



GREATER BEDMINSTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
7.00 P.M. ON 24TH JUNE 2013
AT SOUTHBANK, DEAN LANE, BRISTOL BS3 1DB

PRESENT:

GBCP Board

Councillor Green	Southville Ward
Councillor Bradshaw	Bedminster Ward
Colin Smith	Bedminster Ward
Ben Barker	Dame Emily Park Project
Alan Pratley	Swiss Drive Neighbourhood Watch
Les Potter	BS3 Churches Together
Anna Bryant	Ashton Gate Triangle NIG
John Vickery	Equalities Rep
Helen Thomas	University of the 3 rd Age
Nigel Singer	Windmill Hill City Farm
Ian Collinson	Ian Collinson Planning

Statutory Sector and Observers

Nick Christo (NC)	BCC Area Co-ordinator
Samantha Mahony	BCC Democratic Services Officer
Jim White	Local Resident
Jess Newton	Southbank
Janet Carr-Hyde	Gores Marshalls
Brian Richards	Memories of Bedminster
John Potter	North Field Complex
Rosie Tomlinson	Greville Smythe Bowls Club
Mark Goodway	Matthew Tree Project
Robert Marsden	LIMP
Malcolm Owen	Ashton Vale resident
Roger Allen	BCC Tenant Participation Team
Deborah White	BCC Area Environment Officer
Debbie Wills	LINKAGE
Helen Moody	Friends of Marksbury Road Library
Chris Miller	Local Resident
Dave Milton	Local Resident
Terry Lewis	Local Resident
Jean Maloney	Local Resident

Apologies: Matthew Symonds, Councillor Beynon, Stef Brammar, Stephen Wickham

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and asked to introduce themselves.

2. CONFIRMATION/ELECTION OF THE GBCP BOARD

The list of nominees to the GBCP board was read out and agreed. It was noted that there was an overall ratio of 3 men to 1 woman which was disappointing. Officers were asked to consider the barriers to women coming forward and it was suggested that the meeting times may be a factor in that. It was agreed that officers would speak to the Chairs within the GBCP to discuss the imbalance of equalities and meeting times and look to experiment with a different start time in October.

Further work was also needed to engage with young people, although not necessarily in a formal meeting capacity. Contact had been made with the Headteacher of Ashton Park School and the new youth structure to discuss how they can have a voice within the Partnership. The new youth structure was planning to draw together a list of youth related groups and activities in the area and GBCP would request a copy of that.

It was AGREED:

Councillors (4 Places)

Colin Smith	Elected for Bedminster ward
Mark Bradshaw	Elected for Bedminster ward
Sean Beynon	Elected for Southville ward
Tess Green	Elected for Southville ward

Community, Voluntary and Faith Groups (10 places)

Ben Barker	Dame Emily Park Project
Stef Brammar	WOW
Anna Bryant	Ashton Gate Triangle NIG
Gerry Griffiths	Airpoint Residents
Simon Hankins	Southville CDS
Les Potter	BS3 Churches Together
Alan Pratley	Swiss Drive N'hood Watch
Nigel Singer	Windmill Hill City Farm
Matthew Symonds	Front Garden Competition
Helen Thomas	University of the Third Age

Business Representatives (4 places)

Ian Collinson	Ian Collinson Planning
Simon Dicken	Bedminster Town Team
2 vacancies	

Equalities Reps (2 places)

John Vickery	LinkAge
1 vacancy	

Young People's Reps (2 places)

2 vacancies

Chairs of the GBCP	Stef Brammar, Matthew Symonds
Vice Chair of GBCP	Sean Beynon
Secretary of GBCP	Ben Barker
Treasurer of GBCP	Anna Bryant

3. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGM REPORT including FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The community partnership received a report from the AC (Agenda Item No.3) setting out the partnership's AGM report including financial summary.

It was RESOLVED–

- (1) that the NP membership be agreed;**
- (2) that the chair of the Neighbourhood Committee be Councillor Tess Green for the 2013-14 civic year;**
- (3) that the NC and NP terms of reference and the NC financial operating framework be confirmed;**
- (4) that the devolved budgets and influence on services be noted;**
- (5) that the meeting schedule including sub-groups and forums be agreed;**
- (6) that the financial statement and expenditure from 2012/13 be noted; and**
- (7) that the dates for updating the NP action plan and communications plan be noted.**

4. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2013**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2013 were a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

The following actions were noted:

p.8 – FroGS had agreed to adopt the **Sylvia Crowe Park** within their area of concern which would be a good way to address concerns and achieve consultation.

p.11 – With reference to the **Scout Hut**, Councillor Beynon had sent a letter to Eric Pickles regarding Community Facilities that were declared out of use and then risked disposal. The letter had been copied to the Mayor. Councillor Bradshaw reported that he had raised the policy issue with officers and expected information back from them. When received it would be circulated in the NEWSLETTER.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Colin Smith declared that he was chair of WOW

Councillor Bradshaw declared that he was a member of the Luckwell Park Group

6. **GREEN SPACES RECOMMENDATION**

The community partnership received a report from the Area Environment Officer (Agenda Item No.10) setting out details of green/open spaces priorities 2013/14. A

conference and visioning day took place to consider the overall strategy for Greater Bedminster. Four priorities (in no particular order) were identified as;

- making an existing green space more welcoming to a broader range of users (older people, disabled etc)
- Making a link, or creating a green corridor between existing green spaces
- Providing a new facility (play, wildlife etc) or new access to a green space to satisfy a current gap in community need
- Fostering partnership, either practical or financial and particularly through adaptation to new development plans, to expand the green space network

The priorities were derived from discussions at the two meetings held. A map had been used to consider bits of land belonging to highways, housing, education and churches that could be utilised in future, perhaps 'greened' up (similar to the work of the Patchwork Group) and linked to each other to create green corridors. In particular, there could be the opportunity to link with school projects and new developments.

It was suggested that one member from each 'friends group' of parks within the NP area collaborate in a joint Environment Group to look at green space and allocate the s106 allocations holistically. The group would also make links to health, wellbeing and the economy. The same members need not necessarily attend each time and the meetings would also be open to a wider membership than exclusive to parks groups.

It was acknowledged that although every member of the partnership would have their own interest area, that it would be accepted that people could put allegiances to one side. The Councillors would make the final decision.

The terms of reference for the group need to be defined and the Area Coordinator would come back with a further proposal. **(ACTION: NC)**

The NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED to note and agree the priorities for green/open spaces development and investment as identified at the Green/Open Spaces Visioning Conference 2013.

7. RESOLUTION 1 – GREEN SPACES

In relation to the previous item the following resolution was proposed, discussed and agreed:

GBCP recognises that green spaces are especially important to children. We very much welcome therefore recent collaborations between Park Groups and Schools. Notable examples of this have been collaborations to improve access to South Street and Luckwell Parks and adjacent school fields. In both cases local people and school authorities have sought to remove, as far as possible, administrative distinctions between 'your land' and 'my land' and so increase the area of green space to which young people (and others) can have access, especially at out of school hours.

GBCP instructs its officers

- 1. to approach other schools within our area to seek further flexibility and openness in order, in effect, to increase the area and availability of public recreational land.***
- 2. to make similar approaches to other agencies, eg BCC Housing.***

8. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The community partnership received a verbal update on the following community activities (Agenda Item No.7).

Community representatives and Councillors had met with the Licensing Policy Scrutiny Board to present evidence as to why the area needed a **Cumulative Impact Area** within which there would be a restriction on licenses that sell alcohol. The proposal was approved by full Council on 18th June for the next stage of consultation until 14th August. If no negative responses were received then the scheme was on track to be implemented at the start of 2014. A six month review would also take place ensuring that the new licencing policy for the area was working. Negative responses would result in going back a stage. Further information was available online and paper copies of the consultation available at libraries and community buildings.

The **Matthew Tree Project** was an independent charity who worked with people in the community below the poverty line to help them out of the poverty trap. There were a high number of people in the area that accessed foodstores in other neighbourhoods and a partner was sought to help with a new location to set up a small convenience store and space for people to meet for help and advice. Further information can be found at www.themattewtreeproject.org or contact for the information in an alternative format.

The **Luckwell Park Improvement Group** reported that play equipment was being installed following works to improve the drainage.

Gromit statues would be on display at various places around the area including Windmill Hill City Farm, The Southville Centre and Marksbury Road Library.

The **Southville Centre** would host their AGM on the 21st September as part of the Best of Bedminster (BOB) show. If anyone would like to make a BED (TED) talk (moment on a soapbox) they could sign up with the Southville Centre.

A report by a group of UWE students to campaign for **improving walking** in the area had included particular walks that required improvements as well as new walks to be established. Further information was included within a previous issue of the NEWSLETTER.

The **Celebrating Age Festival** was coming up in association with LinkAge and further information was available from Debbie Wills.

Marksbury Road Community Association were going to produce a local area plan. As part of the planning exercise a student from UWE had carried out research and would present findings on Monday 1st July at 7.30 at Marksbury Road Library.

The **Residents Parking Scheme** was proposed to be rolled out across the city with Bedminster/Southville involved from January 2014. Councillors had been assured that there would be consultation with the NP area including public meetings. Ongoing discussion points included the outer boundary and displaced commuter parking. The debate would return to the Partnership for wider discussion.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP REVIEW OUTCOMES

The community partnership received a report from the Service Manager, Neighbourhood Partnerships and Neighbourhood Working (Agenda Item No.8) setting out neighbourhood partnership review outcomes. Further information was available from the Area Coordinator.

The NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE RESOLVED –

- (1) to note the Mayor George Ferguson’s statement about the future of NPs;
- (2) to note the outcomes of the consultation and the proposals for the next stages of the NP review; and

10. DEVOLVED SERVICES UPDATE

The community partnership received a report from the Area Environment Officer & Area Coordinator (Agenda Item No.9) which provided an update on devolved services. It was noted that £2511 Clean and Green money remained unallocated and highlighted that clean and green projects were particularly underrepresented in Southville.

The Area Environment Officer was asked to look into possible cutback of vegetation along South Liberty Lane **(ACTION: AEO)**

It was highlighted that there was an agreed lack of play equipment in Ashton Vale and officers were asked to progress the issue. **(ACTION: NC)**

The Community Chest Awards Panel had met in May to discuss 17 applications for funding and the recommendations were (outlined in Appendix A) to fund or part fund 14 of those projects. If agreed that left £5000 for a second round which was likely to take place at the end of the summer period.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Awards Panel Recommendations of the Community be approved as attached in Appendix A to these minutes

11. RESOLUTIONS TO THE GBCP

The following resolution (Agenda Item No.10) was presented to the Partnership and debated.

“This is being presented on behalf of the South Bristol U3A Art group though reflects similar concerns expressed in many local conversations. The proposal is that:

- *GBCP should consider the impact of the Upfest images on the local community, especially older people and young children.*
- *That there should be a process by which local people could have a say in what's retained for 365 days and what should be painted over one month after the festival.*

- *That there should be a levy placed on Upfest to fund materials and labour to make good those surfaces which are deemed to be unwelcome.”*

During the discussion the following points were raised;

- Some residents felt that Upfest was imposed upon them with no mechanism for the community to have a say on what would remain in the community for up to a year. In particular the artwork on the Luckwell Club was not agreeable to all and some felt that it objectified women.
- It was questioned whether there was a licensing process for the festival and what the conditions may be within that.
- Upfest was a massively positive and powerful event in the area and thousands visited contributing to the local economy for two days.
- There was no power to impose a levy for the removal of works however, the organisers could be asked about contributing funds to the process of removing artwork when appropriate.
- It was confirmed that all Upfest images had the prior agreement of the owners of the building so the legal relationship remained between those two parties. In the legal sense if permission was not granted then it was graffiti and when there was an instance of a piece of artwork without the proper permission it was rectified quickly.
- The consideration of art was subjective and views as such were polarised.
- It was not in the interest of the organisers of Upfest to alienate the local community therefore an amicable agreement may be able to be reached to appease all parties.
- It was suggested that a positive link could be made between the event and community groups such as the BID scheme.

The proposed resolution was not agreed, but left on the table. It was proposed and agreed that a small group speak to Upfest directly about arranging a positive process of community engagement and report back. **(ACTION: BB, RT, AB)**

12. **AOB AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Area Coordinator highlighted that agenda items were invited for each meeting and often resolutions could be introduced as agenda items which allowed information gathering prior to the meeting. Further agenda items were invited.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

AGREED: that the date of the next neighbourhood partnership meeting be held on 21st October 2013 at a time to be confirmed.

(The meeting ended at 9.20pm)

CHAIR

Better Bedminster Community Chest (April / May 2013)

		To nearest £	Awarded
1.	Best of Bedminster Show	BoB Group	£2190
		£2190	£2190
2.	Bedminster Judokwai	Ashton Park Sports Centre	£1000
			£320
3.	Bedminster Winter Lanterns	BWL Group	£2000
			£2000
4.	Plants, tools, signs	Patchwork Group	£740
	Funded through Clean & Green		£0
5.	Preparation of development plan	ACTA Community Theatre	£2000
			£2000
6.	Repair Notice Boards	Swiss Drive NW	£200
			£200
7.	Running Costs	Mother for Mothers	£1890
			£0
8.	Seeds of Change	Southville CDA	£1375
			£1000
9.	Community Garden	Marksbury Area CA	£2532
			£2532
10.	Sensory Garden	Ashton Vale PTA	£1600
			£1000
11.	Pilot Project	Bedminster Tobacco Women	£815
			£815
12.	Park Improvements	Luckwell Park Group	£4000
			£2200
13.	Staff Costs etc	Growing Support	£1500
			£1500
14.	Foot care Service	LinkAge	£410
			£410
15.	Running Costs	LGBT Health Forum	£1000
			£1000
16.	Restoration of The Spyglass	Sea Scouts	£5000
			£0
	TOTAL REQUESTED		£28,252
			£17,167
	Late Application:		
17.	Building repair & mural	Southbank Club	£1700
			£0