

Minutes of the Greater Bedminster Partnership Meeting.

22.09.14. Southville Community Centre.

Attendees:

Board Members: Les Potter, Ben Barker, Julia Tuton, Simon Hankins, Celia Phipps, Peter Smith, Charlie Bolton, Helen Moody, Matthew Symonds, Julia Chapman, Stef Brammar, Sean Beynon,

Observers: Paul Honeychurch, Hannah Jones, Ingrid Skeels, Siobhan Elliot, Isabel Townsend, Molly Jones, Ky Hartley, James Miltin, Matt Annable, Colin Babar, Court Hartley, Shannon Purnell, Chloe Britton, Roger Whiter, Debbie Wills.

1. Apologies: Lesley Collins, Tess Green, Elaine Beckett, Helen Thomas, Alan Pratley, Christine Pratley.

2. Neighbourhood Policing report. Sgt Paul Honeychurch.

Restructuring is taking place across the whole Avon and Somerset organisation. South Bristol local policing is split into 5 sections and an improved shift pattern should provide better coverage. An additional officer has been provided in the Southville neighbourhood team to work with the existing Sgt.

Priorities retained from last year include:

Burglary, Violence against the person, Theft from a motor vehicle, Cycle theft and Anti social behaviours.

Local pubs are supporting restrictive orders, backed up by a local radio scheme.

3. Young people in Greater Bedminster.

The youth club in Ashton Vale is popular and well used, covering the age ranges from 8-16 and 16-18.

The group welcomed the young people who had come to the meeting and participated in a discussion about services on offer in the area.

Q. What is needed, what do young people want?

Nothing to do in Bedminster /Southville side of the patch. Free activities, focussed and Hands on would be good.

We usually hang around in parks and on Dean Lane.

Q. Is distance a barrier?

Yes, we would like a youth club in Bedminster, on Thurs/Fri and Sat preferable, which offered career or life skills based activity. The B@se radio station project is good and gets teenagers involved in a range of areas.

Flyers and posters would be useful to show what is being done as this currently includes live radio on Sat morning as well as being open weekdays after 10,00am.

The group are hoping to obtain equipment to enable more. Learning Partnership West work with the group to make Pod casts of interest, serving the whole of south Bristol. The group re searching for additional funding but have not yet approached other radio stations, other than exiting links with BCFM and Ujima.

Q. So you want to hang out [socialise] , but what skills or structures activities would you like ?

Working with other organisations is valued but the young people thought that location was important.

BB – many activities seem to be ‘boy related’ eg football or skateboarding, but this was not a problem.

A big gap was weekend activities, so this was felt to be a key area to start planning.

Those young people attending would like to run their own small business, like a café, to raise money for their own club and wanted to be part of the driving force, fully involved. They would like to work with older people, particularly to learn cooking skills.

Noted that Ashton Park and Bedminster Down schools provided the main cohort.

Actions :

1. An appeal for a space was requested, with young people writing the request stating what they wanted from the space. The practicalities and objective would need to be discussed before this was launched.
2. BB requested a mechanism to stay in touch with GBCP. A regular meeting was suggested with young people warmly invited to attend GBCP but also going out to talk with the youth groups.
3. Snippets of activities suggested for the GBCP NEWSLETTER.
4. Ashton Vale would like to host a meeting for GBCP OR hold a special youth meeting. Stef B described the West St activities e.g. Lark in the Park and the lantern project as was keen to involve all.
5. More involvement with B@se radio was recommended, as well as access to sport and other experiences.

Finally, Young people wanted:

1. Feedback and support.
2. Dean Lane park lights no longer work, can these be repaired?
3. A shelter in Dean Lane was requested.
4. There are no rubbish bins.

The group were advised to put these and other requests into writing, which was collected during the evening.

4. Social Isolation amongst older people.

Simon described the Our Place pilot, which brings local council and CCG together with authority to discuss the redesign of services to create a more joined up approach with a wide range of partners. An operational plan is required by Nov with cost savings as a result of coordination expected.

Bristol has been successful in obtaining £5.8 million city wide from the Bristol Ageing Better, a lottery funded scheme. From this it is hoped that funds, concepts, ideas and learning will flow, led by a steering group. The aim is to encourage collaboration.

In the local area 500 individuals may be positively affected by social isolation activities, such as Linkage and others.

Local GPs want something for all ages and suggest 'volunteer buddies', links to families, with prevention and integration key to the success of the projects.

Ideas include contacting individuals in flats and discussion with local schools, all of whom have expressed interest in doing more to integrate young and older people. The Parson St project on the war was very popular.

Streets Alive and Playing Out ensure that older people are not excluded, as one way of teaching people to be neighbourly again.

Street champions were suggested and links to other city wide projects is key.

Next steps for GBCP ?

BCC and CCG action required greater clarity.

Scout community week is usually in the spring but is being re energised. The Scout group wish to part of the older people project.

6. The Emerging network of Green Walkways across GBCP.

The application form has not yet been seen. The first fund has been launched with a deadline. The second deadline is Mid Oct and the third deadline, which is more strategic, is to follow soon.

A map was circulated to the group. Early indications are that much can be done by individuals themselves' e.g. household bringing in their own bins.

Key Links to schools/ stations was felt to be crucial in order to make movement easier, with the Business Improvement District already working in partnership.

Community interest areas identified where activity is already proposed.

Local sustainable transport fund is another source of activity, with 22k obtained already and a route designed to link West St to North St.

Others are in the planning stages, e.g. over Bartlett railway bridge linking West Street and Malago Vale. Network Rail regulations need to be included.

Local churches are represented as often key landmarks in the area. Councillors have already agreed 106 Funds for projects. The Bristol skyline work is planned to which GBCP would like to be linked, despite most of the projects being outside the partnership area.

Ideas/ areas to address.

1. Bins on streets is a local issue and needs BCC support. 'Community Bin Watch'?
2. Pavement parking is another issue.
3. Catchy marketing is key so that the community feels part of any scheme.

Resolutions.

1. Our Great Street Checklist.

Was unanimously supported and will be adopted as policy.

2. Walking and cycling footbridge across the new cut, linking to the chocolate path.

Proposed by M Symonds and seconded by Ben B. No opposition, therefore accepted.

3. Reopening of Ashton Gate station proposed by Charlie Bolton and seconded by Peter.

Noted that this will need support by Network rail in order to be realised.

Unopposed and therefore adopted.

AOB.

Residents who live near the City Ground have been informed that piling will start this week, any issues please get in touch. The work will last for three weeks.

Blooming Bedminster meeting takes place on Tues 7th Oct at 7.30pm. (postponed, check with Matthew Symonds).

BB would like some specialist pieces in the newsletter so groups were asked to volunteer to write pieces for submission. Ideas to Ben B please.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.