



## AGENDA ITEM NO 11

### St George Neighbourhood Partnership (SGNP) Report

Date: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012

In this report you will find:

- 1- Recommendation from members of Operations subgroup review meeting. (Grenville Johnson)
- 2- Note update from the Traffic and Transport subgroup (Cllr Fabian Breckles)
- 3- Note progress update from Environment subgroup (Rob Acton-Campbell)
- 4- Bristol Youth Links (Abdulrazak Dahir)

#### Part 1: **Recommendation from members of the Operations subgroup review meeting.**

- 1- The Operation subgroup meeting scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 was cancelled and for various reasons was not possible to reconvene the meeting.
- 2- Two members of the Operation subgroup met on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012. In light of the Forum statement presented by Philip Bird at the September Neighbourhood Partnership meeting they reviewed the Neighbourhood Partnership membership structure.
- 3- Their proposal was circulated on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to all the Neighbourhood Partnership members for comments. 2 comments were received and have been implemented. Appendix 1 shows final draft recommended to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

- 4- The Operation subgroup previously recommended to the NP a key priority for the Neighbourhood Partnership to proactively focus on during 2012/13. This proposal was deferred to the December 2012 meeting. Full report showing what is proposed is shown in appendix 2. If approved it would mean resources would be utilised to progress this priority.

## **Part 2: Note update from the Traffic and Transport subgroup**

- 5- The Traffic and Transport consultation event took place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The focus of the meeting was the Crews Hole & Beaufort Rd scheme covering Queens Rd, and the Avenue.
- 6- Although the turnout was relatively low, there was a good resident representation across the patch. Comments received electronically by people who were unable to attend were passed on to Andrew Spicer, Senior Traffic Management Officer for the St George Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 7- At the meeting Andrew Spicer, presented two proposals to deal with the traffic issues reported along these roads.
- 8- A preferred option based on the comments received will be developed further and presented at the next Traffic and Transport subgroup meeting. For more details about the current status of this scheme please refer to the Devolved Services report 1.1.

## **Part 3: Note progress update from Environment subgroup**

- 9- The Environment Sub-Group met on the 18 October. The main part of the meeting was discussions with representatives from May Gurney about the Waste Plan for St George, this is detailed in Denise's report. We also heard updates on Clean and Green funding and discussed use of devolved S106 money. We were disappointed to hear that only one project in St George had been successful in receiving funds from the C&G £19k city wide pot.
- 10- The meeting agreed to recommend that devolved S106 money should be allocated to providing a path at Troopers Hill Field, again this is detailed in a separate report. We were pleased to hear that benches, litterbins and five-side goal posts had been installed in Rodney Rd using previously allocated S106 and that work had been done in Meg Thatchers. The group is however concerned at the apparent slow progress in spending the money allocated to St George Park. It is obviously important that money from the S106 agreements that expire in January and April is committed for spending before

these dates. However Denise and Bristol Parks are aware of the time limits and have assumed me that the work will be done.

- 11- The group again reiterated the need for the proposed bye-laws for St George Park Lake to be in place by March 2013..
- 12- We were pleased to welcome a resident who lives near Plummers Hill and who is interested in starting a park group for that site. Whereas Friends of St George Park and Friends of Troopers Hill remain the only park groups in the NP area, it is hoped that groups will soon be started for Rodney Road Playing Field and Furber Road as well as Plummers Hill.
- 13- Post meeting discussions about Plummers Hill showed support for the same seats, bins and goal posts package to be installed at Plummers Hill as was done in Rodney Rd.
- 14- The next sub-group meeting is Thursday 27 Feb 2013.

#### **Part 4: Bristol Youth Links Update**

- 15- Stakeholders meeting was organised on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012, following the announcement that Bristol City Council awarded contracts to deliver the Bristol Youth Links.
- 16- Creative Youth Network, formerly known as Kingswood Foundation, is the lead organisation for the consortium awarded to deliver the Bristol Youth Links contract for Bristol East (Greater Fishponds & St George Neighbourhood Partnerships) and Cabot & Clifton Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 17- At least 5 young people from Kingsway Youth Centre along with a Senior Youth Worker and two Neighbourhood Partnership members attended the meeting on behalf of the St George Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 18- Concerns were expressed about the lack of commitment to continue delivering youth provision from the existing Youth Centres including Kingsway Youth Centre and the delivery programme presented at the meeting for the Bristol East area.
- 19- Creative Youth Network agreed to meet with the Young People from Kingsway and the Area Co-ordinator to look into addressing the issues raised at the meeting.

- 20- The focus of the contract is to target most disadvantaged young people living in the area in an innovative way. There is no commitment (stipulated into the contract) to takeover existing youth centres and the consortium expressed no interest.
- 21- Rose Richards explained she received a lot of interest from the community for the existing Youth Centres. This dialogue will continue and may lead to Community Asset Transfer for some or all of the Youth centres in the Bristol East patch.
- 22- At present the priority is to transfer across staff and services. The new arrangement is anticipated to begin from 1 February 2013.

Put together by  
Abdulrazak Dahir on behalf on NP members.  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership  
Membership Selection Process  
Draft Recommendation**

The St George Neighbourhood Partnership Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held during the month of June. The Neighbourhood Partnership selects its membership once every two years (bi-annually) during its AGM. In this paper AGM is referring to the AGM when membership selection takes place, which is once every other year.

**A- Resident Member**

- 1- Residents may nominate themselves or be nominated by another resident with the nominee's prior agreement. Nomination forms will be distributed 4 weeks in advance of the closing date.
- 2- Once appointed, the term of the resident members will be two years from the date they have been appointed or until the next AGM.
- 3- The Neighbourhood Area Co-ordinator must receive nominations at least 2 weeks before the Neighbourhood Forum meeting preceding the AGM.
- 4- In the event of the number of nominations received outnumbering the number of vacancies available, (currently 3 from each ward), secret ballot elections will be held. This will be done at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting preceding the AGM, which will be held at the Summerhill Methodist Hall, or at another location within the St George area.
- 5- Residents from the St George East ward will elect resident nominees from St George East, and likewise, residents from the St George West ward will elect resident nominees of St George West.
- 6- The Neighbourhood Partnership will be able to appoint a resident of the relevant ward to be a resident member of the Partnership if there are vacancies for members from that ward. This will be done at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting. Such an appointment will be until the next AGM.
- 7- Once the resident term comes to an end, they will stand down, and if they desire, may stand again for re-selection.
- 8- Residents may surrender their membership by writing to the Neighbourhood Partnership team. In doing so their membership will cease.

## **B- Community/Voluntary & Faith groups & Equality Reps**

- 1- Community/Voluntary & Faith groups wanting to become members of the Neighbourhood Partnership will send their nominations to the Neighbourhood Area Co-ordinator 3 weeks before the AGM.
- 2- The person nominated will represent their group, but the group may ask another group member to represent them if the nominated person is unable to attend a meeting.
- 3- In the event of the number of nominations received outnumbering the number of vacancies available (currently 6), groups will be selected by the Neighbourhood Partnership members by means of a secret ballot vote.
- 4- The term of service for the groups will be 2 years from the date they have been appointed.
- 5- After their term comes to an end they will stand down and will need to go through the nomination process again.
- 6- If there is a vacancy, the Neighbourhood Partnership may appoint a Community/Voluntary/Faith group member to take the vacant position until the next AGM.
- 7- Groups may surrender their membership by writing to the Neighbourhood Partnership team. In doing so their membership will cease.

## **C- Neighbourhood Partnership Officers:**

- 1- The officers of the Neighbourhood Partnership will be Chair and Vice Chair.
- 2- The term of office for officers will be for 2 years or until the next AGM.
- 3- The Chair and Vice Chair will be residents of St George East or West wards and members of the Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 4- Any member wanting to stand for any of the posts can nominate him/herself. If nominated the nominee must agree to be nominated.
- 5- If the post of Chair and Vice Chair becomes vacant between AGM, then nominations will be sought.
- 6- Vacant positions will be filled as soon as practically possible and such an appointment will be until the next AGM.
- 7- The Neighbourhood Partnership Chair will not be a Councillor.
- 8- The Neighbourhood Partnership Vice Chair may be a Councillor.

- 9- Both the Chair and Vice Chair will be residents of St George East or West wards and must be members of the Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 10- Any member wanting to stand for any of the posts may nominate him/herself. The nominee must agree to be nominated prior to the election procedure.
- 11- The Neighbourhood Partnership team must receive nominations at least 3 weeks before the Neighbourhood Partnership AGM is held.
- 12- Once elected the term of the officers will be two years from the date they have been elected.
- 13- After their term comes to an end they will stand down, and if desire, stand again for re-election.

#### **D- Neighbourhood Committee Officers**

- 1- The Neighbourhood Committee will select a committee Chair and Vice Chair.
- 2- The term of office for officers will be for a year/2 years or until the next AGM.

If agreed, above recommendations will take effect from the next AGM, June 2013.

## **St. George Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Reviewing and Developing Meadow Vale Community Centre.**

At the last operations sub group meeting held on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2012, the members discussed the priorities for the partnership for the remainder of 2012 and into 2013.

It was agreed to recommend that Meadow Vale Community Centre in Speedwell should be earmarked as being the overall priority for the Neighbourhood Partnership to support in relation to its future ongoing development and sustainability in the future. This recommendation would be presented for consideration to the full Partnership at its next meeting.

### **Background & Issues.**

The community centre was founded by Ann Radnedge and a team of local volunteers, and it was a highly successful, forward - looking community centre that served the Speedwell estate and other surrounding areas. The building has been continuously leased from Bristol City Council who owns the building and land.

Over recent years, support from the community both financially and through attendance at functions has seriously dwindled, and the buildings have required increasing levels of maintenance. In addition, there have been a significant number of incidents of vandalism that have caused damage to the building, and this has placed an additional strain on the centres financial resources. Recently the costs of maintaining the building have risen in order to keep it in a state of acceptable repair and also ensure that it is safe for all users.



The Neighbourhood Partnership has recently financially supported some significant upgrades to the heating system, as well as window replacements and improvements to the insulation of the building in an attempt to ensure that the building can continue to function at its current level and continue to serve the community, as well as making the building more energy efficient.

- At present the centre is not generating sufficient income to enable the current management team of the centre to invest in upgrades and improvements to the building.
- Levels of support from the wider community are currently very low, and functions are generally poorly attended.
- The current building is small and antiquated, and this limits the number and types of functions and events that can be held at the centre.
- The social and cultural context of the area has evolved over the years, and this places new and additional demands on the centre as well as presenting new and exciting opportunities for the future.
- The needs of young people have been identified as a major priority for Speedwell, and, at present, they are not represented on the current management team of the community centre. There are currently limited opportunities available to them within the context of what the building can offer in terms of its facilities and space. The same applies to several other groups within the community.

### **Moving forward.**

- At the meeting of the sub group it was recommended that a feasibility study should be undertaken to look at the future of the community centre as well as appraising the current building. It was also agreed that there should be an exploration of the potential for rebuilding a

new, purpose designed and fully equipped centre on the existing site that also links with and utilises the green space that is close at hand at Meadow Vale community field.

- It was agreed that a public consultation be held with the local residents and other local groups who use the existing facilities to ascertain their views, needs and wishes with regards to the community centre and its future.
- Councillor Ron Stone agreed that he would arrange a meeting with Ann Radnedge ( Chair of Meadow Vale Community Association) and that a meeting with the management committee of the association would also be set up to discuss the ideas outlined in this report.

Report compiled by Grenville Johnson.

Chair of St George Neighbourhood Partnership on behalf of the Operations sub group.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012.