

## Agenda item no. 2

### Henbury and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.00 p.m.  
At

**Raleigh Room, Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead**

	<b>09 12 14</b>
Councillor M Weston (Henbury)	A
Councillor C Windows (Henbury)	P
Councillor B Massey (Southmead)	P
Jenny Smith (Southmead)	P
Adrian Boyce (Brentry)	P
Daron Devonshire (Brentry)	A
Antony Skelding (Brentry)	P
Hannah Pereira (Brentry)	A
Rose Carr (Henbury )	P
Darien Jay (Henbury)	P
Jean Sallabank (Henbury)Has moved from NP Area	Moved
Joan Bennett (Southmead)	P
Pat Newport (Southmead)	P
Ian Thornley (Southmead)	P
Toni Anderson (Southmead)	A
Deana Perry (Southmead)	P
Alex Kittow (Southmead)	P
Ferne Gardner (Southmead)	P
<b>Agency Members</b>	
Mark Runacres (Avon and Somerset Police)	A
Judith Taylor, (Health Promotion Lead, North Bristol: Bristol NHS)	A
Vacant, Avon Fire Service	
Keith Houghton, Area Co-ordinator	P
Claudette Campbell, Democratic Services	P
Di Robinson Service Director – Neighbourhoods & Communities	P
Oliver Coltman – Transport Planning	P
Alan Piper - BS10 Parks & Planning Group	P
Alan Carpenter – Chair, Bristol Ageing Better	P
Ruth Richardson – Age UK Bristol	P
Emma Williams – Bristol 2015 Neighbourhood Arts Programme Manager	P

Members of Public attending: 11

## 1. **Welcome and Introductions, Apologies for absence**

Jenny Smith took the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions noting apologies from: Councillor Mark Weston; Mark Runacres (Avon and Somerset Police); Daron Devonshire (Henbury/Brentry resident member);

## 2. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2014.**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered the minutes.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership Agreed that the minutes of the Henbury and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered the action sheet. All actions were completed and the following noted –

- Item 2 the Henbury & Charlton loop train station the Partnership has been advised that this issue should be escalated to Cllr Mark Bradshaw. In addition the Partnership were advised to invite the project manager on this project from South Gloucestershire Council to a partnership meeting.
  - **Action: Invite the Project Manager and Mark Bradshaw to a meeting on this issue.**
- Item 10 – First Bus intend to work with the community to find a solution to the lack of services to certain areas in the ward. 2 meetings to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December - all encouraged to participate in finding a solution to the gap in services.

## 3. **Declarations of Interest**

Please refer to section 8:a

## 4. **Public Forum**

There were none.

The Chair welcomed an update on the Southmead Hospital Parking Issues from Oliver Coltman. He asked the Partnership to note the following.

- a. Residents to be approached to feedback on the parking issues being experienced. The current site has only 900 parking spaces available but the future aspiration is for this to increase to 2000 when the old buildings are demolished. Set to open Autumn 2015.
- b. If the results of the survey demonstrate that the issues being experienced are as a result of excess parking related to visitors and/or staff it would trigger an additional s.106 payment.
- c. The Survey dates will be provided to Ward Councillor, the results of which will inform the development of a future parking scheme.
- d. The Partnership were advised to contact Simon Wood at the North Bristol Trusts to further discuss these issues.
- e. Residents encouraged to contact parking services to report any issues around parking across dropped kerbs and yellow lines and the police if a vehicle is parked dangerously/obstructively.  
Contact [parking.services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:parking.services@bristol.gov.uk) or telephone 0117 903 8070.

**Action: Public liaison meeting to include the surrounding wards with the Hospital Trust. KH**

## **5. Introducing BCC's Libraries for the Future Conversation**

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a verbal presentation from Di Robinson, Service Director Communities & Neighbourhoods.

There is an ongoing consultation, referred to as a 'conversation', on the library service citywide about its future. Conversations are happening in different ways within communities such as via the Internet to share ideas, also through printed material, and also 200 face to face sessions have been arranged to engage the public. The conversation closes 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015. After that a number of models for the re-design of service will be

drawn up based on the outcomes from the conversations. Di Robinson expects a City-wide model for a basic service to emerge, with more tailored offers to specific communities. A final report will go to Cabinet with recommendations in June 2015

Key points raised / noted included.

- a. Concerns were raised over Library staff not allowing the public to use the amenities particularly pregnant ladies and young children. This was seen as a hindrance for libraries being used a community space. The Young Mums Group when attending Southmead library found no baby-changing facilities and no disabled access.
- b. Clarity was provided on the savings generated as a result of co-locating services. Following the initial capital investment to co-locate services any savings arising would then contribute to the overall savings which the library services need to make.
- c. The use of libraries changing from book borrowing to high demand for computer access.

**Neighbourhood Partnership Agreed:**

- i. **Noted the request for community involvement in the conversations.**

**6. Bristol Ageing Better in Henbury and Southmead Presentation**

The Partnership received a presentation from Ruth Richardson (Age UK Bristol) & Alan Carpenter (Chair of Bristol Ageing Better) on the Bristol Ageing Better (BAB) project, which is focused on improving the lives of more isolated older people. The project starts formally in April 2015. Henbury/Brentry and Southmead are among the priority areas in Bristol. Age UK Bristol already work in partnership with a number of organisations locally, including the Greenway Centre. Leading up to the Project launch, April 2015, they will be working with the communities to increase activities, using a community development approach. The Community Development model is presently being drawn up with input from Linkage and other organisations.

Comments and suggestions are welcomed to Bristol Age UK, Ruth Richardson Resource Manager, [ruthrichardson@ageukbristol.org.uk](mailto:ruthrichardson@ageukbristol.org.uk)

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Key points raised / noted included.

- a. Initial funding for BAB from the Lottery is £5.9 million to March 2020 - the aim is to make projects sustainable after that period.
- b. The issue of transport is the main concern for the residents of the area as older people have difficulty getting to the activities presently taking place in the area. Although the scheme will look at ways of aiding transportation of older people but they need to avoid all the available funding be subsumed by this issue.
- c. Noted that there are challenges around accessing/identifying those most in need of services and how to make contact with this group of people.
- d. The intention is to appoint an Older people's engagement worker to liaise with those older people who are house bound.
- e. Suggested that local churches should be contacted and engage with to contribute to the community plan that is presently being written.
- f. Members suggested that this scheme is promoted with an article in the local publications like the Mead and Henbury/Brentry newsletter.
- g. Project ideas include: creating 'pre-retirement' courses for people leaving their working lives behind; extending the Linkage intergenerational work; recruiting 'Community Navigators' to help link people with services; Grant funding community activities through a Community Chest;

### **The Partnership Agreed**

- i. **To note the report.**

## **7. BS10 Parks and Planning – Dunmail School site development**

The Neighbourhood Committee received a report (Agenda item 7) from Alan Piper, Chair of the BS10 Parks and Planning group.

He explained the current proposal for the site:

- 139 units mixed properties
- to include 3 bedrooms houses and 4 storey blocks
- the 4 storey blocks is included with the intention to encourage local elderly residence to downsize and relocate within the area. There is an ongoing discussion about access to encourage this change because these properties would require the installation of lifts
- all properties will be sustainable houses cutting bills by 70%
- the future design will discourage motorists from using it as a through road.

The following points raised and noted:

- a. Noted that this with a showcase development area working in line with the Mayor's remit of Green strategy therefore receiving his full support
- b. The development would be marketed as Southmead not Westbury-on-Trym or Brentry
- c. There were concerns about the existing trees but all were reassured that they would remain undisturbed.
- d. That the Members supported the development of a play area within this development.
- e. The development was a mixed development (rented and privately-owned) so would generate CIL monies.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership –**

- i. Noted the verbal report**
- ii. Cllr Windows expressed thanks on behalf of the partnership to the BS10 Parks and Planning Group for their work**

## 8. Wellbeing and Green Capital Funds Report

The Neighbourhood Committee received a report (Agenda Item no.8) from Keith Houghton.

Key points raised /noted:

- a. Jenny Smith and Cllr Massey informed those present that as they sit on the Board of the Southmead Development Trust, a non-pecuniary interest, as local ward members they would take no part in the vote on the allocation of the grant to them. **Action CC/KH**
- b. The sum of £5,390 remains to be allocated from the Bristol 2015 Green Capital Fund allocation, plus an additional £10,000 allocated – Total: £15,390. All asked to publicise the second round of applications for this fund as monies need to be distributed by March 2015. Closing date for applications **20<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**

**The Neighbourhood Committee Resolved:**

- i. **Noted the fund position as of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**
- ii. **That the following Southmead Wellbeing Fund allocations be agreed as follows:**
  - a. **Southmead Young Mums £185**
  - b. **Bristol Noise £380**
- iii. **That the vote on the grant to Southmead Development Trust was not able to be taken as the Neighbourhood Committee of Councillors was not eligible because of the Conflict of Interest declared by Cllrs Smith and Massey. This decision will be made in a separate Neighbourhood Committee meeting with Cllr Weston and Cllr Windows present, giving five days public notice of the intended date.**
- iv. **That the following Green Capital Fund allocation be agreed as follows:**
  - a. **Badock's Wood Primary School £1800**
  - b. **Henbury & Breentry Community Council £2500**
  - c. **Southmead Community Association £310**
- v. **That the funding decisions made by the Henbury/Breentry Community First Panel are noted for information.**

## **9. Devolved Services Report**

The Neighbourhood Committee received a report (Agenda Item no.9) from Keith Houghton.

Key points raised and noted included

- a. Concerns raised about the minor works request to address issue at the Crow Lane crossing. Some people present were dissatisfied with the quality of the resurfacing work undertaken on the Highway recently, believing that the crossing problem has arisen because of the original work undertaken. But this was challenged by some Partnership members.

### **The Partnership Agreed to**

- I. Noted the update given on the Traffic and Transport Devolved Budget Work programme.**
- II. Approve £2,000 from the minor works budget to deliver upgrades to the Crow Lane zebra crossing dropped kerbs**
- III. Defer a decision on the proposal put forward in the Supplementary Bentry/Charlton Lane/Swanmoor report to the next Traffic and Transport sub-group in January 2015.**
- IV. Remaining updates in the Report were noted**

## **10. Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator's Report**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 10)

Keith Houghton presented the report and the following key points raised and noted included:

- a. Antony Skelding agreed to act as the Partnership representative on the planning group for the City-wide conference for NP being held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015.
- b. Those present were provided with a copy of the map showing the proposed boundary changes for the two wards which will be consulted on until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015. The NP Co-ordinator suggested that it's likely there will also be 3 citywide events to



provide opportunities for residents to consider the Boundary Commission proposals.

- c. All partnerships are offered a Mayoral visit during 2015. It was therefore agreed that should happen during November 2015. **KH to action**
- d. All were directed to read the details of the Bristol Green Capital Neighbourhood Art Programme for the Henbury/Southmead area – ideas are invited from the community on Green Capital themes around which an art project can be developed with the community. Henbury/Southmead work will start in March/April 2015.
- e. Equalities: Concerns were raised about the need to complete an Equalities question in relation to some types of grant spends – example given was a grant to deliver repairs on a building. The partnership asked that this should be feedback with the aim of amending the application forms to work better. The comment was made that Equalities is an important issue but it gets diminished if it becomes too rigidly applied. **Action: KH**
- f. Concerns were raised about the information recently received that the SEARCH and Southmead Estate Agreement groups will have less NP staffing support. The Partnership would like to feedback that they should be given an option to decide how reductions in support should be implemented within its workload. **Action: KH**
- g. Concerns were raised about the agenda format. Thought should be given to moving the decision making business to the beginning and the information items to the end. **Action: KH**
- h. Partnership asked that it is fed back that any event to encourage NP involvement should be locally based and not centrally held. **Action: KH**
- i. All to note that Co-op had withdrawn its planning application for the former Wayfarer Pub site near Pen Park road.

**The Partnership agreed:**

- i. That they would note the updates in the report.**
- ii. The equalities training for January 2015 during the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week**
  - a. KH to contact with details**
- iii. Citywide NP event rep will be Antony Skelding**

(The meeting ended at 21:10hrs).

CHAIR