



Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)
7.00 pm on 16 October 2014
at the Southbank Club, Dean Lane, BS3 1DB

Present:

GBCP Board

Councillors:

Councillor Charlie Bolton
Councillor Mark Bradshaw

Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:

Stephanie Brammer (Chair)
Ben Barker
Lesley Collins
Tess Green
Helen Thomas, U3A and resident

Statutory sector and observers

Ian Hird, Bristol City Council (BCC) Democratic Services
Suzanne Osborne, BCC Democratic Services
Andrew McLean, BCC Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator
Dan Judges, BCC Neighbourhood Officer
Marietta Kirkbride, Arts Programme Co-ordinator, Bristol 2015
Emma Williams, Bristol 2015
Helen Chalmers, Lime Road resident

Apologies:

Councillor Colin Smith
Councillor Sean Beynon
Matthew Symonds
Dr Simon Hankins, CEO, Southville Community Development Association (SCDA)
Alan and Chris Pratley
Les Potter
Peter Smith, Stadium Development Project Manager, Bristol Sport
Janet Carr-Hyde, Resident

1. Welcome, Apologies and introductions
(agenda item 1)

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves.

2. Declarations of interest
(agenda item 2)

There were none.

3. NP Co-ordinator Report
(agenda item 3)

Andrew McLean introduced this item and brought the partnership's attention to the recommendations in his report.

Main points raised:

1. **Devolved budgets** – the Community Partnership **noted** the progress of the unringfencing of devolved budgets.
2. **Neighbourhood Partnership Plan**
Following discussion, the Community Partnership **agreed** that the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan be updated/developed.

The following was discussed:

- A decision needs to be made on how the draft version of the plan will be developed. The area has individual community plans which need to be consolidated into one strategic plan. Andrew McLean would like the partnership to agree this formally and to establish what the key priorities are.
- Andrew McLean suggested that a time limited meeting with councillors and partnership members is organised to pull this together. This group would look at some of the data, resources, buildings, different organisations and groups in the area.
- Stef Brammer mentioned that there has been a group working together for about a year looking at different community work plans and that a lot of learning has already been done.
Action: Andrew to liaise with Ben Barker to get a list of people who have previously been involved in this working group.
- Andrew mentioned that under Item 5 of the agenda, there will be an opportunity to look at some of the issues, in particular how the partnership consults and communicates with the wider community going forward, not just for the plan but the partnership itself and the way that it works.
- It was suggested that its important to have some flexibility with the plan and not to get too tied in by the plan.
- Andrew McLean commented that the plan would be regularly reviewed to take stock of any blockages. It was agreed that when the plan was published, a specific review date should be included.

3. Wellbeing Fund

Andrew McLean introduced this item. The Community Partnership **noted** the changes to the Wellbeing Process.

The partnership was asked to agree the recommendations from the Community Chest Awards Panel.

The Community Partnership **agreed** the following:

Better Bedminster Community Chest (Sept/Oct 2014)

		Awarded
1.LinkAge	LinkAge Footcare Service	£530
2.Our Place: SIP	Access Survey on High Streets	£750
4.Luckwell Imp Proj Community Day		£550
5.Southville CDA	B@se Radio	£2000 Note (b)
6.Way Out West	Youth Club	£2000
7.Caraboo N'hood	Hebron Cemetery Garden	£500

(b) £1000 upfront awarded with a further £1000 available after evidence of progress and a report back to the GBCP funding panel

Main points raised:

In relation to No. 9 Playing Out, Local promotion, Requested: £1200. The Community Partnership had a few concerns in relation to this project:

- The partnership is supportive of the concept of Playing out but what does Playing Out 'promotion' involve?
- The Community Partnership will not pay for volunteers
- Is the scheme 'citywide'?

The Community Partnership agreed the principle of the project, but Andrew McLean agreed to obtain further information from Playing Out and circulate this to the councillors for agreement.

Action: Andrew McLean

4. **Green Capital Fund**

The Partnership has been allocated £10,000 of Green Capital Funding to finance projects from January to December 2015. There is a meeting on Thursday, 6 November 2014 to consider the applications. After discussion, it was noted that the Friends of the Avon New Cut application would be considered for funding by the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East neighbourhood partnership (C, C&CE NP); in the event that funding from the C, C&CE NP was not secured, it was **agreed** that the GBCP would be willing to consider the application.

5. **City Wide Event**

There will be one big City wide Neighbourhood conference each year. The Neighbourhood Partnership is requested to nominate one or two representatives to be part of the planning group. Ben Barker mentioned that he is interested in being involved in the future planning of these events.

Action: Andrew McLean to write a paragraph detailing the requirements and send this to Ben Barker to put in his newsletter.

6. **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

It is proposed that the NP nominates two 'equality champions' who are committed to addressing equality issues. These champions would be offered equalities training which would need to be completed by March 2015. Ben Barker mentioned that John Vickers and Julie Chapman (a youth worker) are equalities representatives.

Action: Ben Barker/Andrew McLean to meet to discuss.

7. **Neighbourhood Partnerships Toolkit**

Andrew McLean advised that this will be available soon.

4. **Environment Sub-group Report** (agenda item 4)

The Community Partnership received a report from Dan Judges.

Main points raised:

- The Environment Sub-group has been re-established
- Three meetings have been held in a 4-5 week period
- There has been lots of healthy discussion and debate
- The group are discussing how they can start getting Section 106 money that's for the Greater Bedminster area. They would like to do this using a funding request form
- The group will be chaired by Tess Green and co-chaired by Cllr Charlie Bolton
- The Environment sub-group has been 'tweaking' the grounds maintenance contract for parks
- There will be a big meeting advertised as wide as possible to hear about what the plans are for Greater Bedminster area – workshop style discussion - some time in November.
- The Parks team will bring back a proposal for NP decision in January 2015.

Ben Barker suggested an amendment under:

2. Priorities

- **Accessibility:** does the funding request help improve the access to the Park/Open space [add **and other key destinations eg schools, access to community venues, shops etc**]

The Chair thanked Dan for an up and running Environment Group.

The NP was referred to agenda Item 7, the Resolution submitted by Janet Carr-Hyde, Chair of the Gores Marshalls, Gores Marsh Park regarding Parks Maintenance.

Ben Barker mentioned that with Greville Smythe Park it worked very well having a dedicated parks person. He would like to see it continued.

On the proposal of Cllr Charlie Bolton, seconded by Ben Barker, the GBCP agreed to support the resolution.

5. Interactive Session (agenda item 5)

Ben Barker introduced this item – it was a chance for all attendees at the meeting to discuss the following topics in more detail:

- **Communication and Engagement** – for example, through the newsletter, Facebook, representatives at the Tobacco factory market, the Pigeon and also listening to what people have to say
- **Transport and Getting Around in Greater Bedminster** – this was a chance to discuss the issues

Summary of the feedback:

Communication and Engagement –

- **What we do now** – Greater Bedminster Community forum has an email group; there is a Facebook group of up to 900 members with postings on events; Ben Barker's newsletter and the Pigeon newsletter; Twitter feed; NP meetings are promoted in various ways. Dan Judges attends housing tenants meetings.
- **Doing more –**
 - There may be value in reinvigorating the Neighbourhood Forums
 - Work with existing residents associations and groups eg York Road and South Liberty Lane – getting them to engage with GBCP
 - Linkage has the most significant older people's network
 - Meeting at Southville Centre re putting together a database of older people's activities and Bristol Ageing better
 - Have regard to how important it is when responding to issues and how that is a valuable way into starting the engagement process off; potential to have more virtual discussion forums
 - Suggest bringing people together for other reasons to promote something in particular eg a hanging basket day
 - Have representatives at street parties
 - Leaflet drops - how can get leaflets to reach more people eg in libraries, cafes, schools
 - Suggest promoting the partnership citywide
 - More use of the Twitter account
 - Community noticeboards, there needs to be more
 - We need to engage people to do some of this, eg 6th formers in the comprehensive, students from UWE.
- **Transport and Getting Around in BCP –**
 - There is no direct bus link to Temple Meads
 - Comments re Metrobus, further discussion about GBCP
 - Cycling - need more cycle parking, in particular residential cycling parking.
 - Need to consider how the elderly get around, looking at more benches/rest stops for older people, like the East Street planters/rest stops.

- Geography and historical layout of Greater Bedminster, does not lend itself to walking, cycling etc.
- Expense of buses
- Safety at night
- Parents with buggies trying to get around where cars parked on pavements, wheelie bins etc in the way
- Cycle lanes in West Street
- Air pollution when walking/cycling.
- Do we make any effort to contact minority groups eg lesbian/gay
- It was highlighted that Duncan Laird's team at Bristol City Council is responsible for producing a walking and cycling strategy **Action:** Cllr Mark Bradshaw to arrange a meeting
- Bedminster train stations and the importance of signage (maybe signs that local people might make as artwork)
- Wheelie bins blocking pavements
- Need to get the 'getting around group' off the ground – set the priorities and a structured approach.

Action: Andrew McLean will arrange for the notes to be typed up and circulated. He will also set up two task groups in respect of the above

6. Minutes - GBCP - 21 July 2014 and 22 September 2014

The minutes of the 21 July 2014 and 22 September 2014 GBCP meeting were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising:

Minutes for 21 July 2014 – Asda environmental improvement - the action has been reallocated to Dan Judges.

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- Stef reported that she and Les Potter met with the elders at the URC on West Street, to consider a weekly youth group and they have agreed they will support this. There had also been a discussion with Learning Partnership West, who have agreed to consider placing two youth workers on this project.
- Dean Lane - Lights in recreation area. Dan Judges reported that four officers had met on site with an electrician. There is no power going to the junction box. This has been reported to the electricity company to find out why.
- Young People in Greater Bedminster – as a result of a group of young people attending the previous meeting a series of issues were raised relating to:
Youth shelter in Dean Lane, lack of rubbish bins, and Dean Lane park lights no longer working.

Action: Andrew McLean will update the youth group on the actions taken so far

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It was noted that £150 has been spent on an advert in the Pigeon

7. Other business – Public Forum
(agenda item 8)

The Chair read out the public forum items received from Teri Bramah in relation to the RPZ Southville and the proposed demolish/rebuild of Woodside Printers on Islington Road.

Action: Cllr Charlie Bolton confirmed that he would reply to Teri to confirm that the items were considered at the meeting and to advise her that she should feed in her views on both issues through the relevant channels – as follows:

Southville RPZ - there is a formal consultation process soon to start in Southville
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/transport-and-streets/southville-se-residents-parking-scheme#jump-link-1>

The Old Woodside press building - comments can be lodged via the planning portal Quoting reference: 14/04407/F
<http://planningonline.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do;jsessionid=D3FC7F03FD1ECDAB7FB6A9647DD744F4?action=firstPage>

9. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 19 January 2014 at 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 9pm.