



**Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership**  
**7.00 pm, 6 October 2016**

**Present:**

\* De-notes apologies/absent

**Ward Councillors**

Councillor Lesley Alexander, Frome Vale;  
Councillor Nicola Bowden-Jones, Frome Vale;  
Councillor Craig Cheney, Hillfields;  
Councillor Sultan Khan, Eastville;  
Councillor Anna Keen, Hillfields;  
Councillor Mhairi Threlfall, Eastville;

**Partners**

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

\* Kate Brook  
\* Ben Cattle  
Leigh Cooper  
Hazel Durn  
\* Joseph Glasgow  
\* Joseph Hassell  
\* Scott Jacobs-Lange  
Mo Lewis  
Tony Locke  
Mark Logan  
David Mock  
Yvonne Sadler  
George Sloan  
\* Mike Tuohy  
\* Mary Wellbourne  
Anthony Westhall  
Deborah Yeates  
Richard Scantlebury  
Jerry Humphreys  
Brian Smith

**Also in Attendance:-**

Abdulrazak Dahir, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator  
Allison Taylor, Democratic Services Officer  
Gwen Frost, Jess Tulit, Craig Dowdeswell – Bristol Waste Company

### 1. Chairing Arrangements (agenda item no. 1)

Tony Locke – Neighbourhood Partnership.

Councillor Nicola Bowden-Jones – Neighbourhood Committee.

### 2. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information (agenda item no. 2)

These were done.

### 3. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions (agenda item no. 3)

Apologies were received from Mary Wellbourne.

### 4. Declarations of Interest (agenda item no. 4)

None declared.

### 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Action Tracker (agenda item no. 5)

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. The Action Tracker was noted.

### 6. Public Forum (agenda item no. 6)

Subject	Name	Nu
Public Transport service reduction in Bristol/Bath city region	South West Transport Network, TSSA and Director of Bus Users (UK)	
The Farriers Arms	Pauline Shaw	

Both Statements were noted. With respect to the Farriers Arms, the Police reported that Morrisons had assured them that they would take action to remove the squatters.

With respect to Statement 1, it was **agreed** that the NP Co-ordinator invite James Freeman, Director of Firstbus to come and speak to the NP.

With respect to Statement 2, it was **agreed** that the NP Co-ordinator facilitate a meeting with Morrisons and the Planning Sub-Group.

**Action: NP Co-ordinator to :-**

**1 - facilitate a meeting with Planning Sub Group and Morrisons with respect to Farriers Arms**

**2 - invite James Freeman – Head of First Bus to speak to NP.**

### 7. Bristol Waste Company Summary Report (agenda item no. 7)

The NP was informed that following an in depth review and analysis of the options, Bristol Waste Company had recommended that the Neighbourhood Partnership approve the Stapleton Road Pilot for a 12 week period.

The following points arose during discussion:-

- Asked if there was a contingency plan if the pilot did not work properly, the NP was informed that staff would work within the community, and street by street if required, to ensure that the pilot ran smoothly. It would reassess arrangements if it still did not go well;
- It was not possible to assess households that were not officially houses in multiple-occupation (HMO's). Residents would be able to call and get more bags if the need arose;
- There would be a higher presence of enforcement as well as Bristol Waste Company staff visiting the area during the pilot;
- As far as Bristol Waste Company staff were aware, this was the first pilot of its kind.

**Resolved – that the pilot for the 12 week period as detailed in the report be approved.**

## **8. Friends of Fishponds Park (FoFP) (agenda item no. 8)**

The NP heard from Brian Smith, the Chair of Friends of Fishponds Park who informed them that a Committee and constitution had been formed. They had carried out consultation regarding the park and the biggest issue was the playing area which the Council confirmed was beyond its reasonable life. 94 % of those consulted were in favour of new play area. A design brief would be completed in 3 weeks which would be considered by the Environment Sub-Group and their comments would be brought to this NP at its December meeting. It was intended to remove the current equipment this financial year with the new installation in the next financial year. Avenues of funding were being considered such as National Lottery and application to Tesco. He asked the NP for any other ideas they might know of for fund raising.

With fund raising in mind, the Committee proposed to have a Glow in the dark event where a company specialising in light events illuminated the trees from 2 December to 2 January. This would cost up to £4000 but could not be funded by the wellbeing budget as an application had not been submitted in time.

**Resolved – that the verbal update from Friends of Fishponds Park be noted.**

## **9. NP Business Report (agenda item no. 9)**

The NP first received a Police Activities Update on NP priorities as follows:-

- Prostitution – Officers in Fromevale and Eastville had joined forces in monitoring. There had also been a nationwide operation concerning exploitation and brothels. The results would be available in December;
- Street drinking – this had been particularly apparent in Fishponds Park. A Police presence around the park had been well received;
- Burglary – this would be a focus as there was generally a surge at Christmas. She also reported an emerging pattern of thefts of gold from Asian community members, who are preparing for the Diwali celebrations.
- Parking at schools – every school in the area receives a daily patrol. Road Safety week would take place at the end of November;

- Neighbourhood Watch – a Co-ordination meeting was being arranged and officers would attend to restart relationships.

The following points arose from discussion:-

- It was reported that there had recently been several break-ins to retail premises, these were particularly concerning as they had been from the front. The Police replied that somebody had been arrested for these and the break-ins had now declined. There would be additional patrols in order to keep on top of the problem;
- It was reported that there had been an incident outside Lidl with drunken individuals who weren't aware of their action. Was it possible to ban these individuals from shopping or issue them with Community Service Orders. The Police responded that there had been long-running incidents of this sort. PCSO's regularly patrolled the length of Fishponds Park to Morrisons and collated information on incidents of nuisance. The Police were working with the Council's - ASB team to engage with these individuals to stop drinking and if this failed injunctions would be issued. It was noted that the Shopwatch Scheme which relied on the business community to communicate with each other and the Police on issues of concern had not taken off. The Police pointed out that they were happy to work with anyone that could assist them;
- It was noted that the new Public Safety Protection Orders were reliant on incident reporting in an area as evidence of a problem. This Council had not applied for one yet.

### **Part 1: Citywide NP Event.**

This was noted.

### **Part 2: NP Equalities Review 2016.**

It was noted that the Equalities Report was available online.

### **Part 3: Wellbeing Grant Applications.**

**1. Holy Trinity Church Stapleton** – There were no NP comments. On being put to the vote, the Neighbourhood Committee unanimously **granted** the application;

**2. Stoke Park Children Centre** – The NP Co-ordinator reported that this had been recommended for refusal as it did not address the NP priorities, it was outside the NP area and it did not provide a breakdown of where the children would come from. He was happy to provide feedback to the applicant with respect to submitting a better application. There were no NP comments. On being put to the vote, the Neighbourhood Committee unanimously **refused** the application;

**3. Fishponds Business Forum (FBF)** – The NP Co-ordinator stated that he was sympathetic to the application and recognised the efforts of last year but the application had been recommended for refusal as there were concerns over governance and the capacity of FBF to deliver the project. Representative of Fishponds Business Forum wished to strongly challenge and circulated a paper regarding the application. He sought general agreement from local businesses to provide the same Christmas lights as last. The NP Co-ordinator stated that governance structures needed to be in place before the application could be processed. It was suggested Fishponds Planning Subgroup, who possessed all the necessary policies, to sponsor the FBF application. Representatives of Fishponds Planning Subgroup confirmed that they would be happy to sponsor the application. Councillor Bowden-Jones noted that the Friends of Fishponds Park had also proper governance in place and wondered whether they could work with Fishponds Business Forum to provide the lights. The representative of Friends of Fishponds Park confirmed that he was happy to work with Fishponds Business Forum. Councillor Threlfall was supportive of this option and proposed

that the budget be split so that £800 was allocated for lights in the park, £440 for Lodge Causeway lights, £370 for Fishponds Road and including all administrative costs, the sum funded be rounded to £1600. This was supported by the NP. On being put to the vote, the Neighbourhood Committee unanimously **granted** the application as amended.

Name of Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Amount approved by NC
Holy Trinity Church Stapleton	£250	£250	£250
Stoke Park Children Centre	£2,001	£0	£0
Fishponds Business Centre	£2,500	£0	£1600

#### **Part 4: Traffic and Transport Update.**

This was noted.

#### **Part 5: Environment Subgroup.**

The following points arose:-

- The NP Co-ordinator reported that the £1000 allocated to the Trendlewood Estate to carry out environment enhancement had not been used and it was therefore recommended that the money be used to fund other projects. There were no NP comments. On being put to the vote, this was **agreed** by the Neighbourhood Committee 4 for, 2 against;
- With respect to the Environment Subgroup recommendations as set out below, it was noted that Snuff Mills was missing from the maps and that the maps had proved popular in St George. The success of the maps would be assessed at a later date and a roll out of new regions would be considered. On being put to the vote, the Neighbourhood Committee unanimously **agreed** the recommendations as set out below;

#### **2016/17 Environment Budget available £41,124.75 (excluding £1000 as agreed above)**

NP Plan Priority	Activity	Running Balance £42,124.75
Environment Ref P1.	Install 5 Discover East Bristol interpretation maps – 5 @ £550.	2,750

Traffic and Transport P2	£250 to transfer map on to central panel of Community Notice Board.	250
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**Remaining Neighbourhood Budget - £39, 124.75**

- The NP Co-ordinator referred to the recommendations of the Environment Subgroup as set out below. There was some discussion regarding the cost of each tree which could be as much as £765 per tree. It was noted because of the planning obligation, the amount of S106 available could only be spent on tree planting. The NP therefore **agreed** to approve the full amount of S106 £24,891.28 and to secure as many trees as possible subject to finding suitable locations and it meets planning obligation. On being put to the vote, this was unanimously **agreed** by the Neighbourhood Committee.

**2016/17 Neighbourhood Section 106 Parks Specific 2016/17.**

NP Plan Priority	Activity	Amount approved £	NC	Running Balance £24,891.28
Environment Ref P3.	Contribute to planting of up to 21 trees in areas 1 mile radius from Gleeson House – 21 @ £295	24,891.28		0.00

**Action - NP Co-ordinator to confirm number of trees secured.**

- The NP noted the proposal to contribute 20 trees in Eastville Park which required funding as set out below. The NP **agreed** to support 13 trees at £295 amounting to a total of £3,835 as this was sufficient to cover the tree planting plan. On being put to the vote, this was unanimously **agreed** by the Neighbourhood Committee.

**2016/17 Neighbourhood Budget available 2016/17 (SAD)**

NP Plan Priority	Activity	Amount £	Running Balance ££39,124.75
Environment Ref P3.	Contribute to planting of up to 20 trees in Eastville Park. <b>(NC agreed revised number of 13)</b>	11,475 <b>(NC agreed revised amount as 3,835)</b>	27,681.75 <b>(Revised balance 35,289.75)</b>

## **Part 6: Proposed Community Asset Transfer for Former Hillfields Youth Centre.**

- The NP Co-ordinator reported that the Service Director would make a decision on the proposal for a new 15 year lease of HYC to Hillfields Young Mother's Group and Hillfields Community Trust. The two local members expressed their support for the proposal and for the work done by both groups. The NP supported the proposal.

### **Resolved:- that**

1. The Citywide NP event update be noted;
2. The NP Equalities Review 2016 update be noted;
3. To note the decisions of the Neighbourhood Committee with respect to the Wellbeing Grant Applications;
4. The progress made on the Traffic & Transport update, be noted;
5. The Environment Subgroup progress be noted and the recommendations to allocate S106, Environment and Neighbourhood Budgets be approved;
6. The comments made above on the proposed Community Asset Transfer for Hillfields Community Hub, formerly known as Hillfields Youth Centre be noted.

### **10 NP Community Engagement (agenda item no. 10)**

As there was not enough time to cover this agenda item, it was agreed to carry forward to the next NP meeting in Dec 2016.

### **11 NP Plan Update (agenda item no. 11)**

The NP Co-ordinator asked that comments be submitted to him by e-mail.

### **12 Date of next Meeting. (agenda item no. 12)**

This was noted as 7pm on 8 December, 2016.

Meeting ended at 9.20 pm

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

