



**Henbury, Brentry and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership  
7.00 pm, 28 March 2017**

**Present:**

\* De-notes apologies/absent

**Ward Councillors:**

Councillors: Councillor Mark Weston (Chair) – Henbury and Brentry,  
Councillor Helen Godwin - Southmead,  
Councillor Brenda Massey – Southmead,  
Councillor Chris Windows – Henbury and Brentry

**Resident Members:** Joan Bennett (Southmead), Rosemary Carr (H&B), Charles Claxton (H&B), Tanya Cussick (H&B), Jayne Gregory (H&B), Lynne Haynes (H&B), Alex Kittow (SDT – Southmead), Deana Perry (Southmead), Ian Thornley (Southmead)

**Partners:** Paul Bolton-Jones (Avon and Somerset Police)

**Other Attendees:** Janet Smith, , Mike Murch, Alan Piper, Dave Fogg, Sam Masson, Suzanne Gaffney (Community Learning), Angela Higgins (LPW), Noelle Evans, Wendy Hull, Frances Robertson, Alan Aburrow, Serge Chapman

**Officers:** Keith Houghton (Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator), Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services Officer) + Tracy Edwards-Brown (Neighbourhood Officer)

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence (agenda item no. 1)**

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Anthony Skelding (Brentry), John Butler (Brentry), Pat Newport (Southmead) were noted.

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

No Declarations of Interest were declared.

**3. Public Forum (agenda item no. 4)**

Members noted the following Public Forum Statement:

**Statement Number 1: Frances Robertson – Friends of Badock's Wood: Agenda Item 3 – Business Report Parks Improvements**

Frances Robertson drew attention to her statement and expressed concern at the suggestion that the existing disabled access gate at Northern Gateway, Badock's Wood did not currently provide proper access for disabled people. Cllr Weston confirmed that the information in the NP report wasn't for decision but was an update.

**Resolved – that the Public Forum statement be noted.**

**Action: NP Co-ordinator to take account of concerns in future exploration of scheme with Southmead Disability Navigation Group, Friends of Badocks Wood, Police and BCC Parks.**

#### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Tuesday 24th January 2017 (agenda item no. 5)**

**Resolved: that the above Minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

**Action: Democratic Services**

#### **5. Neighbourhood Partnership Business Report (agenda item no. 6)**

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

1. Following the decision of Full Council on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017, the Highways budget had been frozen;
2. NP members needed to consider what arrangements should operate around Traffic & Transport issues and use of any CIL or Section 106 funding and influencing BCC once the Neighbourhood Partnership had been closed down. A public meeting would shortly be taking place to explore confirm the latest situation;
3. The traffic simulation model for the South Gloucestershire Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood scheme was being prepared by South Glos and BCC officers. However, further work needed to be carried out to complete the model prior to a discussion at the April 2017 Place Scrutiny Commission;

NP discussed the delivery of various highways schemes previously agreed by the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group (Charlton Road Pedestrian Crossing, Kingsweston/Hallen Crossing, Lyppincourt/Wyck Beck Parking Restrictions, Speeding in Brentry Lane).

The Chair expressed disappointment that the model to address the impacts of traffic from the Sth Glos new neighbourhood had been further delayed. It was agreed that questions needed to be directed about CPNN to all the candidates for Metro Mayor to respond to. In addition, it was agreed that Oliver Coltman should be invited to attend the next BS10 Parks and Planning Meeting at the Henbury Community Centre (6pm to 8pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017) to communicate progress on the scheme, answer questions and help the group and Councillors identify when a public meeting for the wider neighbourhood could usefully be organised.

**Action: BS10 Parks and Planning and NP Co-ordinator to co-ordinate.**

4. The survey of Henbury & Brentry parks had been completed with 130 responses and a Parks Sub-Group would shortly be considering information to bring back S106 spend recommendations to the final meeting in June 2017. Anyone interested should contact the Area Co-ordinator

**Action: Keith Houghton**

5. Southmead Parks access: There was now a newer standard concerning access in parks requiring bigger entrances for mobility vehicles and which was being used to see if improvements to open spaces were possible. However, it was noted that since funds were now frozen, it would require CIL funding. Whilst £7,000 was currently available, a decision was required concerning how to obtain the remaining £2,000 to complete the required amount of £9,000. It was noted that a report would be submitted to the meeting in June 2017.

An NP member pointed out that it was important that decisions should not be made to continue to widen entrances in parks purely for mobility scooters, since these were becoming increasingly wide and could undermine the original principle to maintain entrances to a particular size to ensure motorbikes could not get in;

6. It was proposed to wait concerning a decision about Section 106 expenditure for Henbury Library until the Summer period and upcoming proposals on the future of libraries as a result of the recent BCC budget decisions;
7. It was noted that, following interviews in February 2017 involving Pat Newport, the Area Co-ordinator, Young People and Bristol Property Services, the Southmead Ranch Community Asset Transfer (CAT) was now able to proceed.

It was agreed that the service agreement of the final CAT needed to clarify whether or not the facility would be free for the use of young people in Southmead **Action: Keith Houghton;**

8. It was noted that the proposed installation of Southmead Notice Boards would involve installation of 6 Notice Boards;
9. Details of Section 106 expenditure and CIL funding were noted;
10. It was agreed that the final meeting of the NP should take place at **7pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at a venue in Southmead (venue to be confirmed) Action: Keith Houghton**

**Resolved by the Neighbourhood Partnership (unanimously) – that**

1. **the balance of £5,000 Transformers Fund is noted and the following Transformers applications are approved, together with noting the principal benefits to Equalities Groups and groups with protected characteristics set out in Paragraph 1.5 of the report:**

**Bristol Noise (Bristol Noise Southmead) - £600**

**Brentry and Henbury Children's Centre (Valuing Young Parents Project – Brentry, Henbury and Badocks Wood) - £1,550**

**Fast Friends (Fast Friends Activities Programme) - £1,050**

**169 Scouts (Replacement of 2 Patrol Tents) - £1,800**

2. **the following projects are not approved for funding:**

**Civil Security Solutions CIC (Investing In Your Community Campaign – Training Young People in Security Industry) £2,250**

**Brentry School (Media Bus – Please Stop Here!) £3,000**

**Unique Voice (North Side Factory Summer Holiday Provision) £2,372.50**

**SDT Youth Centre (Mountain Bike Project) - £1,520**

3. **That the Councillors and interested NP residents set up a Traffic and Transport Sub-Group in partnership with the BS10 Parks and Planning Group in May 2017 and explore the timings of any Public meetings;**

4. That it is noted that the recommendations from the Henbury & Brentry Parks Group will be brought to a final NP event in June 2017 for decision by the NP Councillors;
5. and that a report about Southmead Parks Access is brought to the June NP event with a set of recommendations for funding following the consultation during April/May;
6. the Neighbourhood Committee approves (unanimously) the allocation of £2,179 of CIL to support Southmead noticeboard installation
7. That the NP expresses its support for the Southmead Ranch Community Asset Transfer proposal;
8. the latest Section 106 contributions be noted, in addition to the latest statement on the Community Infrastructure Levy;
9. the legal information is noted with regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

**Action (all decisions): Keith Houghton**

## **6. Southmead Housing Needs Study (agenda item no. 7)**

### **Southmead Housing Needs Study**

The NP stated that they believed it was a good idea to support this Study. Members thanked United Communities Housing for their support in this project.

**Resolved (unanimously) – that the NP notes and supports the Southmead Housing Needs Study.**

**Action: Not Applicable**

## **7. Neighbourhood Partnership Plan Update Report (agenda item no. 8)**

### **Henbury, Brentry and Southmead NP Plan Update Report**

The Area Co-ordinator made the following points concerning future arrangements for the NP:

1. the last meeting will take place in June 2017;
2. different options needed to be explored to support community led structures and solutions;
3. discussion was required of the offer of Neighbourhood patches with a proposal of £200 per Councillor;
4. The offer was for communities themselves to run any successor bodies. No staffing would be provided by Bristol City Council in respect of the grant application process;
5. By the end of April 2017, the type of asks from communities which could be provided over the succeeding 18 months would become clear;
6. Some staffing might be possible to advertise events and to send information to distribute;
7. Discussion about this issue will also take place at the Henbury and Brentry Community Council on 20th April 2017 and at the Southmead Community Council on Saturday 6th May 2017;
8. The role of other services such as the Police needed to be considered. A Police Crime Commissioner Public meeting was scheduled for Monday 20th March 2017 at the Greenway Centre;

The Chair made the following points:

9. Under the proposed arrangements, well being was divided by parity per ward. Each Councillor would receive £200 to work with community groups, with total funding per ward of £2,500 (£1,250 per Councillor);

10. An arrangement of top-ups would operate for lower super output areas. If an area within a ward was in the bottom 10% most deprived in the city, it would receive £4,000 per top up. It was noted that this applied to 2 areas in Southmead.

The Area Co-ordinator also made the following points:

11. The Bristol Impact Fund had brought together £3.29 Million across Bristol for the next 4 years. Whilst some organisations such as the Henbury and Brentry Community Centre had been successful, others such as the Southmead Community Centre and Southmead Development Trust had not been so successful. It was noted that whilst the Grants and Investment Team administered the process, a number of Independent people did sit on the Panel that made decisions.

An NP member questioned the process since it did not seem to have addressed the issues raised in the residents' plan and impacted on Value for Money. It would be more appropriate to remove all funding rather than face a situation where an outside organisation dictated to Southmead how much funding they should obtain.

**Action: The Chair to write to Gemma Dando to express the NP's concern about the arbitrary nature of the arrangements for the Bristol Impact Fund process, to provide a breakdown of expenditure in the north of the city and also to explain why the Neighbourhood Plans and Community Plans did not appear to have been taken into account.**

The NP agreed that lessons needed to be learnt from the way this process has been carried out. Councillor Helen Godwin confirmed that she had written to Wendy Stephenson (VOSCUR) to establish what lessons had been learnt from the process and, in particular, why so much funding appeared to have been granted to Inner City areas.

The Area Co-ordinator stated that the Bristol Youth Services had been re-commissioned, details of which had been placed on the Bristol City Council website. It was noted that it was unclear by how much these services would be cut (whether by half to £320,000 or by two thirds).

**Action: Councillor Helen Godwin to investigate this**

Members noted that the final Henbury and Brentry Forum would take place at 24th May 2017 and the final Southmead Forum would take place on 20th June 2017.

**Resolved – that**

1. the closure be noted of the NP Programme from June 2017 as a consequence of the budget decisions taken at 21st February 2017 Full Council meeting and the Bristol City Council "Offer and Ask" to create community-led post-NP arrangements;
2. the holding be noted of 20th March 2017 event with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Greenway Centre formally thanked for allowing free use of their Hall to support this event;
3. the VCS funding decisions be noted flowing from the approval of the Bristol Impact Fund recommendations at 7th March 2017 Cabinet meeting and their impact on H & B and S-based projects and organisations;
4. the re-commissioning be noted of Youth Services and the consultation opportunity which is open to 27th April 2017 and the NP decides if and how it wants to feed in any collective or individual opinions;
5. the NP notes NP events fixed until the end of June 2017.

**Action : Keith Houghton**

**8. Post-Neighbourhood Partnership Transition Workshop (agenda item no. 9)**

**Post-NP Transition Workshop**

A Transition Workshop took place splitting into two groups involving representatives of the Henbury and Brentry area, as well as the Southmead area. These groups further discussed how the detailed future arrangements within their respective areas should operate.

**Resolved – details of the discussions from each of these groups are collated and used in the future during this process as appropriate.**

**Action: Keith Houghton**

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

**Resolved – that the next meeting of the Henbury Brentry and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership be held at 7pm on Tuesday 20th June 2017 in Southmead (Venue to Be Determined).**

**Action: Keith Houghton**

Meeting ended at 8.55pm

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

