



**Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership
7.00 pm, 12 December 2016**

Present:

* De-notes apologies/absent

Ward Councillors

Councillor Harriet Bradley, Brislington West;
Councillor Tony Carey, Brislington East;
Councillor Jos Clark, Brislington West;
Councillor Mike Langley, Brislington East;

Partners

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

Inspector Nigel Colston
John Cosh
Jonathan Cross
Lynda Harris
Paul Hodge
Joules Taylor
Barbara Thomson
Elizabeth Venn

Other Interested parties:

Amber Vincent, Avon and Somerset Police

Also in Attendance:-

Ariaf Hussain, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator
Hayley Ash, Area Neighbourhood Manager (North of Bristol), Bristol City Council
Ellie Stevens, Neighbourhood Officer, Bristol City Council

1. Chairing Arrangements (agenda item no. 1)

Cllr Tony Carey was named as Chair.

2. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information (agenda item no. 2)

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

3. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions (agenda item no. 3)

Apologies were received from Marie Hodge, Janine Marriott and John Eccles.

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

As per the register of interests.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting (agenda item no. 5)

Agreed as an accurate record pending the addition of Elizabeth Venn to attendance list, as she was present but not listed.

6. Actions & Matters Arising (agenda item no. 6)

None.

7. Public Forum (agenda item no. 7)

The following petition was received:

1. Genevieve Taylor - Traffic Calming

- Genevieve spoke to the petition about traffic issues on First Avenue. Speed bumps had been taken away and it was asked why that happened and what next steps could be to make things better.
- Nearly everyone on the street had signed the petition.
- The forum welcomed the petition and felt this was a Brislington wide issue that needed police intervention.
- A Community speed watch was discussed as an option
- Local residents in attendance presented their views and concerns on the dangers and speeding issues. Including aggressive behaviour and verbal assault, accidents and damage to cars left on street. Traffic calming signage in place is obscured by trees and makes it very unclear.

Action: The Petition was to be sent to highways for a response. Ariaif had already asked highways to do as piece of work which was ongoing. It was noted that a Speed Survey may not be reflective due to local road closures and less traffic than normal.

A number of treatment options were available pending consultation with officers including speed bumps, one way. Cllr Carey resolved to present the petition at next full council.

8. Bristol City Council Corporate Strategy Consultation (agenda item no. 8)

- It was noted how difficult and unwieldy the consultation process was, forum wished this to be fed back to the Council as it was felt not to be a usable tool for public engagement.
- The main items of the Budget proposals for discussion was related to the Neighbourhood Partnership directly were noted. (Papers appended).

It was felt that losing the devolved budget would be a real shame given Brislington's long history of effective neighbourhood working – a valuable service and outlet for local democracy. ***The forum was urged to feed into the consultation to speak up for the NP against budget cuts.***

More details were requested on Devolution and how NPs might feed into this and hold a Metro Mayor to account.

More information was requested on the alternatives if NP money is cut and the implications.

Key dates for budget:

30th January - Cabinet

21st February- Full Council

It was noted that the consultation was available on Bristol City Council's Website on the front page with hard copies at libraries for those without internet access.

9. Major Planning & Housing Projects, Brislington (agenda item no. 9)

A short summary of the types and variety of development currently happening in the NP area was received.

The forum were encouraged to engage with proposals for land use around Victory Park to ensure it is developed in the community interest and not lost to developers. In consultation with Avon Wildlife trust (AWT). Series of public consultations upcoming and Kerry McCarthy MP also opposed to development on green field/meadow sites and will be encouraging use of brownfield sites.

John Pier Site Update-Community engagement consultant from Sovereign gave update on their plans for community consultation in the New Year on the development site. Housing mix as yet to be defined but options were laid out for affordable rent, shared housing and housing association.

The earliest planning application was likely to be Easter and finalised summer next year.

Consultation website had been set up – details to be circulated. (Action - Ariaf).

- The prominence of the site was noted as was the desire for a visually appealing appearance on the front elevation facing the A4 – real desire to make sure it is something the community can be proud of.
- Residents aired a strong desire for properly thought through approach to A4 access, lots of issues on a very busy road.

- Affordable housing and shared housing and the character of the buildings were raised as key issues for the local communities.
- The pressure on local infrastructure, especially schools, was raised as it was already high in Brislington.

10. Brizzlewood Findings & Ideas (agenda item no. 10)

Sam Goss Presented findings from “Make Brislington Special” event.

- Submissions now available in different formats to read for anyone interested (appended). Multiple views and conversations resulted from an overwhelming response.
- A wealth of ideas for the enhancement of the area were presented and members were encouraged to take this forward and use to develop a neighbourhood or community plan to propose strategic solutions to the problems.
- All present were encouraged to share the document and ideas to encourage a broad engagement and projects going forward.
- Better social space and restaurants, better cycle links and an improved retail offer including markets on sandy park Rd were all discussed. The options for forming a working/community group was discussed

11. Sandy Park Road Consultation Update (agenda item no. 11)

A Presentation was received on the key themes emerging from the consultation for improvements to Sandy Park Rd leisure and residential offer – from online responses, hard copy surveys and a public workshop. (Ellie Stevens - Appended).

- It was noted that there was a strong desire from local businesses to engage as a group to contribute to improving and regeneration of Sandy Park Rd.
- Ellie encouraged people to contact her if they had specific ideas or skills to start drawing up a draft plan and moving things forward, harnessing the talent in the area.
- Farmers market one possible idea to help kick start a new shopping and commercial culture.
- Developing a strategy and targeting the right businesses are vital – need to be entrepreneurial and pitch the area to the right businesses such as Thali Café and green grocers. It was agreed that there was a need for a community hub approach and the right type of developments.

12. NP Budget Update (agenda item no. 12)

- 12. NP Budget Update** – this has been frozen so no update forthcoming. This was due to the £30,000,000 shortfalls in the City Council budget which has led to a freeze in spending.

Breakdown of existing budget was given – attached:

1. Section 106
2. CIL

13. Transformers Youth Fund (agenda item no. 13)

Transformers Youth Fund (report circulated with agenda pack).

- Overview and background was given to the funding and processes. Want to encourage relevant organisations and projects working with young people in the area towards Arief to take advantage of the funding while they can.
- Recommendations won't be decided on as there is no funding available. All applicants have been contacted – 3 still waiting for call back – with update on the situation. Advised on other funding opportunities some may be eligible for the Transformers Youth Fund

14. NP Budget Requests (agenda item no. 14)

- Recommendations were not decided on as there was no funding available.
- All applicants had been contacted with update on the situation.
- They had been advised on other funding opportunities and some were flagged as eligible for the Transformers Youth Fund.

15. NP Coordinator report (agenda item no. 15)

- A Clean Streets Campaign Update was received –Representation to the City Council on cost increases on fly tipping and bulky waste.
- Action: Issue with crew training and understanding of policy for Kings Road (opposite park). Feedback to the waste team round leaf collections when residents have done their bit and filled bins but not being collected (Engagement officer to update at the next forum).
- Meetings to carry on for the remainder of the financial year.
- The forum aired their disappointment at the lack of police representation at recent meetings and felt the quality of interaction was falling.
- An update was received on the closure of New Bridge by First.

16. Any Other Business (agenda item no. 16)

Date of the Next Meeting: 7.00 pm, Monday, 13 March 2017, St Peter's Methodist Church, Allison Road, Brislington, BS4 4NZ

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm

CHAIR _____

