



Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership
6.30 pm, 27 June 2016

Present:

* De-notes absent

Ward Councillors

Councillor Jude English, Ashley;
Councillor Mike Davies, Ashley;
Councillor Margaret Hickman, Lawrence Hill;
Councillor Hibaq Jama, Lawrence Hill;
Councillor Carole Johnson, Ashley;
Councillor Ruth Pickersgill, Easton;
Councillor Afzal Shah, Easton;

Partners

Representatives of people who live and work in the Neighbourhoods of Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill

Abdi Mohamed
Noelle Rumball
Hugh Holden
Pete Bullard
Lesley Nell
Amirah Cole
Eric Aidoo
Maryanne Kempf
Richard Curtis
Jo Curtis
Ben Wood
Abdullahi Farah
Daphne Muir
Elaine Flint
Sonny Richards
Paul Bradburn
Delroy Hibbert
Jackie Griffith
Mike Pickering

Other Interested parties:

Also in Attendance:-

Neil Burwell
Mohamed Elsharif
Kurt James, - Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Ruth Wilmshurst
Norman Cornthwaite

1. Welcome and Introductions

As it had not been possible to gain access to the venue originally booked for the Meeting – Unitarian Hall – the Meeting was held at the Malcolm X Centre, 141 City Road, BS2 8YH.

The Chair – Maryanne Kempf - welcomed everyone to the Meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Joyce Clark and Alexander Milne.

3. Neighbourhood Partnership AGM Report

Kurt James introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

The Chair suggested that a Sub Group be established for Membership and that people be encouraged to attend the NP Meetings.

It was agreed that the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the NP be decided at the next NP Meeting and that nominations for both posts be submitted to Kurt James by the end of week commencing 4th July 2016.

It was also agreed that the NC Chairing arrangements should be decided at the next NP Meeting.

Kurt James outlined the Ward boundary changes. He also highlighted the funding available to the NP.

Concerns were expressed about the Highways Section's inability to complete schemes because of staffing issues. It was agreed that Kurt James should contact Highways for a response to these concerns.

Day(s) of the week for NP Meetings – It was agreed that everyone should e-mail Kurt James with their preferred 2 days of the week NP Meetings (Monday to Wednesday) and a decision will then be taken on the preferred day(s) for NP Meetings.

It was agreed that an NP Plan Sub Group be established not until after the Citywide NP Event on 20th July 2016.

Agreed – (1) that a Sub Group be established for Membership and that people be encouraged to attend the NP Meetings, that the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the NP be decided at the next NP Meeting

and that nominations for both posts be submitted to Kurt James by the end of week commencing 4th July 2016, and that the NC Charing arrangements should also be decided at the next NP Meeting;

(2) that the new Partnership Ward Boundaries be noted;

(3) that the Neighbourhood Committee and Neighbourhood Partnership Terms of Reference and the Neighbourhood Committee Financial Operating Framework be confirmed;

(4) that the devolved budgets and influence on services be noted;

(5) that the meeting schedule including subgroups and forums be agreed;

(6) that the Financial Statement and expenditure from 2015-16 be noted; and

(7) that the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan Statement be noted.

4. Introduction to New Councillors

Each of the Councillors introduced themselves and gave brief details of their backgrounds.

Councillor Hickman stated that she is a Cabinet Member.

Councillor Davies stated that he is a Member of both Development Control Committees.

Councillor Johnson stated that she has a lead role in relation to the Neighbourhood Directorate.

Councillor English stated that she is to be Chair of Place Scrutiny and is a Member of OSMB.

Kurt James added that the new Mayor is to review NPs, the 20 mph Scheme and Residents Parking Zones.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Hugh Holden stated that paragraph 3 of Minute No. 45 should read as follows:

“Hugh Holden stated his concern that since the Mina Road minor works scheme was agreed to be funded by the neighbourhood partnership. Changes to the road network and building the St Werburgh’s Primary School extension were not factored into the original scheme design meaning that the original scheme should be revised to take these changes and any unanticipated problems that they have caused into account.”

This amendment was agreed.

Agreed – that, taking account of the above amendment, the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record of the Meeting and signed by the Chair.

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

7. Public Forum

Public Forum Statements were received from:

1. Richard Curtis, Church Road Action Group – Cenotaph
2. Esme Taylor and Rachel Hill – 6 Argyle Road Planning Application

8. Bristol Arena Update (8)

Ruth Wilmshurst, Bristol Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone gave a slide presentation on an update of the scheme.

A number of questions were asked in relation to the Construction jobs and skills slide:

1. The total number of employees that the contractor will employ on the site and other details of what the contractor is proposing.
2. The definition of an SME.
3. How the figure of 40% expenditure relates to the 65% labour from West of England and 30% from Bristol
4. What percentage of the site employment will be for resident who live in the inner city areas.
5. How apprentices can apply for positions.

It was confirmed that answers would be provided in due course.

She advised that the contractor is now pricing the job and that a further report will be presented to Cabinet in October 2016.

Agreed – that the report be noted.

9. Community Safety Update

Kurt James introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

Neighbourhood Manager (Police) Report for Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership June 2016

Graffiti

Operation Block continues to run under the leadership of PC Stuart King. His most recent prosecution success was at the start of the month where Jack Keeling was sentenced to sixteen months custodial for his prolific “SESK” tag. The Judge commented that it has to act as a deterrent to others and acknowledged the effect it has on communities.

Prostitution

The work of Operation Boss which patrols sex work hot spots to identify kerb crawlers and engage with the women is led by PC Tina Newman. There have been some slight changes in the patterns of working adopted by the women, some opting for daylight hours in the mornings, which we are addressing. The

police are working with other agencies to refresh the local multi-agency protocol for on-street prostitution. One of the key parts of this is the support given to women when they leave prison so that the 'cycle' is broken with effective intervention. We still need reports from the community about loitering in the streets or any anti-social behaviour.

Noise Nuisance – Ramadan

This year we have again dedicated patrols during Ramadan, to offer reassurance to the community and to deal with any complaints or other problems. So far we have received some parking complaints but few in relation to noise.

Licensed Premises

We are aware of the ongoing problems associated with The Jolly Roger in Easton and have various measures we are exploring. We would like to hear from anyone in the community who lives near to the pub willing to report anti-social behaviour, noise or other ways the pub affects their day to day lives.

At the time of writing, the police are in court to obtain a closure order for Shady Grove in St Paul's. If successful this will allow closure of the premise for three months and the option to increase this to six. Breaches of this can result in imprisonment.

Days of Action - Enforcement, Engagement and Reassurance

Operation Blueline is still running, which contains the enforcement arm of our work to tackle drugs in East Bristol. In many cases we are identifying vulnerable people who are victims of 'cuckooing' or young persons who may be subject to sexual exploitation. During the last day of action on 13th June, six people were arrested for significant drugs offences within three hours of the operation beginning. The format for the days now is that they are where possible followed up by reassurance patrols that day and the day after.

PC Darren Weston from the Easton Neighbourhood Team is running regular drug user engagement days which aim to find drug users and offer them a direct route into services by teaming up with drugs workers from our custody drugs engagement teams.

Drug Dealing

Our current priority areas for tackling drug dealing and associated anti-social behaviour are, amongst others, The Bear Pit, Brook Road, Badminton Road, Gaunts Ham Park, and Kingsmarsh House. There are another three locations in Barton Hill however at this stage in the operation they cannot be shared with the group.

Street Drinking

The current focus is The Bear Pit where we have seen a rise in incidents and crime reports over May. Some of this can be explained by the improvement in the weather. The level of anti-social behaviour reported this May is the same as last May however, crime reports have risen. Extra patrols have been dedicated again to The Bear Pit and individuals are being prosecuted and offered interventions.

Burglary

Easton and Redfield have seen a rise in Burglary of currently 52% compared to 2015. Some of this can be accounted for in some recent series of offences, for which suspects have been arrested.

Redcliffe has seen an increase of 78% and Barton Hill around 66%. Some of this can be attributed to a series of crimes and linked suspects but further work is ongoing on this. The Dings and St Philips Marsh have remained static.

St Paul's has experienced a decrease of 4.5% and Montpelier & St Werburgh's has remained static.

The above is rolling twelve month data until May 2016.

Kurt James was asked to obtain numbers for the burglaries.

It was also noted that there is no Police presence in St Werburghs.

Agreed – that the report be noted.

10 Grant Applications for Approval

Councillor Hickman chaired the NC for this item.

Kurt James introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

Following a debate it was

Resolved – that the recommendations of the Wellbeing Grant Panel totalling £10,000 as detailed at Appendix A of the report be agreed.

11 Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator's Report

Kurt James introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

He advised that the Community Asset Transfer of 6 West Street had been withdrawn from the Agenda. Concerns were raised by this decision and disappointment was expressed. Following a vote it was agreed that a request be sent to the relevant Officer to review the decision. (Kurt James)

Mayor's Visit – Kurt James advised that it would not be on 4th August 2016 and that another date would be arranged.

Agreed – (1) that a request be sent to the relevant Officer to review the decision concerning the Community Asset Transfer of 6 West Street; and

(2) that the rest of the report be noted.

12 Any Other Business

The following issues were raised:

1. Attempts are being made to arrange a firework display in St Pauls.
2. There is now no Community Notice Board.

3. Notice Boards are being installed in Montpelier.
4. Private landlords/tenancy arrangements.
5. Park benches.
6. There is a Council Meeting on 29th June 2016 to consider devolution proposals.
7. A new branch of Turtle Bay is opening in Cheltenham Road on 1st July 2016 and the event will be supporting the Malcolm X Centre.
8. A Stewardship Group is being set up for the Railway Path address the issue of safety for women.
9. Concerns were raised about racist comments being unleashed as a result of the EU Referendum Vote.

13 Date Of Next Meeting

Date of the Next Meeting: 6.30 pm, Monday, 3 October 2016, Phoenix Centre, 5 Russell Town Avenue, BS5 9LT Unitarian Hall, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE

Meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

CHAIR _____

Amount of available Wellbeing grant:			£30,000.00	
Name of Organisation	Purpose of Application	Amount Requested	Amount Agreed	Notes and Recommendation
Boundless Futures	To provide funding for a community newsletter in the Ashley ward.	£2,500.00	£0.00	Not agreed.
Bristol Central Youth Club	To provide funding for the Bristol Central Football Festival. This is an annual footballing event for 5-14 year olds.	£2,000.00	£0.00	Not agreed.
Bristol Somali Forum	To fund a five ways to wellbeing project for the Somali Community.	£7,759.00	£0.00	Not agreed.
Claire Evans	To fund the Easton and St Pauls film, animation and art club for 5-13 year olds during the summer holiday	£2,750.00	£0.00	Not agreed.
Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management	To provide funding towards the delivery of four editions of the Up Our Street newsletter in 2016-17	£2,739.00	£2,739.00	Agreed
Friends of Millpond PTA	To provide funding towards crèche support for parent classes run by Millpond School.	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	Agreed
Golden Agers	To fund the Golden Agers 25 Anniversary Celebration.	£350.00	£350.00	Agreed
Knightstone Housing	To provide funding towards the St Pauls fireworks display held on Portland Square.	£4,680.00	£1,000.00	Agreed
Playing Out CIC	To fund a playing out activator for the Ashley Ward to increase the number of Temporary Play Street Orders in the area.	£2,100.00	£0.00	Not agreed.
POD Action Group	To continue support for music therapy and sensory play for children with autism.	£2,060.00	£1,056.00	Agreed
Redfest Bristol	To provide funding towards the marquee structure for the dance performance stage at Redfest 2016.	£800.00	£800.00	Agreed
Resource Futures on Behalf of Bristol Reuse Network	To fund Reuse Festivals in Easton and Lawrence Hill to encourage the reuse of unwanted goods and responsible waste management.	£2,955.00	£2,955.00	Agreed
The Food Jammers	To fund the Food Jam, which is an outdoor project designed to demonstrate how easy it is to make simple and tasty food.	£8,838.50	£0.00	Not agreed.
The Lamplighters	To fund the Church Road Lantern Parade	£1,740.00	£0.00	Not agreed.
Total		£42,371.50	£10,000.00	
Amount of Wellbeing Grant remaining:			£20,000.00	