



Agenda item 8

**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting
on 10th March 2016 at 7pm**

Present:

GBCP Board

Councillors:

Councillor Celia Phipps
Councillor Charlie Bolton
Councillor Stephen Clarke
Councillor Mark Bradshaw

Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:

Alan Baker	Friends of Ashton Gate Station
Ben Barker	Dame Emily Park Project
Lesley Collins	Airpoint
Helen Moody	Friends of Marksbury Road Library
Alan Pratley	Friends of Ashton Gate Station
Les Potter	BS3 Churches Together
Jackie Smith	Marksbury Area Community Association
Matthew Symonds (Chair)	Southville Community Development Association

Statutory Sector and Observers

Sam Mahony	Democratic Services Officer, Bristol City Council (BCC),
Andrew McLean	Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator, BCC
Lorena Alvarez	Bristol City Council, Neighbourhood Officer
Fred Jerome	Resident, prospective candidate for Councillor
Moira Hill	Dame Emily Park Project
Pat Wright	Ashton Vale Together

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

Matthew Symonds (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Apologies were received from Stef Brammar and Simon Hankins

2. Declarations of interest
(Agenda Item 2)

There were none.

3. Neighbourhood Plan Update (Agenda Item No.3)

The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC) circulated an update sheet (available on the website and in the minutebook) regarding the development of priorities within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Groups and individuals were asked to further develop their priorities in line with the subheadings within the Plan. The following priorities were assigned for further discussion:

- Economic Development and Skills – further prioritisation work required following consultation with the Town Team
- Families and Older people – further prioritisation work was required
- Environment priority - to be discussed by the Environment Sub Group
- Major Projects, Housing and Planning priority – to be discussed by the BS3 Planning Group
- Crime and Community Safety - Police to be asked to contribute to the priority
- Community Buildings - Matthew Symonds agreed to develop the priority
- Inequality and Active Citizenship - Stef Brammar would be asked to look further into the priority

Consensus would then be discussed via email before the next meeting (the AGM on the 27th June 2016) where a final version would be recommended to the Partnership.

The NPC agreed to populate an updated plan and circulate to the Partnership for individual actions as listed above. **ACTION: Andrew McLean**

The GBCP AGREED to note the report and receive the final version at the AGM in June 2016.

4. Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator's Business Report (Agenda Item No.4)

The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator presented his business report updating on the following:

Ashton Vale Play Area Update - The new Parks Project Officer was now in post and had provided an update within the report including a map illustrating three potential locations for the park. Each option would be further explored and a consultation would follow.

Section 106 funds - The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator circulated a newly formatted report listing section 106 monies held at 31 January 2016. The report would be placed in the minutebook and on the website. It was agreed that the new format was easier to understand but that the word 'allocated/unallocated' would be changed to 'committed/uncommitted'.

The Partnership then discussed whether the funds should be saved to build up a larger 'pot'. The following points were discussed in relation to the PARKS allocations;

- It was suggested that as there was a delay on the delivery of schemes, time could be taken to agree a process. It was also acknowledged however that other partnerships could request schemes in the meantime adding further delay.
- It was agreed that everyone should be given the opportunity to make their case and bid for money to improve their local park. That included green spaces with 'friends groups' and also spaces without 'groups' which may need to be represented.

- It was suggested that the Environment Sub Group should make recommendations to the Partnership/Neighbourhood Committee.
- The NPC agreed to populate a map of the area illustrating where spending had taken place and identifying gaps. The map should also include what Council schemes and any forward planning from the Parks Department. **ACTION: Andrew McLean**
- It was suggested that a smaller amount (suggested £20-30,000) could be ringfenced for immediate opportunities and possible match spending to achieve in the shorter term and the remainder considered for a longer term plan of allocation.
- The GBCP were concerned that some of the monies held had breached their 'to be spent by' dates. Funds for 05/01192/64 70/West Street (£6,274.41 for the provision of children's play space and/or equipment within Bedminster Ward) and 06/04512/Tregarth Road (£25,294.64 for the provision of children's play space and/or equipment within one mile of Tregarth Road) were highlighted as unallocated funds which were in need of progress.
- It was agreed that options would be invited from the Environment Sub Group, Councillors, Parks Groups and through communication in the NEWSLETTER and a report to the Partnership would be asked to allocate those funds at the June AGM. **ACTION: Andrew McLean/Councillor Bradshaw to draft, Andrew McLean to progress**
- It was clarified that 'parks' had to be open public spaces, rather than simply existing green spaces (for example, Windmill Hill City Farm did not count).
- It was suggested that expectations should be managed to explain the small amount of money initially to be allocated in June was a precursor to a larger allocation at the end of 2016.
- A timetable would be established to approach groups for suggestions for allocation of the remaining funds between now and the end of 2016 when a formal proposal would be recommended for prioritisation of that 'parks' Section 106 budget. **ACTION: Andrew McLean**

The following points were then discussed in relation to the TRANSPORT allocations;

- It was highlighted that some ideas that may come forward for spend on parks, could be achieved using money available for transport.
- With reference to 06/04513/Ashton Vale Prefabs £11,027.30, some dropped kerbs had been installed but £9,963.61 remained for delivery at another junction.
- With reference to 06/01644/Megabowl past proposals had been that the money should be used to improve cycle access to Clanage Road. It was highlighted that the new Metrobus stop could change the requirement for that area.
- With reference to 05/01047/Robinson Building it was suggested that on street cycle storage could be funded as a quick measure as it was outside of the time limit. The NPC agreed to ascertain if the money could be used for cycle storage for the Robinson Building. **ACTION: Andrew McLean**

GBCP Funding - The GBCP considered the full Neighbourhood Budget available to the Partnership. The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator was asked to return to the meeting in June with

proposals for whether to 'pool' the money or retain distinction between the allocations, perhaps allocated to themes linked to the Neighbourhood Plans, or the Community Chest. A discussion would take place with the Partnership via email and a main proposal presented to the GBCP in June at the AGM. **ACTION: Andrew McLean**

Clean and Green – It was noted that £163 remained for Clean and Green funding which would be added to the Neighbourhood Budget for the next financial year.

Bristol Spatial Framework Consultation – The consultation would be live until April and information was available at www.bristol.gov.uk/spacialframework.

The GBCP AGREED to

- (i) note the report**
- (ii) to consider submissions for the allocation of 05/01192/64 70/West Street and 06/04512/Tregarth Road at the AGM in June 2016**
- (iii) to consider a longer timetable for the allocation for the remainder of S106 monies at the AGM in June 2016**
- (iv) to consider proposals for the allocation of the full Neighbourhood Budget available to the Partnership at the AGM in June 2016**

5. Community Safety Report (Agenda Item No.5)

The Partnership discussed the relationship of the GBCP with the Police and how to ensure the priorities of the Partnership were reflected in work within the local area. Contact between the Police and the community took place at different levels including the Police and Crime Commissioner and the PCSO's. In other areas PCSO's attended Neighbourhood Forum meetings but as Forums did not take place within the GBCP area, it was suggested that alternative appropriate measures took place.

It was reiterated that the relevant Police officers had an open invitation to meetings however it was to be remembered that engagement should be discussed, rather than concentrating on crime statistics. It was also suggested that the Fire Authority could also be further involved in community engagement as a relevant statutory group.

The GBCP AGREED to note the report

6. GBCP Sub Group Reports (Agenda Item No.6)

It was reported that the Environment Sub Group would be looking at street tree planting and would request direction from the Partnership on the allocation of CIL monies.

The GBCP AGREED to note the update.

7. General Community Updates (Agenda Item No.7)

Bedminster Secret Gardens would take place on 24th April and 12th June 2016 and maps would be available after Easter. The group had decided that money raised would be allocated to local environmental and garden projects.

Let's Clean Bedminster was progressing please contact Councillor Phipps for further information.

Marksbury Road Library Opening Hours were changing from the 1st April 2016 with the library open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (instead of Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays).

8. Minutes of the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership meeting held on 27th January 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the 27th January 2016 meeting of the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership were a correct record.

Particular reference was made to the following actions;

- The Mayor had received a briefing regarding the traffic problems highlighted at Holy Cross School on Dean Lane. The main points of the briefing would be circulated to the GBCP. **ACTION: Andrew McLean**
- An informal meeting had taken place to discuss the formal structure of the Partnership and it was agreed to progress the structure following the May elections.
- Suggestions for the 20mph street art project had been correlated and developments would be reported to the Partnership.
- Windmill Hill City Farm had been awarded an extended lease albeit not as long as the Partnership had hoped for.
- An alternative venue had been booked for the June meeting of the GBCP as requested. The meeting would now be held at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Ashton Vale.

9. Public Statements and Resolutions

Ashton Gate Station

The GBCP were asked to support the aims of Ashton Gate Station by agreeing to the use of adding the name and logo of the GBCP on the campaign website. It was highlighted that a previous motion to the Partnership had already supported the campaign so a motion and vote was not required.

Residents Parking Zones

A discussion about the residents parking zones in the area was requested for the next municipal year. NPC would therefore add to the work programme. **ACTION: Andrew McLean**

Communication

A report was tabled which suggested the allocation of funds to improve communication within the Partnership area. It was proposed that £5,000 could be allocated to develop the communication of the GBCP to the wider community including drawing attention to the GBCP and its constituent parts, the changes in boundaries, what the GBCP was, what issues were considered and the activities of the group. It could also be an opportunity to provide training to groups in the use of social media. It was reminded however that it remained important to continue to advertise and place information in libraries, shops and more traditional communications.

Procedural advice was received that explained that if devolved funds were to be requested of the Neighbourhood Committee, a full public report would need to be published five clear working days before the meeting.

It was therefore agreed that a report should be brought to the next meeting in June. The Community Chest application process should be followed to outline information and objectives. Information was also requested on whether other neighbourhood partnerships had done anything similar. **ACTION: Steph Brammar**

It was **AGREED** that a report following the application process for the Community Chest could be presented to the AGM in June 2016 with recommendations for communications of the GBCP.

11. Any Other Business

It was highlighted that some Members of the Partnership would not be returning in the next municipal year as boundaries of the Partnership area had changed as well as the upcoming Council elections. The Co-Chairs Matthew Symonds and Stef Brammer would also be stepping down and the process for nominations for the Board would start in the coming months. Everyone was wished luck with the future.

Meeting Ended at 9.00pm