



**MEETING OF THE  
ST GEORGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
HELD AT 7.00 p.m. ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013  
AT THE SUMMERHILL METHODIST CHURCH,  
5 AIR BALLOON ROAD, ST. GEORGE, BRISTOL, BS5 8LB**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS OF THE PARTNERSHIP**

<b>P</b>	<b>Councillor Ron Stone</b>	<b>St George West ward Chair of Neighbourhood Committee</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Councillor Peter Hammond</b>	<b>St George West ward</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Councillor Fabian Breckels</b>	<b>St George East ward</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Councillor Steve Pearce</b>	<b>St George East ward</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Laura Gosling</b>	<b>Resident St George East</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Philip Bird</b>	<b>Resident St George West</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Pete Franklin</b>	<b>Resident St George West</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Judith Price</b>	<b>Resident St George East</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Michael Deadman</b>	<b>Resident St George East</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Margaret Gray</b>	<b>Bristol Equalities Representative</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Rob Acton-Campbell</b>	<b>Friends of Troopers Hill Chair of Neighbourhood Partnership</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Susan Acton-Campbell</b>	<b>St George West Community First Panel</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Grenville Johnson</b>	<b>Kensington Rd Residents Association &amp; NW</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Fiona Russell</b>	<b>Secretary, Meadow Vale Community Assoc</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Richard Curtis</b>	<b>Church Rd Action Group</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Alex Wingrove</b>	<b>Youth Representative</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Kieran Coles</b>	<b>Youth Representative</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Diane Jones</b>	<b>Substitute for Vicky Holmes Friends of St George Park</b>

**OFFICERS:**

<b>P</b>	<b>Abdulrazak Dahir</b>	<b>BCC, Area Co-ordinator</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Ruth Quantock</b>	<b>BCC, Democratic Services</b>

<b>P</b>	<b>John Atkinson</b>	<b>BCC, Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator – Neighbourhoods Team</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Sergeant Darren Warr</b>	<b>Avon &amp; Somerset Police</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Inspector Simon Dewfall</b>	<b>Avon &amp; Somerset Police</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Denise James</b>	<b>BCC, Clean and Green</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Shaun Taylor</b>	<b>BCC, Highways</b>

**OTHER ATTENDEES :**

<b>P</b>	<b>E Rideout</b>	<b>Resident Lamb Hill</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>J Harvey</b>	<b>Resident Lamb Hill</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Vernon McVeigh</b>	<b>Resident Troopers Hill Rd</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Phyll McVeigh</b>	<b>Resident Troopers Hill Rd</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Freya Shamanka</b>	<b>Resident Butlers Walk</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Carmen Locke</b>	<b>Resident Butlers Walk</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Phil Draper</b>	<b>Resident Lambley Road</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Resident from Ebenezer Street</b>	
<b>P</b>	<b>Resident from Cossham Road</b>	
<b>P</b>	<b>Len Hynam</b>	<b>Resident of Furber Road</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Ann Preston</b>	<b>Resident of Malvern Road</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>B Tozer</b>	<b>Resident Queens Road</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>L Sainy</b>	<b>Resident Beaufort Road</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>P Greenam</b>	<b>Resident Beaufort Road</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>J R Kingsbury</b>	<b>Resident Longwell Green</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>R G Kitchen</b>	<b>Local Resident</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>G A Kitchen</b>	<b>Local Resident</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>N Gainerd</b>	<b>Resident Beaconsfield Road</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>T Morris</b>	<b>Resident Marion Walk</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>W Fortescue</b>	<b>Resident King Dicks Lane</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>S Saunders</b>	<b>Bristol Cycling Campaign</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Jo Curtis</b>	<b>Church Road Action Group</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Mrs Kingsman</b>	<b>Resident Summerhill Road</b>

**1. CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS**

Rob Acton-Campbell was the Neighbourhood Partnership Chair. Cllr Ron Stone was the Neighbourhood Committee Chair for decisions required under agenda items 6 and 9.

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

Attendees were welcomed and introductions were made.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hammond, Keiron Coles, Vicky Holmes and Grenville Johnson.

It was noted that Margaret Gray had recently stepped down due to ill health and a vacancy was therefore available for an Equalities Forum Representative on the Partnership. Margaret is a fighter and wishes to come back when she gets better, in the meantime anyone interested should contact the Area Co-ordinator.

The Chairman suggested that in view of the number of public forum statements received in respect of item 9 Traffic & Transport NP update report and the level of public interest in this item, the report be brought forward on the agenda and be considered in conjunction with public forum following the verbal update from May Gurney (Item 5). This was agreed by the Neighbourhood Partnership.

**3. MINUTES OF PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**  
(Agenda Item 4)

P6. Other attendees. Len Hynam indicated that he had been present at the last meeting but his attendance had not been recorded.

Attendees were reminded to sign the attendance sheet which is circulated at the start of the meeting in order to be recorded as present at the meeting.

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendment noted above.**

**Matters Arising**

P8. Proposed traffic scheme. Michael Deadman was under the impression from various sources that the necessary consultation with South Glos Councillors and Emergency Services had not been undertaken as stated in the report. Sergeant Simon Dewfall commented that having policed and lived in the area he had serious concerns about the One-way proposal but had not been consulted. In response, Shaun Taylor confirmed that the recognised point of contact in the police traffic management team had been consulted and provided a response on behalf of the police authority. It was noted that to date South Glos had not provided a formal response.

**Action Tracker**

The action sheet was considered and it was agreed that the actions marked 'complete' were indeed complete and could therefore come off the list for the next meeting.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**5. MAY GURNEY REPRESENTATIVE**

Denise James explained that unfortunately Derek Pettit had been called away urgently for Winter Maintenance (gritting of roads due to predicted cold temperatures overnight). He had sent his apologies and had offered to meet with the NP and NC Chair outside of the meeting.

The NP was very disappointed that in view of the large bank of staff available to May Gurney a substitute representative had not been arranged. It was noted that the NP were very dissatisfied with the quality of service delivery in Bristol East and had repeatedly requested attendance at a NP to answer questions and listen to concerns. The NP requested that arrangements be made to ensure that a May Gurney representative attended the next meeting.  
**Action: Denise James.**

Denise James updated on a deep cleansing joined up exercise between street cleansing and highways (team of 3 for 3 days) to be organised shortly after Christmas in the NP area. Some hotspots had already been identified by local residents and through the Neighbourhood Forum but any other issues should be reported to the Area Co-ordinator. **Action: All**

## 6. PUBLIC FORUM

The following items of public forum were received and are available for inspection in the minute book. It was noted that the public forum had been emailed to Partners in advance of the meeting and hard copies were made available at the start of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM	ISSUE	NAME	STATEMENT NO
9	Traffic & Transport NP Update report	St Patricks Primary School	1
“	“	Nigel Gainard	2
“	“	Save Crews Road Access Road (SCHAR) Campaign (Chair)	3
“	“	SCHAR Campaign (Vice Chair)	4
“	“	Antony de Heveningham	5
“	“	Bristol Cycling Campaign	6
“	“	Ann Preston	7

As Partners had already read the statements in advance of the meeting, the Chairman invited those who were in attendance from the above list to highlight the key issues from their individual statements. In summary, statements 1,2,3,4,5 and 7 were against BCC proposals as outlined in the report (Option A & B) and statement 6 was in support.

Following discussion, the Neighbourhood Partnership noted the comments and agreed to take them into consideration in conjunction with the officer's report to be taken next on the agenda.

## 7. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP UPDATE

*Note this item was taken earlier in the meeting and given additional time due to the level of public interest.*

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report which provided an update from the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group (agenda item no. 9).

The following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- Crews Hole Rd/Beaufort Road proposed traffic scheme progress update.
  - At the request of local residents at the last NP meeting, a joint meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 between the Traffic and Transport subgroup and SCHAR. The purpose of the meeting was for Highway Officers to consider 'an alternative proposal C' put forward by SCHAR members.
  - Shaun Taylor explained that in view of time constraints, there had been no time to produce a technical report from officers to appraise 'Option C' in full and to carry out the necessary wider consultation in order to enable the Committee to make an informed decision. It was noted that the time limit to spend S106 funding was 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013, any delay in implementing a scheme would put the whole amount of S106 funding at risk to the NP area. There was also no guarantee that further funding from the Enterprise Zone will be made available for any alternative scheme. Members of SCHAR were very frustrated that this option could not be considered alongside the other options presented to the NP.
  - Options A and B both provided an opportunity to consult and make changes to the proposals during the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. Option B suggested the implementation of Option A but without the contentious elements including:-
    - \*Segregated pedestrian and cycle route on Conham Road
    - \*Segregated cycle route at Crews Hole Rd in the vicinity of Butler Close
    - \*Removal of associated one way restriction at aforementioned locations.
- Shaun Taylor explained that a good indication as to whether a scheme implemented had been successful was by monitoring the punctuality

of buses against the published timetable before and after the scheme and baseline data had been collected in order to measure this. Following the experimental period this information together with any further feedback from the ongoing statutory consultation will be presented to the Executive Member in consultation with the Service Director Transport in order to decide whether the scheme should be made permanent or discarded. Member of SCHAR were extremely concerned that the final decision would not be with the Neighbourhood Committee and believed that the scheme would be less likely to be removed if it is causing a problem if the decision is made by Service Director of Transport /Exec Member.

- Some members of the public were concerned that it was only by chance that they had become aware of the proposals and the NP meeting taking place that evening. In response it was confirmed that over 500 notices of the proposals had been delivered in the local area and the proposals were also made available in the library for comments.
- Following lengthy debate, it was felt by the NP that in view of the high density of traffic in this area and associated problems, to do nothing was not an option. The general consensus of the NP was to support option B. Upon a vote being taken the Neighbourhood Committee unanimously agreed to reject option A and support option B.
- Members of the public who had participated in public forum and/or attended the meeting were thanked for their contribution which had been useful. All were encouraged to respond to the formal consultation in respect of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order once implemented as it would inform the final decision.
- 20 mph Update. All were encouraged to participate in the formal consultation planned to take place during May and June 2014.
- Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant. The third round of grants funded through Bristol's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) as part of its Active Neighbourhoods Programme opens on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 and will close on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that**

- (1) the progress update on Crews Hole Road/Beaufort Road scheme be noted and that Highways Officers progress option B as outlined in the report;**

**The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED that**

- (2) the progress update on 20 mph citywide roll out be noted**

**(3) the opening date of round three Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant be noted**

## **8. WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered the report of the Area Co-ordinator which provided an update on the Wellbeing Budget and any applications received since the last meeting had taken place (agenda item no. 6).

The Neighbourhood Committee considered the recommendations of the Wellbeing Panel and Operations subgroup in turn and invited any additional comments from the wider Partnership.

Cllr Stone declared an interest in the application for Speedwell Nursery School and Children Centre and did not participate in the discussion or voting in respect of this item.

It was noted that with the approval of the Wellbeing Panel and Operations subgroup recommendations there will be a balance of £7572.03 to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. All were encouraged to raise the profile of the funding and spread the word that applications needed to be submitted before the next deadline 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

The Wellbeing Panel and Operations subgroup also proposed that any underspend following the meeting in March 2014 should be committed to progressing the 10 Neighbourhood Working Group Priorities. This was supported by the Neighbourhood Committee.

### **The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that**

- (1) The financial report for 2013/14 be noted;**
- (2) The amount committed by the Neighbourhood Committee but not yet paid be noted;**
- (3) The recommendations from the Wellbeing and Operation Sub-Group including special conditions be approved; as follows**
  - Housing 21 £300**
  - Speedwell Nursery School and Children Centre £1244.50**

## **9. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING UPDATE**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of John Atkinson, the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator (Agenda Item 7) which provided an update on the progress against each of the 10 priorities.

The following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- Concerns were raised that the Kingsway Youth Centre provision was winding down and will cease at Christmas with no forward plan. The NP felt that youth provision in Bristol East had seriously been let down by the council and requested that East Bristol Youth links, the Executive Member and Rose Richards Service Manager be asked to attend the next meeting to provide an update and respond to concerns. It was agreed that John Atkinson/Alex Wingrove would work together to see if an application for wellbeing budget could be made to support extra youth activity. **Action: John Atkinson/Alex Wingrove.** It was also suggested that following the meeting in March the NP might consider committing any unspent wellbeing budget to youth provision in the local area rather than lose it.
- Public Rights of Way. On-going co-ordinated clearance work by Community Payback is being organised through the Area Environment Officer. All PROW and maintenance schedules are now mapped and an audit / day of action had taken place on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013. It was agreed that the results of this exercise would be shared with the NP. **Action John Atkinson.** It was also commented that this was a statutory obligation of the council and the NP needed to ensure that it was fulfilling this requirement.
- It was confirmed by the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator that the NP had 11 priorities not 10. Bins on Streets had been added at the last meeting and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

## 10. ENVIRONMENT SUB-GROUP REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the Environment Group Champion and Denise James (agenda item no. 8) setting out the progress and current issues being considered by the Environment Sub-Group.

The following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:

- St George Park Lake.
  - There had been detailed discussions about a proposal to introduce a fishing permit scheme which would require anyone wanting to fish at the lake to apply to the council for a permit. Permit holders would have to agree to a code of conduct that would include rules (to be finalised) such as no floating bait, no barbed hooks and no night-time fishing. The scheme would be a trial for 12 months, with permit applications opening on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014 and being required from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.
  - Diane Jones representing Friends of St George Park indicated that the Friends Group was reluctant to accept a scheme that would designate the lake as a fishing lake and were concerned



that injuries to wildlife would continue. She also pointed out that the lake was collapsing in on itself and would cost approximately £100k to put right. There was no funding available or offers of help to maintain the lake.

- A fee for the permit had been discussed but it had been concluded that in order to get people to engage with the scheme it should be free. People who currently abused the use of the lake would be unlikely to pay for a permit and it was these people who needed to be targeted. The NP supported the introduction of a permit scheme.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED that**

- (1) the proposal to introduce a permit scheme to manage fishing on St. George Park Lake be supported and agreed;**
- (2) progress on spending Section 106 money as set out in the Devolved Services Report be noted; and**
- (3) progress on spending the devolved clean and green budget be noted.**

## **11. GENERAL NP UPDATE REPORT**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the NP members (agenda item no. 8) which provided a general update on issues relating to the work of the NP.

The following key issues were noted during the discussion that took place:

- Draft St George NP 2014 meetings schedule
  - The proposed dates which were circulated separately were draft until formally agreed at the AGM in June 2014.
  - In response to concerns that all the sub-group meetings were close together in the same month, the Chair explained that all subgroup and Neighbourhood Forum meeting dates needed to be set to allow sufficient time for feeding into the subsequent NP meeting and the production of reports for inclusion with the agenda papers (minimum 10 days before the NP meeting).
- NP Website.
  - The website is increasing in popularity and effectiveness. It is clear that the website, Facebook and Twitter accounts have helped the NP to better communicate the proposals for Crews Hole Road and Beaufort Road. The Chair thanked Phillip Bird for his hard work and expertise in this area.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership noted the report**

**12. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the Area Co-ordinator which provided an update on Devolved Services (agenda item no. 11).

**The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.00 p.m. at Summerhill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Road, Bristol BS5 8LB

(The meeting ended at 9.05)

CHAIR