



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ST. GEORGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
HELD AT 7.00 p.m. on 25 MAY 2016
AT THE BEEHIVE CENTRE, STRETTFORD ROAD, ST GEORGE**

Attendance:

Members of the Partnership

P	Councillor Nicola Beech	St George Central ward
P	Councillor Asher Craig	St George West ward
P	Councillor Fabian Breckels	St George Troopers Hill ward
P	Councillor Steve Pearce	St George Central ward
P	Pete Franklin	Resident - St George West ward
P	Philip Bird	Resident - St George West ward & Communications Sub-Group
A	Judith Price	Resident - St George East ward
P	Chris Deane	Resident - St George East ward
A	Mike Kimber	Resident - St George East ward
A	Kieran Coles	Young people's representative
P	Susan Acton-Campbell	Wellbeing Champion
P	Rob Acton-Campbell	Friends of Troopers Hill Chair of Neighbourhood Partnership
P	Grenville Johnson	Kensington Rd Residents Association & Neighbourhood Watch
A	Nigel Williams	Church Road town team
P	Paul Fudgell	Nicholas Wanderers JFC
P	Veronica Dvorackova	Stonozka
P	Diane Jones	Friends of St George Park
A	Fiona Russell	Meadow Vale Community Association
A	Richard Curtis	Church Road Action Group
P	Susan Acton-Campbell	St George West Community First Panel
A	Geoff Reeson	Friends of Dundridge Park

Officers:

P	Abdulrazak Dahir	BCC, Neighbourhood Partnership (NP)
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		Co-ordinator
P	Ruth Quantock	BCC, Democratic Services

Other attendees:

P	Mr & Mrs J Clague	Local residents
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1. CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS 2015/16

It was noted that Rob Acton-Campbell would chair the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP). It was agreed that Cllr Steve Pearce would Chair the Neighbourhood Committee (NC) and Cllr Fabian Breckels would be the Vice Chair.

The NP Chair explained that as this meeting had been re-scheduled from the 13th April, there were a number of reports on the agenda that were now out of date. However, it was important that decisions on the Wellbeing applications and S106 funding requests were not delayed and this meeting would therefore focus discussion on these particular items.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTES

Apologies were received from Richard Curtis, Mike Kimber, Judith Price, Geoff Reeson, Fiona Russell and Nigel Williams.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2015

The following amendments were noted:-

Top of page 7 'Having just read these emails' the word 'just' to be removed.

4b. Action Tracker

08a.12/15 – Wording of the action to be amended to 'It was suggested that the Civic Diary be checked to avoid clashes of NP subgroup meetings with council meetings'

6. St George Park Lake. Resolution to be re-worded as follows:-

The NP RESOLVED to support the recommendation in the report that all the fish from St George Park Lake be removed and euthanised

Action: Ruth Quantock

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015 be agreed as a correct record subject to the above amendments.

Action tracker:

To be updated for consideration at the next NP meeting on 22nd June 2016.

Action: Ruth Quantock / Abdulrazak Dahir

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. NP ACTIVITIES – BUSINESS (agenda item 5)

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered the activities / business report from the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and subgroup Champions.

a. Citywide NP Event

Following consideration and discussion of the 2nd Citywide NP Conference evaluation report, the following comments were noted:-

- The target audience of the next Citywide NP Conference should continue to be partners and residents who are already involved in NP activity. This was a good opportunity for NPs to identify priorities which were citywide not just local issues and share good practice.
- NPs needed to look at ways of increasing public awareness and participation in NP activity, particularly with hard to reach groups.

Action: Abdulrazak Dahir / Communications Subgroup

b. Neighbourhood budget

It was noted that the devolved neighbourhood budget for 2016/17 was £41,329. Based on previous years expenditure pattern and the St George NP Plan, the Neighbourhood Committee were asked to ring fence Wellbeing grant and Environment fund and to devolve Clean and Green, Minor Sign and Lining budget to relevant BCC officers.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED to ring fence the Neighbourhood budget as follows:-

- **Wellbeing grant - £17,400**
- **Environment fund - £2600**
- **Clean and Green - £1500 delegated to Neighbourhood Officer in consultation with Environment Subgroup**
- **Minor sign and lining - £1200 delegated to Senior Traffic Engineer in consultation with Traffic and Transport Subgroup**
- **Noted that the remaining neighbourhood budget available to allocate for 2016/17 - £18, 629 (£26,386.84 including carry forward from 2015/16)**

b. Operations Sub-group:

The subgroup had met on 28th January 2016. Amongst the other issues outlined in the report, the impact of the changes made by the Local Government Boundary Commissions resulting in 3 wards for St George instead of two had been discussed. The operations subgroup had put forward a proposal for the number of resident representatives on the NP membership in light of these changes, for NP approval.

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED the recommendations of the Operations Subgroup as follows:

Ward names	Number of elected Councillors	Number of resident reps
St George Central	2	4
St George Troopers Hill	1	2
St George West	1	2

c. Environment update:

The subgroup had met on 3rd March 2016.

- **Dundridge Park - £15,000.** The subgroup had been informed that Friends of Dundridge Park (FoDP) had submitted a formal request to BCC to cover a shortfall of £15,000 relating to the cost of improvements to Dundridge Park previously funded by the NP. Given the project timescales, subgroup members had recommended to the NP that in the event that BCC were unable to fund the shortfall, £15,000 be allocated from devolved S106.

The NP Co-ordinator was pleased to further inform the NP that the request to BCC had been successful and he had been copied in to the email confirmation to FoDP. He indicated that the request for further funding from the NP could therefore be withdrawn.

CD indicated that there was a number of other projects in Dundridge Park that could still be funded by the NP if the full amount was not withdrawn. It was confirmed that a new application would need to be submitted for these specific projects which would then go through the formal process for further consideration by the NP/NC at a future date.

- **Local Traffic Schemes**
 - Lypiatt Road Parking - £25,000. It was noted that Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill NP were being asked to fund 50% (£12,500) so if successful the contribution from St George would be reduced to £12,500. The NC recognised that the scheme had been a priority for a number of years, however were reluctant to approve funding at his time as they were aware of a proposed regeneration scheme for the area. They were concerned that the scheme could be implemented and then potentially reversed if it did not meet with the wider regeneration proposals so would not be a good use of NP money. The NC requested further detailed information on the proposals for regeneration of Church Road and traffic improvements to inform their decision at the next meeting.
Action Abdulrazak Dahir.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED to defer the decision in respect of Lypiatt Road Parking until the next NP meeting on 22nd June 2016 in order to allow time to receive further detailed information to inform their decision.

- Bryants's Hill Crossing – £18,000. The NP Co-ordinator explained that following confirmation from BCC Highways, this scheme meets criteria for funding from S106 monies instead of the NP Budget.

- Dundridge Lane - £6000. The NP Co-ordinator explained that following confirmation from BCC Highways, this scheme meets criteria for funding from S106 monies instead of the NP Budget.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED to fund the following local traffic schemes from devolved S106 monies and requested that the running balance of the Neighbourhood budget as set out in the report be adjusted accordingly.

Action: Abdulrazak Dahir

Permission/site/S106 code	Local traffic scheme	Amount
09/02469/South View, Stibbs Hill, St. George /ZCD....A27	Bryants's Hill Crossing	£18,000
09/00799/Gable Crest, Stibbs Hill, St. George /..SB01	Dundridge Lane	£6,000

d. Wellbeing grants:

Following discussion, **the Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that the recommendations and conditions made by the Wellbeing Subgroup be approved from the Wellbeing budget as set out in Appendix A**

It was noted that volunteers were needed to sit on the Wellbeing Group. CD expressed an interest and requested that the dates of the meetings for 2016/17 be sent to him. **Action Abdulrazak Dahir**

e. Parks Bylaws Consultation

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED to support the introduction of the proposed byelaws and the recommendations of the Environment Subgroup regarding the designation of land in relation to the four bye laws where this is relevant.

6. NP PLAN UPDATE REPORT

To be updated for consideration at the next NP meeting on 22nd June 2016.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

1) Proposal that St George NP join the Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA)

Diane Jones spoke to her statement explaining that the aim of BWA is to increase locally based walking initiatives and encourage the development of a walking strategy to be incorporated into all neighbourhood planning documents. The benefits of increased walking are indisputable – reducing congestion and pollution, improving health, bringing more business to shops and making the streets feel safer and more sociable for everyone.

It was noted that St George had already made an excellent start in producing in partnership with Greater Fishponds NP the 'Discover East Bristol' map.

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED that Diane Jones will be the NP contact and 'Champion' for BWA and will work with the Traffic & Transport Subgroup to take this initiative forward.

Action: DJ/Traffic & Transport Subgroup.

2) Anti social parking in Harcourt Avenue, St George

Mr & Mrs Clague spoke to their statement regarding longstanding, inconsiderate parking of neighbours vehicles across the driveway/dropped kerbs outside their property and that of their elderly/infirm neighbours. Having raised these issues previously with the NP, following the usual consultation procedures the current single white line across the drive had been replaced by double yellow lines (DYL). Since this had been done the neighbours have continued parking across the drive and over the DYL. The response from BCC parking services had been that they could use their own protocol to allow vehicles to park up to six feet or half a vehicle over the end of a DYL. Mr & Mrs Clague were very concerned that Parking Services had created double standards which go against the rules of the Highway Code.

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED that the Chair would write on the behalf of the NP to Adam Crowther, Head of Strategic City Transport for a formal response and copy in Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Cabinet Member for Transport.

Action: Chair of St George NP

3) Cenotaph in Bristol City Centre

The statement was taken as read by the NP as Richard Curtis had sent his apologies to the meeting.

The Neighbourhood Partnership AGREED that Cllr Steve Pearce would write to the Mayor and Lord Mayor to look again at the plans for this year's Remembrance Ceremony.

Action: Cllr Steve Pearce

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at 7.00 pm, The Beehive Centre, 19a Stretford Road, St George, Bristol, BS5 7AW.

The meeting finished at 8.25 p.m.

Chair

Appendix A

Name of organisation	Amount requested	Amount approved	Conditions
74 th Bristol (St Aidan's Brownies)	£507.30	£507.30	Artwork and report of visit to Slimbridge to be supplied for use at the St George Neighbourhood Forum following the trip. The contribution of the St George Neighbourhood Partnership to be made clear in any communications to parents/carers about the trip.
St George Community Association	£1,890	£1,890	Recruitment publicity for a project worker to be shared with webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk . Photographs of project to be supplied for display at the Neighbourhood Partnership Forum following completion of the project.
Redfest Bristol	£3,013	£3,013	The St George Neighbourhood Partnership logo to feature on publicity. A stand to be available for the St George Neighbourhood Partnership at the event in St George Park on Saturday 6 th August. Posters to be designed with thought to legibility with A4 portrait versions to be made available for the community noticeboards in St George. If the St George Neighbourhood Partnership are able to source a banner this should be affixed to the funded main stage.

Name of organisation	Amount requested	Amount approved	Conditions
Friends of Gladstone Street Park	£220	£220	<p>Photos of the event to be shared with the webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk for use at the Forum following the event and to share on social media.</p> <p>Any publicity to acknowledge funding from the St George Neighbourhood Partnership. Organiser to consider the more modern version of Punch and Judy or an alternative theme.</p>
Friends of Dundridge Park	£5026.65	£5026.65	<p>This is one way to fund the project. The Wellbeing sub-group are happy to recommend that that wellbeing funding is used in this way but would be pleased if another source were found.</p> <p>1) Interpretation boards designed for this project to acknowledge the contribution of the St George Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>2) Any publicity to include a reference to funding coming from the St George Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>3) Photos of the works in progress to be posted to the Friends of Dundridge Park Facebook page so they can be shared by on St George Neighbourhood Partnership social media. Photos to be supplied at the end of the project to webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk, to be used for display purposes at the next Forum.</p>
Meadow Vale Community Association	£600	£600	<p>Current constitution to be supplied and the intended start date to be confirmed. The answer given to question 5e asking for the project date was February/March 2016 and the grant cannot be given for retrospective purchases. Photos of the activities to be supplied for a display at the St George Neighbourhood Forum following the completion of the project.</p>