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Agenda item 9

**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)  
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting  
on 28 July 2015 at 7pm**

**Present:**

**GBCP Board**

***Councillors:***

Councillor Celia Phipps  
Councillor Charlie Bolton  
Councillor Stephen Clarke

***Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:***

Matthew Symonds, SCDA (Chair)  
Julia Tutton, MACA  
Ben Barker, DEPP  
Lesley Collins, Way out West  
Les Potter, BS3 Churches  
Ricky Dowden, Ashton Vale Together

***Statutory Sector and Observers***

Sam Mahony, Democratic Services Officer , Bristol City Council (BCC),  
Andrew McLean, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator, BCC  
Julie (Youth)  
Stephen Wickham  
Brian Richards  
Nicki Sellars

**1. Welcome, Apologies and introductions**  
(Agenda item 1)

Matthew Symonds (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Apologies had been received from Councillor Mark Bradshaw, Stef Brammer, Simon Hankins, Jackie Smith.

**2. Declarations of interest**  
(Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Clarke declared that he was involved in the Hamilton Road Residents application to the Community Chest so withdrew from that specific decision.

**3. Community Chest recommendations** (Agenda item 3)

The applications and recommendations from the Appraisal Panel were outlined for the Councillors to consider. Councillor Phipps chaired the decision making.

It was reported that the Appraisals Panel had followed a robust procedure of scores awarded against a criteria. Feedback could be provided outside of the meeting.

It was suggested that the applications from St. Johns Churchyard and Hamilton Road Residents could apply for other grants available such as 'Lets Walk Bedminster' funds.

The Partnership discussed the benefits of a process for monitoring the grants awarded. It was clarified that this has been the responsibility of the Council and forms would be sent out to evaluate feedback on grants awarded last municipal year (**ACTION: Andrew McLean to send forms out**). For grants made in the current municipal year, Matthew Symonds would take the lead on monitoring and with Andrew McLean would establish a new process (**ACTION: Andrew/Matthew to develop proposals**)

There was concern that the current application form was difficult to read and suggested that simple changes to the font size and format would make a huge difference (**ACTION: Andrew to discuss with Neighbourhoods Team Meeting to make form more accessible.**)

It was suggested that grants awarded from Green Capital funds should also be evaluated. (**ACTION: Andrew to establish whether the same evaluation form should be used for both**)

#### **4 Cycle Route and Bridge Consultation** (Ben Barker)

Ben updated the Partnership following a meeting about the proposed bridge across the Cut. A map and briefing note was distributed (and a copy placed in the minutebook).

The following alterations were proposed to improve connecting routes to/from the bridge:

- Close Camden Road on the Coronation Road End
- reduce traffic speed by the use of speed tables on Raleigh Road and Bealey Road
- change vehicle priorities (on Camden Road) and improve pedestrian and cycle crossings.

The following comments were made:

- It was suggested that other speed calming measures should also be considered for roads such as raised planted boxes.
- There were no proposals for changes to Park Road even though it was narrow and often double parked.
- The bridge would be segregated between a cycle way and pedestrian route.
- There was some concern about how the bridge would intersect the pavement on Coronation Road. There was a proposal for an additional stop/go light to forewarn cyclists of the pedestrian crossing and encourage them to stop on the bridge rather than the pavement. Cyclists and Pedestrians as always would need to be aware of one another.
- There would be some integration between the plans and the RPZ changes but the Partnership were waiting for the final minor amendments following the formal consultation.

Ben Barker was due to meet the engineers at 2pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July to walk the route and anyone interested was invited to join them.

It was agreed that Ben Barker would draft a response from the GBCP to recommend that engineers go further to make junctions more distinctive, such as with planting. **ACTION: BB to draft and send to Matthew Symonds.**

## 5. General Community Updates

**Bedminster Secret Gardens** had raised in total £1200 which would go towards a new community orchard on Dean Lane by the Tap and Barrell. Plans were already afoot for Secret Gardens 2016 which would likely be held in April/May time and organisers were hoping to welcome more gardens in Ashton and Bedminster.

**Avon Wildlife Trust** were commencing a citywide project called **My Wild City** to encourage wildlife in the city. The GBCP area was recognised as one of the least diverse areas of the city for wildlife and would be a pilot area. The pilot would be launched on 19<sup>th</sup> September in Dame Emily Park and would involve;

- 1) Work with parks groups to make larger green spaces as attractive as possible to wildlife
- 2) Improving existing corridors for wildlife such as train lines and the Avon Cut
- 3) Looking at domestic gardens as a way to develop wildlife along a route for example between the Cut and Dame Emily Park and between South Street Park and St.John's Church.

**Upfest** was heralded as a great event with amazing artists brought to the area over the last weekend.

In the Bedminster area, two Christian groups headed by young people were highlighted as good examples of youth resource in the area:- **YWAM (Youth with a Mission)** and **BEYDD**.

The draft report about **Bedminster East Residents Parking** had been produced and a decision was expected within the next couple of weeks. Residents had requested implementation at a similar time to the Southville scheme.

Funding had been identified to open the **Youth Club** for a week during the holiday for children aged 8-12 years. There would be free activities and it had been advertised well. It showed there was a need in the area and there were also aspirations to include an older age group in the future.

## 6. Sub Group Updates

### Environment Sub Group

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated. The Sub Group asked the GBCP to find out how s106 funds had been spent, what was remaining and how the Sub Group sat within the process for recommendations. In response it was highlighted that there was approximately £20k in the pot of CIL and approximately £30k of s106 funds.

The Partnership considered whether to spend money as it became available or save it up for a big project. It was suggested that Jim Cliffe, Planning Obligations Manager, should BCC be invited to an appropriate meeting to discuss.

There was a lot of frustration about the project in Ashton Vale which had been started but had now stalled. It was confirmed that s106 funds had been identified for that project but there was an issue of resources within the local authority to push the work through and progress the consultations required. There was no time limit for the funds.

**ACTION: It was agreed to invite Jim Cliffe to come and answer questions at the January meeting.**

### Mobility and Transport Sub Group

Andrew McLean updated the Partnership on discussions within the Sub Group which proposed a meeting to discuss and shape a future plan for transport, mobility and

movement within the Greater Bedminster area. The Partnership agreed that one of the informal meetings agreed within the programme for the year could be for this topic.

**ACTION: Matthew to discuss with Andrew, Lesley and Stef, dates for a November informal meeting on this topic.**

A discussion then took place regarding the three year process for future traffic scheme priorities agreed at the behest of the Council. The following schemes had been identified;

- Year One for a crossing on North Street
- Year two for speeding on Duckmoor Road
- Year three for changes to Greville Road

It was reported that officers had asked for a delay to the North Street scheme to assess other changes to North Street. The Partnership formally requested a report on progress on the three transport priorities **ACTION: Transport Officers to include within their report to the September meeting of the GBCP**

## 7. 2015 Calendar of Meetings

The following dates were noted;

- 10 September 2015 – formal meeting
- November – Transport & Mobility informal meeting
- 27 January 2016 – formal meeting
- 10 March 2016 – formal meeting
- Between March and June – a meeting on another element of The Plan

## 8. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2015

The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

The following action points were noted:

**p.8 – Matthew Symonds wrote a letter regarding how the infrastructure of the area was coordinated which had been acknowledged but no response received. (ACTION: reply to be communicated by MS when received)**

p.8 – Andrew McLean had advised the appropriate team.

**p.9 – Andrew McLean had still to meet with the Treasurer, and would then circulate a report (ACTION)**

p.9 – The £500 application on behalf of West Street traders had been agreed.

p.10 – Andrew McLean would continue to look into criteria for the Independent Awards Panel/ Appraisals Panel.

**p.10 – The leaflet about the GBCP would be published in time for the event on Marksbury Road (ACTION – Andrew McLean)**

p.10 – Inspector Nigel Colston had given further explanation that the rise in racially motivated crimes and crimes against the person related to two specific cases. A report would be provided for the September meeting.

p.13 – re Barlett's Bridge the issue was ongoing but a solution had been suggested and it was hoped the budget would be received by another body such as the GBCP or the Southville Centre.

p.13 – The GBCP constitution had been updated

**p.13 – The equalities survey would be circulated before the end of next week (ACTION – Andrew McLean)**

p.14 – The bank has been notified of the change in signatories

p.14 – The Councillor lead rep on Town Team will be Councillor Bolton with the other Councillors also involved.

**p.15 – The Officer rep for Time Team would be James ?, with the second representative to be confirmed. (ACTION – Andrew McLean)**

p.17 – VOSCUR would be part of the September meeting.

- p.17 – The NP Coordinator would consider the set membership of sub groups to ensure a core attendance from the board, although everyone was welcome to participate at the meeting (**ACTION: To be confirmed**).
- p.17 – A time limited sub group would look at engagement and inclusivity. **ACTION: This would be arranged once support staff were more established in their new role.**
- p.17 – The Local Authority had received the statement from the GBCP and had yet to formally notify of a disposal of a community asset of value for the countdown to commence. **ACTION: Matthew Symonds to chase/ email Community Assets Team to clarify when the trigger would start. Councillors should also be informed formally. (ACTION: MS and Councillors)**

## 9. Any other business

Brian Richards raised the old factory ITO building and asked of its current situation. Matthew Symonds reported that it was owned by a private individual, awarded planning permission but waiting for the covenant on the building to be raised in order to commence development. **ACTION: The Ward Councillors were asked to chase officers to ascertain the timescale and see what progress had been made.**

Stephen Wickham asked that people remain aware of Coronation Road and it's households when considering transport strategies and schemes. As a populated area with a large traffic volume the effect could be different to other streets in the area. **ACTION: To be discussed as part of the transport and accessibility discussions at the informal November meeting.**

It was reported that the Community Chest Youth Club proposal for the URC was not going to happen but that the money would be transferred to Learning Partnership West. **ACTION: Andrew McLean to update Julie ? on the situation.**

meeting ended: 8.45pm