

**BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (BCP)
OPEN MEETING
MONDAY 10 MAY 2010 AT 7.00 p.m.**

Minutes of the meeting, held at Wicklea Youth Centre

Present

David Waters, Chair, BCP
Ali Hender, Vice-Chair, BCP
Cllr Simon Crew, Brislington East ward councillor
Cllr Peter Wollacott, Brislington East ward councillor
Steve Pearce, Treasurer, BCP
Angela Piccini, Secretary, BCP
Louise Bale, BCP
Alan Bale, Resident
Liz Venn, Resident & Friends of Victory Park
Theresa Driscoll, Resident
Lynda Harris, Brislington Conservation and History Society
Brian Webb, Gilton House resident
Alan Hill, Gilton House resident
Roy Marsh, Brislington Conservatives
Vincent Mora, Resident
PC Kevin Duffy, Police
PCSO Andy Phillips, Police
Lorna Heaysman, Bristol City Council (BCC), Community Engagement Team
Ian Hird, BCC, Democratic Services Team Leader

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES
(agenda item 1)

Those present were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

Apologies were received from Anne Mugford and Jo Knapp.

2. MINUTES – BCP – OPEN MEETING - 12 APRIL 2010
(agenda item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising:

1. Page 2 – cycling on the pavement in Brislington Hill: PC Kevin Duffy stressed that whilst the police would ensure that appropriate and proportionate action was taken on this issue, it was not considered suitable to automatically issue £30 fines.

2. Page 2 - Quad bikes and motorcycles in Alison Avenue: It was noted that this issue had been resolved.
3. Page 2 – Eastwood Road flats: It was noted that no further reports of anti-social behaviour had been received.
4. Page 4 – issues relating to the housing of vulnerable people at Gilton House: Following discussion, it was agreed that BCP representatives (the Chair and Steve Pearce) would attend the forthcoming meeting on this issue between Gilton House resident representatives and BCC housing officers. Cllr Simon Crew indicated that he would also be willing to attend the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, the Chair, on behalf of BCP welcomed the newly elected councillor for Brislington East ward, Mike Wollacott to the meeting. He also expressed his appreciation of the work and contribution to BCP of Barbara Lewis, former councillor for Brislington East ward.

3. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE (most recent meeting held on 19 April 2010)
(agenda item 3)

The following main points were raised / noted:

1. It was noted that the main focus of the most recent management committee meeting had been a discussion on improving and enhancing communications as a key priority for the year ahead.
2. The Chair stressed the particular importance of attracting and encouraging new and active participants to assist Liz Venn in the work of the communications group.
3. Whilst noting that further developing the BCP web site was a key element in improved communications, Alan Bale stressed the importance of ensuring that printed, hard copy material was also made widely available, especially for older people who may not have access to, or be familiar with computers.

4. UWE - PLANNING STUDENT PROJECT
(agenda item 4)

Steve Pearce provided an update. The following main points were raised / noted:

1. 2 students had been allocated to the Brislington area, to carry out a study during the period running from 20 April to 28 May.
2. The students would specifically be undertaking work on identifying / prioritising actions to help safeguard / improve the Sandy Park Road, Brislington village, Broomhill and St Anne's Park retail areas, and would then assess the results in the context of the South Bristol retail study. Given the 6 week time frame for the

project, the main focus would be on Sandy Park Road and St Anne's Park.

3. The Partnership generally welcomed this initiative, and noted that it would assist BCP in terms of their engagement with the site allocations process.

5. ARNOS VALE CEMETERY LAUNCH

(agenda item 5)

The following main points were raised / noted:

1. A very successful launch event, with good media coverage, had been held on the weekend of 29 April – 3 May.
2. BCP had hosted a stall at the event.
3. The event organisers had now confirmed that they would be taking up the £500 grant awarded via the BCP community chest.

6. RELOCATION OF BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE / SERVICES – OPPORTUNITIES / LINKS

(agenda item 6)

1. Ali Hender provided an update on the situation – it was noted that Brislington Neighbourhood Centre would be vacating its current premises following a decision of the landlord to sell the property.
2. Given the range of services involved, it was not realistically going to be possible to relocate to a single, alternative location – therefore, there were now opportunities for partnerships / links and co-location with other services to be explored. For example, it was possible that St. Peter's Church might be an alternative venue for the older people's lunch club. BCP would be kept informed of developments.
3. A celebration event was also being planned – any ideas in connection with the event, and suggestions / contact details of people who might be invited should be forwarded to Ali Hender.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

(agenda item 7)

1. Trading local – Show of Strength: The Chair and other partners strongly welcomed the success of this recent event. This had been a significant cultural event, which had helped to raise the profile of Brislington. The live performances had been of very high quality and had been very well received in the community.
2. John Davies: Cllr Simon Crew advised that he had attended the funeral earlier that day of John Davies, who had been a long standing, active resident in

Broomhill.

3. The Good Intent: Cllr Simon Crew advised that The Good Intent would be reopening shortly; an open evening would be held at 7.00 pm on 13 May.
4. Brislington Brook: The Chair provided an update on progress. Angela Piccini advised that she would forward on details to Lorna Heaysman of an archaeologist who was potentially interested in becoming involved. It was noted that the project would be discussed in greater detail at the next BCP management committee on 17 May.
5. Neighbourhood forums: It was noted that the Brislington and St Annes neighbourhood police team had circulated an e-mail advising dates and locations of neighbourhood forum meetings. In discussion, a number of concerns were raised, as follows:
 - It was disappointing that a wider range of venues was not being proposed, e.g. the Hungerford Centre was not being used.
 - The e-mail had also contained inaccurate information, i.e. implying that neighbourhood forums would be councillor led, and that the quarterly neighbourhood partnership/committee meetings would not be open to the public.

It was noted that Lorna Heaysman had already been in contact with the local police team about the above issues. It was also noted that the Chair and Steve Pearce would be attending the 11 May neighbourhood forum, and that the aim, in the medium term, was that neighbourhood forums would be chaired by a local resident.

6. Tenant consultation / liaison: Residents from Gilton House indicated that they were seeking to raise the issue of housing tenant consultation and liaison with the Council, as there was some dissatisfaction with the current arrangements.

If you would like any further information about the Neighbourhood Partnership or would like to raise an issue please feel free to contact Lorna Heaysman, BCC Community Engagement Team on 0117 9036444 or lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk