



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO.

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 20th June 2016

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RECOMMENDATIONS. The NP is asked:

1. To note the brief update from the recent combined forum
2. To note the information regarding an upcoming citywide NP event
3. To note the latest meeting schedule of dates for Forums and NP meetings in 2016/17 and to advise the Coordinator of any changes that need to be made
4. To note the links for detailed updates on the NP's S106 and CIL budgets.
5. To note the latest BCR NP budget updates. To note, agree or amend the working group budget allocations (5.4 below)
6. To agree to the delegation of £1,500 to officers to help working groups deliver their projects (5.5 below)

1. Neighbourhood Forums

BCR Combined Neighbourhood Forum Monday 24th May 2016

Councillors: Eleanor Combley, Tom Brook, Anthony Negus, Cleo Lake, Fi Hance, Martin Fodor

Reps: Rob Stroud (chair), Roger Gimson, Liz Kew, Rob Umphray, Alison Bromilow, Lesley Welch,

Officers: Matt Jones, Andrew McGrath

68 attendees

Agenda

7.00 – Welcome and introductions

Presentations and items for information:

- >Bristol Dementia Action Alliance
- >ROADS (Recovery orientated alcohol and drug service)
- >Neighbourhood priorities

Your new and returning Councillors

Your Neighbourhood Partnership – what it does, projects, and how it can help you

Introduction of resident led topics for break out tables:

- >Dongola Road Residents traffic scheme
- >Cairns Road/ Harcourt Hill crossing
- >Friends of Ashley Down Green - new play area
- >Friends of Horfield Common projects

Police – priorities

Breakout tables: Your opportunities to feedback

8.00 – Discussion at your tables of interest

- Parks
- Travel
- Street Scene
- Trees
- ROADS – feedback and questions from earlier presentation
- Councillors
- Police
- General issues for the attention of Bristol City Council

Feedback on any key issues from table leads 9pm close

Rob Stroud (Forum Chair) greeted the audience and explained that this was the first combined neighbourhood forum of the NP.

Tony Hall of the **Bristol Dementia Action Alliance** gave a short presentation about his group's work. The Alliance started in 2013. The aim of the group is to make Bristol the first Dementia-friendly city in the UK. This means that any person with dementia can expect a high level of assistance and friendliness whenever they need it. In practice this means getting as many parts of the city as possible acting in a 'Dementia-friendly' manner. So far organisations such as the Old Vic, Bristol Airport, numerous schools, scout groups, First Bus etc have signed up to be dementia-friendly organisations. This means their staff have received training in how to help dementia sufferers.

Tony is hoping the Neighbourhood Partnerships will not only become dementia-friendly themselves but also help promote the work of the Alliance. Tony finished off by describing the Purple Angel Campaign, which is a linked project that aims to uphold the principle that dementia sufferers deserve to be treated with respect and kindness wherever they go.

Nick Booth and Dawn from **ROADS (Recovery Oriented Alcohol and Drugs Service)** described the work of this group. It is an organisation that helps people recovering from addiction. It helps addicts, their friends and families, and organisations working with addicts. This support includes working with perpetrators of domestic violence, and peer support. It started in 2013 in Bristol. Bristol is considered one of the best places in the UK at supporting addicts.

Dawn, a member of ROADS, described how the group had helped her deal with her alcohol addiction. Since joining the project she hasn't had a drink. She now offers support to others with addiction problems via the organisation's 'Stigma-busting' campaign. Nick and Dawn stayed after their presentation to chat to any audience members who wished to learn more about the service.

Neighbourhood Priorities

Roger Gimson, Chair of the BCR NP, gave a brief description of what the NP does. The NP comprises active residents and councillors, supported by officers, who wish to improve the area for everyone. The majority of the NP's work is conducted through its working groups. The working groups draw up their priorities. These are put in to a single Neighbourhood Partnership Plan. The NP is currently updating and refreshing its priorities. Copies of the draft NP Plan were available for viewing. Attendees were invited to view these priorities during the break-out session, where they could meet the reps on the various working groups.

Councillors

Following the recent elections, new and returned councillors were asked to briefly describe their priorities.

Martin Fodor (Redland). Martin has an interest in recycling and supporting traders. He is keen to promote cross-NP boundary working. Martin also has an interest in the BCR Energy Group, a local organisation (supported by the NP) that aims to improve energy efficiency in homes. City-wide, Martin is keen to promote Bristol's role as a city of sanctuary.

Fi Hance (Redland). Fi believes there are two main elements to a councillor's work – the political side and the local support side. One of a councillor's main jobs is to unblock things in the council, to make it work better for people. Fi has a strong interest in street scene issues such as litter, waste, graffiti. There is also an up-coming issue regarding school places. The city and the local neighbourhood needs to prepare itself for this challenge.

Anthony Negus (Cotham). Anthony tries to knock on every door in his ward at least once per year in order to find out what local residents' concerns are. Anthony is a keen advocate of 'greening' the city. This includes holding the city to account for its policies and reclaiming the streets for residence (and from traffic). Anthony is keen on making Bristol a low emissions zone.

Cleo Lake (Cotham). Cleo has an arts background. She is keen on developing well being in the community. She wants to find out what local people's concerns are. To enable this, Cleo is planning walkabouts. The next one is starting at 11am Wednesday 8th June, starting at Redland Train Station. Cleo is also keen to look at the issue of accommodation in the area, particularly student accommodation. This includes the issue of rents.

Eleanor Combley (Bishopston). Eleanor believes she needs to respond to residents' needs and will be seeking these out. Eleanor has great concerns about education provision in the area.

Tom Brook (Bishopston). Sustainability issues, transport and housing are all important local and citywide issues. The trading health of the Gloucester Road is also very important. Tom will be seeking out residents' views in coming weeks and months.

Police updates

An excellent turnout from all the local beat teams. Seargent Adam Dolling introduced the team members. The contact details are on the website and will be publicised around the NP.

The crime picture across the NP varies. Burglaries are up in Redland but down in Bishopston and Cotham. ASB has reduced as a problem. There is a growing problem of car keys being stolen from inside house doorways. People are advised to keep their keys away from their front doors as thieves are finding ingenious ways of getting them.

There have been recent problems of people trying to get goods (drugs, mobile phones etc) over the prison wall. Police are keeping a close lookout.

Dongola Road Residents

Neil Wellman of Dongola Road Residents Group described the traffic problems in this, and surrounding, roads. Dongola Road is currently two-way but far too narrow. Residents want it to become one-way (heading north) in order to stop the regular confrontations between angry drivers. As changing this road would have an effect on other local roads, surrounding roads have been brought in to the debate in order to find a solution that suits everyone. In Dongola Road there is 99% support for their proposals. The group now has a researcher from UWE helping them and they've started a Facebook page. The group is very keen to work with the NP to find a solution.

Cairns Road/Harcourt Hill Residents

Cranbrook Road is a wide road and traffic travels on it at a fast speed. Many children have to cross the road, and many do so near the Cairns Road junction. The next nearest crossing point is at the bottom of Kersteman Road. The group wants a crossing. It is monitoring speeds and will continue to develop its plan.

Friends of Horfield Common

Rob Savage from FoHC gave a brief update on the work of the group to take over and manage the Ardagh. The group is currently trying to secure match-funding for a LTA grant to upgrade the site. They want to upgrade the courts and the pavilion. The aspiration of the group is to have an open air swimming pool, probably on the site of one of the tennis courts. They also want an astro-turf football pitch. Inevitably, the struggle is for funding.

Friends of Ashley Down Green

Rob Stroud gave a brief update. There is now a final design drawing for the playground. It is hoped that building of the playground will start in the Autumn.

Please look out for details of the Community Fair – Saturday 17th September

The meeting then broke in to topic tables. Meeting ended at 9pm.

2. Citywide event.

We are organising a short Citywide Event to discuss the Citywide NP Plans and discuss what's happened since the parks investment meeting held in February. The date for this event, will be **20th July 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Central Library**. Please put the date in your diaries, an Eventbrite invitation will be coming out presently. If any of the NPs would like to have a 15 minute slot to share key pieces of work, linked to their NP plan or any of the citywide Priorities please contact hayley.ash@bristol.gov.uk. The Citywide NP priorities are, Community Resources, Hate Crime and Cohesion, Employment, the Environment, Health, Highways and Transport, Parks, and Young People.

3. Future meeting dates

Please note the dates for upcoming meetings. The NP is asked to **agree or amend** the dates (Grey column = new dates)

	Meeting Round 1 2016/17	Meeting Round 2 2016/17	Meeting Round 3 2016/17	Meeting Round 4 2016/17
Neighbourhood Partnership	7.00pm Monday 20 th June Memorial Ground	7.00pm Monday 10 th October Redland green School	7.00pm Monday 23 rd January 2017 Glos CCC	7.00pm Monday 10 th April 2017 Venue tbc
Neighbourhood Partnership Review meeting	2pm Tuesday 17 th May Brunel House	tbc	tbc	tbc
				
Combined 3-ward Forums	7.00pm Tuesday 24 th May Horfield Friends Meeting House	Superforum? Saturday 17th Sept Venue tbc	7.00pm Thursday 8 th December Colston's Primary School	7.00pm Wednesday 15 th January Venue tbc

4. Devolved Services update

For the detailed updates on the NP's devolved funds, please go to:

S106:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/239028/Bishopston%2C+Cotham+and+Redland+S106>

CIL:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/239022/Bishopston,%20Cotham%20&%20Redland%20CIL%20Aug%2015.pdf/fe9acbfa-27ee-4c27-a12c-d79074d3c9ce>

5. **BCR Expenditure and Commitment in 2015/16**

The NP has made numerous funding decisions in 2015/16. All of these are set out in detail below:

5.1 **NP budget position as of April 2016:**

Small Grants

June 2015 small grants agreed:

Bishopston 1st Scout Group	£600
Golden Hill Community Garden	£2,325
Phoenix Films	£1,275
Redland Park URC	£800
Streets Alive	£2,500
Sub total	<u>£7,500</u>

October 2015 small grants agreed:

Gloucester Road Central	£4,400
RCAS	£760
Sefton Park Scorpions (final payment)	£1,360
Sub total	<u>£6,520</u>

January 2016 small grants agreed:

APE	£2,500
Raphael House	£1,254
RCAS Redland Fair	£250
Sub total	<u>£4,004</u>

TOTAL Small Grants awarded in 2015/16 = **£18,024**

5.2 Committed unspent funds carried forward from previous years:

RCAS playground	£7,842
Street Scene	£283.50*
Trees	£5,408**

* Re-allocated to Street Scene 2016/17 budget

** Currently transferring to BCC Tree Team

5.3 All commitments made by the NP in 2015/16

The expenditure or commitments in the table below reflect all of the financial decisions made by the NP in 2015/16, including NP budget, S106 and CIL. It is specified which budget each item has been allocated against.

All expenditure/commitments made by the NP in 2015/16					
Note: these have not all been drawn down yet, and there may be underspends					
	June NP	October NP	January NP	April NP	Notes on expenditure/commitment
Sustainable Travel	£0	£2,000	£1,750	£2,750	October: £2,000 NP budget Minor signs and Lines January: £1,000 CIL for bike stands; £750 NP budget drop kerbs Cambridge Rd April: £2,000 Highways budget Coldharbour Road crossing halos; £750 NP budget drop kerbs Cambridge Rd/Clevedon
Parks	£0	£0	£10,140	£0	January: £6,000 S106 St Andrews Park; £4,140 CIL for Pitch & Putt Horfield Common
Street Scene	£0	£0	£2,200	£300	January: £1,000 drawn down from NP budget; £1,200 drawn down from NP budget April: £300 CIL new bin Maplins
Trees	£0	£3,520	£0	£0	October: £3,520 for various tree plantings. NP budget
Small Grants	£7,500	£6,520	£4,004	£0	June: 5 grants awarded October: 3 grants awarded January: 3 grants awarded
Communication & Engagement	£0	£500	£600	£0	October: Away day budget. NP budget January: £500 Festival costs (£150 spent); £100 calling cards. Both NP budget

5.4 Working Group allocations for 2016/17

The amounts set out below are the amounts requested for 2016/17. If working groups wish to alter the amount of their allocation, they must make this request to the NP. All working group members are reminded that if they wish to draw down some or all of their allocations they need to **make a formal request to the NP**. No funds can be released without the agreement of the NP (Committee).

Working Group	Spend limit for 2016/17	Notes
Street Scene	£7,083.50	£5,000 2016/17 + £2,083.50 c/f approved at the April NP for 2016/17
Sustainable Travel	£7,000	£6,500 committed in 2015/16 of which 1,000 (CIL) for cycle stands hasn't been accessed yet. £500 uncommitted in 2015/16.
Trees	£3,000	Awaiting details from Tree WG
Young People	£1,000	c/f from 2015/16. Overseen by C&E working group
Communication & Engagement	£3,250	C&E may wish to request an amendment to its spend limit
Parks	£?	Please see Parks WG report
Small Grants	£25,000	Likely to be 3 grants rounds this year
TOTALS	£46,333.50	Draft total until all WGs limits have been agreed

5.5 The NP is **requested to agree** that **£1,500** of NP funds be delegated to the NP officers (Coordinator and the Neighbourhood Officer) to enable them to assist working groups that need funds at short notice and are unable to wait for the next NP meeting.

This is a renewal of the agreement made at the October 2015 NP meeting. It is proposed that the officers will inform the NP prior to releasing any funds, with an explanation of what the funds are being used for. Any payments made by officers will be deducted from the relevant working group's funding allocation. All payments will be set out in the following NP's budget update.

5.6 Green Capital expenditure.

The NP will recall that in 2015 it had a small grants fund of £10k to allocate to local projects meeting the Green Capital criteria. The NP made the following 7 grant allocations

No	Project	Organisation	Green Capital Funding
1	BCR Heatview	Bristol Friends of the Earth	£2,000
2	Horfield Common Edible Garden	Friends of Horfield Common	£703
3	Creation of a perennial wild flower meadow	Friends of St Andrews Park	£1,519
4	Build 8 new raised beds in unused space	The Golden Hill Community Garden	£1,370
5	Horfield Pond Improvement Project	Friends of Horfield Common	£1,973
6	Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Energy Group	Promoting Energy Efficiency in the home (CHEESE)	£1,610
7	Sustainable Redland	Garden at Redland Park URC	£825
TOTAL =			£10,000