

BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (BCP)
MONDAY 6 December 2010
7.30 pm
Wicklea Youth & Community Centre

Present

David Waters, Chair, BCP, Councillor Peter Main, Brislington West, Angela Piccini, Secretary, BCP, Steve Pearce, Treasurer, BCP, Ann Stobbs, BEC, Ali Hender, Brislington Neighbourhood Centre, Walter Houghton, Jan Capel, Aaron Finch, Kara Bernard

1. WELCOME

Those present were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES

Louise Bale, BCP; Liz Venn, Friends of Victory Park, Theresa Driscoll, BCP, Councillor Jackie Norman, Councillor Mike Wollacott

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes are to be circulated following this meeting. **Action: AP**

4 BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

- 4.1 The lunch club is working well with support from Ryan, who's leading volunteers from Brislington Enterprise College. BEC received funding to support this from the Wellbeing Fund.
- 4.2 Lorraine Millard has completed training in hand massage and will do this with older people.
- 4.3 Christmas lunch on 10 December
- 4.4 Ali Hender reported that the Neighbourhood Centre is moving in to Wicklea on 15 December
- 4.5 Further discussion about the need for a meeting to determine the scope of the relationship between BCP and the Neighbourhood Centre. This will be on 21 February. **Action: AP to arrange pre-meeting.**
- 4.6 **Action: AP to write to Craig Bolt and Sally Carter to confirm that neither rent nor rates are to be paid by Neighbourhood Centre for use of Wicklea.**

5. ST ANNE'S MISSION

- 5.1 Steve Pearce reported on meeting with MP Kerry McCarthy on 26 November, at which residents of St Anne's Park gave a presentation about their need for a community space.
- 5.2 Trustees of the Mission are not responding to communication; Kerry McCarthy will step in if necessary.

- 5.3 There was discussion about Guilford House and its potential as a community space. However, it was taken off the council list of properties for disposal and is therefore no longer available.
- 5.4 Discussion raised the national Barrier Busting Team to help people negotiate bureaucracy.
- 5.5 St Anne's Park residents will petition council

6. WELLBEING FUND

- 6.1 Peter Main reported on grants to the Brislington and St Anne's Dance Club
- 6.2 Angela Piccini reported on BCP application for website research, design and administrative support. Initially, BCP and the Management Committee had agreed that £5k of the Wellbeing Fund would be allocated to supporting BCP activities (communications and funding applications to progress projects). With the new rules and regulations around council expenditure, Gemma Dando and Di Robinson instructed BCP that they would have to apply for funds like any other community group. BCP duly applied for funds. However, feedback from the Wellbeing panel was that it was inappropriate for BCP to apply for funds in this way and it was felt that adequate administrative support was provided by the Neighbourhood Partnerships team and existing website support from Joules Taylor.
- 6.3 Steve Pearce reported that this was now to be adjudicated by another Neighbourhood Partnership and that Gemma Dando would seek advice from Di Robinson.
- 6.4 There was discussion about the relationship between the Neighbourhood Partnerships team and BCP and the ability of the team to acknowledge and respond productively to the long track record of community work undertaken by groups such as BCP, which pre-date the NP agenda. Also discussed was the apparent lack of transparency around this whole process and the way in which decision-making appears to have been removed from the community.
- 6.5 Ali Hender reported similar difficulties with a Neighbourhood Centre application and raised the issue that there seemed to be no mechanism for appeal.
- 6.6 Steve Pearce raised the issue of what seems to be a decline in community development work in Brislington since the introduction of NPs. Community development now undertaken solely by residents and volunteers and there has been a lack of presence on the part of council workers, who are overstretched by the administrative requirements of NPs.
- 6.7 **Action: AP to set up a meeting with Di Robinson to discuss these matters**

7. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 7.1 AP reported that the Management Committee discussed the meeting with Barbara Janke, Craig Bolt and John Bos to discuss Community Assets, the future of Wicklea and plans for a new St Anne's School. This is currently in a holding pattern as the council needs to determine the scale of funding available for a new school at St Anne's. Furthermore, the Government is changing planning regulations that will reduce the amount of space required for classrooms, thus opening out the possibility that the existing school can simply be modified to accommodate more children. Barbara Janke and Craig Bolt confirmed that they will do everything they can to maintain Wicklea as a community space, for use by BCP and Neighbourhood Centre as part of the council's commitment to local services.

7.2 Outline of 2011 meetings provided in November minutes, repeated here:

	Brislington Community Partnership Neighbourhood Forum	Brislington Community Partnership Working Group (Man Com)	Brislington Community Partnership Committee Meeting
What is it	Open meeting for local priority setting and input into community activity	Meeting to progress local action plan and priorities and to host subgroups and updates.	Local decision making and formal progression of action plan
Who attends	Open for all people in the community to take part	BCP partnership members and invited attendees	BCP partnership members, public welcome to attend but chair to decide their involvement
Who supports	Police to take notes on priority setting Ariaf to facilitate additional work	Ariaf to facilitate and document this work (this is Bris subgroup mechanism)	Area co-ordinator
Who pays for rooms	Police	Council (as long as its subgroups / work of neighbourhood partnership)	Council

Future meetings and locations:

December 2010

Brislington Community Partnership Meeting – Monday 6th December 2010, Wicklea Community Centre, Wick Road

BCP Partnership Committee Meeting – Monday 13th December 2010, Wicklea Community Centre, Wick Road

January 2011

BCP Working Group – 6.15pm. Monday 17th January 2011, Wicklea Community Centre, Wick Road

BCP Neighbourhood Forum – 7pm Tuesday 25th January 2011, St Peter's Church, Allison Road, Broomhill.

February 2011

AGM & BCP Neighbourhood Forum – 7pm Monday 7th February 2011, Hungerford Community Centre, Hungerford Road

BCP Working Group – 6.15pm Monday 21st February 2011, Wicklea Community Centre, Wick Road

March 2011

BCP Committee Meeting – Monday 21st March 2011, Hungerford Community Centre, Hungerford Road.

For February AGM, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are required. **Action: All members consider nominations.**

7.3 There was also a presentation from Highways about prioritising expenditure for

public highways. Further news in March.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

See November accounts, circulated separately.

9. AOB

Reminder that the next BCP meeting takes place as part of the Neighbourhood Partnership Forum structure. The community issues function of the BCP meeting will now be facilitated by the NP team and meeting structure.

Meeting of the BCP Neighbourhood Forum, 25 January, 7pm, St Peter's Church, Allison Road. ALL WELCOME!

If you would like any further information about the Neighbourhood Partnership or would like to raise an issue please feel free to contact Ariaf Hussain, BCC Community Engagement Team on 0117 9036420 or ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk