

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HENLEAZE, STOKE BISHOP & WESTBURY-on-TRYM
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
4TH MARCH 2013 AT 7 PM
HELD AT HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL,
PARK GROVE, WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL BS9 4LG**

MEMBERS

Ward Councillors

Henleaze - Clare Champion-Smith (P), Glenise Morgan (P)
Stoke Bishop - Peter Abraham (P), John Goulandris (P)
Westbury-on-Trym - Geoff Gollop (P), Alastair Watson (P)

Neighbourhood Partnership Ward Members

Henleaze - Valerie Bishop (P), Maggie Clark (P), Joyce Fey (P), Simon Tomlinson (P)

Stoke Bishop - Tony Hoare (P), Gay Huggins (A), Wendy Hull (P), Alan Preece (P)

Westbury - on - Trym - Alan Aburrow (P), Sue Boyd (P), David Mayer (P), Vacancy (A)

Partners Attending

Jackie Longworth - equality representative.

Also present : Andrew McGrath-Area Coordinator, Steve Gregory-Clerk to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Gay Huggins – Stoke Bishop representative, Jenny Hodges – equality representative and Mark Runacre – police representative.

2. **MINUTES - HENLEAZE, STOKE BISHOP AND WESTBURY-ON-TRYM NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP – 3RD DECEMBER 2012**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to –

- (i) Minute No. 6 The spelling of the word Cemetery be corrected;
- (ii) Minute No. 7 extra bullet point be added to clarify that priorities would not be set by the Neighbourhood Partnership and that a new process would set priorities in the future;
- (iii) Minute No. 7 the words 'domestic violence' be replaced by 'domestic abuse';
- (iv) Minute No. 10(1) Greystoke Avenue traffic lights - Councillor Gollop asked that this point be strengthened regarding liability of the scheme being funded. Referred to correspondence about this dated 8 September, 1997, 9 August, 1999 and 2 August, 2002.

Matter arising – Stoke Lodge Playground. David Mayer reported that progress was moving on steadily, however he had been advised recently that a temporary Project Manager had been appointed to cover for maternity leave. The permanent Project Manager had, however, now returned and would soon call another meeting to make sure all relevant information was taken into consideration.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the Partnership received three public forum statements in advance of the meeting. (*A copy of the Public Forum submissions are held in the Minute Book and form part of the public record*).

Points arising from Statements

1. Southmead Road proposed zebra crossing/safe route to school

The Partnership agreed to give its support for a second bid for the construction of a zebra crossing on Southmead Road.

2. Foxes at Stoke Lodge

Environment Working Group to look at this issue and report its findings.

3. Planned Development of St.Ursula's E-ACT Academy, Brecon Road, Henleaze

The Partnership discussed the request for a special meeting to look at some of the proposals for this site to enable local residents to identify issues of importance to them. It was considered that the most appropriate option would be a pre-application consultation so that all interested parties could comment on the facts relating to the proposed development.

The Chair agreed to contact Paul Chick, North Area (Planning) Team Manager to find out if pre-application consultation was going ahead and feedback any relevant information to the Partnership as soon as possible.

Action – Councillor Watson

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5. AREA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Partnership received an update report from the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 5).

Key points raised were –

- (i) Neighbourhood Partnership Review – important for feedback to be obtained. The Area Coordinator asked that a joint response be returned from Neighbourhood Partnership members in addition to individual responses. Following a question from David Mayer the Area Coordinator said that progress on the Review was up to speed and information relating to it could be provided if necessary;
- (ii) Neighbourhood Working – Jackie Longworth emphasised point 8 of the report regarding how to choose priorities for the neighbourhood team to work on. The Area Coordinator said that a report dealing with this would come to the next meeting or possibly the one after that;
- (iii) Future meeting dates – 26 September date should read Thursday not Monday.

AGREED –

- (1) that the updates regarding Forums be noted;**

- (2) that the current standing of the Communications Budget be noted;
- (3) that the updates be noted;
- (4) that the latest meetings schedule be noted.

6. 20 MPH ZONES – PLANS AND CONSULTATION

(Agenda item no. 6)

The Partnership received an oral update regarding 20 mph zones, related plans and consultations from the Project Manager, Helen Wigginton and Matthew Barrett Group Manager, Transport.

The Partnership were advised that the objectives of a 20 mph Zone included -

- Safer street crossing;
- Improve quality of life;
- Increase levels of walking and cycling;
- Reduce obesity through increased active living;
- Reduction of motor vehicle traffic volumes and speeds;
- Reduction of road crash rates, injuries and fatalities to all road users;
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and noise pollution;
- Strengthen the sense of community/improve social cohesion. [\[4\]](#)

Two pilot areas in Bristol had demonstrated that walking and cycling activity had increased and the number of accidents had gone down.

Consultation had started and would continue, utilising neighbourhood forums and local displays. If and when Traffic Regulation Orders were drawn up the public would have an opportunity to formally object at that stage.

The Partnership commented on the proposals and the following points were emphasised –

- One of the objectives of the GBBN had been to increase bus speeds and this proposal appeared to contradict this;
- Child safety could still be compromised as the slower speed limit might encourage more playing on the roads;
- The Police had stated that enforcement would not be routinely pursued, it was felt by some that this could further compromise safety. Councillor Gollop expressed serious concern about this

- citing that even routine enforcement on Bristol's roads was limited, so there was little prospect of enforcing a city wide 20 mph zone;
- A safer and more easily enforced option might be for specific roads or areas to have 20 mph limits eg, outside schools, hospitals etc, rather than a 'blanket' zone;
 - Possible safety issue for two wheeled vehicles travelling too slowly;
 - It should be for local communities to decide if and when 20 mph speed limits should be put in place;
 - Serious concern expressed by some Members that the consultation process would not be carried out in a genuinely unbiased manner, citing anecdotal evidence of a 'fait accompli' approach about the process. It was felt that the consultation process must be robust and open to all possible outcomes.

The Highway Officer acknowledged the concerns and suggestions that had been raised and assured the Partnership that the public engagement process would listen to and give serious consideration to alternative proposals.

AGREED - that the oral update be noted.

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7. HIGHWAY SCHEMES – DELIVERY PLAN

The Partnership considered a report of the Service Director, Transport Services (agenda item no. 7) giving an update on highways schemes delivery plan. Mark Sperduty Area Manager, Transport detailed the report.

AGREED –

- (1) that the 2013/14 work programmes for carriageway surface dressing be agreed;**
- (2) that footway schemes being delayed until later in the year, be noted;**
- (3) that the schemes that would be delivered in the Henleaze, Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym NP area in 2013/14, be noted;**
- (4) that the pause in decision making for 12 months was needed in order to deliver this year's work programme, be noted;**

- (5) Noted that the team were committed to using the pause to deliver all outstanding schemes in the area. Devolved funding would be carried forward and identification of new schemes would start in late 2013.**

8. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Partnership considered a report of the Planning Obligations Manager (agenda item no. 8) setting out the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which would automatically provide financial receipts from development that takes place in the local area.

It was noted that although 15% was the minimum amount that could be received, up to 25% could be received if a formal Neighbourhood Plan was in place. This point was discussed and the Partnership was of the view that, although desirable in principle, the preparation and process to obtain a Plan would be costly and time consuming. It was felt that an informal Community Plan would be sufficient to guide spending options.

AGREED -

That with effect from 1st January 2013, the Henleaze, Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Partnership accept responsibility for decisions over Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spend.

9. DEVOLVED SERVICES - UPDATE

The Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 9) giving an update on devolved services.

The Area Coordinator drew the Partnerships attention to pages 34 & 35 citing that the titles referring to Footway Maintenance and Carriageway Surface need to be interchanged to read correctly.

AGREED -

- (1) that the Clean and Green budget to date, be noted ;**
- (2) that the S106 allocations, be noted and that the Environment Working Group discuss options, regarding**

the process for committing the allocation from the Hiatt Baker development, and report back to the Partnership;

- (3) that the latest progress update on devolved highways schemes, be noted.**

10. WELLBEING

The Partnership received a report of the Area Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 10) regarding the recommendations of the Wellbeing Panel.

AGREED -

- (1) that the current Wellbeing budget be noted;**
- (2) that the Wellbeing Panel recommendations, as set out in Table 1 of the report, be approved;**
- (3) that the latest monitoring update of Wellbeing Grant recipients be noted.**

11. FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

(1) Transport

Report noted. *Area Coordinator to obtain an update regarding work to the wall on Henbury Hill and e-mail Jackie Longworth.*

(2) Older People

Noted. Sue Boyd asked all Members to help out, if they could, regarding the Tyntesfield House & Gardens trip (poster and leaflet distribution) and North Bristol Festival of Age (promotion of the event).

(3) Environment

Noted. Regarding the Tree report it was suggested that the timber from the Cedar Lebanon tree be used for benches in the children's play area when the tree was finally lost. Also needed to give some thought to a replacement tree as it was subject to a TPO.

The Partnership were then asked to delegate to the Environment Group responsibility for deciding which of the Parks should be put forward in respect of the 'TreeBristol' planting programmes. The Neighbourhood Committee agreed to this request.

(4) Communication

Noted.

(The meeting ended at 9 pm)

CHAIR