

**BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (BCP)
OPEN MEETING
MONDAY 7 JUNE 2010 AT 7.00 p.m.**

Minutes of the meeting, held at the Children's Centre, Lichfield Road

Present

David Waters, Chair, BCP
Ali Hender, Vice-Chair, BCP
Cllr Simon Crew, Brislington East ward councillor
Cllr Mike Wollacott, Brislington East ward councillor
Cllr Peter Main, Brislington West ward councillor
Cllr Jackie Norman, Brislington West ward councillor
Steve Pearce, Treasurer, BCP
Angela Piccini, Secretary, BCP
Louise Bale, BCP
Alan Bale, Resident
Liz Venn, Resident & Friends of Victory Park
Rosie Tomlinson, Resident
Theresa Driscoll, Resident
Vincent Mora, Resident
Kara Bernard, Resident
Julian Thomas, Resident
Carol Daly, Resident
Rachel Schofield, Arnos Vale Cemetery
Stephen Burr, Landlord, Black Castle
Ann Stobbs, Brislington Enterprise College
Anne Mugford, Resident
E. Child, Resident
D. Woon, Resident
Pete Yeates, Resident & Deputy Church Warden, St Anne's Church
Phil Skinner, UWE student
M. Mohamed, UEW student
Pauline Allen, Resident
Victoria Appleton, BCC (Children and Young People's Services) Development Worker
Sarah Howard, Waste & Street Scene Services, Bristol City Council (BCC)
Lorna Heaysman, 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 Louise Bale and from residents from Gilton House.

2. MINUTES – BCP – OPEN MEETING - 10 MAY 2010
(agenda item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2010 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to noting that Cllr Peter Main and Cllr Jackie Norman had given their apologies.

Matters arising:

1. Victory Park – quad bikes / gate demolition: it was noted that Cllr Simon Crew was following through on this issue with Council officers.
2. Arnos Vale cemetery launch: Rachel Schofield made a presentation, feeding back on the launch event held on the weekend of 29 April – 3 May. She particularly highlighted the following points:
 - The event had been very successful, and had attracted national attention.
 - The participation and support of BCP representatives at the event had been much appreciated.
 - Following the launch, the following were now available:
 - Free entry to the site, which was open every day.
 - Leaflets re: 3 separate trails with different themes.
 - Guided heritage and wildlife tours
 - The restored Anglican Chapel and Spielman Centre (former non-conformist chapel) were both available for hire as venues for special events, including funeral gatherings, memorial services and conferences.
 - A “guardian angel” scheme had been launched (leaflets were available at the meeting).

3. COMMUNITY COHESION PROJECT – “MY LIFE IN ST ANNE’S PARK”
(agenda item 3)

1. Rosie Tomlinson, and others involved, made a presentation on this project, which highlighted, including the use of digital stories, children’s and parents’ perspectives on the quality of local parks provision.
2. There was general praise for the quality of the digital stories which had been produced, and it was noted that there was a general concern about the quality of, and the need to improve local parks facilities.
3. It was noted that, when discussing these issues with Council officers, it would be important to be very clear about the local geography, so that officers were clear about the geographical locations which were the subject of concern. It was noted that a meeting was being sought with BCC parks services to discuss the issues raised by the project.
4. It was noted that a consultation event on the local area green space plan was scheduled for 2 September, and that this would represent an opportunity for the local community to express their views about local parks and green space provision. Lorna Heaysman advised that she would also make arrangements for

the digital stories to be forwarded to Richard Fletcher, the Council's project officer for the Parks and Green Space Strategy.

4. UWE - PLANNING STUDENT PROJECT

(agenda item 4)

1. Phil Skinner and M Mohamed (UWE students) gave a presentation on the project work they had recently undertaken over 6 weeks, focusing on identifying potential actions to help safeguard / improve the Sandy Park Road, Brislington village, Broomhill and St Anne's Park retail areas (within the context of the South Bristol retail study). Given the 6 week time frame for the project, the main focus had been on Sandy Park Road and St Anne's Park.
2. A copy of the report would be sent to BCP (via Steve Pearce) and the next key challenge would be for BCP to build on and take forward the report's findings.
3. The Chair and Steve Pearce, on behalf of BCP, thanked the students for the work undertaken.

5. BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS

(agenda item 5)

1. Lorna Heaysman reported back on the neighbourhood forum meetings held during May.
2. The following main points were raised:
 - a. There was a need to improve communications around these meetings. The forum meeting in Brislington East, for example, had not been particularly well attended by residents.
 - b. There was a need to ensure that the meetings were not dominated by PACT discussions.
 - c. There was a need to ensure that BCC officers attended, as required, to enable identified issues to be discussed, e.g. in relation to the concerns raised recently by Gilton House residents about vulnerable people (it was noted that this particular issue had now been included on the agenda for the 21 June meeting of the BCP/neighbourhood committee).

6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

(agenda item 6)

It was noted that the following main issues had been discussed at the most recent management committee meeting held on 17 May:

- Clarification of the responsibilities of the Chair / Vice-Chair.

- Identifying priorities, particularly improving communications (anyone interested in being involved should contact Liz Venn).
- An update from Steve Pearce re: the development trust.
- An update regarding the Community Chest, including the need to increase local resident representation on the award panel.

7. OTHER BUSINESS (agenda item 7)

The following was noted:

1. Planning applications: Cllr Peter Main drew attention to new powers, under which councillors could, where they felt it appropriate, exercise a right to ensure that a planning application(s) was brought to a development control committee for decision (rather than being determined by officers under delegated authority). He was intending to exercise this right in relation to an application from Sainsburys regarding night time deliveries.
2. Underpass near Tesco store: Following discussion, it was agreed that action should now be taken forward to progress the proposed land transfer.
3. West Town Lane / Callington Road: Cllr Peter Main advised that (in terms of next year's budget) he had asked traffic/transport officers to bring forward an improvement option(s).
4. Hengrove development site: It was noted that an e-mail had been received, indicating that some bus services would be altered, so that Hengrove could be more easily accessed from Brislington.
5. The next Wicklea users group meeting would be held on 14 June.
6. A "walking for health" taster session event would be held on 2 July.
7. Some concerns were raised about recent cases of speeding in School Road. It was noted that this was a police matter.

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

