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Agenda Item No: 4 a

## Minutes of St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 7.00pm

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### Members of the Partnership

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| P | Councillor Ron Stone       | St George West ward   |
| P | Councillor Sue Milestone   | St George West ward   |
| P | Councillor Fabian Breckels | St George East ward   |
| P | Councillor Steve Pearce    | St George East ward   |
| A | Laura Gosling              | Resident St George East   |
| P | Philip Bird                | Resident St George West   |
| A | Pete Franklin              | Resident St George West   |
| P | Judith Price               | Resident St George East   |
| P | Rob Acton-Campbell         | Friends of Troopers Hill<br>Chair of Neighbourhood<br>Partnership |
| P | Richard Curtis             | Church Road Action Group  |
| P | Susan Acton-Campbell       | St George West Community<br>First Panel                           |
| A | Grenville Johnson          | Kensington Rd Residents<br>Association & NW                       |
| P | Fiona Russell              | Meadow Vale Community   |

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|          |                      | <b>Assoc</b>                         |
| <b>A</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>Friends of St George Park</b>     |
| <b>A</b> | <b>Ann Preston</b>   | <b>Resident St George West</b>       |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Bryan Tozer</b>   | <b>Local Business Representative</b> |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Geoff Reeson</b>  | <b>Friends of Dundry Park</b>        |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Denise James</b>  | <b>St George in Bloom</b>            |

**Officers:**

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| <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>Neil Terry</b>           | <b>BCC, Highways Manager</b>    |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Jimmy Taylor</b>         | <b>BCC, Bristol Youth Links</b> |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Sergeant Darren Warr</b> | <b>Avon and Somerset Police</b> |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Sergeant Matt Carter</b> | <b>Avon and Somerset Police</b> |

**Other Attendees :**

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| <b>P</b> | <b>Jo Curtis</b>        | <b>Church Road Action Group</b> |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Phil McVeigh</b>     | <b>Local resident</b>           |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Julia Murphy</b>     | <b>Local resident</b>           |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Keith Billingham</b> | <b>Local resident</b>           |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Mark Hanna</b>       | <b>Local Resident</b>           |

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| <b>P</b> | <b>Paul Fudgell</b> | <b>Local Resident</b> |
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## **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 Subgroups report.

## **2. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Laura Gosling, Alex Wingrove, Kieran Coles, Grenville Johnson, Ann Peston and Pete Franklin.

## **3. Minutes of the last Meeting**

**RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December be confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendment of a minor typo and signed by the Chair.**

### **Action Tracker**

The action tracker was considered by the NP.

Action 5.09/2014 - It was noted that only about 50% of NP members had attended the equalities training event held on 19 February. It was agreed that this action would be carried forward on the tracker until another session could be arranged for those who had not received equalities training.

It was agreed that all other actions marked 'complete' were indeed complete and could therefore come off the action sheet before the next meeting. **Action Ruth Quantock**

## **4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Breckels declared an interest in the proposed ring fencing of Section 106 to Troopers Hill Field and Dundridge Park (item 7 Subgroup reports) as he was a Friend of both groups.

Philip Bird declared an interest in agenda item 5 Youth Services for St George NP Area.

During a discussion which arose later in the meeting it was clarified that Councillors may still vote even if they have declared an interest. The issue is whether the interest is pecuniary ie if they have a direct or indirect financial interest they should not participate in the decision making process. It was agreed that a note on this would be included in the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Committee. **Action Abdulrazak Dahir**

## **5. Youth Service for St George NP area**

Jimmy Taylor, Bristol Youth links provided an update. He explained that he had been unable to attend many previous meetings of the NP because he had been off sick for a period of time and some of the workshop sessions and facilitation of youth activities were held in the evenings so it was not possible for him to attend everything.

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

- It was proposed in a later report on the agenda that the Young People representation on the NP from June 2015 be increased to 6. The NP were keen for young people to be an integral part of the Partnership and in doing so make it more reflective of the age range of the local community.
- In response JT indicated that Bristol Youth links and Creative Youth Networks were working to develop Youth Forums across the city which would help young people to engage with other groups and build up their confidence to participate in NPs and other such meetings with adults.
- In response to a question, JT agreed to provide further information on the number of young people who had participated in the youth provision in the NP area and if possible which areas they were coming from. **Action Jimmy Taylor.**
- The NP were very concerned and have been for a number of years about the gap in youth provision for the NP area and were therefore keen to assist where they can with funding future projects. The NP urged JT to continue to engage with the NP and attend future meetings when possible, particularly as he was currently the youth representative on the Partnership.

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

## 6. Highways Carriageways and footway

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the East Area Highways Manager (agenda item no. 6) which provided an update on the changes to the Highways maintenance budgets decision making process and local traffic scheme delivery.

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

- In response to a question, Neil Terry (NT) indicated that he was currently responsible for delivering the Resident Parking Schemes (RPS) and as far as he was aware there were no current plans to introduce RPS in St George, Easton or Whitehall.
- Concerns were raised about the number of articulated lorries making deliveries throughout East Bristol and that the area was a recognised training route for lorry drivers. A review of both the weight limits and training routes was suggested. In response, NT commented that legislation was already in place to govern weight limits and unfortunately more and more supermarkets were popping up, however he would like to see greater promotion and wider use of the Avonmouth Distribution Centre. It was suggested that the Traffic & Transport sub-group have a look at this at a future meeting. **Action: Traffic & Transport subgroup**
- The council's Scrutiny function would also be looking at the Bristol-Bath Freight Consolidation Centre and the impact it has on reducing traffic and pollution in the City centre and surrounding area.
- The Highways team were currently drawing up a new programme for delivering the backlog of local traffic schemes over the next 18 months and will share this with NPs in due course.
- Installation of speed tables in Crews Hole Road were now likely to be in May 2015.
- Concerns were raised about the appropriateness of 20 mph on the Kingsway as it was causing traffic problems. It was confirmed that there were currently no plans to review 20 mph in the areas it has been introduced.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED that:**

**1) changes to Highways Maintenance budgets decision making for Carriageways and pathways works from 1 April 2015 be noted**

## **2) the update on Local Traffic Scheme delivery be noted**

### **7. Subgroup reports**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report which provided an update from the various subgroups of the Partnership (agenda item no. 7).

1) Neighbourhood Budget – From 01 April 2015, St George NP will receive a total devolved Neighbourhood Budget of £38,647. A proposal on how to manage this budget based on previous years expenditure pattern and the St George NP Plan was set out in a table within the report and was discussed.

**The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that the budget be ringfenced as follows:-**

**Clean & Green - £1500**

**Environment Fund - £2600**

**Minor Signing and Aligning - £1500**

**Wellbeing Grant - £17,400**

It was noted that until such time as a new Neighbourhood Officer had been appointed the NP Co-ordinator would have delegated responsibility to spend the Clean & Green budget in consultation with the Environment Subgroup and the Neighbourhood Committee Members.

2) Operations Subgroup – the group had focussed on developing a membership structure and a mechanism for the public to join the NP ahead of the NP AGM in June 2015. As work was ongoing by the Neighbourhoods team on a city wide Terms of Reference for NPs, the current TOR was not being fully reviewed but was being updated to reflect the proposed membership. It was confirmed that the quorum of the NP would be 8 of the voting members, to include at least two Councillors.

During discussion it was agreed that notes of subgroup meetings would not be included with the NP agenda papers but that a hard copy would be available as a reference at each NP meeting.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED that the revised membership process and the TOR for the NP and the Communication subgroup be approved.**

3) Environment Subgroup – Rob Acton-Campbell talked through Section 106 proposal which took on board comments from the subgroup to show how £138,000 devolved S106 money available for parks and green space improvement could be allocated to the NP Plan priorities if the spread of spending envisaged in the Green Infrastructure Investment Plan adopted by the NP in December 2011 were followed. It was clarified that the proposal were not intended to be a firm spending commitment but to act as a guide for future discussion on S106 allocations. The NP supported the spending proposals in principle, however it was noted that the NP Plan priorities had been set 3 years ago so it was important that applications for funding should be assessed on the merits of each case. It was also important not to spread the S106 too thinly in order for the NP to 'make a difference'. It was noted that the NP will receive significantly less funding under the Community Infrastructure Levy which complement S106 so it was important to spend S106 wisely. It was agreed that this would be a useful tool to inform future spending of S106 on Parks & Green spaces improvement. The NP agreed that it should aim to allocate the available S106 funds to NP Plan priorities over the next 3 years. RA-C was thanked for the hard work that he had put into this exercise.

Following discussions that had taken place at the Environment Subgroup a request was also made to the Neighbourhood Committee to release devolved S106 money to part fund improved play areas in Dundridge Park and Troopers Hill Field.

Following further discussion and support from the wider NP, **the Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that S106 money be released to part fund improvements to the following play areas:**

- 1) Dundridge Park (St George East) - £15,000**
- 2) Troopers Hill Field (St George West) - £15,000**

4) Traffic & Transport Subgroup – the subgroup has supported a proposal to spend £3,000 from the Neighbourhood Budget in order to drop 2 kerbs on Dundridge Lane to improve access to Dundridge Park for all park users.

**The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that £3000 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Budget to fund 2 dropped kerbs on Dundridge Lane.**



## 5) Wellbeing

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered the recommendations of the Wellbeing sub-group Panel in respect of applications received since the last meeting.

Following a full discussion of the applications on a one by one basis the **Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that the following applications be approved subject to conditions as set out in the respective appraisal top sheet :-**

- Friends of Kingsway Youth - £400
- Meadowvale Community Association - £1356
- Playing out CIC - £1200
- Friends of St George Park - £500
- Redfest - £2940

It was noted that the Wellbeing subgroup has four vacancies, volunteers to sit on this group would be welcomed. **Action All**

A Member expressed concerns with the 'Rating' section on the appraisal sheet. It was noted that this only became relevant when limited funding was available and groups were competing against each other.

6) Green Capital – Following the NP's request at the last meeting, Protect a Pup and Summerhill Infants were invited to respond to the questions which had been raised by the Wellbeing subgroup. Only Protect a Pup had taken advantage of this opportunity and the appraisal in respect of their application had been updated accordingly following assessment by the Wellbeing Group.

During detailed discussion, it was noted that only 35 dog owners from across St George would actually benefit from the funding and it was felt by one member that Green Capital funding should be used to make a difference where possible or provide a legacy in the longer term.

Upon a vote being taken, **the NP RESOLVED that no funding be granted to Protect a Pup.**

(Voting, 5 For, 9 Against)

It was suggested that the Green Capital funding application process be re-opened for a second round to bid for the unspent balance of £10,838.50. However, during further discussion it was pointed out

that publicity would be required and the deadline for applications was in April so there would be very little time.

The NP were reminded that at the last meeting the balance of unspent Green Capital money from the December 2015 round had been allocated to the Green Map project for Bristol East which was part of a joint project to promote access to green spaces in Bristol East area of the city. It was noted that the Greater Fishponds NP was also contributing to the Green map project.

**The Neighbourhood Partnership RESOLVED that the balance of unspent Green Capital funding (£10,838.50) be allocated to the Green Map project for Bristol East.**

## **8. NP Plan Update Report**

The NP Co-ordinator explained that the format has been revised to show at a glance progress against the NP priorities and provide a full picture of the work and aspirations of the NP over the next 3 years 2015 – 18.

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

## **9. Public Forum**

One item of public forum had been received which proposed taking the next steps to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in Church Road, and in the nearby St George Park (unless at specific authorised events), and in nearby residential streets to prevent Antisocial behaviour having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those living in the locality. A copy of the statement presented by Richard Curtis, Chair, Church Road Action Group is held in the minute book.

Following discussion, the NP supported the proposal in principle. It was noted that consideration would need to be taken of the impact of any displacement to surrounding areas. Richard Curtis for Church Road Action Group agreed take into account the comments of the NP particularly in respect of St George Park.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 24 JUNE 2015 – Beehive  
Centre, 19a Stretford Road, St George, BS5 7AW**

(The meeting ended at 9.20 pm)

CHAIR