



**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership
7.00 pm, 16 January 2017**

Present:

* De-notes apologies/absent

Ward Councillors

- * Councillor Charlie Bolton, Southville (**apologies received**)
- * Councillor Mark Bradshaw, Bedminster; (**apologies received**)
Councillor Stephen Clarke, Southville;
Councillor Celia Phipps, Bedminster;

Partners

Representatives of people who live and work in the Neighbourhood Partnership area

Alan Baker, Friends of Ashton Gate Station

Ben Barker, Friends of Dame Emily Park

Stef Brammar, Way Out West

- * Donald Branch, Caraboo Community BS3
- * Julie Chapman, Ashton Vale Club for Young People/ Young Bristol
- * Ricky Dowden, Ashton Vale Together
Naomi Fuller, Playing Out
Ellie Freeman, Way Out West
Simon Hankins, Southville Community Development Association
Phil Manning, BS3 Churches Together
Mike McBeth, Southville Running Club
Alan Pratley, Bedminster Older Peoples Forum
- * Kris Tavender, Bristol Sport

Other Interested parties:

Also in Attendance:-

- * Lorena Alvarez, Neighbourhood Officer
Andrew McLean, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Joshua Van Haaren, Democratic Services Officer

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions (agenda item no. 1)

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

Apologies were received from Cllr Charlie Bolton & Donald Branch

2. Declarations of Interest (agenda item no. 2)

There were no declarations of interest from the Councillors, aside from community involvement as part of their roles.

3. Bristol Ageing Better Update - Community Navigators and Community Development (agenda item no. 3)

Bristol Ageing Better (BAB) Update

- A project update was given by Dan Lewin of Linkage. This provided an overview on the work in the community as part of tender won from BAB (Bristol Ageing Better) to work with older people in Greater Bedminster and demonstrated how this relates to the strategic objectives of GBCP to become first age friendly Neighbourhood in Bristol and to reduce isolation and loneliness.
- Just completed first year of project and an overview was given for information including work to involve older people in decision making, representing the diversity of the community, initiatives to bring different ages together, joint activities with other partners and training older people for leadership roles.
- Various outputs on the back of small amount of funding bolstering existing work and increasing capacity – hired admin to free up time for communications development. A three year project now entering its second year 2 – lots of work still to be done consolidating various projects including linking in with other BAB strands.

Achievements and key events have included:

- **Developing stakeholder network in the community** with great success so far, including Cllrs, GPs, BCC, Older People's Forums, Police. Focussing on how to reach isolated groups and building contacts and databases.
- **Developed "what's on guide"** to help older people find out what's going on locally the largest ever.
- **Annual wellbeing day** proved to be a successful engagement event last year (June 23rd) with good attendance and range of local organisations which also helped inform new activities and classes for older people.
- **Work to reduce barriers** to participation for older people – for example disability – working to deliver audio guide with action for blind people.
- **Bristol LGBT** – work ongoing to reduce barriers for this demographic and how to make offer more attractive for LGBT older people.
- **Dementia navigators and supporting new Alzheimer's café**

- **Macmillan engagement** for cancer patients/survivors providing information and opportunities to get involved.
- **Greater Bedminster Older People's Forum** – Offered help with marketing and other comms work.

The future:

- Communications strategy with partners and strengthening network and advisory group as well as increasing engagement and rolling out more activities.
- Volunteer transport pilot to ascertain viability and need as well as continuing work on reducing barriers.

The following remarks were received:

1. One member raised the issue of an elderly neighbour of 94 had to pay large sums of money for a taxi to the hospital – is there any help for transport costs or assistance? The volunteer transport scheme could help tackle these problems – with database of lifts for older people to access. Linking in with people in neighbourhood. Being looked at through BAB and UWE for ideas could be coming online in the future.
2. It was noted lots more going on beside what there was time for in the update. Despite this there are still older people who are isolated and the cohort is becoming larger, there was a need to be aware that the money will come to an end and that the work is on-going but good so far.
3. It was asked if there were posters available for community notice boards to advertise activities and services. No generic linkage poster but one could be developed. Also room to post the leaflets available from Linkage offices.
4. It was suggested that GP notice boards could be used to publicise.
5. Issues with transport schemes were raised especially around accessing data and promoting to disconnected citizens. Dan agreed it will need to be tailored and these schemes are notoriously difficult to run. Sustainability issues to be looked at.

Hospitals elsewhere run volunteer schemes which could give examples – Linkage to research and find viable options ideally with no funding and self-sustaining.

Community Navigators Update

- Cllr Celia Phipps now employed as a Navigator, this is aimed at reducing the number of people going to GPs with non-medical complaints. Finding out people's needs to find out where they need to go and help them to help themselves. BAB and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS) are hoping to connect the community more broadly than GP services. Paid for one year with every hope it will continue.
- How to find isolated individuals was raised as a key issue. Developing networks and communicating to find isolated people by tapping into local knowledge of GPs and neighbours will be a core part of the plan.
- **Action:** It was suggested that a dedicated meeting for older people could be viable as there so much to cover.
- The CP priorities were being addressed with all this work and it was welcomed for the GBCP area.

- **Action:** It was suggested that Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators/Leaders know their area well and these residents could be used as champions to contact isolated residents.

4. Public Resolutions (agenda item no. 4)

One item was received and presented by Stef Brammar (Appended to public document pack).

- The campaign to get a playground in Ashton Vale (AV) had been an ongoing since pre 2009.
- “Ashton Vale Together” was set up to get playground running and they scoped out suitable sites to this end. The situation was outlined in the statement from Tom Penn on why suggested sites are not feasible.
- All agreed that AV needs a play area of some sort and felt this was a disappointing outcome. The forum resolved to continue looking for ways around this as well as being open minded on the nature of the provision e.g. Could be simple and low maintenance.
- Fencing issues also needed to be considered.
- Resolution had been raised as groups in Ashton Vale had put in lots of work and didn’t want it to slip off the agenda.
- Other options raised by AM after discussion with Tom Mclean including CAT.
- **Decision: Seconded and will be forwarded to environment group next week.**
- It was noted that there are other areas not within 400m of play equipment, as per green spaces strategy, within Southville and Bedminster. This could be a wider area for environment sub-group to consider.
- CIL and Section 106 process is still uncertain post April 1st but it was confirmed that the CP will have control up until then.

5. GBCP Future Structure Update (agenda item no. 5)

A Summary of workshop from last Friday was given and the committee received an overview of the minutes.

- Cllr Asher Craig (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods) had attended first hour and outlined the huge financial challenge facing the City Council.
- **There will be no support to NPs post April** and the wellbeing fund is to be cut by £100k. It will focus on areas of deprivation and there will be an impetus to make clear the real needs of Bedminster.
- **CIL and S106 may still be devolved** but no clarity was given on how this will be done. There is a proposed role for VOSCUR in supporting Community Asset Transfers and community management of facilities.
- GBC representation was called for at the upcoming meeting called by Penny *Germon*
- **Action: details to be recirculated.**
- **Action: Youth representation to be addressed.**

6. Future Neighbourhood Plan update (agenda item no. 6)

GBCP role was highlighted as unique and in one form or another it was agreed that it needs to be preserved. How formal engagement with council will function is, as yet, undecided as well as how partnership would operate independently of BCC.

- Comments were welcomed and the slides were to be circulated with a consultation document for the board.
- Officer input would be available over the transition period and Lorena is to be briefed to draw up commission work as a priority. It was acknowledged how difficult this transition is for all involved.
- **Practical issues such as a Timetable for the final decision on what the position of the CP will be post April needs to be considered.**
- **A full conversation and debate on the Urban Parish structure proposals will** follow off back of the setting of future priorities and the new role of the NPs. Although it was noted this would include tax raising powers and could fundamentally alter the relationship with the community.
- The board recognised that there are a number of organisations with resources and contacts across the communities the Partnership serves that need to be enabled, it was agreed that core task of the CP is to get the best out of these and to get people working together.
- It was decided to carry on with the existing plan until a decision from the city council had clarified the role and future of the CPs/NPs formally.
- **The future Neighbourhood plan is uncertain** – The unanimous agreement was to keep people working together in some form. But there were questions to be answered over what the priorities will be. It was agreed that it would likely reaffirm the 8 original priorities on a more simplified basis (these had formed the basis of the large council imposed structure).

7. Current Neighbourhood Plan Update (agenda item no. 7)

Following questions received:

1. **AM confirmed money had been allocated for Greville and Duckmore** pre-spending freeze but the money post restructure isn't assured.
 - 1a. Traffic calming and pedestrian/cyclist access was highlighted as a priority. More details were needed on designs to be widely disseminated amongst the immediate community. A plan needs to be presented on how they are planning to consult with community **Action:** key groups need to be involved, including the school and Duckmore Community Groups, lots of contacts from consultation and all agreed it was critical to re-engage.
2. **Street trees update** – Is money still available? **Action:** Andrew to chase
3. **St John's Church yard** – The consultation was welcomed and it was hoped that it will lead to action and not merely further discussion. **Action:** Ben to brief Cllr Clarke to help take this forward.
4. **Warden Rd bin stickers have been handed out** – may start taking bins in conjunction with Bristol waste. Difficulties in identifying bin ownership on complex HMO heavy Street.

8. Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator Business Report (agenda item no. 8)

Two decisions were required:

1. For neighbourhood committee – Cllr Clarke and Cllr Phipps- to release S106 money for drop curb work in Ashton Vale – Passed

2. Whole board – Transformers youth fund- Avon & Somerset Constabulary money to target different youth providers in the area. Is board happy for council proposal for £5k to be decided via health and wellbeing submissions via existing forms?

Timescale end of March (27th) – suggested that submissions to be encouraged in next newsletter

Age range: 8-25 (27 if disabled) models of delivery can include small grants to individuals orgs and youth groups, scouts learning partnerships etc. Or one more targeted lump sum.

Action: *Recommendations to be received back before 27th March – awards panel process 25th*

- Urgent need to spread the word via NP mailing list/Newsletter, The Pigeon and a multi-channel approach was agreed.
- **Action:** Andrew Mclean to put together wording and circulate. Decision: Deadline 17th March, Awards panel 20th. AM to also circulate the CIL/106 applications template.

9. Community Updates (agenda item no.)

Community updates

- **It was confirmed the Lantern Parade is going ahead** this weekend after rescheduling – weather permitting.
- The event was completely volunteer run – money was largely used to pay for artists in schools and traffic management –and may be last one. Big sticking point is the heavily subsidised teaching programme for schools – unless there is another route of funding found.
- **Last weekend of February Window Wonderland** confirmed was going ahead.
- **Winter night rough sleeper trial with churches in Bristol** – Bedminster involved through Salvation Army. A four week trial of a mobile shelter with view to run throughout winter next year. Done through St Mungos on reference – more information to follow on uptake of the scheme.
- **Bedminster Access Group** was to identifying people with disabilities to help monitor retail streets and residential areas – only a small group that relied on networks and volunteers to help inform.
- **RPS consultation results being analysed** – all organisations were welcome to talk to Cllr Clarke on this.
- Inaugural meeting of the friends of Parson Street station tomorrow.
- **Chessle centre project funding update** –Bond information on Monday with Triodos 6pm-730pm with Southville centre.
- **Metrobus** – No information available on blind corner cycle route that crosses the route, needs chasing. Bridge is finished but completing either end to enable opening of bridge. Blind corner will go down into chicane to stop people not straight across.

To note:

4th Feb: City Council meeting from 10-4 on future of NPs, next GBCP meeting March 27th.

Date of the Next Meeting: 7.00 pm, Wednesday, 15 February 2017, Training room, Amerind Grove Care Home, 124-132 Raleigh Road, Ashton BS3 1QN

CHAIR _____

