



Agenda Item No: 4

Minutes of St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Tuesday 30th September at 7.00pm

Members of the Partnership

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| P | Councillor Ron Stone | St George West ward Chair of Neighbourhood Committee |
| P | Councillor Sue Milestone | St George West ward |
| P | Councillor Fabian Breckels | St George East ward |
| P | Councillor Steve Pearce | St George East ward |
| P | Laura Gosling | Resident St George East |
| P | Philip Bird | Resident St George West |
| A | Pete Franklin | Resident St George West |
| A | Judith Price | Resident St George East |
| P | Michael Deadman | Resident St George East |
| P | Rob Acton-Campbell | Friends of Troopers Hill Chair of Neighbourhood Partnership |
| P | Richard Curtis | Church Road Action Group |
| P | Susan Acton-Campbell | St George West Community First Panel |

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| P | Grenville Johnson | Kensington Rd Residents Association & NW |
| P | Fiona Russell | Meadow Vale Community Assoc |
| P | Alex Wingrove | Youth Representative |
| A | Kieran Coles | Youth Representative |
| P | Diane Jones | Friends of St George Park |
| P | Ann Preston | Resident St George West |
| A | Bryan Tozer | Local Business Representative |
| A | Geoff Reeson | Friends of Dundridge Park |
| A | Denise James | St George in Bloom |

Officers:

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| P | Abdulrazak Dahir | BCC, Area Co-ordinator |
| P | Ruth Quantock | BCC, Democratic Services |
| P | Sergeant Darren Warr | Avon and Somerset Police |

Other Attendees :

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| P | Jo Curtis | Church Road Action Group |
| P | Babs McPhail | Creative Youth Network |

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 7 Wellbeing Report

2. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Geoff Reeson, Kieran Coles, Judith Price, Bryan Tozar, Denise James and Tina Bond (represented by Babs McPhail).

The Chair congratulated everyone involved with St George in Bloom as it had been the first time that the competition had been entered and they had come away with a Gold pennant. It was noted that the St George in Bloom Committee led by Grenville Johnson had put in a great deal of work to organise the entry and it was wonderful that this work has been rewarded.

It was also noted that under the 'It's your neighbourhood' scheme the following had been awarded:

Friends of Troopers Hill received Level 5 Outstanding.
Kensington Road Residents Association received Level 5 Outstanding.
Friends of St. George Park received Level 4 Thriving

Troopers Hill was awarded Gold in the Country Park category of the new Parks and Open Spaces award scheme.

NP members congratulated all concerned. This was a significant achievement and something that everyone in St George should be proud of.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

A number of typos and suggested amendments were made and noted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June be confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendments noted.

It was agreed that the minutes would be updated and then passed to the Chair for signing and inclusion in the minute book. Action RQ/RA-C

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 action sheet before the next meeting. **Action RQ**

4. Bristol East Youth links 2013/14

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a presentation from Babs McPhail and Alex Wingrove which provided an update on the youth activities that had taken place over the Summer months within the St George NP area (predominantly Hillfields, Speedwell and Meadow Vale), together with activities coming up for Autumn/Winter 2014. In partnership with the council's Children and Young People Services, Creative Youth Network (CYN) runs a programme of youth services offering opportunities and support to young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Based around a youth hub in Hillfields, the engagement team run one to one support for individuals and small groups giving advice and guidance on drugs and alcohol, home and housing issues, school and careers as well as relationship and sexual health.

Alex Wingrove, who is an NP member and had recently joined CYN explained that he would be consulting with young people in the local area, schools and youth groups about setting up a hub in the Kingsway area.

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

- Congratulations were extended to Alex Wingrove on his new and exciting job with CYN
- Concerns were expressed about the closure of Kingsway youth centre, particularly as since 2010 this NP had allocated approximately £21,000 of the Wellbeing Fund to the Kingswood Foundation (now CYN) for:
 - a computer room
 - providing an extra youth night
 - refurbishment and sound insulation
 - match funding to release over £50,000 of funding from a SITA grant.

These grants were made in the expectation that they would be providing a resource for the youth of St George for the future. It was agreed that Babs McPhail would find out what was happening from Jimmy Taylor and update the NP outside of this meeting. **Action BM**

- concerns were raised that the success of the Play Bus would lose momentum over the Winter months as there was no alternative indoor provision. BM agreed to feedback to Tina Bond and an update would be provided outside this meeting. **Action BM**
- It was commented that the current youth provision was not well publicised. It was agreed that posters would be put in the notice boards in the NP area and on the NP website. **Action BM**
- Sergeant Darren Warr indicated that the police were doing outreach work in the local area and would be willing to share info with CYN, so any problem areas could be targeted. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged to discuss further. **Action BM,DW & AW**

5. NP Review update

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Neighbourhood Manager (agenda item no.7) which set out the outcomes and recommendations emerging from the city wide review of Neighbourhood Partnerships.

The following key issues were noted: -

- Devolved budgets. If NPs were so minded they could now consolidate the individual budgets for local traffic schemes, Wellbeing and Clean and Clean and Green and allocate it to any local priority.
- NP Plan. A new/updated Plan to cover a minimum of 3 years will replace the many current local plans and strategies (eg Waste Plan, Safer Bristol Plan, Neighbourhood Working Priorities etc). All of the neighbourhood's priorities will therefore be in one document and can be used to allocate devolved funding and other resources to ensure that delivery is achievable.
- Proposed changes to the administration process relating to the Wellbeing fund. It was noted that the Grants Panel were happy with the city-wide generic process that had been proposed, however a few issues had been feedback to Hayley for consideration. (Please also see proposal for Environment Fund – agenda item 8 below)
Action: Panel members to meet with Hayley Ash
- Green Capital Fund. Each NP has been allocated £10,000 to fund projects meeting the agreed criteria from January – December 2015. It was noted that in the Environment report (item 8) the NP were asked to agree that the Wellbeing sub-group be asked to assess any applications alongside those for wellbeing grants and make recommendations to the next NP meeting. It was also suggested in this report that any Green Capital funding not

allocated to community groups at the December meeting be allocated to fund (or part fund) a 'Green Map Project' for St George. This linked in with Public Forum Statement 2 from Greater Bedminster Community Partnership about the development of a city-wide network of green walkways which was noted by the NP. AD indicated that a similar project was being considered by the Greater Fishponds NP which could be linked to the project for St George.

- City Wide Event. Residents and Councillors who had attended the two Review meetings in August had agreed that they would like one big City wide NP Conference per year and that resident Reps and Councillors lead the planning of the event which should include opportunities for networking, showcasing good practice etc and that the Neighbourhood Management service supports the organisation and development of the event. The first event planning meeting will take place at City Hall on 15th October 2014 from 6.30 pm.
- Equalities. It is proposed that instead of equality representatives from the city wide equalities forums on NPs which has worked for some NPs but has been inconsistent across the city, each NP nominates two or more 'equality champions' from within the NP to ensure that the whole NP is genuinely engaged in considering equalities issues when making decisions. The report proposed that all NP members should receive equalities training. All NP present supported this proposal and confirmed that they would be willing to attend such training. During discussion it was noted that more work also needed to be done to make the membership of the NP more representative of the diversity in St George. Any ideas should be sent to the Area Co-ordinator so it can be looked at by the Operations Sub-group, with recommendations to the NP before the next AGM. It was suggested that the Equalities training be run as an 'away day', however based on current commitments, this was unlikely to be held until January 2015 although a few dates in December would be canvassed. **Action AD**
- Neighbourhood Partnership Toolkit. Each NP is different and it is not within the remit of the NP review to change how NPs are managed locally. However, a Toolkit is to be put together looking at governance arrangements, if the NP wished to explore different models. It was agreed to develop draft membership structure before the next NP meeting in December. **Action NP members to send suggestions/idea to NP Co-ordinator.**

Following discussion under each of the above headings **the Neighbourhood Partnership resolved that:-**

1. **the progress of the unringfencing of devolved budgets be noted.**
2. **a) the consolidation of current NP plans be agreed and that**

the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator continues to works this up in consultation with each of the working groups (NDT to look at community safety and Environment Group to look at Section 106 monies available) and comes back to the December meeting of the NP with a draft NP Plan b) the NP will decide how to consult with the wider community once the draft plan is approved at the next meeting of the NP in December.

3. the changes to the Wellbeing process be noted and that the Grants Panel continue to evaluate applications and make recommendations to the Neighbourhood Committee.
4. the allocation of Green Capital funding will mirror the process currently adopted for the allocation of the Wellbeing fund. The Grants sub-group will make recommendations to the NP for approval by the Neighbourhood Partnership. Any money unallocated to be used to fund (or part fund) a 'Green Map Project' for St George.
5. Rob Acton-Campbell be nominated to represent the NP at the Citywide Event Planning Group and feed in the NPs ideas for the day. If anyone else would like to be involved please contact the Area Co-ordinator.
6. the Equalities Champions for this NP be nominated following the equalities training event to be arranged for all partners.
7. Operation subgroup to consider membership structure and make suitable recommendation to the December NP meeting.

6. Wellbeing Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the NP Co-ordinator (agenda item no. 7) which set out the Wellbeing budget and spend to date.

The Neighbourhood Committee also considered the recommendations of the Grant Panel in respect of applications received since the last meeting.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED –

- (1) that the balance of the Wellbeing Fund and spend to date be noted.**

(2) that the amount committed but not yet paid be noted.

(3) that the following funding be granted:-

- **Friends of Dundridge Park - £635.97 subject to conditions as recommended by the Grants Panel**
- **Meadow Vale Community Association - £713.25 subject to conditions as recommended by the Grants Panel (Cllr Stone declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion nor did he vote)**
- **St George Preschool - £5202 subject to conditions as recommended by the Grants Panel**
- **Wesley Memorial - £1000 subject to conditions as recommended by the Grants Panel**
- **Life Cycle - £1000 subject to conditions as recommended by the Grants Panel. (John Atkinson to be asked to contact this group with a view to sharing road safety initiatives – Action AD)**

The Committee agreed with the Grants Panel recommendation not to fund the application from Linkage but asked that the organisation be encouraged to apply again when they were in a position to produce a sustainable project proposal. The Neighbourhood Committee thanked the Grants Panel for their valuable contribution to the process. It was noted that there are currently 2 vacancies on this Panel. If anyone would be interested in joining please contact the NP Co-ordinator.

Susan Acton-Campbell briefly referred to public forum statement 3 from St George West Community First Panel which set out which local projects had been match funded by this government scheme. It was noted that there was just over £1000 left to allocate. NP members were encouraged to spread the word about the availability of this funding.

8. Environment Sub-group report

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Environment Group (agenda item no. 8) which set out progress since the last meeting.

The Chair briefly referred to public forum statement 1 from Clive Stevens, Chair of Bristol TreeForum which asked the NP to consider making trees a priority within their NP Plan. The statement was noted by the NP and it was agreed that the Environment Group would contact Clive for further information and bring back any

recommendations for future tree investment to the next meeting of the NP. **Action: Environment Group.**

The following key issues were noted during discussion of the Environment report:

- The NP were asked to allocate an element of the new unified devolved budget to an 'Environment fund' to be used for items of the type currently funded by the Clean & Green Fund, with the addition of planting schemes such as wildflower meadows or hanging baskets that are currently funded through Wellbeing. The Environment Sub-group would make recommendations as to how this fund should be allocated to the Neighbourhood Committee (based on priorities in the new NP Plan to be developed).

The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED:-

- 1. That the report be noted.**
- 2. That the proposal to create St George NP Environment Fund be approved.**
- 3. That the proposal to spend Green Capital Fund be approved (as set out under minute 5 recommendation 4 above)**
- 4. That the Grounds Maintenance Service update be noted**

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED to agree in principle that from 2015/16 a sum of around £4100 would be allocated to the Environment fund from the unified budget of which the spending of £1500 would be delegated to the Neighbourhood Officer.

9. NWG Targets Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the Neighbourhood Officer (agenda item 9) which provided progress against the 11 Neighbourhood Targets since the last meeting of the NP.

The Neighbourhood Partnership Resolved to note the report and agreed that actions and officer recommendations

outlined in the report would be reviewed as part of the development of the NP Plan.

10. General NP Update Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of NP members (agenda item 10) which provided an update on a number of general issues and progress of the partnership since the last meeting of the NP.

It was also noted that the consultation on the 20 MPH scheme would be commencing on Thursday 2nd October and there would be a link from the NP website. The implementation date being proposed was January 2015. All were encouraged to look at the details and respond accordingly.

The Neighbourhood Partnership Resolved that the report be noted.

11. Devolved Services Update

This NP noted the progress of the schemes set out in detail in the report.

It was commented that a number of residents had been asking why the Beaufort Scheme had not yet started. It was agreed the Area Co-ordinator would get an update from Highways and that it would be posted on the NP website. **Action AD**

Following a query about Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill NP funded scheme – Redfield North Area Parking Review, it was agreed that the map and consultation details would be circulated to NP members. **Action AD to circulate consultation details for the scheme.**

12. Public Forum

3 items of public forum had been received and were considered as part of the agenda item which they related to above.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 17th December – Beehive Centre (Not Summerhill Methodist Church as stated on the agenda)

(The meeting ended at 9.00pm)

CHAIR