

## **Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Community Partnership Forum Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Chair Roger Gimson, welcomed everyone including the Neighbourhood Police Sergeant, councillors Eleanor Combley, Anthony Negus and Martin Fodor, and representatives from community groups to the meeting.

**POLICE REPORT:** presented by Neighbourhood Sergeant Jonathan Scott, who had been in post for 2 ½ months. His area covers Bishopston, Cotham and Redland and also includes Clifton and Clifton Down wards. He confirmed the 2 PCSOs, David Said, Danielle Packer still covered our area; but that the beat manager role was changing for Bishopston where Dave Jackson will take over from Tom Green. The beat manager post for Cotham and Redland is currently vacant, Lorna Danimore, the inspector is responsible for filling post.

**Bishopston priorities:** Ashley Down Road parking issues, prison. The police are working with Horfield prison on managing parking issues and supply of prohibited articles into the prison ie things being chucked over the walls.

**Cotham priorities:** Vehicle crime and theft of cycles, this is being coordinated with central area which has the same issues.

**Redland priorities:** Anti-Social Behaviour on Redland Green, patrols by PCSOs have been increased. Parking obstructing pavements in Elton Road, (obstruction is a police issue, parking on double yellow lines is dealt with by the council. 15 parking warning notices had been issued in Elton Road, by PCSO Dave Said.

Next beat surgery will be in St Matthews Church, Cotham, 17th November.

### **Questions from the floor:**

The audience raised the issue of poor continuity, there is a rapid turnover of beat officers in our area.

Friends of Horfield Common asked who to report issues to as they cross beat boundaries; to either PCSO , they do meet and work together.

People reported that there had been no response from reports of drug dealing, David S has been off for a while. Jon Scott will chase.

Traffic on Bishop Road is regularly travelling at 40mph. Safety issue for school. Community Speedwatch might be possible. Needs local volunteers. Enforcement of 20mph is happening but there is still an issue of speeding across city.

There is a major problem of tagging in Bishopston; the local Streetscene group are cleaning up, removing or painting over tags but the volume is too great for volunteers to control this; what can we do to work with the police to tackle this, campaign perhaps, can police take action? Jon Scott confirmed that this was a city-wide issue and is criminal damage. The police have special officer, Stuart King but it needs more people and they are looking to expand team; Kingdom (independent enforcement company) have picked up 6 people. Cllr Negus asked how do police find people,- a lot is intelligence led. JS will respond to Cllr Negus.

Action: BCR CP/ SSG Talk to David Jackson and Stuart King, Action ALL: need people to sign up to SSG

Theft of lead from buildings is a citywide issue.

### **REPORT IT:**

Report issues eg drug taking to Crimestoppers or Police 101.

What to do with found property? Report to 101 or if bank cards or similar report to bank who can contact owner.

Local report on asb at and outside Cat and Wheel pub? Issues , not sure whether its police or council, or whether pub needs to take responsibility, 1 am to 2 am, possibly lock ins. Licensing officer. It is important to report this and other issues to police and council in order for action to be taken.

To raise priorities go to the beat pages on the Avon and Somerset website for your area.

BCR CP will chase up on questions.

## **COUNCILLOR REPORTS.**

**UPDATE ON CIL** (Community Infrastructure Levy) **allocation by Area Committees.** Cllr E Combley.

*(CIL and s106 are developer contributions towards infrastructure provision to support or mitigate the impact of their development on the area.)*

Cllr EC apologised on behalf of councillors that the management process for this year's funding round had not been ideal; the plan had not been formed until after programme started. However, there was not much money to spend; the pot was small because money had been previously allocated by NP, so there was no carry-over.

BCR is under Area committee 2 which also covers Henbury and Brentry, Southmead and Horfield

Process set out that cllrs should work in Jan to March with local community to agree list of local projects. Cllrs have agreed this will happen through CP. Taken to Area Committee meeting for assessment by officers to see whether project comes under CIL definition of infrastructure. Projects for inclusion will be identified by May, with full applications for projects, second meeting in June, ( this happened in Sept this year)

For 2018, CIL funding had been allocated for tree replacement in Bishopston, Ashley Down and Cotham, the all-weather surface on Horfield Common, and for cricket ground and school road safety measures round Glos CC ground.

Councillors need to start getting projects together for assessment in 2019 asap using BCR CP consultation.

### **Questions:**

Bristol Tree Forum, worked across 6 areas, got approval for 5 areas for use of s106 for tree replacements.

Coordinating spending of CIL/ s106 is poor, some funding has been sitting around for 10 years. 2 meetings is not enough and annual decisions not working. **EC will take that back to review.**

Friends of Ashley Down Green pointed out that 2016 NP agreement to installation of noticeboards took 2 years. Process for implementation needs to be improved. Money now appears to be being released, but spending constraints mean there are fewer staff in the council with background knowledge so need to use local councillors to nudge it forward.

Double yellow lines in Bishopston area (funding approved at AC2 meeting October 18) should be done by the end of year, the cricket club are keen to have work done so they can tackle traffic management issues.

There is no chance of CIL money being lost if not spent. Only if s106 is unallocated within the time-period specified can it be taken back by the developer.

Will projects be allocated to a specific officer? The Ashley Down Green notice board project fell between parks and finance officers. Process needs someone to own the project earlier. **EC feed back to review.**

**BCRCP** will be pursuing this with CIL review. No more well-being money for local projects so only CIL is available.

Are ward councillors fighting about moving funding across borders? AC2 agreed in first meeting that there should be something in each area. Aim to allow money to be spent where development happened, with the option of helping out across boundaries where projects need support, there has been a good negotiation so far.

Highways dept commented on some AC2 projects saying they were not Highways priority, but put forward their own projects for funding. None were taken forward. Highways has access to the central CIL pot; locally devolved pot should be for locally prioritised projects.

**BRISTOL TRANSPORT STRATEGY**, Cllr Martin Fodor consultation is open until 2 Nov.

The Bristol Strategy sits below the **Joint Local Transport Plan** for the West of England.

Below the **Bristol Strategy** are other strategies, such as the **Walking Strategy** and **Cycling Strategy** and bus route support. A strategy needs to also set out how city can get funding for projects. Projects need to have money allocated, funding for maintenance is needed too. The strategy will include Short term and long term projects. It will affect our neighbourhood, for instance, commuter routes affect our high streets. Other aspects of the strategy will look at Shared spaces eg walking/cycling routes and quiet routes. Charging zones for clean air or congestion. Comments do form basis for decisions. Printed copy is available in local libraries, and librarians can help you complete the consultation online,

**ACTION ALL:** Look at the strategy and the simulator and make comments on strategy and/or on local impacts.

Questions:

- How is Bristol working with Mayor Tim Bowles? Marvin is sitting at same table, up to him to push for Bristol projects.
- GRBID 24 cycle racks on Glos Road, have funding. Cannot get action from Highways. MF will action. Cycling lanes could be marked in eg green , currently not clear where they are. Separate fund for maintenance,
- Process , consultation, is it choice between fixed options, can we think out of the box? Eg car free cities. Feed in big ideas as well as details. Workshops were channelled, financial implications of choice. Need to identify where money comes from.
- Bishop Road, problem round school, safety. No control of people walking in roads. Tension between enforcement of speed limits, issue with community wanting to do speedwatch being told road is too unsafe.

Once you have done a consultation you will be on list and will be notified of other consultations.

**Consultation on High Streets.** This consultation has been extended to the end of October; 3 variants for traders, community groups and individuals. Do have your say.

**20mph review,** no report back to councillors yet. Provisional figures show 97% supported 20mph round schools, 75% elsewhere.

Decision probably taken by cabinet. Councillors will be told only told 28 days before.

**LIBRARY UPDATE;** Cllr Anthony Negus

At the Cabinet meeting last week, a paper was presented

- To approve the development of a library strategy that will include a vision and a development plan for the service.
- To note ongoing community conversations around all 27 Libraries to inform the strategy and inform how we develop sustainable libraries for the future.

Statement at cabinet by cabinet member for libraries Cllr Asher Craig and a press release which didn't match. There is not going to be another public library consultation; for the 26 existing libraries retained there will be a consultation with Friends groups, and some directed consultation of others eg schools, local organisations, councillors

There is currently no strategic plan for what libraries have to be to deliver, no plan for relocation, co location, selling of site and rebuild. Picked off one by one. Eg Cotham has no public building.

Possible models could be city run, or possible commercialisation or trusts; if it is proposed that different libraries run in different ways, not comprehensible solution. Need to have a list of what a library is and provides as 'advantages list'.

People encouraged to sign up as friends of the Redland and/or Bishopston Library to help identify solutions.

**Cllr updates:**

**EC** there has been a housing forum for supported housing tenants. Nothing organised for private rented.

**MF** Redland ward, cllrs have been told resources will start to come from highways department; there will be officers to look at solutions for parking issues in our area soon. MF and FH have started door to door surveys.

Concession in Redland green dependent on them not running diesel engines.

**Bristol Waste Company (BWC)** missed and rejected collections. Eg. End Bishopston Lane, unsorted recycling is being left. Report to BWC and councillor.

**AN** It is important to make reports: please complain not just to councillor, but to police, BWC etc

Telegraph poles being installed as superfast broadband roll out; Have blanket permission to put up posts. Telecoms companies have 'a golden ticket', tell councillors and BT Openreach, who will take them down if enough complaints.

#### **Questions:**

Did we get better responses from the Mayor? A: Only initial response which is on website. Groups who attended the conversation did not have replies. No response to BCR chasing up High Street questions.

#### **COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES.**

**BCR Street Scene Group** are still doing some work, particularly on Glos Road to support High Street but it is important that someone steps up to take over from Liz Kew, need a coordinator. Get together to do litter picks, coordinator can help volunteers contact and work with others.

**Meetings:** SSG has monthly drop-in session at Bishopston Library second Monday of the month 4.30 to 6pm, to give help with reporting and action. <https://bcrcp.org.uk/street-scene/>

**GRE&T Event:** organise food and drink festival in March 8 to 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 <https://bcrcp.org.uk/great/>

**GRBID** maps of BID portion of Glos Road, Zetland and Cheltenham Road available in local shops. They are finalists for Great British High Street. Thanks to volunteers who helped with planters. They were Highly commended by Tourist Board, for charity shop fashion tours. Current projects are on e-bikes how traders can work together to be more eco. Green, attractive and safe. Working to get a new tenant in Maplins.

**Events:** The Festive Bonanza this year is on 1st Dec, at the top end of the BID Nailsea Electricals in morning, food stalls on Prom pm. Next steering gp 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, AGM 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Bishopston Library. Bristol Food Connections in summer 2019. For all news see [www.bristolsindependentdistrict.co.uk](http://www.bristolsindependentdistrict.co.uk)

**Glos Rd Central: Events:** North Bristol art trail 24/ 25 November 15<sup>th</sup> year, GlosRoadCentral Christmas late night opening starts on Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday, <http://glosrdcentral.co.uk/>

**Friends of Bishopston Library.** Conversations re library, sustainability, digital footprint, volunteers working alongside staff. 28 sept agm. Bishopston library has had over 97 k visits in the year it has been open. Location makes a difference. The committee is unchanged but they could do with more volunteers. It is Libraries week nationally. FoBL Recognise that libraries have benefits to all and they have sessions for older men with reading difficulties, setting up reading group for people who want to be read to, walking group setting off from Bishopston Library getting back for coffee and cake and discussions. Sat singing sessions. Autism friendly sessions when lib is not open to public.

**Events:** Thurs October 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 indian suffragettes, 2 Nov 'Hotwells Howlers' Stoney broke in no man's land performance. <http://bishopstonlibrary.org.uk/>

**Friends of Redland Library.** Friends group support the wide range of things libraries can do.

**Events:** Successful Monthly series of Desert Island Books, 3 more in 2018 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Details on website and Facebook page. <https://friendsofredlandlibrary.org.uk/>

**Friends of Horfield Common. PARKS VISION.** Bristol Parks Forum has drawn up a vision for parks, everyone is invited to comment. This will set the way forward for our parks for the next 20 years. Community Asset Transfer for Ardagh, progress on this has been made following the decision of BCC to remove 6 court from the CAT agreement. An announcement will be made in November. Lawn Tennis Association will only take on the courts if they can get floodlights installed. This will be the subject of a planning application in due course. FoHC are working to set up a junior parkrun of 2.5 k. Cannot achieve full 5 k without crossing road. They are currently crowdfunding. See their

website for details. <https://friendsofhorfieldcommon.weebly.com/> Litter picking 27<sup>th</sup> October as part of BWC Autumn Litter blitz. BCC is making a licensing application for a trading concession on common. The proposed pitch is next to café which will affect trade, FoHC are asking for an alternative location. ALL make comments

#### **Friends of St Andrews Park.**

Issue concessions, garden cafe valued, Halloween event. Playground funding sought for repair and disabled provision. Paddling pool, council wants to close because of running cost, AGM at Derby Road bowls club, with an item on the proposed Parks Foundation Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>. To keep up with their news, sign up for newsletter or look at their website. <http://friendsofstandrewspark.ning.com/>

**Redland Green Community Group.** Bulb planting, litter picking and tree planting through year. AGM on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. Group will be Hedge-laying over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome but contact group through website. Will be planting meadow area in future. Ice-cream and food and drink concession application for play area. Concern about type of food outlet and vans running diesel generators next to play area. Hope to make this a condition of licence. <https://sites.google.com/site/redlandgreencommunity/>

**Redland & Cotham Amenities Society: Friends of Cotham Gardens.** Application for food, drink and ice cream concession with proposal for stand on park near seating area. Issues with proximity to Cotham Gardens school. Group maintains flower bed, all help welcome. [www.rcas.org.uk](http://www.rcas.org.uk)

**Howzat.** Residents group for the community around Glos County Cricket Ground. Main concern is the club's management of International matches. HOWZAT work with club on noise, impacts on local residents, to be kept in touch sign up to the mailing list. <https://howzatgcc.wordpress.com/>

**High Kingsdown Community Association,** Event: Lord Mayor is opening the new play area on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. New equipment has been installed and the area has been 'greened'. All welcome. [www.highkingsdown.co.uk/](http://www.highkingsdown.co.uk/)

**Friends of Ashley Down Green.** Fallow time since play area installed, good to hear that notice boards will finally be installed 2 years after approval by NP. Using notice boards to consult, early new year targeting play area users and dog walkers. [www.facebook.com/FriendsADG/](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsADG/)

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

Comment: Main focus of the meeting should be hearing from community groups which gets pinched by time. Put group feedback first next time.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

BCR CP The next forum will be in Redland, in new year. If anyone has a suggestion for a topic- based meeting let us know eg parking. This would be in addition to the Forum.

#### ***Links to consultations:***

##### **Bristol Transport Plan**

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/growth-regeneration/bristol-transport-strategy/>

##### **High Streets Futures**

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/growth-regeneration/bristol-high-street-futures/>

##### **Licensing concession applications.**

See parks notice boards. Cotham Gardens: Responses to [licensing@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@bristol.gov.uk) by Oct 19<sup>th</sup>