



**Filwood Knowle and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 8 March 2017**

**Report of: Andrew McLean
Title: Business Activities Report**

Recommendation:

1. Transformers Fund applications: The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to approve the recommended allocation for the Transformers Fund.

For information:

- 2. Tree Champion update**
- 3. Neighbourhood Budget update**
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1. Transformers Fund

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to consider the feedback from Partnership members and make a final decision on the allocation of the Transformers Youth Fund. Below is a summary of the rankings from the appraisal process.

Organisation	Purpose of Application	Recommendation	Amount Requested
Knowle West Health Park	To offer a wide range of sports and games for local children and young	Two members chose this as their first choice	£1000

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	people		
Bristol Noise	The Noise would like to host a Fun Afternoon in Filwood, as well as working on practical projects in the local area.	Two members chose this as their third choice	£500
Street Space	StreetSpace Knowle is a unique project working with 'at risk' young people in the locality. Through detached youth work the project identifies, responds, and works with the issues, needs and concerns of these young people.	Two members chose this as their first and only choice Two members chose this as their second choice	£5000
Total		Four members responded	£6500

2. Tree Champion update

- Filwood Tree Plan, ongoing. Help would be appreciated to finish it. Christopher Davies has very kindly given me copy of Knowle's T P.
- I recently met with Tim Brandram. (Tree Officer.) We 'plotted' sites where replacement trees will be planted in Filwood Ward. These are trees, paid for by the Metro Bus scheme, to replace those removed along the route. These will be planted from November 2017, through to March 2018.
- The Chestnut trees in the grass circle, Inns Court, are recovering from the blight. They will now be retained, rather than felled. One tree is missing, this will be replaced with a Indian Chestnut tree.
- I tried to persuade the tree officer to 'affix' tree sponsorship notices to inform people of this scheme, with details of how to apply for sponsorship, to purchase trees to be planted. He declined to do so, despite the fact that notices have been 'affixed' in other areas of Bristol!
- When the Filwood Park development is approved, trees will be planted as part of the landscape plan.
- The tree officer expressed his concern about Ash Dieback disease that I mentioned in my last report. No Ash specie trees will be planted until this disease has run its course.
- The Partnership agreed to support tree planting in its Wards. I urge, that whatever form the new committee takes in the future, that this agreement is highlighted in any meeting notes?

- I intend to visit 4 Primary schools in Filwood, to offer my help/advice about the One Tree per Child fruit trees planted in their grounds by the children.
- To close on my penultimate Tree Champion report for this N P. Just to mention a non tree related matter! Narcissi (Daffodils) will have been planted in Melvin Square's grass roundabout on Friday 3rd March. All being well! Thank you for all your support and encouragement for my role as Tree Champion for Filwood Ward.
Jim Smith.
Filwood's Tree Champion.

3. Neighbourhood Budget update

Please see below the current levels of Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy funds available to the Neighbourhood Partnership

Filwood, Knowle & Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership CIL monies held - 31 December 2016

Monies to be spent on measures to support the development of the Neighbourhood Partnership's area, by funding:

a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area

Date	Received	Application	Site Address	Amount
11/10/13		13/01714	16 Hill Crest, Knowle	£232.50
25/06/14		13/00133	148 Wells Road, Totterdown	£450.00
26/06/14		13/04196	Land at Torpoint Rd and Kingswear Rd, Knowle West	£7,903.53
16/10/15		13/02720	56 Sydenham Road, Totterdown	£172.50
17/12/15		14/05655	3 Newry Walk, Filwood	£523.03
17/12/15		15/02944	5 Newry Walk, Filwood	£459.24
21/12/15		15/01967	Novers Hse, Novers Hill Trading Estate, Filwood (1)	£1,411.74
07/01/16		14/06254	249 Redcatch Road, Knowle (1)	£1,435.55
04/02/16		13/03335	72 Somerdale Avenue, Filwood	£563.41
11/03/16		13/04396	42 Queens Road, Knowle	£772.50
25/04/16		15/02847	366 St. Johns Lane, Windmill Hill	£1,318.19

29/04/16	15/01967	Novers Hse, Novers Hill Trading Estate, Filwood (2)	£1,411.74
03/05/16	14/06254	249 Redcatch Road, Knowle (2)	£1,435.55
29/06/16	15/01988	Malago House, Bedminster Road, Bedminster (1)	£9,016.42
19/09/16	15/03961	6 Hill Avenue, Victoria Park	£238.13
27/09/16	16/02430	463 Wells Road, Knowle	£284.40
03/10/16	16/01240	1 Hill Avenue, Victoria Park	£3,275.16
14/10/16	14/06254	249 Redcatch Road, Knowle (3)	£2,153.33
01/11/16	15/01988	Malago House, Bedminster Road, Bedminster (2)	£9,016.42
03/11/16	15/01967	Novers Hse, Novers Hill Trading Estate, Filwood (3)	£2,117.61
Total			£44,190.95

Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership				
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 31 December 2016				
Permission / Site / S106 Code	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution
Parks				
11/00385 / 3 to 5 Bushy Park, Totterdown / SB93	Richard Fletcher (Parks Operations Manager)	£1,821.68	2 Jan 20	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Bushy Park
15/06146 / 3 Cemetery Road, Totterdown / ...SC35	Richard Ennion (Horticultural Services Manager)	£2,295.00	No Limit	The provision and maintenance of replacement tree planting within the grounds of Hillcrest Primary School
Transport				
96/00091 / South Bristol Business Park, Hengrove / ZCD...104	Gareth Vaughan-Williams (Highway Services Manager)	£141,947.35	No Limit	Local highway improvements or transportation measures in the area of impact of the Development.
07/00377 / 174 to 178 Wells Road, Totterdown / ZCD...744	Gareth Vaughan-Williams (Highway Services Manager)	£10,852.40	No Limit	The provision of traffic management and/or highways measures in the vicinity of 174 to 178 Wells Road

4. Neighbourhood Partnership Environment Sub Group update

Main agenda of this group is to further the environment and waste parts of the NP plan.

Salcombe Road sale – parks improvement proposals (stopped)

Because of the financial situation within Bristol City Council, the funding that was made available for making improvements to parks and green spaces, which the environment group made recommendations for, and for which the NP accepted, can no longer be progressed. This is obviously a great disappointment for all those who worked hard to encourage proposals, and for those who applied.

Filwood parks and green spaces improvements (stopped)

Because of the financial situation within Bristol City Council, the £65k of funding that was made available for making improvements to parks and green spaces within the Knowle West Regeneration area, which the environment group was set to make recommendations for to come to this NP meeting can no longer be progressed. This is obviously also a great disappointment for all those who were keen to see improvements take place.

Knowle West front gardens competition 2017?

- Competition was very popular in 2016. With the current state of play, it would be down to other residents whether they would like to organise something similar this year. Alternatively, there might be scope to expand the existing BS4 good gardens competition if there are people willing to be judges.

Other updates

- **Trees plan:** Jim Smith (Filwood Tree Champion). Will hopefully be working with a couple of other Filwood residents to complete the Filwood initial stage of the trees plan. The Knowle ward initial stage is complete. The Windmill Hill section of the plan has not been progressed. The next stages are for a Trees officer to see the plans and establish which of the desired locations are possible, and if suitable, which varieties of trees would be appropriate. From there, this would be mapped, so that as and when any funding becomes available there is a plan of how and where it could be spent.
- **Clean and green fund (stopped):** no further funding is available. Existing planned projects have been cancelled, and no further projects can be looked into.
- **Bulb planting – Melvin Square:** Jim Smith is hopeful to facilitate a bulb planting session at Melvin Square in early March, with the help of Knowle West Health Association, Oasis Academy Connaught and other locals.

Next meetings

- Currently no further meetings scheduled. Depending on the outcome(s) of the meeting on 1 March, there might still be those whom would wish to continue meeting. In which case, plans will be made accordingly. If you would like to be involved and have not expressed an interest, please contact Lloyd Allen (Lloyd.allen@bristol.gov.uk).

- **Notes from previous meetings** can be found here: www.bristol.gov.uk/filwood-knowle-and-windmill-hill-neighbourhood-partnership-sub-groups

5. Neighbourhood Forums update

The future

- **No further Neighbourhood Forums:** at the last NP, it was agreed that the number of Neighbourhood Forums would reduce in 2017-18 because of a reduction in capacity within Bristol City Council. Since the budget was passed in Feb 2017, it has been confirmed that there are large cuts being made to the Neighbourhood Management Service's budget to support Neighbourhood Partnerships. **This will effectively mean no further Neighbourhood Forums** supported by Bristol City Council.
- **The focus from hereon** is to engage as many local residents, groups and stakeholders to see what they would like to do in terms of maintaining a relationship with the local authority whether this is as a partnership of the three wards or not. ***The idea is not to prescribe what happens next, but to see what people come up with.***
- **'Transition' gatherings:** it will hopefully be possible to organise gatherings to continue the conversations in each ward, subject to finding a sympathetic venue willing to offer some space. So far we have offers which is great.

Focus of the final meetings

Given the current situation, the main focus of each of the final meetings was the same, namely...

Final Neighbourhood Forum...?

- **The future of your Neighbourhood Partnership is in doubt. Funding cut because Council needs to save £92m**
- **What does that mean for this area?**
- **What relationship do you want with the Council in the future, if Neighbourhood Partnerships are finishing?**
- **A chance to say what you think and discuss this**

It was important to use this opportunity to start conversations and get a feeling of what locals, Police, and other stakeholders thought, and potentially what they would want to do next.

Filwood (1 February 2017):

As with Knowle and Windmill Hill, the main item of discussion was what would happen in the future. Other additional agenda items were

- **Filwood Park development** developers GVA were present, on behalf of Barratt Homes, to present the plans to build 150 new homes on the Filwood Park site, to answer questions and to provide the opportunity for people to look at the plans. Copies of these plans are available in the Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill NP office (37 Filwood Broadway) if anyone would like to see them. Contact Lloyd Allen.

- **Other issues raised** included a discussion on local crime and anti-social behaviour, and how residents need to keep reporting what they see when it happens.

Knowle (28 February 2017): This report was written prior to the meeting. As with Filwood and Windmill Hill, the main item of discussion was what would happen in the future. Other additional agenda items were:

- **Friends of Jubilee Pool:** the group petitioning for this local facility not to be closed as a result of the cuts were coming to provide and introduction, an update and for people to connect with them after the main item of discussion
- **Bristol Waste:** Community Engagement officer Emma Williams would be present in case residents needed to discuss any local waste, recycling and street cleansing issues.

Windmill Hill:

As with Filwood and Knowle, the main item of discussion was what would happen in the future. Other additional agenda items were

- **Local cycling routes:** Plans for highways works to improve the existing cycle tracks as part of the Malago Greenway cycle route were provide by colleagues in the Council Highway's Cycle Ambition Fund (CAF) team. Also an update provided by Cllr Jon Wellington on the Filwood Quietway route, which is currently on hold because of significant local opposition to the plans.
- **Waste, street cleansing and litter:** Emma Williams (Bristol Waste) was present which provided a really useful opportunity to discuss local waste and street cleansing issues to see how we can work together, to support local action. Emma also took part in the main discussion and will be part of any local involvement moving forward.

If you want to be part of the discussion in Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill, please contact Lloyd Allen (Lloyd.allen@bristol.gov.uk).

Notes from the last meetings for each ward are here:

www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/filwood-knowle-and-windmill-hill-neighbourhood-forums

6. Future investments in parks and green spaces

The Council is making considerable savings over the next 5 years and, as outlined in the new corporate strategy, this will have an impact on levels of investment in parks. It is proposed, therefore, that only those projects fully funded by Section 106, Community Infrastructure Levy or other forms of external funding such as charitable trusts will be included in the 2017/18 parks play and access programmes. This has significantly affected the Parks and Green Space Delivery Programme 2017/18 that had been prepared earlier this year based on NP priorities

Appendix 1 is the new Parks Delivery Programme, broken down into 3 sections;

1. Play projects that now require funding
2. Access projects that now require funding

3. Projects where funding has already been agreed by NPs (s106/CIL/other external funds)

Those schemes which have not been allocated funds by the Neighbourhood Partnership will not proceed unless alternative funding, such as s106, CIL or other forms of external funding, for them is found.

7. Draft Commissioning Plan for future Targeted Youth Services

The consultation on the Draft Commissioning Plan for future Targeted Youth Services, is now open until 27th April 2017.

The document, along with other related documents are available on the Bristol City Council website (please see Related Documents section at the bottom of the webpage): <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/targeted-youth-services-commissioning-plan/>

Please book to attend the consultation events at the links below:

Young Person's event: 29th March, 5pm to 7.30pm at City Hall. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-bcc-targeted-youth-services-young-persons-event-tickets-31634514685>

In addition to the consultation events you can also have your say via our online survey which is on the BCC consultation hub: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TargetedYouthServices/> or through email byl@bristol.gov.uk .

Further information on the commissioning plan can be found in **appendix 2**