



Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership
7.00 pm, 8 December 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
- Brian Smith
- Richard Scantlebury
- Viran Patel
- Rick Lovering

Also in Attendance:-

Abdulrazak Dahir, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator
Allison Taylor, Democratic Services Officer
Lucy Touray, Creative Youth Network

1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information (agenda item no. 1)

These were done.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions (agenda item no. 2)

These were received from Councillors Threlfall and Bowden-Jones, Yvonne Sadler, Tony Locke, Pauline Shaw and Fiona Gleed.

It was noted that David Mock would chair in the absence of Tony Locke.

3. Declarations of Interest (agenda item no. 3)

There were none.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Action Tracker (agenda item no. 4)

The Action Tracker was noted.

Page 11, Part 5: Environment Subgroup. Table title should read 'NP Budget'. Delete word 'Environment'. The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the amendment above.

RESOLVED – that the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

5. First Bus (agenda item no. 5)

It was reported that the representative from First Bus was not in attendance. The NP Co-ordinator would follow this up.

Action: NP Co-ordinator to follow up non-attendance.

6. Bristol Youth Link Update. (agenda item no. 6)

Lucy Touray addressed the Partnership on the work of the organisation and the following points arose:-

- Individuals could be with the organisation for up to 12 weeks, some individuals needed more time. At the completion of working with an individual, the referrer is informed that contact had now stopped;
- Individuals were taught resilience and techniques to build their confidence;
- Councillor Keen acknowledged the invaluable work of the CYN which saved the authority expenditure. She added that many voluntary hours were given to individuals with complex needs. CYN is a huge asset in Hillfields ward.

7. NP Business Report (agenda item no. 7)

Part 1: Transformers Youth Fund:

The Neighbourhood Partnership heard that Avon & Somerset Police Community Trust managed the Transformers fund, a small grant aimed at working with young people and delivering youth activities. It has proved difficult to attract enough projects so the Trust has decided to devolve £5000 to each of Bristol's NPs. The fund would be administered through the Wellbeing Small Grants Process, the spend would need to be allocated by March 17 and spent by end of March 18. Creative Youth Network agreed to provide support and facilitate a proposal to set-up young people led panel. The NP is asked to accept the funds and transfer to Creative Youth Network, subject to completing an application. The NP heard

from George Sloan, the Youth representative who explained that the aim was to create a group like the NP for young people with the aim of improving the community for people of their age.

The following points arose from discussion:-

- The NP Co-ordinator would monitor the funds and ensure there was an audit trail of spend. There was a social value impact which would also be monitored;
- When funds were made available, the structure and membership could be formed;
- They needed to be some level of accountability for the public;
- Immediate funds were needed for expenses such as travel and snacks.

The NP was asked to show their support for this proposal. It was unanimous.

Part 2: Wellbeing Grant Applications.

The NP Co-ordinator reported that subsequent to the publication of these papers, there had been an immediate across the Council freeze on spending due to the current budget situation. This therefore meant that decisions could not be taken on the Wellbeing applications in these papers. S106 monies could still be spent and guidance was awaited regarding the spending of CIL monies.

The following points arose from discussion:-

- The Wellbeing applications approved at the last NP would be processed;
- The Council should look at all Wellbeing applications to see if S106 could be used instead. It was unfortunate that it would now be necessary to wait until March in order to determine if applications can be funded by S106 monies;
- Clarity regarding the use of CIL monies should be come quickly;
- It was agreed that the NP Co-ordinator would produce a note for the NP clarifying budget pots.

Action: NP Co-ordinator to:-

- **produce note confirming budget pots;**
- **To confirm if CIL can be used by the NP;**
- **To consider whether the applications not dealt with can be granted with S106 monies in light of frozen spending.**

Part 3: Traffic and Transport Update.

It was noted that subgroup recommendations could not be considered due to the spend freeze.

Part 4: Environment Subgroup.

The Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to note the proposals with respect to S106 funding for PROW improvements between St Matthias College Development and Halfpenny Bridge.

The Neighbourhood Committee were asked to approve the following :-

2016/17 S106 funding available for Roegate House, Whitefield Avenue, Speedwell £13, 133.75

NP Priority	Works	Amount £	Balance £
Priority 3 – Upgrade Play Facility in Fishponds Park	Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Roegate House	13, 133.75	00.00

On being put to the vote, this was carried unanimously.

The Chair referred to para. 20 concerning the replacement signage in the vicinity of the M32 Junction 2 roundabout to reflect the new roundabout layout and to carry out repairs on carriageway surfaces in some areas as part of process for taking old white lining with the new layout.

Noting that an argument could be made for funds to be unfrozen if the matter was a health and safety risk, the NP agreed this was indeed a safety risk and noted that an accident would cost the authority additional money. The NP therefore agreed to argue the case for the release of £10,000 for the works.

Action: NP Co-ordinator to work with Councillor Cheney to argue the case for funding the M32 works.

Resolved:-

- 1. That the NP accepts the Transformer’s Youth Fund and agrees to transfer the funds to Creative Youth Network noting that the funds will be processed using the Wellbeing Process.**
- 2. That the freeze on spend for the Wellbeing Grant Applications be noted.**
- 3. That freeze on spend for Traffic and Transport subgroup recommendations be noted.**
- 4. That the S106 funds for improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Roegate be approved.**
- 5. That on H&S bases to use £10,000 from the Devolved NP Budget to install suitable signage reflecting the new roundabout layout and to repair carriageway surface.**

At this point, Councillor Cheney arrived.

8. NP Community Engagement (agenda item no. 8)

Georgie Bryant, Neighbourhood Officer, tabled a report and the following points arose:-

- Neighbourhood Forums did not have engagement capacity due to the numbers who attended and the reason people came to them. It was necessary to look at them in a different way in the future, more as an information sharing forum;
- The future of NP’s was also under review;
- It was noted that good works had taken place by groups around the triangle area of Eastville. These groups wanted more funding to do other things and the neighbourhood team could assist in connecting the groups up to resources other than the Council;
- The reason most people engaged in the NP is to have some influence on spending in their community, if budgets remained frozen going forward, this engagement would be lost;
- The future dates for Forums and NP’s should be accepted until informed otherwise.

The NP agreed to support the Engagement Plan.

9. Neighbourhood Partnership Plan (agenda item no. 9)

Inspector Deborah Yeates made note of the following issues reported by Partnership members and agreed to follow up those within her responsibility:-

- There was increased drinking in Fishponds Park;
- There was intelligence that the Polish Shop was selling illegal alcohol 'under the counter';
- Residents of Symington Road were concerned at the activities of an individual with a yellow car who regularly drove at 60/70 mph on mornings and evenings;
- A blond lady was regularly seen outside the Lloyds Pharmacy using inappropriate language;
- Another lady visited Coffee No 1 often and talked very loudly, displaying some mental instability;
- Travellers with at least 25 vehicles had moved to Greenbank. It was noted that this was a matter for the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team
- Air quality in Eastpark area was poor due to car engines left running outside May Park School.

10 Public Forum (agenda item no. 10)

Subject	Name	Nu
Speedwell Baths	Ian Beckey	
Speedwell Baths	Mike Baker – Living Easton Heritage & Environmental Group	

Ian Beckey was in attendance and spoke to his statement. Councillor Keen reported that Fishponds Councillors were working with St George Councillors on a more creative option. Councillor Cheney reported that the Council had the resources to build a pool but not to run one.

RESOLVED – the Statements were noted.

11 Date of Next Meeting. (agenda item no. 11)

This was noted as 7pm on 23 March, 2017.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

CHAIR _____

