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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP (GBNP)
HELD AT 7.00 p.m. on 16 JUNE 2014
AT HUNGERFORD ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:

Ward councillors:

Councillors Mike Wollacott and Mike Langley (Brislington East ward)
Councillors Rhian Greaves and Jackie Norman (Brislington West ward)

Neighbourhood Partnership members:

Lynda Harris
Juliette Randall

Officers and other statutory partners:

Ariaf Hussain, Bristol City Council (BCC), Area co-ordinator
Ian Hird, BCC, Democratic Services
Fionn MacDonald, Avon and Somerset Police

Others in attendance:

B Webb (resident)
Stan Hurley(resident)
Michelle Hawkes (resident)
Diana Rowe (resident)
Karen Jones (resident)
Xina Chappell (resident)
B Thomson (resident)
Andy McBride-Coognon
Louann Sugden (student observer)

Note: in line with the on-going “rotating chair” arrangements, it was noted that Cllr Mike Wollacott would chair the neighbourhood committee / partnership agenda items.

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
(agenda item 1)

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves.

Cllr Rhian Greaves, newly elected councillor for Brislington West ward was welcomed to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 17 MARCH 2014
(agenda item 2)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

Neighbourhood Committee items:

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
(agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC FORUM
(agenda item 4)

There were no public forum items.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AGM REPORT
(agenda item 5)

The neighbourhood committee considered the AGM report.

Key points raised / noted included:

- a. On behalf of the partnership, the Chair thanked Peter Main, former councillor for Brislington West, for his services to the community over 17 years as a local councillor.
- b. It was noted (page 13) that the table showing the local traffic schemes budget showed an incorrect figure, which would be corrected.

RESOLVED:

1. That the membership of the Neighbourhood Partnership be confirmed as set out in the report.
2. That, as in previous years, the Chair of the neighbourhood committee should “rotate” between the 4 respective ward councillors. Cllr Mike Wollacott was confirmed as Chair for this particular meeting of the committee.
3. That the devolved budgets and areas where the neighbourhood partnership could influence services be noted.
4. That the meeting schedule, including sub-groups and forums be agreed.
5. That the financial statement and 2013-14 expenditure be noted.

6. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT

(agenda item 6)

The neighbourhood committee considered an update report from the Area Co-ordinator.

Key points raised / noted included:

- a. The Highways sub-group would meet to prioritise the “long list” of local traffic schemes. As per the discussion at the previous meeting, the aim was to make a recommendation on one “top priority” scheme to be taken forward.
- b. It was noted that any issues regarding pot holes and overhanging trees / greenery over pavements should be reported to the Council to enable action to be taken.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and the above information.

7. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT

(agenda item 7)

The neighbourhood committee considered a report from the Area Co-ordinator setting out funding recommendations from the Brislington wellbeing panel for the allocation of wellbeing funding.

RESOLVED:

- That the following allocations be approved:

- 1. Brislington Community Pantomime (traditional pantomime) - £400**
- 2. AVCT (future memorial) - £1,415**
- 3. AVCT (Lads and Dads forest school) - £2,000**

Neighbourhood Partnership items:

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE (agenda item 8)

The partnership received a verbal update report.

Key points raised / noted included:

- a. In overall terms, crime was relatively low and Brislington remained a safe place to live.
- b. Brislington west: there had been an overall reduction in the level of crime. Burglary from dwellings remained low.
- c. Brislington east: there was a slightly higher level of crime compared to Brislington west, though the overall context was that crime was at a low level. There continued to be an issue around the theft of vehicle registration plates.
- d. It was noted that a full breakdown of crime statistics was available on the police website. The Partnership also requested that a written summary report be provided for future meetings (particularly bearing in mind the access needs of Councillor Greaves).
- e. An issue was raised about cyclists travelling too fast and potentially endangering pedestrians at Brislington Hill; Sgt MacDonald indicated that this issue would be looked into.
- f. An issue was also raised about some recent racial abuse incidents; it was noted that the police had actively responded to these events. The Area Co-ordinator suggested that community development intervention from the Council could also be considered.

AGREED:

To note the above information.

9. AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S UPDATE REPORT

(agenda item 9)

The partnership considered an update report from the Area Co-ordinator.

Key points raised / noted:

- a. BMX track - Arnos Court Park: The planning decision was expected during July.
- b. Hungerford Road new play area: Tender documents were due to go out very shortly. The estimated start date for the works was late September / early October.
- c. Neighbourhood management: The update was noted - under the new arrangements, Penny Germon was taking up the new post of Area Neighbourhood Manager (for the south area of Bristol); Ariaf Hussain would be the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator for the Greater Brislington area. Community engagement and neighbourhood priority delivery in the area would be carried out by Neighbourhood Officers. The community development team would now operate as a citywide service.
- d. Neighbourhood partnership review: The proposal to remove the ring fence on budgets was being progressed. A citywide event was being held on Saturday 9 August, and each neighbourhood partnership was being asked to send representatives to this meeting.
- e. Carriageway surface dressing / footway maintenance schemes: It was agreed that in the interests of local democratic accountability, the current reporting arrangements (i.e. specific written reports to the Partnership) should continue to apply.
- f. Parks grounds maintenance contract: The proposal around the neighbourhood partnership having a greater say in influencing priorities within the grounds maintenance contract was welcomed. However, it was felt that further detail was required around where and how the partnership could have an influence, and that a specific meeting with parks officers would be useful.

- g. Green Capital: It was noted that one-off funding was being made available to all neighbourhood partnerships for local initiatives in support of Bristol's year as European Green Capital (£10k for each partnership plus a citywide fund).

AGREED:

To note the report and the above information.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

(agenda item 10)

- a. Langton Court Road - partial road closure: The Chair advised that he was looking into this issue.
- b. Possible zebra crossing, West Town Lane: It was noted that this potential scheme could be considered as part of the prioritisation of local traffic schemes.
- c. Young people's services: In response to a question, the Area Co-ordinator briefly outlined details of local services; further information was available on the Council and Learning Partnership West websites.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

(agenda item 11)

It was noted that the next meeting of the partnership would take place at 7.00 pm on Monday 15 September 2014 (venue to be confirmed).

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

CHAIR