



## MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

### Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Report of:** Andrew McGrath – Communities & Neighbourhoods

**Title:** Area Co-ordinator's report

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS. The NP is asked:

- To note the updates regarding Forums
- To note the current standing of the communications Budget
- To note updates
- To note the latest meetings schedule and advise the AC in its updating

#### 1. Updates from Forums

The notes below are a brief overview of topics discussed. For the more detailed meeting notes and other information, visit the NP website:

<http://www.activenp.co.uk>

### Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Forum

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Geoff Gollop, Alastair Watson

NP Reps: Sue Boys, Alan Aburrow, David Mayer

Officers: Cheryl Hudson, Andrew McGrath, Farhan Ahmed, Gary Brentnall, Wayne Dewfall

Police: PC Paula Donnelly, PCSO Paula Perry  
20+ members of the public

Wayne Dewfall, BCC Traffic Management Manager discussed parking services in the ward. With specific regard to WoT Academy, wayne confirmed that parking on zig zags and double yellow lines is an offence and that penalty notices would be issued for infringements. BCC Parking services now has two CCTV cars but they have limited impact near the Academy due to the road layout. As an alternative, foot patrols will be mounted near the school.

Wayne urged anyone witnessing illegal parking to phone in (9038070). Wayne then went on to answer questions from the audience.

Alan Aburrow updated the meeting on issues raised previously. The issue of 'pavement grabbing' on Westbury Road was revisited. It is a complex problem and one that neither the residents or officers involved have been able to fully resolve. Cllr Watson agreed to follow the issue up with Jim Creamer, the BCC officer allocated to this work. Most of the other issues from previous Forums have now been resolved, although not necessarily to the satisfaction of the Forum.

Sue reported that plans are on-going for the next year for Westbury In Bloom. Volunteers are needed. Please let Sue know if you are interested.

A 'Town Team' has been set up by Westbury-on-Trym Business Association. This will research shoppers' needs and look to identify opportunities for developing the retail sector in the village.

David confirmed that plans are on-going to develop a Community Plan for WoT. It is hoped that WoTSOC will hold another public meeting on this subject towards the end of February.

Alan updated the meeting on local planning issues. The main topic for discussion was the Wesley College site redevelopment. Over 70 locals had attended a public meeting on this subject the night before. The developer's preferred option is to develop the main building into a nursing home; sell the Frances Greaves flats as residential flats (underway); develop the current playing fields for 12 4/5 bedroom houses, and several other ideas. There are various infrastructure ideas as well regarding site entrance etc.

There followed a discussion on the redevelopment of Filton Airfield and its likely impact on W-o-T and the rest of north Bristol. Here is concern that BCC planners are not doing enough to protect the interests of Bristol, which will be seriously impacted by this enormous development.

The Police provided an update to the meeting. Community Speed Watch was recently used in Canford Lane. In 1 hour and 40 minutes, 401 vehicles were clocked. 7 were doing more than 37mph. Other roads were also checked and returned similar results. There followed a discussion on avoiding bogus callers and distraction burglaries.

**Issue/Priority.** No new issues were raised at the Forum meeting

## **Stoke Bishop Forum Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013**

**Present:**

Councillors: Peter Abraham

NP Reps: Tony Hoare, Wendy Hull, Gay Huggins, Alan Preece

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Farhan Ahmed, Stuart Pattison

Approximately 40 members of the public

Apologies: John Goulandris, Cheryl Hudson, Gerry Arnold, Sheila Salmon

The Chair of the meeting, Tony Hoare updated the meeting on the issue of school places. The council is not intending to change the process at present, so the same rules will apply. However, if a school becomes an Academy, it will be able to adjust its admissions process.

Stephanie French, the NP's Tree Champion, requested that the Forum write to BCC in order to support its desire for the TPOs on Stoke Lodge to remain. Tony agreed to do this. There is concern that TPOs are ignored once they stop being a 'visual amenity'. This is common in Sneyd Park.

Planning updates: Dairy Crest site. 14 houses approved for this site. The houses backing on to the wall had not been reversed in the planning decision.

Avon Way – 4 houses to be developed.

Hiatt Baker – development has begun for 323 student units. A further application for another 12 units has been submitted. It is thought likely that there will be further attempts to develop the site in the future as the university takes on more and more students. Student cars continue to be a problem although their use has reduced.

David Mayer was able to report that progress is being made on Stoke Lodge. The playground project now has a project manager. Consultation is on-going and the project will then move to the design stage. With regard to the Town and Village Green application, the Inspector has decided there is no need for public enquiry. The main issue to overcome regards a point of law. Is access to the site 'as of right' or 'by right'. Final responses are due by the end of January. The inspector will then make a site visit before issuing a recommendation on 'papers only' sometime in 2013. Cllr Abraham who chairs the BCC public rights of way

committee asked that it be noted that as of 2 days earlier, the understanding was that the whole thing could still go to a public enquiry.

Police update: PC Paul White gave his report. In the last quarter there have been 4 attempted burglaries, 8 burglaries on houses and 7 on sheds. Also a spate of bike thefts. The police will continue to concentrate on these issues.

PCSO Becky Richards then gave an update on Speedwatch, details of which were attached to the Agenda papers. There had been 7 Speedwatch activities in Stoke Bishop. Since it started, 2,405 vehicles had been checked, 191 vehicles were exceeding 30mph and 73 had been sent a warning letter for doing 36mph or over. Two training sessions had recently been held. Anyone interested in training should contact Becky.

Stuart Pattison was in attendance. He was happy to drop 'domestic violence' from our priorities as it is not appropriate to this area. He mentioned domestic burglaries, cycling on pavements, educating students to mark their property, speeding traffic and anti-social behaviour as priorities.

Attendees were asked to submit ideas for updating bus stops on the 501/2 routes.

Alastair Watson is to investigate whether Coombe Dingle Sports Centre is fulfilling its duties with regard to opening and closing the Stoke Lodge gates, as it seems inconsistent.

Other working group updates: The Working Group for Older People held a trip to Cadbury Garden Centre before Christmas. This was very well received by participants. The group is currently planning a large one-off event as part of the Celebrating Age festival. The event, which will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, will be held in the Bradbury rooms in Henleaze. Older people from around the area will be invited. Updates from the Communications Working Group, Transport Working Group and the Environment Working Group are tabled in the papers for this NP.

**Henleaze Forum**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013**

Present:

Councillors: Glenise Morgan, Clare Champion-Smith

NP Reps: Simon Tomlinson, Val Bishop,

Officers: Farhan Ahmed, Wayne Dewfell, Gary Brentnall

Police:

Apologies: Joyce Fey

Plus 16 members of the public

A discussion was held on the May Gurney responsibilities regarding bin collection. Opinions vary with some residents being complimentary and others critical. Several residents said their bins hadn't been emptied recently. It was thought that this may be due to the bad weather but that if it happens again, to contact the council on 9222100. Other complaints included wheelie bins not being put back in the right place. They are often left blocking pavements or driveways. Ring same number to report problems.

**Police update:** PC Paula Donnelly and PCSO Paula Perry reported that burglaries were up in the last quarter (21) but this is normal over Christmas. Vehicle crime is down (24), with 50% of these being theft of vehicles and 50% theft from vehicles. There has been a problem with bogus salesmen door knocking. Recent persistent door knocker has been dealt with. A man arrested recently for threatening with an axe has been jailed for nearly three years. Some advice on rogue traders was also given out with a request to report anyone suspicious

**Parks update:** Gary provided an update. Two parks projects (Fallodon Way, Old Quarry Park) are currently being developed to provide new play equipment and environmental improvements. A consultation on the play area in Fallodon Way has already taken place, with more to follow. A tree plan is being developed for Old Quarry along with a topographical survey. All progress is very positive. Work should begin on-site mid/late summer 2013.

**Parking update:** Wayne Dewfell of BCC Parking services gave the meeting an update. There are now two camera cars. These automatically give tickets to transgressors. They can be requested to patrol specific areas with problems. Wayne reminded the meeting that no one is allowed to park on school zig zags. Even school buses will be ticketed if they are on the zig zags. Each school has 1 or 2 visits a week from the cars. If the roads at schools have not been programmed in to the car's systems, foot patrols will be undertaken.

Wayne reminded the meeting about loading bays. Drivers can use them if they are picking up something pre-ordered. They cannot be used to park and go shopping. Parking on double yellow lines is not an offence if for less than five minutes. People are allowed to drop off and pick up. They will be ticketed after this period.

**Working Group updates** were given by reps and officers:

Transport – Simon Tomlinson and Alan Aburrow: A discussion was held on the offer to upgrade bus stops on the 501,2,3 routes. Officers from BCC have been invited to the next round of Forums to consult on the 20mph roll-out. There are bids planned under the Local Sustainable transport Fund.

Environment – Gary Brentnall. A parks update given. All actions being pursued via the working group are now complete.

Older People – Glenise Morgan. The WGOP is planning a big one day even for 1<sup>st</sup> July. It will be called Celebrating Age Open Day. A trip is planned to Cadbury Garden Centre. All places taken up,

Trees – Stephanie French. We gained volunteer tree champions for the ward at the

last meeting. We need a plan for a park in the NP area. Not spoilt for choice. The tiny Henleaze bit of Horfield Common is a possibility. Tree Bristol says Henleaze is a priority for new trees. We need to identify streets for planting. With regard to the damaged trees at Henleaze Junior school, these may have been done already. Have been unable to identify the damaged ones. Tree Bristol has £990 for 3 trees for Old Quarry Park. We need to ensure this is done in coordination with the tree plan being developed.

Planning – Simon Tomlinson. Tesco has an application pending to build a car wash on the corner of Kellaway and Lime tree Road. This would include a large Tesco sign being put up. An application for an HMO on Wellington Hill has been submitted.

Bins not being emptied and empty bins returned to wrong place. Ring 9222100

Many drains are blocked. There is a schedule for drain clearance. If there is a particular problem, report on line or ring 9222100

Grit boxes are not being refilled. Causing hazards for pedestrians and drivers

BCC appears to plan badly for snow. All other cities seem to cope better. Even the main roads were chaos.

Road work signs are often out of date. The dates on the signs need to be updated by May Gurney (working on the Water Resilience Scheme). BCC, Bristol Water and May Gurney need to coordinate better

Collections of food from the Henleaze Tesco are causing parking problems. This isn't an appropriate site.

The toilets at the back of this site are supposed to be open. They are not. Can they be?

## **2. Communications Budget**

The NP has £1,000 in its budget that must be spent by the end of March. If it is not spent it will be taken away. Please see the Communications Working Group notes for how the NP intends to spend this year's allocation. There will be an allocation of £1,000 for 2013/14. Please note that this is not a devolved budget of the NP. However, the Area Coordinator always spends this budget with the agreement of the Communications Working Group.

## **3. NP rep elections**

It is coming to that time of the year again. Elections will be held in all three of the NPs' wards at the next round of Forums in May. The Governance Working Group will plan the elections and publicity and ensure it is sent out in good time. All reps are urged to get the word out to neighbours and friends to make them aware of the opportunity to stand as a rep.

## 4. Neighbourhood Partnership Review

Bristol's 14 Neighbourhood Partnerships currently make decisions about how some council budgets are spent and how some local services are delivered at a neighbourhood level, as well as providing and promoting community activity in a variety of ways.

The Mayor is very keen to develop Neighbourhood Partnerships and to bring more influence and decision-making to local communities. In order to do this in ways that fit with residents and activists' needs, a citywide review has recently begun. The review, which runs throughout February and March, includes a survey, workshops, focus groups and community meetings. The views of the NPs are central to the review, as the members of the NPs have the most developed ideas and views and have experienced the work of the NPs at a close level, often over a long period of time.

This NP is asked to consider the questions below and provide views and ideas on the future development of NPs across the city.

### **What is the view of this NP on how the NP process currently runs?:**

- What are its strengths?
- What are its weaknesses?
- What does the NP think would improve the way NPs work?
- What should we do differently?
- Do you think the NP process is value for money?
- What does this NP think of the status of NPs? Should they be less/more formal?
- Is the meeting structure right? If not, how should it be changed?
- What does the NP think about other NP work outside of the formal meetings (eg. working groups, other meetings)
- How should we ensure that NPs work collaboratively with citywide initiatives (e.g parks forum, citywide projects)?

**The NP currently has devolved responsibility and/or influence for Well Being funds, minor traffic improvements & footway budgets, identifying community safety and Parks priorities, and devolved S106 allocations (formal sign-off performed by councillor members of the NP).**

- Does the NP think any other budgets/responsibilities should be devolved to the NP? If so, which?
- Does the NP think other areas of BCC's work should be influenced by the NP? If so, which?
- What does the NP think about the balance between different roles within the NP (Councillors, NP reps, residents)

- Does the NP consider that it has an influence over those decisions that are formally made by Councillors?
- Does the NP think that decisions about influencing services should be made by the Committee or the NP?

## Forums and other engagement

- Do the Forums work well?
- Do things get done?
- What would you change about the forums (structure, frequency, content etc)?
- How can we get more people involved/make it more democratic?
- How can we communicate better with the public?

A meeting for residents in the North Bristol area will take place At Badocks Wood Primary School, Doncaster Road, Southmead, Bristol, BS10 5P at **7pm 28<sup>th</sup> of February**. All residents and service providers working in the HSBWOT are welcome to attend.

## 5. Neighbourhood Working

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Neighbourhood Partnership notes that an improved way of neighbourhood working will start across the city from May/June 2013.

That the priorities that the neighbourhood working team will tackle will be chosen by the Neighbourhood Partnership in September 2013, and will bring together existing neighbourhood priorities (Community Safety, Cleanliness, NP priorities).

1. The council has been piloting a new approach to neighbourhood working since 1st October 2012 in the central and east areas of Bristol. The pilot is testing out how to bring council officers together to better tackle neighbourhood priorities in a quick, efficient, consistent way.
2. So far, the pilot has been successful in tackling neighbourhood priorities in a quick, efficient and effective way. For example, in the first three months of the pilot, 6 area wide priorities, 17 local priorities, 10 targeted operations and a variety of other work was delivered in addition to existing work, showing that better neighbourhood working can deliver more for neighbourhoods.
3. Examples of issues that have been tackled during the pilot include:
  - a. Littering, fly tipping, waste – wide variety of different issues
  - b. Highway obstructions



- c. ASB related to licensed premises/night time
  - d. Vice, kerb crawling and sex litter
  - e. Vehicles for sale / nuisance vehicles
  - f. Noise
  - g. Dog fouling
  - h. Issues on lanes – litter, ASB, dangerous structures, fly tipping
4. From May 2013, the new approach to neighbourhood working will be implemented across Bristol, based on the learning and successes of the pilot.
5. Neighbourhood working areas are as follows:

<b>Neighbourhood working area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Partnership areas</b></li> </ul>
<b>North</b>	Avonmouth and Kingsweston Henbury and Southmead Horfield and Lockleaze Bishopston Cotham and Redland Henleze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym
<b>Central (pilot area)</b>	Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill St George Greater Fishponds
<b>South</b>	Greater Bedminster Greater Brislington Hengrove and Stockwood Dundry View Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill

6. Each neighbourhood working area will be served by a neighbourhood team of existing staff whose role it is to manage neighbourhoods by informal and formal means. Officers will undertake positive, pro-active work and share responsibility within this team for a wide variety of neighbourhood issues. There will be approximately 30-40 staff allocated to each neighbourhood working area.
7. The neighbourhood teams will have excellent links to other officers and partners – the pilot has helped develop some of these links. This will ensure that specialist officers can be brought to work alongside the neighbourhood team when required, and that matters can be escalated to specialist services if necessary.
8. Neighbourhood Partnerships will choose priorities for the neighbourhood team to work on, and will receive regular progress reports. These priorities will incorporate existing priorities and priority setting processes (for example

community safety priorities and priority setting will be incorporated into the neighbourhood priorities).

## 6. Future Meeting dates

	<b>Cycle 4 (2013/14) All provisional</b>	<b>Cycle 1 2013 All Provisional</b>	<b>Cycle 2 (2013/14)</b>	<b>Cycle 3 (2013/14)</b>
<b>NP</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June Venue tbc 7.00pm	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September Venue tbc 7.00pm	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December Venue tbc 7.00pm	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March Venue tbc 7.00pm
<b>NP Pre meeting</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March Venue tbc 5.30pm
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Henleaze Forum	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May Henleaze Library 7.00pm	? ? ? ?	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October Venue tbc 7.00pm	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January Venue tbc 7.00pm
WoT Forum	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May Venue 35 7.00pm	? ? ? ?	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October Venue tbc 7.00pm	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January Venue tbc 7.00pm
SB Forum	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May Stoke Bishop Primary School 7.00pm	? ? ? ?	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Venue tbc 7.00pm	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January Venue tbc 7.00pm
Well Being Fund	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May Venue tbc 5.30pm	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Venue tbc 5.30pm	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October Venue tbc 5.30pm	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February Venue tbc 5.30pm
Comms Working Group	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November Venue tbc 5.30pm	
Transport Working Group	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April Venue tbc 7.00pm	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July Venue tbc 7.00pm	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October Venue tbc 7.00pm	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January Venue tbc 7.00pm
Environment Working Group	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April venue tbc 2.00pm	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September venue tbc 2.00pm	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November Venue tbc 2.00pm	
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