



BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
Thursday 10th September 2009
7.00pm – 9.00pm

North Bristol Post 16 Centre, Charnwood House, 30 Cotham Park, Bristol BS6 6BU
Summary Report of the Open Meeting and Progress Update

Councillors, BCC Officers and other Service Providers in attendance.

Councillor Sylvia Townsend	Redland Ward
Councillor Bev Knott	Bishopston Ward
Councillor Fi Hance	Redland Ward
Councillor Neil Harrison	Cotham Ward
Councillor Anthony Negus	Cotham Ward
Councillor David Kitson	Bishopston Ward
Mahmoud Matan	Community Engagement Team
Johanna Holmes	Community Engagement Team
Neil Terry	BCC Traffic & Transport Operations
Sergeant Marion Stanley	Redland Neighbourhood Police Team (inc PCSO's and Beat Mangers)
Georgie Bryant	Safer Bristol Partnership
Rob McGovern	BCC Parks Dept

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Clive Stevens (Redland and Cotham Amenities Society (RCAS) representative on the Steering Group) introduced himself as Chairman of the meeting. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Clive gave an overview of how and why the Neighbourhood Partnership has been formed and it's progress to-date.

The meeting was also informed about the progress to date on the two Neighbourhood Partnership funded projects.

Tree Planting:

43 felled trees to be replaced across the three wards. 26 have already been planted and a further 17 trees will be planted this autumn.

Waste Doctors (pilot) Project

The Neighbourhood Partnership commissioned Resource Futures to undertake this pilot project. Resource Futures are based in Bristol and specialise in door-knocking campaigns to change perceptions about waste management.

To view more details of where the trees were planted and the Waste Doctors Evaluation Report please go to:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/council-and-democracy/neighbourhood-partnerships/>

Or if you are unable to access the internet and would like a paper copy of either of the above please contact Johanna Holmes, BCC Community Engagement Team on 0117 9036898

It was clarified how the meeting would be run and explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to work in groups and come up with some project ideas to spend this years Neighbourhood Partnership funding on. Ideas from this evenings meeting would be discussed at the end and some would be voted on this evening. Some ideas will then be developed and brought back to the meeting in December and presented for residents to vote on. There is a total of £30,000 in this years funding pot for this neighbourhood Partnership.

2. Presentation of Bishopston Youth Club by Jeremy Peters (Youth Club Leader)

Bishopston Youth Club was opening for the first time at the beginning of September. They had approached the Neighbourhood Partnership asking if it possible to be granted £1,900.00 to help get the club started and purchase some equipment.

Jessie, a young person from Bishopston, spoke about why a youth club is needed in the area. It is estimated that there around 1500 young people living the area and there are no other youth clubs in the vicinity. All youth club staff are CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) Checked. They also have the necessary policies in place. It will be open to all young people between 11-18 years of age. The youth club will have a relaxing zone, a games zone, a tuck shop, activities such as arts and crafts, hockey and cooking classes. They will continually consult with users of the club and ask for feedback. Success will be measured by having young people return week after week and if they can continue to keep opening the club weekly. Residents were asked to vote on weather to funding the project at the end of the meeting.

3. Partners and Communities Together (PACT) - Sergeant Marion Stanley & DCI Liz Tunks

LT: this Neighbourhood Partnership area is a particular hot-spot for burglary. Residents in rented accommodation are twice as likely to be burgled. There have been 250 reported laptops stolen in the past 12months. Burglary has been reduced by 21% in the area in the last 12months. This area was 20% of all Bristol burglaries but is now down to 11% of them. However, we are now entering the peak time of year when they happen. Many of the crimes were opportunist i.e open windows and unlocked doors. LT asked people to make it a priority to assess and tighten up their own security.

PACT Process: Sergeant Marion Stanley explained that the police would have a separate table during the group work session for people to raise specific police issues with them. Although there would be a police representative on each of the other group tables. At the end of the meeting a vote from residents would need to take place if there were more than three priorities raised for each ward.

4. Group Work Session 1

Attendees were given an opportunity to take part in 2 group sessions (25 minutes each separated by a tea break). The choices were as follows:

1. Redland Green Litter Bins, Bishopston Youth Club. In Session 2 a 'quiet semi covered area' and other ideas (Clive Stevens)
2. Pocket Parks & in Session 2 : Street Tree and Tub Planting (Rob McGovern)
3. Continuation of Waste Doctor Project, Environment and Street Scene (Councillor Neil Harrison)
4. Traffic and Transport Plan (Alison Bromilow))

5. PACT – Specific police related concerns (Sgt Marion Stanley and Neighbourhood Policing Team)

Notes from each of the workshops can be found below at the end of the main meeting notes.

5. Groups and PACT present back to meeting, Q&A and Voting

Young People – Clive Stevens

- a) Redland Green Bins – Asking for £2,000 for 3 new bins on the school route.

VOTED:

FOR: Vast majority of the meeting AGAINST: None

- b) Bishopston Youth Club – Asking for £1,900 for equipment and start-up costs

VOTED:

FOR: All AGAINST: None

Parks and Green Spaces – Rob McGovern

- a) Pocket Parks – Lots of new ideas gathered

NOT VOTED ON

- b) Street Tree and Tub Planting – Group thought tubs / planters should be on more busy roads such as Gloucester Road so everyone can enjoy them. This would also improve one of the 'gateways to the city'.

NOT VOTED ON

Continuation of Waste Doctor Project, Environment & Street Scene – Councillor Neil Harrison

Issues discussed were: waste management, absent landlords, hedges, fly-posting, planning application notices that never get removed, developing a programme of neighbourhood walks with residents, councillors and service providers.

- a) Waste Doctor Project £10,000: Would be time limited. Repeated with a twist i.e. focus would be multi-occupancy dwellings which recycle less than single occupancy. October November start would be good because the students will have arrived then. Some people said they would like to see the evaluation report before voting yes or no.

Q's and Comments

- Should the Neighbourhood Partnership be spending it's funding on transient population?
- Recycling should be made part of a tenancy agreement. RCAS (Redland and Cotham Amenities Society) have produced a local 'Guide for Responsible Landlords'
- Councillor Harrison said the recent story about smaller wheelie bins was untrue.
- Councillor Townsend said she would prefer the amount to be reduced to £7,500

VOTED:

FOR: Majority AGAINST: 10/12 people

Traffic & Transport Plan - Alison Bromilow

Issues discussed were as follows:

- Redland Road / Redland Green Road – dangerous corner and the pavement needs raising.
- Speeding on Cranbrook Road – there are no plans for a crossing.
- Traffic speeding along Ashley Down Road
- Parking on corners is an issue for all areas
- Redland Green School - routes to school
- Cycle routes & bicycles without lights

Police PACT Voting on Priorities

Three priorities from each ward are taken up by the police at each PACT meeting. If there are more than three, residents are asked to vote on them. Priorities for each of the wards are as follows:

Redland

- Burglary
- Littering and Anti-social behaviour on Redland Green
- Anti-social behaviour St Andrews Park
- Cycling with no lights on at night (raised but not voted as priority this time by residents at the meeting)

Cotham

- Anti-social behaviour and noise - licensed premises
- Parking issues - Vehicles parking inconsiderately on the corner of junctions and in front of drop kerbs causing pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with pushchairs difficulty in passing, and obstructing the view to motorists attempting to negotiate such junctions.
- Burglary

Bishopston

- Burglary
- Inconsiderate cycling - Gloucester Road
- ASB near the cricket ground

Group-Work Session Notes

Table 1 – Facilitator Clive Stevens

1. Redland Green – Litter / Recycling

The problem: Many parties have identified an increase in litter over the last year or so. It was thought this might be due to the opening of the new school.

The approach: The Post 16 Centre (6th form) undertook a project in June/July 2009 to identify sources of litter and find a solution. Their questionnaire revealed there were not enough bins on the Green and especially on their route back from the bakery/corner shop at lunchtime. They undertook a survey of the location of the bins in the park and identified a number of improvements and especially on the route marked in black at the bottom of the map.

The solution? BCC Parks Dept then did a similar “walkabout” and came to the same conclusion that at points 1 and 2 we need bigger / topped bins and point 3 needs a bin. The

cost will be approx £2,000. Once the bins are installed the students (now Year 13 = upper 6th) will advertise to their colleagues about using the bins.

2. Youth Club for Bishopston £1.9k

Discussed and approved by Steering Group by email. Working party approved it and it was voted YES by the Forum. Jo Holmes has arranged the money and specific council conditions (equality etc).

3. Idea – Quiet covered / play area

Sketch design by Alison Bromilow. Working party discussed and all but 1 liked it.

4. Other ideas – quick “Post-it note” session at the end

- four mentions for better lighting in park (also identified previously)
- and one each for a RG skate park and Horfield Common space for young people

Table 2 – Facilitator Rob McGovern (BCC Parks Dept) Parks, Trees & Green Spaces Working Party

1. Identify “Pocket Parks” around the area

A0 map drawn with suggested sites for pocket parks identified. Awaiting instructions from Rob McGovern as what to do with map.

2. More Replacement Street Trees

The problem: Last winter a survey was done of all the tree stumps left in the pavements following some years of felling. This came to nearly 70. NP funding was voted to replant 43. There are some stumps left over and also you may wish to identify locations for a new street or verge tree.

1. Discuss granting £2,000 to replace 10 stumps with new street trees (or more for more).
2. Identify some (major) streets without trees which would like them. E.g. the top half of Redland Rd, Some of Gloucester Rd, Whiteladies Rd etc. (New locations are more expensive than replacing stumps).

Stump replacement discussed generally but no proposal by working group. Item 2, eleven locations drawn on big map for “pioneer trees” i.e. new sites on major roads.

3. Pavement planting tubs – Graciela Sala-Newby volunteered to be project leader.

A Bishopston resident (Graciela) suggested that where tree planting was impossible a tub of flowers or shrubs could be put on the pavement. BCC Highways Dept have said that as long as a minimum 1.2m of pavement width is left then they would consider a site. For insurance they would need to source and anchor the tub but the resident could do the rest. The working party thought it was a good idea (a few specific points) - project would need to be worked out and costed for the public meeting (vote) in Dec.

Table 3 – Facilitator Councillor Neil Harrison Waste, Environment and Street Scene Workshop

- Landlord Responsibility
 - Neighbour relations
- Fast food litter
 - Street cleaning
 - Levy
- Timing for flat conversions
- Fly tipping
 - (Cranbrook Road Council garages)
- Dog fouling signs
 - Cleansing?
- Student / HMO (Houses of Multiple Occupation) & Waste Management
- Late Night Economy
- Fly-posting
 - COBC Clubs
 - Proactive approach
 - Stickers
- Planning Notices
- Notice boards
- Overgrown hedges
 - Manor Park
- Trees on Cranbrook Rd
 - (Sprouts & Visibility)
- Proactive Street Walks
 - Enforcement / police etc
- Communal Bins
 - Redland Park

**Table 4 – Facilitator Alison Bromilow
Traffic and Transport**

Issues raised were:

Ashley Down area

Traffic speeding along Ashley Down Road and narrow pavements where lorries come too close to pedestrians. Issues of safety connected with students in cars turning into and out of Brunel Centre on Ashley Down Road. This is very close to and on the route to and from Sefton Park School. Sefton Park Infants and Junior school has not got a Travel Plan. AB would contact Traffic Management Department to find out if one is being done.

Post meeting note - all schools are expected to have a School Travel Plan submitted by March 2010 in order to have a STP grant. See BCC website for details of how you can get training to draw up a STP.

Parking on corners is an issue for all areas. Police confirmed that if they were contacted on the 0845 456 7000 number with details of location and registration plate of vehicle that is parked across the corner obstructing people crossing the road, they would take action and issue obstruction notices.

Bicycles without lights - this would be an issue particularly when the clocks go back. The police were asked to take action and stop bikes without lights. A number of locations for this were discussed. The junction of Zetland Road / Gloucester Road was the most favoured.

Redland Green School - route to school. Majority of pupils walk down Claremont Avenue / Elton Road to junction with Kersteman Road to cross Cranbrook Road. Some residents questioned need for proposed crossing at top of Cranbrook Road. Cllr Townsend pointed out that this would be used by people other than pupils going to and from the school. Cllr Townsend would be chasing this up.

Cycle Routes - map was marked up with existing routes; no additional routes identified by those at meeting. This could be a good project.

Details of the next Neighbourhood Forum (public meeting):

Tuesday 8th December 2009, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
St Michael and All Angels Church Hall
160A Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Bristol, BS7

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