



Agenda item 10

General Neighbourhood Partnership (SGNP) Update Report

Date: Wednesday 17th December 2014

In this report you will find:

- 1- St George NP Membership Structure - Operation subgroup Recommendation (Rob Acton-Campbell)
- 2- St George Web Team update (Webteam)
- 3- Neighbourhood Forum update (John Atkinson/Susan Acton-Campbell)
- 4- Neighbourhood Arts Programme update (Emma Williams/Marietta Kirkbride)
- 5- Traffic and Transport subgroup update (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 6- Bristol Aging Better (BAB) update (Mark Baker, CEO Age UK Bristol)
- 7- City Wide NP event (Hayley Ash)

Part 1: St George NP Membership - Operation subgroup recommendation

- 1- The Operations sub-group met on 13th November. As well as setting the agenda for Neighbourhood Partnership meeting the main subjects for discussion were the Neighbourhood Plan (see separate report) and the future membership of the Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 2- The Neighbourhood Partnership needs to agree a future structure in principle at this meeting so that revised terms of reference can be written for formal agreement at the March 2015 meeting. The new structure and membership rules would then take effect from the June 2015 AGM.

- 3- The NP is asked to approve in principle the sub-group's recommendations summarised in Appendix 1.
- 4- The proposals include the formation of a communications sub-group to include the existing webteam. This sub-group would work with BCC to publicise the Partnership and monitor the use of the Partnership notice boards. The Development sub-group would be reformed to consider planning issues in the area and any major planning applications (subject to sufficient volunteers coming forward). Champions of all of the sub-groups would be elected at the sub-group meetings prior to the AGM and would automatically become NP members if not already members in another category.

Part 2: Update from the St George Webteam

- 5- The NP website, Facebook and Twitter remain key communications tools for the NP.

Twitter

- 6- The Twitter account now has over 437 (393 at last NP meeting) followers (people that receive our tweets direct). The Twitter account has continued to benefit from a series of 're-tweets' (forwarding our tweets to others) which has helped to increase the readership of our messages.

Facebook

- 7- The Facebook account is still increasing in popularity. There has been a steady flow of updates to the Facebook account (each of which also generates a tweet). The Facebook page now has 346 (316 at last NP meeting) 'likes'.

Website

- 8- The website continues to be a key communication tool.

Pages Viewed:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	-	-	-	227	116	175	193	376	577	575	1436	753
2013	620	921	1030	1631	1654	1288	1392	1378	1760	4127	2885	1990
2014	2913	2780	3239	2078	2951	2774	2395	2724	1930	2361	1738*	

Average pages viewed per day:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	-	-	-	8	4	6	6	12	19	19	48	24
2013	20	33	33	54	53	43	45	44	59	133	96	64
2014	94	99	104	69	95	92	77	88	64	76	67*	

* = part month stats

Support

- 9- The NP website is currently hosted on a system managed by Knowle West Media Centre. We recently experienced a technical problem with the site and

it became apparent that there was uncertainty as to what ongoing support remained in place from KWMC. The problem was resolved, but uncertainty over technical support for the webteam continues.

New Structure

- 10- The Web Team is aware of a suggestion by the Operations SubGroup that the NP has a new SubGroup responsible for Communications, and that the responsibilities for "CommsSub" would include the website etc. It is planned to present a draft Terms of Reference for CommsSub to the January OpsSub Meeting and to the March NP Meeting.
- 11- Content for the website, etc should be sent to webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk

Part 3: Neighbourhood Forum Update

- 12- Every quarter there is a Neighbourhood Forum meeting open to ALL St George residents to bring local issues to council officers and police.
- 13- The Neighbourhood Forum was held on Tuesday 11th November at the Beehive Centre. 21 local residents attended the meeting of which 7 completed the Forum feedback form.
- 14- 4 out of the 7 completed feedback forms said they found the meeting useful whereas 3 found it very useful. 4 people suggested in how we could improve the forums, which will be followed up.
- 15- The following briefings were given by:
 - Meadow Vale Community Association on their plans for the rebuild of Meadow Vale Community Centre
 - Well Aware about their services from signposting to health and wellbeing organisation to a drugs and alcohol advocacy service
 - Croft End Church on their rebuild plans to open new facilities in 2016
 - Stacy Yelland on the latest about Green Capital
 - Bristol City Council about the "Libraries for the Future" consultation.
- 16- All the speakers were available for questions during the break.
- 17- Police officers, Sgt Darren Warr and PC Pete Crawford reported:
 - the neighbourhood policing team continuing to focus on drugs
 - very low level of calls about anti-social behaviour over Hallowe'en
 - asking people thinking about starting a Neighbourhood Watch group to contact them.

- 18- Bristol City Council has made progress on a number of issues raised by local people at August's meeting. These issues ranged from providing a dropped kerb on the Kingsway at the pedestrian island by the Furber Rd junction to the closure of the River Avon Trail from Netham Lock to the pedestrian bridge over the Avon to Crews Hole.
- 19- New issues were raised including a need for better warnings for the junction from Rossiters Lane to Nicholas Lane where a number of "near miss" traffic accident were reported.
- 20- For a full report of this meeting please visit www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/you-said-we-did-nov-2014
- 21- If you do not have access to the internet please contact the St George Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Abdul Razak Dahir, on 0117 903 6409 for further information.
- 22- NEXT FORUM - Tuesday 10th February at Summerhill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Rd.

Part 4: Neighbourhood Arts Programme

- 23- The Neighbourhood Arts Programme is a Bristol 2015 project for the Green Capital year that will take a creative look at some of Bristol's local issues around 'green' and sustainability.
- 24- A series of arts projects will spring up across Bristol that have come out of partnership working between local communities and professional artists and makers. These creative projects could be physical, visual, digital or they could even be performances or events.
- 25- If there's a green issue you care about, or you'd like to be involved in making a project happen in your area, then we want to hear from you. Please fill out our form online at www.bristol2015.co.uk/nap, or call 0117 379 0115 and speak to Emma Williams or Marietta Kirkbride.

Part 5: Traffic and Transport Subgroup

- 26- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Tuesday 18th November 2014.

- 27- The group received a written update of current live schemes and a presentation from James Coleman about the new features on the Traffic Choices website.
- 28- It is hoped that the Traffic Choices Website will evolve to become a significant tool for neighbourhood Partnerships to manage their Local Traffic Schemes.
- 29- Some of the features the website offers include help to prioritise schemes, update on live schemes and a mechanism to track the status of each issue reported to the NP.
- 30- The group requested to cluster schemes with similar objectives or areas so it is easier for subgroup members to prioritise.
- 31- More information can be found on the Traffic Choices website www.trafficchoices.co.uk

Part 6: Bristol Ageing Better (BAB)

- 32- Bristol Ageing Better (BAB) is a wide partnership of older people and organisations across Bristol who are working together to develop services and support for older people that address isolation and loneliness. As part of this, we applied to the Big Lottery Fund in April 2014 for £5.9million of funding as part of their Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better Programme. We have recently been notified that our application was successful and we are currently designing projects to begin in April 2015. In particular, we want to involve older people themselves in designing and providing services and focus on what is regarded as best practice.
- 33- The Strategic framework for the BAB programme includes- Creating the conditions (Age Friendly City, informing, training), identifying older people most at risk of loneliness and isolation and working in communities and neighbourhoods to navigate individuals into rich and fulfilling engagement. BAB's community development model will be based geographically around Bristol's Neighbourhood Partnerships and over the 5 years impact across all 14 of them.
- 34- Test and learn is at the heart of Fulfilling Lives': Ageing Better, so the work will start slowly and build over the 5 years. The first neighbourhoods for BAB development in year one are: Greater Bedminster; Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill; Greater Fishponds and Henbury and Southmead.

Part 7: City Wide NP event

35- On the 15th October the Citywide Event Working group, discussed and agreed the following

36- The Citywide NP event will

- take place on **Saturday 7th February 10am – until 4pm** (lunch will be provided)
- be limited to people involved in NPs and NP working groups, with approximately 150 spaces offered on a first come first service basis
- be held at Circomedia, St Pauls Church, Portland Square
- Be strategic in nature and will be made up of several workshops/discussion forums, such as planning, CIL, communications and marketing NPs, transport planning, sharing best practice.
- participants will be able to take part in several different discussions/workshops throughout the day and the Mayor has been invited to take part in part of the day.

37- The working group will be meeting several times before Christmas to firm up the agenda and finalise the activities, and your representative on the working group will be communicating with you to keep you in the loop at all times.

38- If you are interested in attending the event on the 7th please pencil in the date, and your Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator will be sending you the link to book your ticket in mid-December.

St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Appendix 1

Membership for June 2015 onwards (To be approved by 25/03/2015)

Members of the partnership:

- Councillors;
- Community Group Representatives;
- Business Representatives;
- Young People Representatives;
- St George East Residents;
- St George West Residents.

Council officers, Police, Fire Service and Health representatives are also invited to attend but are non voting. At least 8 voting members (including at least 2 Councillors) need to be present to make meetings quorate.

All members must attend BCC equalities training within 6 months of joining the Partnership (limit to be extended by the Chair if the member made reasonable efforts to attend but BCC couldn't arrange suitable dates). Members are encouraged to become NP equalities champions.

Membership is renewed at each AGM, vacancies can be filled between AGMs. Applications must be submitted at least four weeks before the AGM or meeting at which membership will take effect.

All members automatically become members of the Operations sub-group. Membership of other sub-groups (Wellbeing, Traffic & Transport, Environment, Communications and Development) is open to all St George residents as well as NP members, subject to any limits on numbers set by the Partnership.

	Who	Max	Notes
A	Ward Councillors		
	St George West	2	As elected
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B	Residents of St George		Draw lots (in advance of the AGM) if there are more than four applicants for either ward.
	St George West	4	
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C	Young People	6	Young people must be St George residents and be the age of 11 to 25 subject to Youth Forum rules. If more than 6 applications then applicants to select six reps from amongst themselves in advance of the meeting.
D	Representatives of St George Community/voluntary & faith groups	No limit	Groups nominate individuals to be members of the Partnership as their representatives. Groups must operate in St George (or a larger area of which St George is a significant part).
E	Representatives of Local businesses	No limit	Individuals who own or manage a business in St George. Nominations as for Community Groups.
F	Sub-Group Champions	5	Champions of sub-groups are elected each year and automatically become additional NP members (if not already members).