



**GREATER BEDMINSTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
7.00 P.M. ON 26TH MARCH 2012
AT COMPASS POINT: SOUTH STREET PRIMARY
AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
SOUTH STREET, BEDMINSTER, BRISTOL BS3 3AU**

PRESENT:

GBCP Board

Councillor Green	Southville Ward
Councillor Smith	Bedminster Ward
Councillor Bradshaw,	Bedminster Ward (<i>Chair - Neighbourhood Committee</i>)
Ben Barker	Dame Emily Park Project
David Parry	AVHG
Diane Jones	Sustainable
Matthew Symonds	SCDA (<i>Chair - Neighbourhood Partnership</i>)
David Holford	Planning Group/DJDH
Janet Carr-Hyde	Gorse Marshalls
Les Potter	Churches Together

Statutory Sector and Observers

Michelle Brew	Resident – Observer
Steve Sayers	Windmill Hill City Farm
Caroline Reynolds	Compass Point
Simon Hankins	SCDA
Stephen Wickham	Civic Society Planning
Kayleigh Maggs	Resident – Observer
Clemence Watt	Caraboo
Andrea Ginster	WOW
Martin Lloyd	WOW
Marcel Watkins	Compass Point
Paul Honeychurch	Avon and Somerset Police
Debbie Wills	LINKAGE
Helen Moody	Friends MR Lib
Rosie Tomlinson	Residents WOW
Debbie Smith	Luckwell Park
George Grace	Attending the meeting for the item on the Funding Application on Retail Streets
Nick Christo (NC)	BCC, Area Co-ordinator, Neighbourhoods
Lorna Heaysman	Neighbourhoods Officer
Julian Cox	BCC, Area Environment Officer, Neighbourhoods
Jeremy Livitt	BCC, Democratic Services
Paul Gilbert	Resident attending to film during the meeting on the Funding Application on Retail Streets

Apologies:

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Matthew Symonds welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all those present to introduce themselves.

Apologies were received from Councillor Sean Beynon, Sami Chugg, Alan Pratley, Chris Pratley and Alice Ferguson

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2012

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23RD January 2012 were a correct record subject to alteration of the words “BS3” on Page 4 (last bullet point of Minute Number 2) to read “BS3 Planning Group”.

Matters Arising

Waste and Cleansing Contract – the new GBCP contact had attended the March meeting of the GBCP.

Mobile Phone Masts – A copy showing the location of the masts was circulated to members.

North Street Co-operative – Paul Honeychurch had met with the Senior Regional Manager of the Co-operative to discuss various issues with them and would shortly assess their impact.

20mph Special meeting – This had been set for 8th May. Details of the start time would be circulated. It was noted that urgent action to tackle this issue was required.

Letter from GBCP to the Council concerning the **Greville Smyth Site**, FrOGS had spoken to Bristol City Council (BCC) and would be communicating with the bowls club.

A **BRT2 Special Transport Meeting** was scheduled to take place on 17th May 2012.

Area of **Land Next to Greville Smyth Park** – A delegation from GBCP met with Graham Sims and others on 8th March 2012.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2012

It was noted that these Minutes had not yet been completed and would be circulated at a later date.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATES

The Neighbourhood Partnership received community project updates (agenda item no. 4) as follows:

Greater Bedminster Garden Project – This would take place in June 2012 and would be advertised through newsletter. Volunteer judges would be welcomed.

International Festival for Community Theatre – This project would be taking place shortly. Details were provided.

Marksbury Road Summer Fair – 12th May 2012 10am to 1pm – Groups were being invited to attend

WOW – Responses were being received to the public survey on the website. This group worked to improve pavements, more trees on West Street, working with churches and LINKAGE. It was also active in critiquing Planning Applications.

Urban Pollination Programme – Gorse Marsh Park had been selected. This scheme seemed likely to be taken up as part of a national programme.

Closure of Hayleigh House – The consultation process for this closure was taking place.

Rebuilding of the Walls at the Burial Ground – An oral history project for this had started. The first of two 5mm films had been produced by Digital Films.

Church News Sheet – This had been produced and was available.

Development Plan – DEPP would shortly receive a draft of the Development Plan. It was hoped that a final version for consultation would be received by Summer 2012 if not before. Heritage Funding was being sought for the DEPP development scheme to capture the history of the area. It was likely that a leaflet would be produced during the consultation process.

Golden Jubilee Tea Dance for the over 55s – This would be taking place shortly. If it was successful, it was hoped to make this a monthly event.

Central Area Action Plan, Public Realm and Movements Strategy – BCC should be requested to consult GBCP on this. It was agreed that all members of GBCP should be advised so that they can comment on it if they wish.

Southville Centre – There would shortly be a survey on child care facilities.

Brigham Festival – Details of this event were provided.

6. COMMUNITY ACTION REPORTS

The Neighbourhood Partnership received the community action reports (agenda item 5) as follows:

Myrtle Triangle Update

An Implementation Group was examining options for this site. All Planning aspects were being dealt with through BCC. It may not be possible to hold a referendum on

this issue until March 2012. It was noted that this site could be registered as an Asset of Community Value.

Funding Application To Support Retail Streets

George Grace provided details of a recent meeting with the Prime Minister for schemes that could be developed to help support retail areas. About 6 months ago, it had been announced that £1000,000 had been provided to help support 10 schemes throughout the country.

It was important that stakeholder groups work together with shopkeepers, landlords, developers, as well as small and large retail owners. There were currently very few Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Bristol compared with other cities and in the UK compared with overseas - for example, there was 1 BID in Bristol compared to 16 in Birmingham and 60 or 70 BIDs in Toronto.

Funding for the scheme would be levied through the Business Rate. A scheme was being developed with the Tobacco Factory for the project.

Any suggestions for the scheme, together with letters of support, should be provided to Ben Barker who was co-ordinating arrangements.

Cumulative impact Area (CIA)

A recent meeting had taken place to discuss the possible introduction of a CIA for various location(s) in the GBCP area to address concerns about violent crime in East Street and of ASB in East Street, Smyth Street and various other locations. Whilst the Police representative noted that the situation in these areas had improved over the last few months, the GBCP area remained one of the highest areas in the city for crime.

It was noted that two Licensing Policy Officers had been invited to attend this meeting but had been unable to do so.

There was concern expressed that action should be taken in some areas, such as North Street, before it became very serious.

Paul Honeywell stated that he was currently in the process of gathering data on this issue and would report back when this was available. It was noted that Police evidence on this issue would be crucial.

ACTION: that a report be submitted to 25th June 2012 meeting of the GBCP with specific options for applying for a CIA in the area – Paul Honeychurch.

Police Update Re Park House, Details of Neighbourhood Watch Structure Change and Crime Statistics

Park House: Paul Honeychurch confirmed that the GBCP had previously agreed to support a scheme to document responses from Agencies to concerns raised about activities at this building. It was noted that HMRC had powers to investigate the financial affairs of this organisation. **Action: that this document is circulated with the Minutes of the meeting – Sam Mahony.**

Neighbourhood Watch Structure Change: Details of this change were outlined. A PCSO would be visiting each coordinator within the next month to confirm these changes and to refresh the arrangements. Tenant Groups needed to become as multi-faceted as possible to properly fulfil their role.

Crime Statistics – There had been a good reduction in the GBCP area (Southville - from 169 in November 2011 to 115 in February 2012, Bedminster – from 102 in November 2011 to 60 in February 2012)

Tescos and Co-op

A recent meeting with TESCO on 13th February 2012 concerning the West Street crossing had been very successful. Following previous agreement for the £80,000 zebra crossing on West Street and associated works, more recent discussions had concentrated on more aesthetic pieces of work. It was estimated that these would take approximately 6 months to complete.

It was also noted that ASDA had launched a Community Life Initiative which was involved in active fund raising for schools.

Concern was expressed that co-operation with supermarkets should not lead to an undermining of GBCP's support for local retailers. It was noted, however, that community retailers had frequently been encouraged to join the GBCP and had proved reluctant to do so.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report from Lorna Heaysman (agenda item no. 6) on issues raised at Neighbourhood Forums:

An event would be taking place between 10th and 14th February 2012 looking at Whitehouse Lane which would involve local businesses. More street representatives would be provided through Neighbourhood Watch and there would be a number of pay back activities. There was a great deal of interest in the waste contract and in issues relating to the Localism Bill – what buildings people believed were important.

The event at St Paul's Church Coronation Road was the first meeting that representatives of May Gurney had attended but there was low attendance otherwise.

Celebrating Age Festival – This event was targeted at anyone over the age of 50 and would take place between 9th and 23rd June 2012.

The next round of meetings would take place in June 2012 and would involve the Older People's Forum.

8 INTERIM WALKING STRATEGY REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report from the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 7) relating to the interim walking strategy report.

The following points were made:

A meeting had taken place with officers and representatives of GBCP in February 2012. A wider community meeting would take place in April 2012. It was hoped to have an Action Plan for this date.

There was concern expressed at the lack of engagement by BCC on the wider Central Area Plan and its potential impact on this strategy.

ACTION: Ben Barker (and Ward Councillors as appropriate) to write to relevant BCC officers to express concern on this issue, Nick Christo to submit update report to 26th June meeting.

9. ALLOCATION OF SECTION 106 FUNDING TO PARK INVESTMENT PROJECTS

The Neighbourhood Committee received a report from the Area Environment Officer (agenda item no. 8) concerning proposed allocation of Section 106 funding to Park Investment Projects. The Chair, Councillor Mark Bradshaw, outlined the original process at 23rd January 2012 meeting for shortlisting a number of improvement projects and the subsequent schemes from this list that had been identified as the most in need.

It was noted that the Windmill Hill Project had been deemed ineligible. However, this would not preclude a future application. It was agreed that officers should take necessary action to ensure all applicants were aware of the eligibility rules. **ACTION: Julian Cox.**

Partnership Members expressed some concern about the process by which some of the projects were handled. Neighbourhood Committee members noted the concerns but indicated that all projects had been thoroughly assessed and there were difficult decisions required to choose between the shortlisted schemes.

It was agreed that the sign boards in South Street Park should be upgraded to ensure that people were aware of the improvements that would be made **ACTION: Julian Cox**

Following some further discussion, the Neighbourhood Committee made the following decision :

RESOLVED – (unanimously) that the Parks Section 106 funding be allocated to the following green spaces:

£148,000 to the South Street Park, the ACTA community garden and the playing field of Compass Point South Street School and Children’s Centre with an agreement that a Project Board is set up to manage the project involving BCC, WOW, ACTA, the Compass School, Councillors and any other relevant representatives

and £20,200 to Luckwell Road Park on the understanding that officers will assist in developing the project for this scheme

10. DEVOLVED SERVICES UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report from the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 9) outlining details of the following Devolved Services:

Minor Traffic Schemes: Details of this scheme were set out.

Footway Resurfacing – This scheme had been approved at 12th March 2012 GBCP meeting.

Clean and Green – Details of the scheme were set out.

Community Chest 2012/13 Budget – The deadline for applications was very close – Friday 30th March 2012. All applicants were urged to make any outstanding applications immediately. There was an outstanding balance of £700.00 from 2011/12 which would be carried forward to 2012/13.

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED that the contents of the report be noted.

11. RESOLUTIONS TO THE GBCP (Agenda Item 10 refers)

Resolution 1

David Holford presented this resolution. He explained that Dawn Primarolo would not be able to support the motion since she was Deputy Speaker Leader of the House. As a result, he indicated that he would amend it.

The amended resolution was moved by David Holford, seconded by Ben Barker and

The GBCP supports The Free Range Kids Parliamentary Early Day Motion 1954.

Resolution 2

It was noted that David Pyne who had submitted this resolution was unable to attend. The proposal had been suggested to prevent the Sunday Market needing to repeatedly apply for a street party licence if it spilled over into Raleigh Road.

The resolution was moved by Ben Barker, seconded by Helen Moody and

The GBCP recognises the Tobacco Factory Sunday Market as a significant local institution, including the times when it has expanded into the end of Raleigh Road. We welcome the suggestion that this might happen more often and call upon BCC and other agencies to facilitate this process.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED: that the date of the next neighbourhood partnership meeting be held on Monday 25th June 2012 at 7.00 pm in Southbank.

(The meeting ended at 9.05 pm)

CHAIR