

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
AND GREENS COMMITTEE**

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Councillor Chris Jackson (L)
Councillor Noreen Daniels (L)
Councillor Colin Smith (L)
Councillor Kevin Quartley (C)
Councillor Dennis Brown (LD)
Councillor Christopher Davies (LD)
Councillor Muriel Cole (LD)

(L = Labour, LD = Liberal Democrat, C = Conservative)

Dear Councillor

Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee - Monday 23rd July 2007

You are invited to attend the **annual general meeting** of the
aforementioned committee to be held on **Monday 23rd July 2007 at 2pm** in
a committee room at the Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR.

Please note that prior to this meeting there will be a site visit at Friary Road, Bishopston which is the subject of a claimed footpath (Agenda Item 10). I have arranged for transport to and from Friary Road which will leave from the rear of the Council House at 11am. If you are unable to attend the site visit (and therefore in turn the meeting) I would be grateful if you could let me know.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf and the supporting documents are attached. If I can be of further assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Fleming
Assistant Democratic Services Officer

PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET

The attention of the public is drawn to the sheet at the back of the agenda giving information on the emergency evacuation procedures, attending meetings and inspecting reports and background papers.

A G E N D A

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR - MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008

The committee is recommended to elect a Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR - MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/08

The committee is recommended to elect a Vice-Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee is recommended to note its membership for the ensuing municipal year, as shown on the front page of this agenda letter.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee is recommended to note the attached terms of reference for the ensuing municipal year, as agreed by the Council on 15th May 2007.

7. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2007/08

The committee is recommended to agree the dates and times of meetings listed below for the 2007/08 municipal year.

All committee meetings to be held at 2.00pm on:

23rd July 2007
8th October 2007
14th January 2008
7th April 2008

8. MINUTES - PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND GREENS COMMITTEE - 9th October 2006

- To be confirmed as a correct record.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS

Deadline for receipt: 12.00 noon on Friday 20th July 2007.

10. CLAIMED FOOTPATH FROM BERKELEY ROAD TO FP567 (FRIARY ROAD) (WARD: BISHOPSTON).

- to determine an application for a Modification Order under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the addition of a footpath from Berkeley Road to Public Right of Way No. 567 in Bishopston.

Joint report of the Director of Planning Transport and Sustainable Development and the Director of Central Support Services

11. UPDATE REPORT - RIGHTS OF WAY

- to report for information on the present position with regard to Wildlife and Countryside Act applications; town or village green applications; public inquiries; and miscellaneous rights of way orders, agreements and legal proceedings.

Joint report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Sustainable Development and the Director of Central Support Services (Head of Legal Services)

12. URGENT BUSINESS

- Any item of business which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 8th October 2007

Public Information Sheet

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

- (i) In the event of a **fire** you will hear a **continuous alarm**. In the event of a **bomb alert** the alarm will sound in **repeated short bursts**.
- (ii) **Do not panic** - members, officers and the public should leave the building promptly and in a quiet and orderly fashion using the nearest available escape routes and assemble **behind the Central Library** beyond the Norman Archway. **Lifts must not be used under any circumstances.**

Please note: both alarms are tested every Monday at 9.30am (for approx. 30 seconds). These arrangements apply to meetings held in the Council House, College Green. Where the meeting is held elsewhere, local arrangements will apply.

Public Access Information

Please contact the Democratic Services Officer named on the agenda if you require further information regarding the following:

Attendance at Meetings - Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Committee meetings are open to the public and a limited amount of seating is available in each meeting room. You may however be asked to leave the meeting if any "exempt" (private) business is considered. This will normally be shown on the agenda.

Inspection of Papers - Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

If you wish to inspect the minutes or reports (other than those which are exempt) relating to any item on this agenda please contact either the Democratic Services Officer (phone number at the top of the agenda sheet) or the Modern Records Office (tel: 0117 9222376). The background papers listed in a report may also be inspected. Please notify the Democratic Services Officer if you wish to see these. He/she will arrange with the report author for papers to be made available to you at a mutually convenient time.

We can also arrange for copies of individual reports or minutes to be supplied to you or for an annual subscription to the papers for any meeting. A charge will be made for this service. Alternatively, all meeting information may be inspected on the council's internet website at: www.bristol.gov.uk

Other formats and languages and assistance for those with hearing impairment

Committee papers can be provided in other formats (e.g. large print, audio tape, braille etc) or in community languages, upon request. Please contact the Democratic Services Officer if you would like such papers giving as much notice as possible. It should be noted that re-formatting or translation of papers before the date of a particular meeting cannot be guaranteed.

Committee rooms in the Council House are fitted with infra-red induction loops to assist people with hearing impairment. These can be used with either a neck loop (for hearing aid users) or with a handset. The Democratic Services Officer will be able to provide you with these. Hearing aid users need to switch the hearing aid to the "T" position.

Public Forum

If you are a resident in Bristol you can make a **statement** or present a **petition** to any scrutiny meeting, provided that:-

- (i) you give written notice to us, including the subject matter of your statement or petition no later than **12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting starts*** and
- (ii) the statement or petition concerns a matter which is the responsibility of the commission/committee concerned.

(* NB: if the meeting is on a Monday then your submission will need to be with us by 12.00 noon latest on the preceding Friday).

You may also ask a **question** of the chair at a committee meeting. This must be submitted to us in writing not less than 6 clear working days before the date of the meeting. A written response will be available 1 hour before the meeting which will be circulated to all who are present.

Statements, petitions and questions which relate to specific items on the agenda will be taken into account by the meeting when it considers the item concerned.

Statements, petitions or questions that do not relate to an item on the agenda for the meeting at which they are presented are discouraged, but may still be submitted. The committee meeting will decide how these should be dealt with (eg by correspondence or by a future report etc).

The Chair of the meeting has discretion to allow statements petitions and questions from members of the public who are not residents of Bristol if they have a business address in the city or can demonstrate some other genuine interest in an agenda item. He/she also has discretion to take statements, petitions and questions in an appropriate order (ie not necessarily in order of receipt). The meeting may enter a dialogue with members of the public **during the public forum** if appropriate. The public forum session may last for up to 30 minutes, although the Chair, with the consent of the meeting, can extend this timescale.

Process during and after the meeting :

Public forum items are normally the first substantive item of business on the agenda and are usually taken in the order in which they have been received. The Chair will call each submission in turn. When invited to speak, if making a statement you should ensure that your presentation is short and concise and focuses on the key issues that you would like members to consider. This will have the greatest impact - please try to avoid reading out a lengthy text from a piece of paper. Remember that your time allocation may have to be strictly limited if there are a lot of submissions before the meeting.

You do not have to speak or even attend the meeting at which your public forum submission is being taken. However, you should be aware if you do not present it, then it will **not be read out** unless the Chair specifically asks for this to happen. It will nevertheless be noted by members.

As most people who participate in public forum remain present for the debate on the agenda item in which they are interested, and because minutes of the meeting are normally published on the Council's website in 5 clear working days, it is not our normal

practice to write to individuals afterwards. However, if you would like to receive an official response as to what happened to your submission at the meeting, please advise the Democratic Services Officer named on the agenda, and ensure that they have your full address or e-mail details. We will then contact you within 7 working days. Alternatively you may phone them (see contact number on front of agenda) to confirm the outcome.

Register of Interests

Please contact the Democratic Services Officer named on the agenda if you require any further information regarding the above.

Register of Interests

To ensure an accountable, open and transparent local democracy, a Register of Interests for Councillors Co-optees and Advisers is available for public inspection. Please contact the Democratic Services Officer named on the agenda if you wish to view the Register.