

BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
and PACT MEETING
7.00 pm Monday 2 November 2009
Venue: Wicklea Youth and Community Centre, Wick Road

1. Welcome, apologies and introductions

Present:

David Waters	Resident, Chair BCP
Louise Bale	Vice Chair BCP
Lynda Harris	Brislington Conservation and History Society
Barbara Lewis	Councillor Brislington East
Alan Bale	Resident
David Ashford	Resident
Ali Hender	Brislington Neighbourhood Centre
Jackie Norman	Councillor Brislington West
PC Gareth Ayres	Avon & Somerset Police
PCSO Paula Perry	Avon & Somerset Police
Lorna Heaysman	BCC Engagement Team
Stephen Burr	Landlord Black Castle
Angela Piccini	BCP
Sian Davies	BCC Health Walks and Green Exercise
Steve Pearce	Secretary BCP
Gill Luxford	Resident, Shadow Management BCP
Liz Venn	Resident & Friends of Victory Park
Theresa Driscoll	Resident, Director BCP
Mr/Mrs Knapp	Resident
Julian Sarsby	Landlord Pilgrim Inn
James Townend	Landlord Pilgrim Inn
Ruth Kenrick	BCC Democratic Services

Apologies

Rosie Tomlinson	Resident
Peter Maine	Councillor Brislington West

Those present introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair. James Townend, the new landlord of the Pilgrim Inn gave a brief introduction to his background in the industry and indicated that himself and his business partner were keen to work with the community to resolve local issues. It was noted that the Neighbourhood e-forum which had been set up by the BCP was a good mechanism for expressing views, raising concerns and networking.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Corrections:

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Present:

Anne Mugford **Resident**

Colin **Bretherton**

5. PACT

2. Bloomfield Road/**Whitby Road**

The minutes were accepted as a true record, subject to the above amendments.

3. Matters arising

Item 7 - Any other business

- Former allotments in landlocked space in Nightingale Valley. Councillor Barbara Lewis gave an update indicating that Bovis might have to put in a re-application for the whole site which will be looked at again in due course.

4. Brislington Health Walks

Sian Davies from BCC Sports Department talked about the council's health walks programme 'Walking for Health Bristol' which provides people with the opportunity to take part in short, safe, sociable walks within local communities. The walks have been developed as part of Walking for Health (WfH) a Natural England initiative to get more people walking. She explained that she had met with Steve Pearce to look at the Brislington area with a view to setting up a local walking group. This could be in partnership with an existing community organisation to develop themed walks eg local history, geology, architecture or nature. A leaflet containing information about walking in Bristol has been produced.

Sian provided the following responses in respect of questions and comments:-

- The walking groups already established mainly consisted of people aged 50+ but other age groups were encouraged to join or set up their own group eg students. Some specific work had also been undertaken with young families 'buggy walks', black and minority ethnic groups and specific health groups eg mental health.
- The walks were led by volunteers who were crucial to the success of the scheme. Walk Leaders must undergo about six hours training to meet requirements under Health and Safety and public liability insurance. The council was currently sourcing funding for a part time post to provide support and training to walk leaders. This was something that BCP might consider funding as it could bring a number of spin off benefits to the community in addition to health.
- The walking programmes were available from the BCC internet site www.bristol.gov.uk.

Those present welcomed the idea of a Brislington walking group and there followed a short discussion on suitable walks including Eastwood Farm and Nightingale Valley. It was suggested that walks could be linked to the Fair Trade Café.

Steve Pearce suggested that if the current Heritage Lottery Funding bid for the Brislington Brook/Nightingale Valley project was successful the funding of a Walk Leader/Support Worker could be considered by BCP. He advised that a HLF meeting was to be held on 16th November 2009 at Wicklea Youth and Community Centre at 9.00 am and he invited Sian Davies to attend.

5. Neighbourhood Partnerships/PACT update

PC Gareth Ayres gave an update on the work undertaken by the police towards the priorities set at the BCP and PACT meeting held on 5th October 2009.

1. Parking on the pavement outside of Motorcross

The Highways Department had been emailed with a request for appropriate signage at Motorcross and parking enforcement had been stepped up. The shops in the

vicinity had been spoken to about the problem and all were engaged to encourage parking offenders to move on.

2. Parking on crossing zigzag lines on Sandy Park

The police were currently speaking to the shop owners.

3. Halloween / Bonfire night

As part of Operation 'relentless' Avon and Somerset Police have launched a campaign over the period before and after Halloween/Bonfire Night. 600 staff are involved in the operation and so far there had been very few reports of anti-social behaviour and none in Brislington. Fireworks have been very quiet in the build up to November 5th and it was suggested that the recession might have something to do with this.

PC Gareth Ayres read out a press release issued by the police in response to the attempted serious sexual assault in St Anne's, Bristol. The incident occurred on Saturday 31st October 2009 at around one o'clock in the morning at the bottom of Hillsborough Road, near Sainsbury's, Castle Court and the police were appealing for witnesses.

In response to a question from Steve Pearce, Gareth Ayres indicated that he would check whether messages through 'Ringmaster' Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could be forwarded on to members of the partnership. However in the interim the public were able to subscribe to free email bulletins through the Avon and Somerset Police website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk.

A discussion took place on the recent Panarama programme that exposed some incidents of racist violence in St Annes and Southmead. PC Gareth Ayres commented that the programme had been filmed some time ago and appropriate action had been taken at that time to support the victims and challenge the perpetrators culminating in arrests subsequently being made. The council, the police and SARA continue to work together to tackle incidents of Hate Crime which will not be tolerated in Bristol. Councillor Lewis commented that it was irresponsible reporting by Panorama and that the council had sent a strong letter, in response.

6. Asset Transfer

David Waters and Steve Pearce gave an update on the proposed asset transfer of Wicklea and plans to build a school on the land, which at this stage were really no further forward. A meeting on site had taken place with Ian Purnell, Primary Capital Project Manager at BCC and it was apparent that the land was not flat enough to be able to build a school on it. There was also issues about the terms of the lease for Wicklea Youth and Community Centre which if offered on a short term basis (5yrs) would not be a viable option for BCP. Lorna Heaysman and David Waters were meeting with the Department for Communities and Local Government in the following week and it was agreed that it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Management Committee. It was important that this issue did not sidetrack BCP from the wider community agenda for Brislington.

7. BCP Management Committee update

Louise Bale provided some feedback in respect of the last meeting of the Management Committee. She indicated that Lorna Heaysman had prepared the funding packs for applications for the Community Grant which was available to local groups and organisations to fund projects which matched the priorities in the BCP action plan. The deadline for applications was 26th November 2009 and the documentation could be downloaded from the BCP website or available by email to lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk. In respect of future

BCC funding to BCP it was suggested at the Broomhill meeting that a 'Festival of Brislington' be held over the year 2010/11 and that each area (Wicklea, Hungerford and Bloomfield) be allocated £2k to hold a community open day.

8. Treasurer's Report

It was agreed that as Collette Linehan, Treasurer BCP was not at the meeting to provide an update, a note on the financial position would be circulated with the minutes.

9. Anti-Terrorist / Community Intelligence

Gareth Ayres had nothing to report.

10. Any other Business

- Alan Bale reported that further to a meeting with council officers in Feb 2009 to discuss the concerns of local residents in the vicinity of the junction of West Town Lane and Callington Road, a follow-up meeting was held on 26th October at St Luke's. Andrew Spicer, BCC Traffic Management, the police and other officers from BCC were in attendance to answer questions and an information leaflet had been produced. It had been a useful meeting and Alan was thanked for his persistence in this matter on behalf of BCP and local residents.
- Bristol Credit Union will be holding a drop in session at St Peters Methodist Church on Wednesday 11th November.
- Cabinet report – Devolving power to neighbourhoods to be circulated to the BCP management committee for their meeting on 12th November. This meeting will be in advance of the meeting with Graham Sims, Strategic Director Neighbourhoods on 16th November to discuss the implementation of the Cabinet decision.
- David Waters raised some concerns in respect of the Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) being developed to replace the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS). Councillor Lewis agreed to refer the issue to the Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee which looked at matters wider than just Bristol.

11. Date of next meeting: Monday 7th December 2009 at Hungerford Rd Community Centre