



**Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership**  
**6.30 pm, 16 March 2017**

**Present:**

\* De-notes apologies/absent

**Ward Councillors**

Councillor Tom Brook, Bishopston and Ashley Down;  
Councillor Eleanor Combley, Bishopston and Ashley Down;  
Councillor Martin Fodor, Redland;  
Councillor Fi Hance, Redland;  
\* Councillor Cleo Lake, Cotham;  
Councillor Anthony Negus, Cotham;

**Partners**

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

Roger Gimson  
Paul Bolton-Jones  
Jenny Hoadley  
Liz Kew  
Sarah Thorp  
Rob Umphray  
\* Alison Bromilow  
\* Lesley Welch  
\* Gavin Spittlehouse

**Other Interested parties:** Sergeant Adam Dolling

**Also in Attendance:-**

Andrew McGrath  
Jeremy Livitt  
Mike Lawlor

**1. Welcome and Introductions (agenda item no. 1)**

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting. All those present introduced themselves.

**2. Apologies for Absence (agenda item no. 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cleo Lake, Alison Bromilow and Lesley Welch.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (agenda item no. 3)**

Resolved – that the minutes of the above meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:

- (1) “Greater Partnership” on Page 5 to be altered to read “Greater Bedminster Community Partnership”
- (2) The word “He” in the third from bottom line on Page 5 be replaced with “Liz Kew”
- (3) “G Bird” be replaced with Gloucester Road bid on the penultimate line of Page 5;
- (4) “£2,900” in Resolution (1) of Minute Number 12 be altered to read “£1,924”.

Action: Jeremy Livitt

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **5. Public Forum (agenda item no. 5)**

The following Public Forum Statement was noted:

Statement Number 1 - Draft Bristol City Council Response to the Bristol city Council Discussion Paper: The Future of Neighbourhood Partnerships – Local Decision Making Models for Discussion: Roger Gimson

This statement was taken in conjunction with discussion of future arrangements for BRC NP meetings.

Roger Gimson advised that the NP was being requested to submit their response to proposals from Penny Germon about future arrangements by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017. He noted a number of responses that he had received from other NP members which he would incorporate into the suggested response.

Councillor Fodor stressed the importance of ensuring the issues relating to boundaries, standards and safeguards were addressed in the response.

Roger Gimson made the following points:

- (1) The NP needed to consider what was the minimal support that BCC could provide, either directly through Councillors or requesting officers to attend Neighbourhood Forums;
- (2) NP members had been requested to attend a neighbourhood city wide networking event on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017;
- (3) NP members were requested to agree a statement to submit on behalf of the BCR NP on these proposals;
- (4) We had been advised that all formal decisions on CIL and S.106 spending would need to be taken by 24<sup>th</sup> March. Though we had asked what the final date was that Democratic Services would be able to support meetings, no reply had yet been received

A number of NP members stated that they were not happy with this arrangement. It was noted that current Bristol City Council Scrutiny Commissions had been told they would be stopping but existing meetings were continuing on for the time being.

Regardless of future funding arrangements, BCR NP members needed to ensure that CIL and remaining Section 106 funding up until NP's discontinued was given to the existing BCR NP or its successor body.

NP members agreed that a formal NP meeting in June 2017 should be fixed and Bristol City Council be requested to provide appropriate support to enable this meeting to take place.

**Action: Andrew McGrath**

## **6. Reports From Working Groups - Verbal (agenda item no. 6)**

There were no verbal Working Group reports.

## **7. Parks Working Group (agenda item no. 6a)**

The NP noted the written report from Alison Bromilow on the Parks Working Group.

## **8. Neighbourhood Co-ordinator's Report (agenda item no. 7)**

The NP introduced his report. In response to members' questions, he and the Chair made the following points:

- (1) The spending freeze remains in place and, as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, all remaining funds would be withdrawn;
- (2) The scheme at Sommerville Road would be implemented at some point in the future, along with all other schemes already approved;
- (3) The Central Clifton and Harbourside Neighbourhood Partnership had agreed to the request from BCR NP at its last meeting to fund the complete cost of the £4,000 Hampton Road scheme.

**Resolved – that**

- (1) the current budget of the NP is noted;**
- (2) the brief update be noted relating to parks' schemes in BCR with regard to the budget cuts;**
- (3) the brief update regarding Gloucester Road Library and potential future use be noted;**
- (4) that the discussion paper be noted on potential funding for local engagement models following the end of NPs in June 2017.**

**No Action**

## **9. Any Other Business (agenda item no. 8)**

None

## **10 Date of Next Meeting (agenda item no. 9)**

It was noted that, subject to the response to the request agreed under the Public Forum item, a formal NP meeting would be fixed for June 2017.

**Action: Andrew McGrath**

Meeting ended at 6.53pm

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

