



*Bishopston, Cotham & Redland
Community Partnership*

Minutes of the BCR Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 5th July 2018

Present: Roger Gimson, Alison Bromilow, Peter Browne, Sarah Nutchey, Peter Tomlinson, Kevin Chidgey.

Apologies: Alison Boulton, Kevin Molloy.

1 The Cotham Public Forum Meeting held on 11th June and the Mayor's Visit on 15th June

- 1.1 The Cotham Forum was well attended with people coming from across all three wards. The Mayor's visit also went well, covering many of the topics that people had raised prior to the meeting.
- 1.2 At the Mayor's meeting Sam Thomson (Friends of Horfield Common) reported that local councillors had called in the Cabinet decision to include six courts at Ardagh as part of the joint BCC/ LTA proposal to fund the provision of tennis courts across Bristol. BCC had previously agreed that Ardagh Community Trust (ACT) took on all the courts as part of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) . The LTA had also previously offered funding to the ACT as part of the CAT bid.
- 1.3 The Mayor was asked to take a positive approach to community engagement and to encourage Council officers to do likewise. It was suggested that the frequent redeployment of Council staff has made it more difficult for community groups to build sustainable relationships with the Council. The Council / Legal Dept. also seemed risk adverse and unduly cautious when it came to supporting community projects and events.
- 1.4 Street Scene queried why the Council would not provide public liability cover for volunteers engaged on waste and graffiti removal for which the Council was primarily responsible. Cover was provided for parks volunteers provided they had done the BCC Health and Safety Training course..
- 1.5 The Mayor was made aware that many people in the BCR area want resident parking.
- 1.6 A detailed planning issue – the requirement for a shop in Gloucester Road to apply for planning permission to sub divide because it was in a Conservation Area – was also raised at the Mayor's meeting. Alison has agreed to follow up the discussion with Jason Thorne (BCC Planning / Economic Development) who took action notes at the meeting..
- 1.7 The Council has organised a series of "Hot Coffee, Hot Topic" monthly meetings on specific issues to which external people and groups are invited to contribute views and expertise. Anne Louise Perez (Gloucester Road BID) is seeking to attend a forthcoming meeting devoted to the future of the High Street.

2 Finances

- 2.1 Sarah reported that all but one of the community groups that had agreed a donation have now made their donation.
- 2.2 Payments we have to make include the cost of hiring the Quakers Meeting House for the Mayor's meeting, the cost of renewing the BCR Partnership website domain name, the website hosting fee, and the renewal of the public liability insurance. An invoice to the Mayor's Office for hosting the Mayor's visit has still to be paid.

Actions: Roger to put Sarah in contact with Rob Umphray (Street Scene) re. the renewal of public liability insurance. Roger to chase invoice from Quaker Meeting House. Sarah to follow up payment from Mayor's Office.

3 Fulfilling Our Community Spaces Agreement

3.1 The meeting discussed ways and means of achieving one of the requirements set out in the agreement – reaching a more diverse audience. Ideas put forward for achieving this included getting involved with school councils and running special events such as a community fair to promote community groups . We could also try to reach parents through school associations.

3.2 Equalities Training. We still need to arrange an equalities training workshop for Committee members and partners through either the City Council or VOSCUR.

3.3 Equalities Monitoring. We are required to collect equalities information at one of our regular Forum meetings – possibly the Bishopston meeting in October.

Action: Alison to contact the City Council (Caroline Hollies) about equalities training. If need be Kevin C. to contact VOSCUR.

4 Arrangements for the next Public Forum in Bishopston

4.1 Possible venues - Quakers Meeting House in Gloucester Road, Ashley Down School, The County Cricket Ground.

4.2 Date - possibly Monday, 8th October or Monday, 15th October.

4.3 Traffic / resident parking was suggested as a possible headline topic with local traffic groups being given an opportunity to talk about what they are doing. Traffic / resident parking might be more appropriately covered at a special topic public meeting rather than an area forum.

4.4 Local councillors will also be asked for their views on a headline topic.

4.5 The Council's report / strategy report on clean air might be an appropriate topic for a special meeting towards the end of the year.

4.6 It was also suggested that we could invite partner groups and other community groups to give a brief presentation on what they do. Discussion on community groups led to an agreement that all groups, where appropriate, should be invited to be listed on our website: offering assistance to groups in setting up a webpage on our website was also suggested.

4.7 Other possible agenda items :-

- Parks Review - update on the Foundation Status proposal and the associated bid for funds.
- CIL update. A shortlist of supported projects should be agreed by September.
- Bristol Local Plan Core Strategy 2020. A further round of consultation will commence in October.
- Street Scene update, particularly re. discussions between Street Scene and community groups re. future delivery arrangements.

4.8 Publicity. We can use the usual media channels including Bishopston Voice and Bishopston Matters. We will need to provide details in early September (by 12th September for Bishopston Matters).

Actions: Alison to invite all appropriate community groups in our area to place their details on the BCR Partnership website. Roger to contact councillors about date and headline topic for next forum.

5 Other Matters covered at the Meeting

Bristol LinkAge Network

5.1 Roger suggested that we should advise community groups about Bristol LinkAge network, an on-line guide of community and social events. They will shortly be producing a "What's On" Guide for Clifton, Clifton Down, Cotham and Redland and have asked us to promote it.

Action: Alison will publicise via social media.

Transport

5.2 Peter Tomlinson voiced his concerns about the dangers posed by traffic, particularly speeding traffic, in Bishop Road, one of several cross routes used intensively by vehicles travelling between Gloucester Road and Kellaway Avenue. Peter was advised to contact Bishopston and Ashley Down Traffic and Parking Group which might also be looking at this problem. Peter was also advised that it would be useful to gain the support of other concerned residents when lobbying ward councillors and the Council.

Resident Parking..

5.3 Councillor Fi Hance has put forward a motion to the full meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 17th July on the increasing call for resident parking from areas affected by commuter parking. The motion calls for the Council to allocate resources to advise affected local communities. The motion is 8th on the list of possible motions so unfortunately is unlikely to be debated.

5.4 It was suggested that the pending introduction of a Clean Air Zone covering central parts of Bristol might well see more commuters looking for spaces in areas just outside the zone including Bishopston.

6 Date of Next Meeting

6.1 It was agreed that we should next meeting in late August or early September to plan the Bishopston Public Forum meeting in October. Roger agreed to check on the availability of Committee members.

Kevin Chidgey, 10th July 2018