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Agenda item no. 4

Henbury and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership

Tuesday, 24th March 2015 @ 19:00hrs

At

The Henbury Centre, Machin Road, Henbury

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Councillor M Weston (Henbury)	P			
Councillor C Windows (Henbury)	P			
Councillor B Massey (Southmead)	P			
Jenny Smith (Southmead)	P			
Adrian Boyce (Brentry)	P			
Daron Devonshire (Brentry)				
Antony Skelding (Brentry)	P			
Hannah Pereira (Brentry)				
Rose Carr (Henbury)	P			
Darien Jay (Henbury)	P			
Joan Bennett (Southmead)	P			
Pat Newport (Southmead)	P			
Ian Thornley (Southmead)				
Toni Anderson (Southmead)				
Deana Perry (Southmead)	P			
Alex Kittow (Southmead)				
Keith Houghton, Area Co-ordinator	P			
Claudette Campbell, Democratic Services	P			
Mark Sperduty North Area Manager	P			
Jan Reichel, BCC Property	P			
Emma Williams, Green Capital Arts Manager	P			

Members of Public attending: 5 people were in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions, Apologies for absence

Cllr Weston took the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions noting apologies.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership Held on 9th Dec 2014 and 19th Dec 2014.

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered the minutes.

The Neighbourhood Partnership Agreed that the minutes of the Henbury and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership on the 9th December and 19th December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

- Amendment to 9th December NP minutes to show that Simon Wood would be invited to attend the NP to address concerns about Southmead Hospital parking. **Action: KH to follow up.**
- Both copies are agreed

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered the action sheet. All updates relating to outstanding actions were noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Public Forum

None

The Chair invited the following:-

Emma Williams - Neighbourhood Arts Programme Manager.

- a. The vision is for all 14 NP's to have an arts project that uniquely represents them. As a result of liaising with a number of community groups via local meetings the central theme for this area is litter. It is a theme that could be addressed by the art project fund of £10,000. The public consultation is still open but the money must be spent by November 2015. At the end of March the options would be reviewed for the agreed project to start in May/June.
- b. Contact will be made with local Young people via schools and over the holiday period. It was suggested that contact be made with Brush strokes, a local art group for people who have experienced strokes, based at the Greenway centre as well as the local Youth forums.

Jan Reichal – Dunmail Site

- a. Explained the background. Council sought to secure a high standard of design and sustainability. The site was marketed with non-prescriptive requirements to encourage innovation. Market response was poor and the process was judged to have failed.

- b. At this point apologies were offered to the ward councillors for a breakdown in communication and the failure to keep them informed of the decision to halt the marketing.
- c. The council approached developers that had shown serious interest but not bid to find out why. In summary the combined effects of the affordable housing requirement, the high environmental and design expectations and the requirement to raise £2.5m for school sports was too much for the market to accept where sales values are considered uncertain.
- d. The council is now intending to review the bidder requirements and remarket the site to pre-selected developers, the West of England Housing Delivery Providers and Managers. BCC will also approach the Department of Education to explore if the sale minimum requirement could be lowered from £2.5 million. Delay will be limited to one month. The intention is to prepare in April, market May-July and select a developer in August.

5. Highways Budget Update: Devolved Transport Budgets, March 2015

Mark Sperduty, North Area Manager for Highways Bristol City Council presented his report covering Decision Making process and updates on local traffic scheme delivery.

The Maintenance budget that covered footway and carriageway surface dressing had now reverted back to the management of officers, it had been un-devolved by Cabinet on the 3rd March 2015. In practice the actual decisions were driven by technical advice provided by experienced officers and not by the NPs. The introduction of new software called TAMP would provide better assessment of the needs for repair to footways and carriageways.

Additional funding of £500K had been allocated to the Highways team to employ temporary staff, for 18 months, to address the backlog of approximately 100 schemes. Managers are in the process of mapping actual needs to decide how best to use the additional resources.

Key points raised / noted included.

- a. NP can continue to feed into the process. The decision to repair will be taken following technical input from the Footway Network Survey alongside information gleaned from NPs. The new system is based on a rating system. NPs will be advised of the final citywide work programme and whether local schemes are scheduled.
- b. Narrow Estate Road Budget no longer exists. **Action: KH to ascertain amount that forms part of general budget.**

- c. The Partnership expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of workmanship provided by contractors when undertaking carriageway work to the highway and foot paths. MS informed those present that he had limited staff resource and that it was not always possible to review all maintenance work carried out by contractors.

6. Green Capital Fund and Devolved Services Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report (Agenda Item No.6) from Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

Keith Houghton introduced the report.

Key points raised / noted included.

- a. The sums to be award from the Green Capital fund must be award or lost from the fund. Discussion followed on adjusting a number of proposed awards and the proposal to approve a request from the Blaise Community Garden project.

Traffic & Highways Devolved Work – Mark Sperduty Updated as follows:

- b. Knole Lane pedestrian Crossing to be delivered summer 2015 below the cost estimate given.
- c. Junction of Brentry Lane, Charlton Lane & Swanmoor Crescent – The Traffic and Transport sub-group agreed the proposed designed. The NP agreed the proposal for delivery in summer 2015.
- d. Henbury Road/Crow Lane junction – The Traffic and Transport sub-group to review the completed study at their next meeting.
- e. Pen Park/Charlton Road crossing improvements – the scheme is an upgrade to the existing area to be delivered summer 2015.
- f. Charlton Road East crossing – concerns raised on whether the crossing was required. This would remain on the Partnership's Long List. It was noted that the most likely source of a crossing would be as part of the CPNN South Gloucestershire mitigation. Information to follow in the autumn 2015.

The Partnership Agreed

- i. **To note the 2014/2015 Wellbeing Fund balance**
- ii. **To make the following awards from the Green Capital Fund 2014/2015**
 - **Twenty Acres Road Residents £2,000**
 - **Henbury and Brentry Community Council £1,930**

- Buckley Court £500
- WISH £1,925
- Bristol Natural History Consortium £2,500
- Soil Association £660
- Southmead Festival £3,200
- Southmead Young Mums £500
- Blaise Garden Community Garden Project £1300
- Total awarded £15,390

- iii. **Noted the applications that were unsuccessful and not allocated funds from the Green Capital Fund**
- iv. **To note the update position on the Henbury/Brentry Community First Allocation to end December 2014**
- v. **Noted the position on the Traffic and Transport Devolved Budget Work Programmes.**
- vi. **Noted the position of the section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund.**

7. Henbury Loop: options discussion

This item postponed.

8. Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator's Report

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

Key points raised / noted included:

- a. **Libraries for the Future:** Cllr Weston confirmed that Henbury and Southmead libraries are likely to be developed further. The 23rd April 2015 consultation meeting would centre on how they could be enhanced.

The Neighbourhood Partnership Resolved –

- i. **To Note the feedback from the Neighbourhood Forums**
- ii. **To Note the current position on the Dunmail site**
- iii. **Note the initial negotiations with First Bus in regard to the loss of no.20 bus service**
- iv. **Noted the date of Equalities training on the 21st April**
- v. **Noted the feedback from the Citywide NP event**
- vi. **Noted that the consultation on library service would continue**
- vii. **Adopted the dates for the 2015/16 meetings**

9. Henbury, Brentry and Southmead NP Plan 2015-2018 DRAFT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered in a work shop session the draft plan.

Key points raised and noted included.

- a. Detailed discussion on the Criteria for the Wellbeing Fund. Request made by Partnership that the wording is simplified. That the criteria list is cut to approx 10 objectives an applicant needs to meet. **Action: KH to amend**
- b. NP agreed to retain a Wellbeing Fund of £20,000 per year.
- c. Discussion on whether to retain the Clean and Green Fund - £1500 that traditionally covered the cost of hanging baskets in the area. Suggested that additional funds could be added to raise the value of the fund and call it 'Community Budget'. Authority to manage would be delegated to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, so that it could respond to needs in the intervening periods between partnership meetings.
Action: KH to work to identify sums to grow the Clean and Green Fund and for it to become Community Budget Fund.
- d. NP agreed to reallocate the Narrow Estate Budget to increase the Local Traffic Schemes budget to £20k. The balance allocated to the Community Budget Fund to boost environmental enhancement work.
- e. On reviewing the priorities thought was given to removing any objectives that the NP could not influence.
- f. NP agreed the following priorities within the NP Plan:
 - Fly-tipping as a priority in the Environment section
 - Resident influence on scheme delivery in the Traffic & Transport
 - Support for victims of Hate Crime and the Hate Crime good practice event in the Crime & Community Safety section.
- g. NP did not support:
 - Exploration of setting up a Young People's Wellbeing fund in families, younger and older people section.
 - Encourage development of Speedwatch volunteers in Traffic & Transport section
 - Reduce sale and use of drugs in Crime & Community Safety section

Resolved:

- i. **That the Neighbourhood Partnership adopt the Plan.**
- ii. **That the NP Co-ordinator had delegated authority to manage the Community Budget and provide regular feedback to Members on allocation.**

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th July 2015 @ 7pm in Southmead (venue to be advised)

(The meeting ended at 21:02 hrs).

CHAIR