



**Stockwood, Hengrove and Whitchurch
Neighbourhood Partnership (N P) Meeting
7.00 p.m. on 17TH June 2015
at Oasis Academy John Williams**

Present:

Ward Councillors

Councillors Barry Clark and Michael Frost (Chair) (Hengrove Ward);
and Councillors David Morris and Graham Morris (Stockwood Ward)

BCC Officers, Statutory Partners and Others

Ariaf Hussain	-	BCC, N P Co-ordinator
Norman Cornthwaite	-	BCC, Democratic Services
P C Graham Sharman	-	A & S Police

Neighbourhood Partnership Members

Judith Barnhurst
Peter Goodwin
Robert Harris
Trevor Hilliar

Plus 3 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Norma Davies, Jean Young and Dave Reeve.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He also welcomed Councillor Graham Morris to the N P and thanked Jay Jethwa for her work.

3. Minutes - Stockwood, Hengrove and Whitchurch Neighbourhood Partnership - 18th March 2015 (Agenda Item No. 2)

Minute No. 64 – It was noted that a Grounds Maintenance Representative would not be attending this Meeting, but a Representative would attend a future Meeting.

Minute No. 65 – It was noted that the music event would take place in June (and not July).

Resolved – that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Neighbourhood Committee (N C) Items

4. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item No. 3)

None were made.

5. Public Forum (Agenda Item No. 4)

Nothing was received.

6. Neighbourhood Partnership AGM Report (Agenda Item No. 5)

Ariaf Hussain introduced this report and summarised it for everyone.

Following a debate it was

Resolved – (1) that the N P Membership remains the same with the addition of Barbara Kirby elected as an Organisation Representative and that the chairing arrangements remain the same for 2015/16;

(2) that the N C and N P Terms of Reference and the N C financial operating framework be confirmed;

(3) that the devolved Neighbourhood Budget be noted;

(4) that the meeting schedule including sub groups and forums be agreed; and

(5) that the financial statement and expenditure from 2014/15 be noted.

A discussion on the low attendance at N P Meetings by the public and raising awareness of the Meetings followed. It was agreed that as part of the sub group work the cost of a mail shot to all residential properties in the two Wards be established.

6. Neighbourhood Budget Report and Requests (Agenda Item No. 6)

Ariaf Hussain introduced the report and summarised it for everyone. He advised that the date in paragraph 3 should read April 2015 (not 2014).

Resolved – (1) that the Budget Updates be noted; and

(2) that the recommendation for the allocation of the Neighbourhood Budget request be agreed.

7. Wellbeing Budget Report (Agenda Item No. 7)

Ariaf Hussain introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

Resolved – (1) that an amount of £750 be allocated to Age UK; and

(2) that an (interim) amount of £1,200 be allocated to Oasis Academy pending feedback from them.

8. Section 106 Report – Update on Public Art (Agenda Item No. 8)

Ariaf Hussain introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

He gave the background to a report that had been aired on BBC Radio Bristol on the morning of the Meeting concerning the Community Orchard and clarified the situation.

He read out the following statement from Aldo Rinaldi – Senior Public Art Officer (BCC):

“David Thorpe is the author of the Whitchurch and Hengrove Community Orchard project, a public art project for Bristol commissioned by BCC as part of Future Perfect public art programme. David created a design for the orchard that was to be implemented by BCC and the community. The artists design was submitted to the council in 2014 and refined during 2015. The orchard will be planted in Autumn 2015 and a series of events leading up to this and following the planting will take place to help to involve the community and establish the friends group.

It was always the artists intention that the community orchard would be founded and built by the community, taking his design forward as a way to build civic ownership and interest. He remains involved however day to day management of this project is being carried out by BCC and the project manager on the scheme Tessa Fitzjohn.

There are not unspent monies on the orchard project. A further amount of funds has become available within this existing project budget as the artist decided he wanted his fees to be used to for a community engagement programme. The council accepted this and a programme is being curated that brings in further local artists and community groups.

In terms of the involvement of the Bristol Skills Academy, they remain a valued partner and the Council is working with their staff member Jo Newington Wise (Living in the community course entry level 3) who’s students will be involved as part of their volunteering requirement.”

He then advised that he had received a request from the Art Officer for a contribution of £1,000 towards the Bridge Farm Project.

Following a debate it was agreed that £1,000 be contributed to the Bridge Farm Project.

Resolved – (1) that an amount of £1,000 be contributed to the Bridge Farm Project;

(2) that the contingency sum of £14,236.29 remaining with the S106 devolved Public Art Budget be noted; and

(3) that the revised expenditure profile for the S106 Orchard Project be noted.

Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) Items

9. Police and Community Safety Update (Agenda Item No. 9)

P C Sharman introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

Concerns were raised about the crimes which have increased in particular Hate Crimes.

Ariaf Hussain read out the following statement from Inspector Colston concerning this issue:

“Police response in regard to the 120% increase in racially / religiously aggravated crime:

We are currently conducting some in-depth analysis of hate crime figures affecting the whole of South Bristol. Early indications suggest that when the figures are adjusted to show levels of hate crime on a “per BME capita” basis, South Bristol has 9 out of the top 10 wards in terms of levels of hate crime. Part of the reason for this could be increased confidence in reporting / increased understanding of the need to record incidents as hate-related. In some cases the actual number of cases is fairly high, but the number of victims is low (suggesting high levels of repeat offending against certain victims).

I have long been an advocate for hate crime to be a) a neighbourhood partnership priority b) a neighbourhood delivery team priority. This has been achieved across most of the partnership areas. We are currently working towards a multi-agency problem

solving plan, but as you can probably imagine the issues are very complex and aren't going to be solved any time soon. The role of the police is primarily enforcement, and we have good processes in place now to track and ensure that hate crime gets the investigation that it deserves. I am also working with our investigations team, and senior management team, on some targeted work to focus upon hate crime offenders."

In response to a question concerning the breakdown of Hate Crime victims among different groups, P C Sharman stated that he would see if more information on this could be provided.

Agreed – that the report be noted.

10. N P Co-ordinator Report (Agenda Item No. 10)

Ariaf Hussain introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

He drew attention to the S106 Public Transport Improvements and the four options summarised in the report. He requested the views of the N P.

It was noted that Loxton Square was not listed as one of the options.

Following a debate it was agreed that the N P considers the following locations to be the priorities for improvement: Walsh Avenue (Option1) – (funded as part of the Bus Shelter Improvement Programme), Cadogan Road (Option 2), Hengrove Lane (Option 3) and Loxton Square. It was agreed that the footways at all sites be raised and pole mounted real time information displays provided.

Agreed – (1) that the S106 and CIL Information Sheet be noted;

(2) that the N P Short Plan be noted;

(3) that the Mayor's Visit and Action Plan be noted;

(4) that in relation to the S106 Public Transport Improvements, the N P considers the following locations to be the priorities for improvement: Walsh Avenue (Option1) – (funded as part of the Bus Shelter Improvement Programme), Cadogan Road (Option

2), Hengrove Lane (Option 3) and Loxton Square. It was agreed that the footways at all sites be raised and pole mounted real time information displays provided; and

(5) that the Bristol Retirement Village Update be noted.

11. A O B (Agenda Item No. 11)

Car Boot Sale Site. Concerns were raised about the operation of a car boot sale site and the problems this causes to residents.

Ariaf Hussain explained that the N P has no jurisdiction over the operation of car boot sale sites. However he confirmed that he would bring the concerns of residents to the attention of the relevant BCC Sections – Markets, Licensing and Parks – and ask them to address these concerns as a matter of urgency.

12. Next N P Meeting

Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 7.00 pm, venue – Counterslip Baptist Church, Wells Road.

(Meeting ended at 8.50 pm.)

CHAIR