

BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

7.00 pm Monday 7 September 2009

Venue: Wicklea, Wick Road

1. Welcome, apologies and introductions

Present:

David Waters	Chair BCP
Steve Pearce	Secretary BCP
Sarah Howard	Bristol City Council
Vincent Mora	SAPRA
Rosie Tomlinson	Resident
Ann Stobbs	Brislington Enterprise College
Roy Marsh	Brislington Conservatives
Janice Coggins	Brislington Local History Society
Liz Venn	Resident & Friends of Victory Park
Louise Bale	Vice Chair
Keren Suchecki	Minutes
Tara Mistry	Resident
Kerry McCarthy	MP
Simon Crew	Councillor Brislington East
Alan Bale	Resident
PC Kevin Duffy	Beat Manager
Inspector Salmon	Avon & Somerset police
Barbara Lewis	Councillor Brislington East
Peter Main	Councillor Brislington West
Jackie Norman	Councillor Brislington West
J Budding	Resident
S Durnell	Resident
P Hawkins	Resident
L Noon	Resident
T Tripp-Edwards	Resident
D Ashford	Resident
Stephen Burn	Resident (Black Castle)
Ann Mugford	Resident
Theresa Driscoll	Resident, Director BCP
Sheila Hannon	Show of Strength Theatre
Ali Hender	Brislington Neighbourhood Centre

Apologies

Collette Linehan	Treasurer BCP
Lorna Heaysman	BCC Engagement Team
Angela Pichini	
Lynda Harris	Brislington Historic and Conservation Society

The Chair welcomed MP Kerry McCarthy to the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Correction:

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Alan Bale requested permission from BCP to distribute letter inviting people to attend a follow-up meeting regarding Callington Road/Bath Road February public meeting. Permission was given. BCP will process the payment to cover venue costs. Further discussion under item 6 below.

4. Trading Local/Show of Strength

Show of Strength (SoS) theatre company have requested grant funding to produce an event similar to the one held in Bedminster in February. S Hannon described how 19 Bedminster shops/businesses were involved on one day from Raleigh Road end of North St down to Cannon St/East St, with performances held in each. An average of 50 people (local and from across Bristol) attended each performance. Very successful day for traders and audience. SoS now working with Exeter and Devon council for similar performances in Exeter city centre. A short film was shown with extracts from Bedminster performances and comments from audience on both the performances and the businesses. Many said they would be returning to use businesses again having never visited them before.

There was discussion on how it could work in Brislington and acknowledgement that retail outlets were much more widely spread so would be difficult to replicate the Bedminster experience. It was suggested that writers' workshops could be held in various venues to include residents from across the area, but that main events should all take part in the Sandy Park area – logistically difficult to manage over a wide-spread area.

No times/dates/venues yet decided on. S Hannon requested a small working group to develop the ideas.

Action: working group volunteers to give their name to Steve Pearce.

5. Neighbourhood Partnerships/PACT update

Kevin Docherty updated on the three current priorities.

- i) **Cyclists on Brislington Hill.** Monitoring (from a hidden spot) has continued during rush hour and at various times/days, but still producing negligible numbers. Only increase being when school children cycle on the pavement on way home from school, which people didn't want to stop on such a busy road. Now moving on to educating those adults who have been observed cycling on the pavement. The Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) consultation has raised the issue that cycle lanes are not adequately covered in the proposals. There have been very few accidents involving cyclists at this point, with most dangerous spot being exit from Kenneth Road.
- ii) **Black Castle.** Landlord and customers from Black castle attended this meeting to discuss the concerns that have been raised. Police report that there have been no problems, they have visited and even when the pub is very busy people conduct themselves well. Door staff are employed and do a good job and bottles are not allowed to be taken off the premises. The manager explained that litter and noise problems can be caused by people getting off the last bus from town who cut across the pub car park – assumptions possibly being made that they have come from the pub. The pub promotes itself as a family/food venue. Most people go there to eat. The evening ends very early mid-week (by about 10pm) and remains quiet at late night weekend opening (12 midnight). Police evaluation of the premises in response to it being raised at PACT is that all is in good order at the Black Castle. This issue can be closed at the next PACT meeting.

Other issues raised:

- a) Tesco trees – still being developed.
- b) Whitby Road anti-social behaviour. Some actions agreed upon at the public meeting have been taken.
- c) Scrub area by Sainsburys. Police due to talk to them next week.
- d) Arnos Park broken glass. Police will liaise with Friends of Arnos Park through Steve.
- e) Good Intent (previous PACT priority). Continuing problems there, now on police list for enforcement.

6. WEST TOWN LANE JUNCTION

Andrew Spicer attended to report back on actions taken since the February public meeting. Many of the issues raised were regarding traffic lights, which is outside of A Spicer's remit. Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) consultation should resolve these.

Alan Bale requested a further public meeting to feedback to the residents who attended the original February meeting. A Spicer agreed to this and will liaise with Alan re dates. St Luke's was suggested as the venue because of its proximity to the junction. Inspector Salmon offered £100 to cover room hire and refreshments.

A Spicer informed that the following has or will happen:

- new signage has been installed
- the island may be removed to produce wider lanes (probably in March/April 2010)
- parking bay widened by Lidl
- advisory signage directing HGVs down Callington Road
- missing yellow lines to be replaced
- disabled access/drop kerbs to be installed (starting this week)
- Fermaine Avenue one-way adjustments to be implemented 2010
- GBBN consultation finalised with public meeting 8 September to report
- lower speed limit to 30 mph on residential part of Wootton Park

Action: Alan and Andrew to decide date for public feedback meeting.

7. Management Committee Report

No formal report because committee not quorate - held discussion rather than meeting.

Management committee will be meeting with Development Trust Association regarding asset transfer on 19th September 10am-3pm. Very important that all management committee members attend. Need permission to cater for the day. Liz given permission to cost up lunch from local supplier.

David and Steve want to attend conference in London, which requires refundable £150 booking fee. Permission given.

Tara advised of city-wide Neighbourhood Partnerships meeting to be held at Council House on 19 September. As committee members will be meeting with Development Trust Association important that someone from BCP attends and feeds back.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer gave apologies for this meeting. No report.

9. ANTI-TERROR/COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Climate Camp is coming to Bristol 13-20 September. Potential for raves across the city. Please let the police know about disused buildings that may be used for this purpose.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BEC very pleased with their results this year, have exceeded their targets. Bristol LEA very pleased with the school. Year 7 is full and people are clamouring to come to the school.

Group of young BEC musicians have played recent events and are available for community events. They are very good.

Victory Park clean-up day. 26 September 10am – 12 noon. Looking to make this a regular event.

Archaeology group 23rd September Arncliffe. Bring along any local finds.

Museum of Bristol creating photographic project of Brislington. Wants local people involved. Publicity will be out next week.

Boxing club needs to complete monitoring forms. Steve will liaise with boxing people.

Shades of Bristol art project – artists Claire Thornton will be in touch to talk to people about Brislington.

Rapid transit bus – south/north route. There is a potential for this to come through Brislington (not yet known if it is economically viable). Opportunity to be involved in the process will be coming up in the next 2-3 months. South Bristol hospital needs links from Brislington and Bedminster which could be provided by this.

Steve Moore BCC link officer for BCP is leaving the city council. His replacement is not yet known. It was agreed that he has been a valuable asset to BCP.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5th October at United Reform Church (end of Wick Road).