increasing the value of their green spaces for wildlife.

This group was also made aware of £19, 579.28 of S106 monies which had to be spent for park improvements. The Environment Subgroup recommended the money to be used to improve Fishponds Park Play. The money would be used for general improvements including planting and refreshing a rather 'tired' looking children's play area. There would be a public consultation exercise and a group called the Friends of Fishponds Park would be set up and it was hoped that all NP members would attend one meeting to provide ideas to shape the park. It was hoped that young people would become involved in this project.

The Environment Subgroup began the NP Plan review process. The NP discussed Investment Plan priorities.

The following points arose:-

- Signage for toilets in Eastville was incorrect. It was for an additional toilet to those already there;
- Hillfields NF had met to decide their priorities and would feed this into the new plan. It was also commissioning development plans for its open spaces. It was considered that such work should be done across the NP area;
- It was agreed that the work of the Forums be considered at its March meeting;
- A Councillor requested that the Trendlewood area green space be looked at for future plans;
- The application for a car park for 60 cars at the Oldbury Court Estate may not be successful as it was a heritage site. The open entrance had been rejected due to cost implications and the highways access not being suitable to take the additional traffic.

The NP **agreed** to sign off completed schemes and approved those schemes recommended by the Environment Subgroup subject to the amendment regarding Eastville toilets.

**Action: NP Co-ordinator to include additional toilet in Eastville and delete reference to signage.**

**Action: NP Co-ordinator to include the work of the Forums on development plans at the March meeting.**

At this point, Councillor Alexander took the chair for Neighbourhood Committee decisions.

**RESOLVED – that the NC agreed to fund the following activities as set out below.**

<b>2015/16 Environment Budget available</b>			<b>£541</b>
<b>NP Plan Priority</b>	<b>Activity/Description of works</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Running Balance £</b>
Environment Ref: P1 Activity 5	Brightening Fishponds: Planters, Decorations, Wool.	300	241
	<b>Remaining Budget</b>		<b>241</b>

The NP heard from the Project Co-ordinator regarding enhancements for Eastville end of Fishponds Road. She agreed to investigate the use of recycled wool and to include Lodge Causeway in the enhancements.

**2015/16 Section 106****£71, 872.23**

<b>NP Plan Priority</b>	<b>Activity/Description of works</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Running Balance £</b>
Environment Ref: P3 Activity 5	Environment Subgroup recommends the initial allocation of £19, 579.28 for Fishponds Play Park development	£19, 579.28	£52, 292.95
	<b>Remaining Budget</b>		<b>£52, 292.95</b>

**Part 4: Wellbeing Grant.**

**Resolved – that the NC agreed to fund the Wellbeing Grant applications as set out below.**

<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Summary of project</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>	<b>Amount approved</b>
<b>Bristol 5 Community &amp; Leisure Centre Ltd</b>	Providing heating system in main parts of the Centre	£1, 200 plus VAT	£1, 200 plus VAT	£1, 200 plus VAT
<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>	to support Senior Citizens Lunch Club	£250	£250	£250
<b>Begbrook Retirement Club</b>	to organise activities which address isolation	£1,370	£1,370	£1, 370

Some discussion took place regarding the Bristol 5 application. It was agreed to fund the application subject to:-

- Obtaining 3 quotes for the work;
- Sorting out the lease with the Council;
- Ensuring community access was maintained.

**Action: NP Co-ordinator to write to Council/Young Bristol regarding the conditions agreed.**

Some discussion took place regarding the Begbrook Club application. The NC were content to fund the application this year but noted that Bristol Ageing Better had received £1m per year for 55 plus social activities and that in future funding should come from that source.

**Part 5: Consulting on a proposed new approach to grant funding.**

This was noted.

## **Part 6: Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Strategy.**

This was noted.

### **7. NP Plan Update Report.**

The following points arose from discussion:-

- There were reports of older children in the East Park Children's Play area area causing problems for younger children. The Police Inspector agreed to investigate this;
- The Police Inspector reported that there had been a huge rise across the City in rough sleepers and a task group was working to disperse them only where they caused anti-social behaviour. It was also noted that there was an individual outside Sainsburys who regularly begged and the Inspector agreed to investigate this matter;
- A brief discussion took place regarding the provision of a food bank;
- It was noted that Denis Wise, the Community Development Worker had now moved on and so there was currently a vacancy;
- The Inspector reported that they were still working in a concerted way on vice matters. Although there had been organisational changes they were looking to increase capacity to deal with vice by recruiting officers with specialist skills. New student officers would be educated on the complexities of vice and it was hoped to keep using the Change Course for offenders. The Inspector agreed to follow up reports of vice in Juniper Court and the East Park Estate laundry;
- Councillor Cheney volunteered to attend two meetings regarding the Community Asset Transfer of the Hillfields Community Centre;
- It was noted that 10,000 Discover East Bristol maps had been printed and would be distributed to various public locations.

### **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 24 March 2016 at the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 9pm)

CHAIR