



**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership
7.00 pm, 15 February 2017**

Present:

* De-notes apologies/absent

Ward Councillors

Councillor Charlie Bolton, Southville;
Councillor Mark Bradshaw, Bedminster;
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
- Sam Mahony, Democratic Services Officer
- Claudette Campbell, Democratic Services Officer

1. Welcome, apologies and introductions (agenda item no. 1)

Cllr Celia Phipps took the Chair for this meeting of the Neighbourhood Committee to decision on the allocation from the Section 106 fund and Community Infrastructure Levy fund.

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

- a. At the start of the meeting no declarations were made by the members
- b. As the discussion on agenda item 2 progressed, allocation of the CIL funds members declared the following interest;
 - i. Mark Bradshaw – non pecuniary interest but as Chair of the Way out West organisation.
 - ii. Celia Phipps – pecuniary interest via a family member in Southville Community Association (SCDA)
 - iii. Stephen Clarke – pecuniary interest in SCDA
 - iv. Charlie Bolton – pecuniary interest in SCDA
- c. The Democratic Services Officer examined the nature of the interest and established that pecuniary interest was held by 3 of the 4 members in respect of the application by SCDA for funding from CIL. The following action was taken:
 - The 3 members concerned were asked to withdraw from the decision making process.
- d. The committee was informed that one councillor was not quorate and legal advice would be sought on how to take the decision .

Action: DSO to consult with Legal. Members comments were noted on the applicants listed in the report, to bring forward to the agreed decision making process.

3. Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy allocations (agenda item no. 3)

- a. The meeting was called to enable the Neighbourhood Committee to make the decision on allocations based on the recommendation of the sub-group in respect of CIL funds and the recommendation of the partnership Co-ordinator in respect s.106 funds.
- b. The Chair directed the discussion to section 2 of the report that detailed the funds available and the priority list as recommended by the GBCP sub-group. The following comments were made as each applicant was considered.
 - i. The balance of the CIL funds was confirmed at **£103,569.90** and not as stated in the report of £101,188.74.
 - ii. The Partnership Co-ordinator produced the sub-groups working document in the form of the flip chart sheets, detailing the thinking process.
 - iii. **Ashton Vale Club £3850** – Members were concerned about funding equipment that would not be maintained. Appropriate insurance cover and repairs maintenance have to be undertaken by identifiable group. The trampoline will be on housing land but management cost would not be supported by the housing revenue fund. City Parks department were not in the position to take on the management due to restricted funds. The following condition was added and if satisfied the allocation would be made;
 - The allocation would be made subject to Young Bristol agreeing to take on management and maintenance of the trampoline with appropriate public liability insurance.

- Action: AM to liaise with Tom Penn in Parks and with Young Bristol to confirm their position on management of the equipment.
- Action: All enquiries to be made and answers received before the end of March. If the above conditions cannot be met no allocation would be made.

iv. South Bristol Toy Library - £3500

- There was concern over whether the United Reformed Church Hall were agreeable to the alteration to the church doors. The request was for sums to support the replacement of the doors with accessible glass door.
- Action: AM to contact the church for confirmation before the award was made.
- Agreed subject to the above.

v. Ashton Vale Community Centre - £4175

- Members were assured that the improvements to the area immediately outside the centre would contribute to the future development of a toddler play area. The proposed fencing would align with the future development and would meet the requirements proposed by Jon Bos, Property Partner responsible for Community Asset Transfers negotiations.
 - Agreed

vi. Way out West - £15,000

- Mark Bradshaw withdrew from the discussion about allocation.
- The committee was quorate.
- The amount was awarded without conditions.

vii. Southville Community Development Association (SCDA)- £95,380

- Members were aware at this point that the balance of the CIL fund would be awarded to this group.
- Cllr Clarke proposed that Windmill Hill City Farm request for £7100 placed at e) on the priority list and Compass Point Parent Teachers & Friends Association at f) request for £1227 be considered above the award to SCDA. That only after awards had been made to these groups should the balance be awarded to the SCDA.
- Cllr Bolton was concerned about ignoring the recommendation of the sub-group.
- Members were advised that the status of the priority list was suggested and recommended to the Committee for final decision.
- At this point 3 Members declared an interest in the SCDA and had to withdraw from the discussion and decision making. The action as set out in section two of the minutes was agreed.
- The following comments were noted during the discussion:
 - I. Members would agree to the Windmill Hill City Farm and Compass Point PTA moving up the priority list.
 - II. For the balance to be awarded to SCDA to improve the safety for members using the Chessell Centre.

- III. The sums requested by SCDA for improvements to community Gardens was not considered as it was lower down the priority list and no further sums would be available from the fund.
- IV. The sub-group did not consider the request of £220,000 from the Bedminster Business viable option because of the need for the project to receive match funding.

Action: CC to consult with legal on the terms of the constitution to resolve the allocation issue where a committee is not quorate. Finals decision were not made on CIL fund allocation.

c. The allocation from the s106 funds

- i. The report sought approval for the allocation of the following schemes from various pots of s106 funds.
 - The Gores Marshall £12,500 – funded from former Megabowl Site, Brunel Way, Ashton code 06/01644
 - Friends of South Street park £19,590 – Lighting and resurfacing improvements and tree planting – code 06/0144 as above and 12/03814/6-10 Stillhouse Lane Bedminster funds.

Resolved: The allocation as given above.

4. Final Decision-making on CIL Fund (agenda item no. 4)

Legal Advice provided was as follows and based on 3 members holding pecuniary interest in an organisation to benefit from an award from the CIL fund.

- a. The Neighbourhood Committee quorum is 2 members out of the 4. With 3 members declaring pecuniary interests one Member committee is not quorate.
- b. The decision making on all allocations as detailed in the priority list should not be taken by the Neighbourhood Committee.
- c. Delegation protocol indicates that as the sum involved is less than half a million the decision must be taken by the relevant Strategic Director, in this instance Alison Comley Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods.

A meeting was convened on the 13th March with the Strategic Director, in the presence of the Democratic Services Officer and Cllr Mark Bradshaw.

- I. DSO presented the priority list and the discussion around each application. Cllr Bradshaw was invited to comment to share background information on each organisation aid understanding.
- II. The Strategic Director made the following decisions for the distribution of the CIL fund of £103,569.90.

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Greater Bedminster Partnership NP		
Award	Applicant and reason for application	Conditions

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Award	Applicant and reason for application		Conditions
£ 3,850.00	Ashton Vale	Installation of a in ground trampoline	Allocation made only when confirmation received on management and maintenance of the equipment and certainty on where it would be placed on site as not to be impacted by future developments.
£ 3,500.00	South Bristol Toy	Accessible glass internal doors to the main entrance of United Reform Church Hall	Church to confirm that they are agreeable to the alteration.
£ 4,175.00	Ashton Vale Community Centre	Improvements to the environment immediately outside the community centre	Agreed without conditions
£ 15,000.00	Way out West	Research, design and work to improve road safety between the school and playing fields	Agreed without conditions
£ 7,100.00	Windmill City Farm	Improvements to pathways through the Farm gardens	Agreed - moved up the priority list to allow award to be made
£ 1,227.00	Compass Point Parent Association	Improvements to public fields for the public and pupils	Agreed - moved up the priority list to allow award to be made
£ 68,717.90	Southville Community Development Association	Alterations to pavements to improve safety for members using the new Chessell Centre	Agreed the balance of the CIL allocated to the SCDA solely for this development.
£ 103,569.90	Total		
No Award were made to the following applicants - Nil Awards			
£0	Southville Community Development Association	£24,500 requested for improvements to the community Gardens	Strategic Director was clear that none of the funds awarded for the pavement improvements should be spent on this project
£0	Bedminster Business Improvement District	£220,000 for developments to various areas in Bedminster	This organisation needed assistance with match funding and this ask was deem greater than what was available

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Award	Applicant and reason for application	Conditions
Nil award		

Date of the Next Meeting: 7.00 pm, Monday, 27 March 2017, Southville Centre, beauley Road, Bristol, BS3 1QG

Meeting ended at 8.00 pm

CHAIR _____

