



**Henbury, Brentry and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership
7.00 pm, 20 June 2017**

Present:

* De-notes apologies/absent

Ward Councillors

Councillor Helen Godwin, Southmead;
Councillor Brenda Massey, Southmead;
Councillor Mark Weston, Henbury and Brentry;
Councillor Chris Windows, Henbury and Brentry;

Partners

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

Toni Anderson, Southmead

Joan Bennett, Southmead

* Rose Carr , Henbury & Brentry

* Charles Claxton, Henbury & Brentry

Tanya Cussick, Henbury & Brentry

Jayne Gregory, Henbury & Brentry

John Butler, Henbury & Brentry

Lynne Haynes, Henbury & Brentry

* Alex Kittow, Southmead

Pat Newport, Southmead

Deana Perry, Southmead

* Antony Skelding, Henbury & Brentry

Ian Thornley, Southmead

Other Interested parties:

Andy Hollick; Rita Golding; Kathy Glover; Paul Lennon; Wayne Lennon; Sam Masson; Tony Whitelaw; Sue Potter; Paul Thompson; Howard Windsor; Mike Murch; Dave Fogg; Mahamed Dalal

Also in Attendance:-

Keith Houghton, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator

Louise deCordova, Democratic Services Officer

Lloyd Allen, Neighbourhood Officer

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

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting.

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

Apologies for Absence received from: Rosemary Carr (Henbury and Brentry) were noted.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting (agenda item no. 4)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting dated 28 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

Keith Houghton referred the Neighbourhood Partnership to the Action Sheet dated 28th March 2017 and provided a summary of the progress on actions to date.

Bristol Impact Fund process

In discussion, residents raised concern and disappointment that the process did not appear to have taken into account the Neighbourhood Plans and Community Plans.

It was noted that whilst the Community Plan identified priorities for Southmead for their local spend, the plan alone could not be used as the basis to apply for the Bristol Impact funding, as the criteria for the funding had been clear and specific to the Impact Fund.

It was noted that the criteria for applications to the Bristol Impact Fund had been clear, but that additional communication may have supported members in putting forward their bids.

Bristol Youth Links

There had been a strong response from residents and councillors to the consultation and a further detail would be available after 27 June which could be circulated to residents. Cllr Godwin pointed out the North had ended up with improved financial support than originally proposed.

5. Public Forum (agenda item no. 5)

There was no public forum received.

6. Neighbourhood Partnership Business Report (Keith Houghton) (agenda item no. 6)

The Area Co-ordinator presented the above report and the following points were made in discussion:

Highways schemes, traffic and transport

- *Public Right of Way BCC/542*: It was agreed that BS10 have influence in progressing any public rights of way schemes, although it was noted that they could not act as the final decision maker.

- Residents discussed concerns regarding ongoing criminal activity and use of scooters along this pathway and in parks, and some members expressed a need for additional measures to restrict access. However, it was noted that other members raised concerns that this could result in a reduction of disabled accessibility.
- It was agreed that concerns should be highlighted to the BS10 Group and that robust equalities impact assessment issues be addressed by the PROW officer.

Parks and improvements

- *Henbury and Brentry Parks Improvement Group recommendations:* It was noted that after an online and paper survey conducted between February and March 2017, 130 responses were received and the main parks/open spaces prioritised for improvements were: Crow Lane Open Space, Okebourne Open Space and Barnards Park.
- Cllr Weston had agreed with the Council that Henbury and Brentry act as a test bed by exploring alternative and less expensive ways of sourcing the equipment for the proposed parks improvements, to make the money stretch further. He has secured quotes from a company called Caloo. Additional funding is likely to be needed to meet all the aspirations agreed by the Group.
- Residents raised concerns that disabled access into Okebourne Open Space had not been prioritised. The NP agreed it was an issue but that the steep slope leading from the entrance and issues of motorbike misuse on the site made this very difficult to achieve. It was agreed that this process would consider the equalities impact of proposed improvements and the accessibility of any equipment purchased.

The Neighbourhood Committee Resolved and the Neighbourhood Partnership Agreed:

- 1. That the Councillors and BS10 Group take forward Henbury, Brentry and Southmead traffic/highways priority work and liaison/influencing with Bristol City Council and potential influencing of the use of CIL/S106 in the post-NP arrangements being developed locally and city-wide**
- 2. That the Councillors approve the allocation of the S106 funding, £42,618.45 to improve Public Right of Way BCC/542 and that the NP recommends that BS10, as a local resident body, act as an advisory/consultation route for the officer to link into during the development of this scheme.**
- 3. That the Councillors approve the recommendation from the Henbury & Brentry Parks Prioritisation Group to allocate £71,672.48 Parks S106 to the 5 priority improvements drawn from the Parks Improvement Survey**
- 4. That the NP notes the intended work set out to take forward the Southmead Parks Access improvement project**
- 5. That the NP notes the latest S106 contributions and the latest statement on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
- 6. That the NP notes the legal information with due regard to Public Sector Equality Duty**

The Formal meeting ended at 8.00 pm

7. Other Business

The meeting went on to discuss the following topics:

a. Mayoral Visit to Southmead, 26th May:

Residents confirmed the success of the visit and that the Mayor was impressed with the positive, active plans to improve life in Southmead being driven and developed through the Southmead Community Plan

b. Your Neighbourhood Consultation:

Keith Houghton, the NP Co-ordinator, presented a brief overview of the consultation, running until 5th September, setting out options and inviting feedback on the City Council's proposals to change services to fit within the budget reductions agreed at the February Full Council.

These are all of local significance as they affect: Library provision; CIL allocation arrangements and proposed funding to support neighbourhoods and community spaces in post-NP arrangements; school crossing services; public toilet provision and Bristol Community Links services to disabled people.

A series of 8 public events are organised, starting with the Greenway Centre on Thursday 29th June, 12.30pm – 2.00pm.

He encouraged all people present to complete the consultation and encourage friends and family to do so, too.

c. Post-NP arrangements:

Henbury and Brentry confirmed that they would take forward their community co-ordination through developing the role and capacity of the Henbury and Brentry Community Council. Their next meeting is: **Thursday 20th July at 7.30pm at Henbury & Brentry Community Centre**

Southmead confirmed that they are developing a new structure called Team Southmead to drive forward their Community Plans and to engage more residents in influencing the future of Southmead. Their next meeting is: **Thursday 6th July at 6.30pm at the Greenway Centre**

d. The next Southmead Forum event will be on 28th September at URC, Wigton Crescent, organised by Team Southmead

e. Cllr Helen Godwin thanked Ian Thornley, who is leaving Southmead following his retirement from his Church role, to take up a new life in Kidderminster. She spoke of his commitment and leadership in Southmead and how much the community will miss his influence. The meeting joined in sharing her tribute.

f. The meeting repaired to the Southmead Rugby Club to play skittles as a close to the Henbury, Brentry and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership.

The Southmead Team beat the Henbury and Brentry team, with Ian Thornley fittingly scoring the highest score of the evening – a 9!

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