



**Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership
7.00 pm, 10 October 2016**

Present:

Ward Councillors

Councillor Tom Brook, Bishopston and Ashley Down;
Councillor Eleanor Combley, Bishopston and Ashley Down;
Councillor Martin Fodor, Redland;
Councillor Fi Hance, Redland;
Councillor Cleo Lake, Cotham;
Councillor Anthony Negus, Cotham;

Partners

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

Representatives of people who live and work in the Neighbourhoods of Bishopston, Botham and Redland:

Roger Gimson (Neighbourhood Partnership Chair) – Sustainable Redland
Simon Baines (Business Representative)
Jenny Hoadley (Bishopston Society)
Liz Kew (Resident Representative)
Gavin Spittlehouse (Sustainable Bishopston),
Sarah Thorp (Business Representative)
Rob Umphray (Resident Representative)

Also in Attendance:-

Matthew Jones (Neighbourhood Officer)
Andrew McGrath (Area Co-ordinator)
Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)

Apologies for Absence:

Alison Bromilow (Neighbourhood Partnership Vice-Chair) – Redland and Cotham Amenities Society
Paul Bolton-Jones – Avon and Somerset Police
Lesley Welch – Equalities Advocate

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

The NP noted that Mark Riley had resigned from the BCR NP and that Simon Baines would be resigning with effect from the end of this meeting.

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

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (agenda item no. 3)

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

Action: JL

4. Public Forum (agenda item no. 4)

A Public Forum statement was received and noted in respect of consultation on the proposed reductions to the evening and Sunday 's Bus Network.

Action: None

5. Small Grants Report (agenda item no. 5)

Jenny Hoadley drew NP members' attention to the recommendations of the Small Grants Panel in respect of the following applications.

Gloucester Road Central

This application would improve the environment around Gloucester Road and was supported by traders. It would be used to fund several banners from Gloucester Road up to Gainsborough Square, with the remaining part of the funding (£7,000) to be made by traders.

The NP discussed whether or not the amount funded by the NP should be greater than proposed by the Small Grants Fund group ie 50%.

The following comments were made:

- (1) Crowd funding could be used to promote this scheme and encourage more traders to support it. Reference was made to Destination Bristol's recent crowd funding workshop and it was suggested that an NP member could be trained to do this;
- (2) Extra investment up to 50% would help to ensure that the scheme was as successful as possible;
- (3) The NP should remain with the proposed recommendation of the Group to fund £4,820. The remaining amount of funding can be obtained – there are other sources which could be used to provide it;
- (4) The recommended amount of funding by the Small Grants Group was a significant amount. It was moved by Councillor Negus and seconded by Councillor Combley that £4820 be awarded to this Group as recommended by the Small Grants Sub Group.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Brook, which was not seconded, that 50% of the £13,450 requested be awarded to this Group.

Upon being put to the vote, the original motion was approved (6 for, 0 against).

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee –

(1) that Gloucester Road Central be awarded £4,820 as recommended by the Small Grants Sub Group

(2) that subject to eligibility part of the Gloucester Road Central Application should be funded through CIL income

TIGER

Following a subsequent approach that had been made to TIGER, they had indicated that they would be delighted to discuss the matter further with Cotham School and submit a separate application at a later date.

NP members expressed support for the suggestion of a subsequent application involving Cotham School. It was moved by Councillor Fodor, seconded by Councillor Brook and upon being put to the vote was

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that

(1) TIGER be awarded £1924.44 as recommended by the Small Grants Sub Group.

(2) the NP would be happy to receive a further application from TIGER concerning Cotham School

Action: Andrew McGrath

WIAS (Women Independent Alcohol Support)

The NP noted that this application was very important and, whilst a comparatively small amount of money, would be of huge benefit. It was encouraging to see an organisation for women in this area since Alcoholics Anonymous were more male-oriented.

It was moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Fodor and upon being put to the vote was

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that WIAS be awarded £1894 as recommended by the Small Grants Sub-Group.

Action: Andrew McGrath

ABC Application.

The NP noted that this application focused on students rather than HMSO's. The purpose of the study would be to identify the effects of the increase of student numbers – it was acknowledged that there was an interest across the country in this area. The candidate areas which had been identified included Kensington Road, Cotham Brow and Cotham Hill which had areas with high numbers of students and Multiple Occupancy (Cotham Hill was no longer in the BCR NP area). At least 12 other University cities were using planning-based threshold policies. The recent study in Kingsdown had helped massively in this area by demonstrating certain problem issues which had previously been difficult to confirm.

NP members made the following points:

(1) This survey could undermine the relationship with students which had improved recently;

(2) Previous analyses had identified those factors which made an area unsustainable and could then be tackled through Planning-based solutions. This survey would not do this;

(3) The Kingsdown survey was unlikely to have revealed anything that was not already known. A more evidence-based approach was required;

- (4) The proposed survey could be seen as a means to lobby certain groups and was not a positive project-building exercise. It did not support communities or meet Planning criteria. The Local Plan would be reviewed within the next 2 years. This would be the opportunity to obtain the necessary information;
 - (5) The approach could be unintentionally divisive and be perceived as targeting students;
 - (6) Conclusions from the data appeared to be drawn in a particular way which was not helpful. It was important to avoid an “us and them” situation;
 - (7) It was surprising how few students replied to the questionnaire.
- The NP’s views were sought and they voted unanimously (0 for, 8 against) to reject the request for funding.

Councillor Negus moved, seconded by Councillor Brook and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that no funding be awarded to this organisation.

It was also noted that the deadline for grant applications for 2016/17 is 28th November 2016.

ACTION: Andrew McGrath

6. Reports from Working Groups (agenda item no. 6)

The NP received the following reports from Working Groups.

a. Street Scene (agenda item no. 6a)

The NP congratulated Gavin Spittlehouse for his work in planting 2,000 trees.

Liz Kew confirmed that a garage had been located as a storage area in future but did not have access to water. Previous funding had been used to tackle graffiti at the lower end of Gloucester Road – this proposed funding would be used for the top end of Gloucester Road.

The NP noted that the Group ran a closed Facebook Page which would shortly be opened up to Councillors.

It was moved by Councillor Combley, seconded by Councillor Fodor and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that additional funding of £6,890 be approved to enable the group to carry out work throughout autumn and winter.

Action: Andrew McGrath

b. Sustainable Transport (agenda item no. 6b)

Details of Sustainable Travel Working Group meetings, selection of future road schemes and the Special Public Forum were noted.

The NP noted that, following the Special Public Forum on 27th September 2016, the NP Chair had received over 800 responses. In addition, a newsletter was being worked upon.

The NP commented that the Special Public Forum had been a very successful meeting. Members' attention was drawn to the Walking Map on Facebook which had new views and faces. It was noted that some of the links could be sent to NP members.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

Action: None

c. Parks (agenda item no. 6c)

Supply and Fixing Of Signage On Shared Use Paths In Ashley Down Green, Horfield Common and Redland Green

NP members were advised that the Service Director (Neighbourhoods and Communities) was investigating the possibility of a Council policy concerning signage in parks. In view of this, it was agreed that a decision on the Parks Group's recommendation to approve £3500 to cover supply and fixing of signage on shared use paths in Ashley Down Green, Horfield Common and Redland Green should be postponed until a later date.

Action: Andrew McGrath – to add to a later Agenda as appropriate

Two Notice Boards – Ashley Down Green

Councillor Brook moved, seconded by Councillor Combley and, upon being put to the vote, it was

Resolved (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that up to £3,500 be approved to cover supply and fix two notice boards in Ashley Down Green.

Action: Andrew McGrath

Benches – Cotham Gardens and Lovers' Walk

Councillor Negus moved, seconded by Councillor Lake and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that additional expenditure of up to £11,000 be approved for refurbishment of benches in Cotham Gardens and Lovers Walk.

Action: Andrew McGrath

High Kingsdown Playground Refurbishment

Councillor Lake moved, seconded by Councillor Brook and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that £26,000 be approved for the High Kingsdown Playground Refurbishment.

Action: Andrew McGrath

BCRNP Parks Working Group

The Neighbourhood Partnership unanimously approved the allocation of £50,000 for the Working Group budget.

Resolved – that £50,000 be approved by the Neighbourhood Partnership for the BCR NP Parks Working Group budget.

Action: Andrew McGrath

The NP noted that the proposed refurbishment of the playground at Cotham Gardens could not yet be voted upon as it was unpriced.

CIL – Parks Funding

Councillor Combley moved, it was duly seconded and upon being put to the vote

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that all the funding agreed for Parks be obtained through CIL wherever possible.

Action: Andrew McGrath

d. Trees (agenda item no. 6d)

The NP noted that the report incorrectly stated that one of the sites on which trees were planted was outside the side entrance to 89 Redland Road (as opposed to the correct address of 93 Redland Road).

It was also noted that a future request for funding would be made by the University of Bristol.

The NP acknowledged that the Working Group was requesting funding of £3128.17 for future work.

Councillor Hance moved, seconded by Councillor Fodor and it was

Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee that £3128.17 be approved for future work.

Action: Andrew McGrath

e. Communication and Engagement (Agenda Item No. 6e)

The NP noted this report.

Members placed on record their thanks to Alison Bromilow for the success of the Community Fair Event.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

Action: None

7. Neighbourhood Co-ordinator's Report (agenda item no. 7)

The NP's attention was drawn to the fact that, during the NP Equalities Review 2016, a survey showed that 3.4% of respondents referred to themselves as BME (Black Minority Ethnic) compared to 10.2% in the 2011 Census.

It was noted that the Round 3 3-ward Forum at 7pm on Thursday 8th December 2016 would now be held on Monday 21st November 2016. In addition, the Round 4 date of Wednesday 1st January 2017 was inaccurate.

Resolved by the Neighbourhood Partnership:

- (1) that the Communication and Engagement Working Group consider ways of improving the 3.4% of respondents referring to themselves as BME in the 2016 Equalities Review survey**
- (2) that NP members be advised of the replacement date for the 2016/17 Round 4 3-ward Forum (previously 15th January 2017)**
- (3) that the current budget of the NP be noted**
- (4) that the information regarding the recent citywide event be noted**
- (5) that the latest meeting schedule of dates for Forums and NP meetings in 2016/17 be noted (subject to the changes for Rounds 3 and 4 of the 3-Ward Forum mentioned above)**
- (6) that the brief update regarding the recent equalities review be noted**
- (7) that the latest devolved services updates be noted.**

Action (1) and (2): Andrew McGrath

8. Any Other Business (agenda item no.)

Following a request from a number of NP members, it was agreed that the informal NP meetings which had previously been discontinued, would recommence for January 2017 for the next NP meeting.

Action: Andrew McGrath

9. Date of Next Meeting (agenda item no. 8)

Resolved – that the next meeting is scheduled at 7pm on Monday 23rd January 2017 at Gloucestershire Cricket Ground, Nevil Road, Bristol BS7 9EJ.

Action: None

Meeting ended at 9.10 pm

CHAIR _____

