



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP (GBNP)  
HELD AT 7.00pm on 8 DECEMBER 2014**

**AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH, HAMPSTEAD ROAD, BRISLINGTON**

**Present:**

**Ward councillors:**

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

**Neighbourhood Partnership members:**

Mandy Willis (resident)

**Officers and other statutory partners:**

Ariaf Hussain, Bristol City Council (BCC), Neighbourhood Partnership (NP)  
co-ordinator

Suzanne Ogborne, Bristol City Council, Democratic Services

Inspector Nigel Colston, Avon and Somerset Police, Neighbourhood Manager  
James Coleman

**Others in attendance:**

Jon Allen – Joint chair of Friends of Callington Road Local Nature Reserve

Peggy Relph

Keith Patten

Roz Wakefield

Alison Blackman

Brenda Mundon

Cllr Steve Pearce

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

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

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting, in particular the chair welcomed Mandy Willis who is a new Neighbourhood Partnership member.

Apologies had been received from Juliette Randall, Chief Executive, Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust (NP member); Lynda Harris (NP member),

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2014**  
(agenda item 2)

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 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)

No public forum had been received.

**5. WELLBEING REPORT (Ariaf Hussain)**  
(agenda item 5)

The neighbourhood committee considered a report from the NP Co-ordinator setting out funding recommendations from the Brislington Wellbeing panel for the allocation of wellbeing funding. Ariaf Hussain introduced this report and explained that there was £13,354.55 remaining.

Key points raised/noted included:

1. Friends of Brislington Brook (FoBB) had applied for £2,000 for a 3 year project or £3,000 for a 5 year project for their facility provision project and a volunteer work-day. The Wellbeing panel had recommended £1,500 be allocated. The reason for this was that the panel felt that Friends of Brislington Brook still need to do some

further work in relation to their application. However, the panel had commented that they were welcome to make a further application in the future.

2. St Revolution had applied for £1,971.40 for 8 craft workshops and 8 cookery workshops. The panel recommended this amount in full.
3. St Cuthberts Scout Group had applied for £1,700 for repairs and upgrading to their hut. The panel recommended this amount in full.

This leaves £8,183.15 remaining in the budget.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following applications be approved:

**The neighbourhood committee approved the following:**

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount applied for</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount of grant approved</b>
1	Friends of Brislington Brook	£2,000 (3 year project) or £3,000 (5 year project)	Facility Provision Project and FoBB Volunteer Work-day	£1,500
2	St Revolution	£1,971.40	8 craft workshops and 8 cookery workshops	£1,971.40
3	St Cuthbert's Scout Group	£1,700	Repairs and Updating the Hut	£1,700
			<b>Total approved</b>	<b>£5,171.40</b>

**6. BRISTOL 2015 GREEN CAPITAL FUND**  
(agenda item 6)

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the NP Co-ordinator setting out funding recommendations from the Brislington Wellbeing panel for the allocation of Green Capital funding. Ariaif Hussain introduced this report and explained that there was £4,000 of available funding.

Key points raised/noted included:

1. Woodcroft Community Orchard had applied for funding of £5,000 for a facility improvements project. As the application did not include any community engagement activities, the panel recommended no allocation. Ariaf will provide support to the group to enable them to reapply.
2. The CSV had applied for £1600 for a Green Play day which was recommended for approval.
3. The Soil Association had applied for £2,200 for The Big Picnic which was recommended for approval.
4. There had been a further request from Bedminster Neighbourhood Partnership for £200 from each of the South Bristol NP areas to run a one off 'conference'. This was recommended for approval.
5. There was a correction to point 7 of the report - the wellbeing panel will meet on **2 March 2015** for recommendations to the Neighbourhood Partnership to consider at its meeting on 16 March 2015.
6. Brislington East has been allocated a further £5,000 for the next round of Green Capital.
7. Cllr Jackie Norman commented that as many of the applications related to schools, it was worth checking that the schools had been contacted, in particular, St Anne's School, Bloomfield Road.

## RESOLVED:

That the following allocations be approved:

The neighbourhood committee approved the following allocations:

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount applied for</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount of grant approved</b>
1	Woodcroft Community Orchard	£5,000	Facility Improvements Project	£0
2	CSV	£1,600	Green Playdays	£1,600

3	Soil Association	£2,200	The Big Picnic	£2,200
4	Bedminster NP	£200	Conference contribution	£200
			<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

## 7. POLICE & COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

(agenda item 7)

The partnership considered a report from Bristol South Neighbourhood Policing Team, Inspector Nigel Colston.

Key points raised/note included:

- The report is based on recorded crime since April 2014 broken down for the areas of Brislington West and Brislington East
- Crime has increased very slightly by 1-2% with offences becoming harder to detect
- The Constabulary has been experiencing a huge amount of organisational change with different ways of working, for instance specialist investigation teams have been disbanded.
- The test will be over the next 6 months to see if the change has had a positive impact
- Reports of antisocial behaviour (ASB) are showing an increase across the area
- However, this could be because the constabulary are improving the way they record ASB and the team's overview of ASB has greatly improved
- The integrated victim care team provide the specialist support that had previously been missing
- Neighbourhood staff have all been told that it is still their primary duty to investigate antisocial behavior. If anyone feels that this isn't happening, they should refer the matter to Nigel Colston
- The Sergeant in charge of the neighbourhood team is now on maternity leave, but has been replaced temporarily by Sgt Jen Appleford
- Two neighbourhood officers, have now been charged by the CPS. The court process will be very long and drawn out. There will probably be no conclusion until the summer

- An additional PCSO has been moved over to provide additional cover and resilience for the team

A member of the public asked about a few instances of mugging of older people and also the mugging of the school caretaker of one of the local schools. Nigel confirmed that he had not heard about this and commented that he has an intelligence unit that works through the night who look at crimes and crime trends. Nigel will check on this and send information to Ariaif Hussain to pass on to the partnership.

### **AGREED:**

To note the report and the above information.

## **8. TRAFFIC CHOICES PRESENTATION**

### **(agenda item 8)**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a presentation by James Coleman on 'Traffic Choices', a software programme that deals with prioritizing traffic issues in the neighbourhoods. The website is [www.trafficchoices.co.uk](http://www.trafficchoices.co.uk).

The proposal is that the Neighbourhood Partnership will nominate members who will meet as a transport sub-group once a year. The sub-group will look at a list of 50 traffic issues and will select 5 that they want the traffic engineer to look at in more detail. The engineer will then prepare a report to the NP's sub-group making recommendations for improvements in the areas that have issues eg look at installing a zebra crossing on a road that's difficult to cross, which the sub-group will discuss. Following the discussion, the engineer will put the recommendations in a formal report to councillors.

Traffic Choices will use Pinpoint, the Council's mapping system, where every highways issue that's logged will go on the map. This will make it possible to view Brislington and identify if there is a cluster of problem areas, for example where there have been a number of traffic accidents. This will enable these areas to be looked at in more detail.

Key points raised/note included:

- This will enable Bristol City Council to look at one scheme a year for each Neighbourhood Partnership
- There is £17,000 a year available
- The team are looking at one scheme for 2016/17

- The NP has already agreed £15,000 of funding to look at parking issues at St Brendon's College – this will be funded from the local sustainable transport fund
- There is already a parking restrictions review around The Sands and the whole length of Wick Road (speed of travel, parking etc and making it safer for pedestrians).
- There is also Section 106 money which comes from new developments and this can be used for highway improvements
- It is necessary to go through a legal framework of at least 6 months
- The Neighbourhood Partnership welcomed the use of the mapping system and the level of detail
- Any suggestions can be made to the Neighbourhood Partnership and highways engineers and considered by the transport sub-group

#### **AGREED:**

- To note the report and the above information
- Ariaif Hussain to arrange a transport sub-group

### **9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR REPORT (agenda item 9)**

The partnership considered a report from Ariaif Hussain, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator.

Key points raised/note included:

#### **1. The BMX track**

- this was handed over to residents on 5 December
- It is looking really good and is already being used
- Just waiting for the planting to be done

#### **2. Play Area, Hungerford Road**

- this is looking very colourful
- there are activities for young children
- there will be launch activities in spring/early summer, including parents and children's cycling
- any further ideas, please let Ariaif Hussain know
- footpaths and entrance ways – couple of snagging issues re size of chippings etc are being rectified

#### **3. Grounds maintenance service for 2015 – the Neighbourhood Partnership team will be focussing on bringing this contract inside Bristol City Council. The team will report progress to the NP in March 2015.**

4. **Neighbourhood Partnership Citywide Event** - this will take place on Saturday, 7 February 10am-4pm at Circomedia, St Pauls Church, Portland Square. Ariaif Hussain will send Neighbourhood Partnership members a link so they can book tickets in mid December. These will be on a first come, first served basis
5. **Equalities Training** – dates for this have yet to be confirmed. Ariaif Hussain will pass on the information when its received.
6. **Mayor's Visit** – the 17 December 2015 was suggested as the date for this.
7. **Neighbourhood Partnership Plan** – there will be meetings in January/February to complete the plan before it is brought to the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 16 March 2015.
8. **Bristol Budget Consultation for 2015/16** – people in Bristol are being invited to have their say on Bristol City Council's budget proposals for next year - [www.bristol.gov.uk/budget](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/budget). Ariaif highlighted that there are a number of investment opportunities for people to comment on and also detail on the proposed investment for libraries.
9. **Libraries for the Future** – the Council is currently taking part in a city-wide consultation on shaping Libraries for the Future. Please get involved on-line [www.bristol.gov.uk/page/leisure-and-culture/future-bristols-libraries-consultation](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/leisure-and-culture/future-bristols-libraries-consultation) or there are forms available at Wick Road Library.

**AGREED:**

To note the above information.

**10. LEARNING PARTNERSHIP WEST UPDATE** (agenda item 10)

The partnership considered an update report from Learning Partnership West.

Key points raised/note included:

- Learning Partnership West have been given money from the Neighbourhood Partnership Wellbeing Fund
- They are working with 44 of the most excluded young people in the area who are NEETs (not in education, employment or training)



**AGREED:**

Invite LPW to future meeting

**11. DEVOLVED SERVICES UPDATE**

(agenda item 11)

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

Key points raised/noted included:

- There is quite a lot of Clean and Green budget available
- Section 106 monies – there are a number of pots that need to be spent by September 2015
- Officers need to give proposals of what they would like to see

**AGREED:**

Ariaf Hussain to follow up with lead Section 106 officers to ensure spend occurs within any deadlines

**12. DATES 2015/16**

(agenda item 12)

The partnership considered the list of meeting dates for the Neighbourhood Partnership 2015-2016.

Key points raised/noted included:

- This schedule includes suggested dates for:
  - Neighbourhood Partnership meetings and briefings
  - Neighbourhood Forum meetings (reduced from 6 to 4 meetings a year)
  - NP themed sub-group meetings – these dates could be used for a new traffic sub-group and a sub-group for young people
- As previously mentioned, there is a Wellbeing Panel meeting on 2 March and a decision will be made by the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 16 March 2014.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

(agenda item 13)

None

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

(agenda item 14)

It was noted that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership would take place at 7.00pm on Monday 16 March 2015 at St Peter's Church, Allison Road.

The meeting ended at 8pm.

CHAIR