



**Bishopston, Cotham & Redland
Community Partnership**

Minutes of the BCR Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 22nd November 2018

Present: Roger Gimson, Alison Bromilow, Peter Browne, Kevin Molloy, Cllr Martin Fodor, Alison Boulton, Kevin Chidgey.

Apologies: Sarah Nutchey

1 Finance

- 1.1 Sarah Nutchey has indicated that she would like to stand down as Treasurer but not until after the 2019 AGM.
- 1.2 The Income and Expenditure schedule circulated by Sarah showed that the Partnership had a total balance of £1,140 at 9th November 2018 with a “meeting” balance of £699 remaining from the £1,200 donated by the six ward councillors. Expenditure items included the PA System (£255), meeting venues (£86) and public liability insurance (£64).
- 1.3 We will need to draw on the councillors money to meet the cost of at least two further meetings this financial year – a public forum meeting in Redland ward and a “hot” topic meeting as yet to be agreed.
- 1.4 The meeting was reminded that the £1,200 money from ward councillors is only guaranteed for this financial year.

2 Equalities Training

- 2.1 Roger Gimson reported that he had contacted Lesley Welch and Keith Houghton respectively re. organising an equalities training workshop. Lesley is the contact for a three hour workshop being offered by Edson Burton (Watershed) at a cost of £150: Keith suggested that we might be able to tap into a Bristol City Council workshop being planned for Council community based staff
- 2.2 A specific equalities issue that the workshop will need to address is how to engage people who are difficult to reach.
- 2.3 The workshop should concentrate on outcomes that will be of practical value to community groups (eg. by considering what best / good practise might look like).
- 2.4 It was agreed that community groups should be offered at least one place. Committee members should encourage groups we represent and other groups to participate – possibly by stressing the importance of groups being able to demonstrate inclusiveness when making funding bids.
- 2.5 It was agreed that the Partnership would meet the cost of the workshop and that we should aim for a minimum of ten participants..

Actions

- Roger to contact community groups (including groups not signed up as partners to the BCR Partnership) to advise them of the planned three hour workshop, to encourage participation and, in due course, to gather names.
- Roger to consider possible dates (early next year), a suitable time and possible venues.
- Roger to contact Keith Houghton to explore the possibility of inviting community based Council staff to the workshop.

3 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 We need to check that we have fully carried out health and safety assessments of each of our events / venues as we are required.
- 3.2 Kevin M. volunteered to lead on health and safety issues

Action

- Kevin M. to circulate what we have done to date on risk assessment.

4 Response to BCC CIL /section 106 Survey

- 4.1 The City Council are carrying out a review of the CIL / S106 funding allocation process and have invited comments on the process – the deadline for comments is 23rd November.
- 4.2 The meeting agreed to make representations on what we thought was wrong with the process and to suggest ways of addressing the problems we had identified.
- 4.3 The meeting focussed on the initial comments drafted by Alison Bromilow on behalf of the Partnership. A number of amendments and additions to the draft were agreed.
- 4.4 The agreed submission covers the following issues :-
 - The community involvement process and communications (eg. much better publicity needs to be given to the CIL bid timetable and CIL project criteria, a minimum of two months is needed as lead in time for the submission of bids).
 - The identification of area priorities and a priority review following local consultation.
 - Project choice (project assessment vis a vis area priorities, project prioritisation, decision making re. highway schemes, BCC support, etc.)
 - Clarity on available funds.
 - Ensuring that the Area Committee decision making process has been inclusive and transparent.

5 Bristol City Council (BCC) Budget Consultation

- 5.1 It was agreed that the Partnership should help to publicise a BCC Budget consultation public meeting being hosted by The Friends of Redland Library at 7.00 pm. on Wednesday, 12th December. The meeting is being organised by BCC Councillors Clive Stevens and Estella Tincknell.

6 Dates for Future Public Meetings

- 6.1 BCR Partnership AGM. It was agreed that the AGM would be held at Bishopston Library either in late March (week beginning 25th March) or towards the end of April.
- 6.2 Redland Forum. Preferred date is Monday, 11th February at 7.00 pm at Redland Bowls Club. This might provide an opportunity to encourage CIL proposals.
- 6.3 A “Hot Topic” meeting - preferably in mid or towards the end of March. A joint meeting with the Bishopston Society on parking was one possibility, a meeting focussing on clean air was another. Could we cover both topics at the same meeting ?
- 6.4 It was agreed that local groups should be invited to give a short presentation on their activities at every public meeting.

7 Any Other Business

- 7.1 Community Alcohol Partnership. This new national initiative is aimed at bringing together different interests (eg. police, licensees, community stakeholders) to address under age drinking and unsociable behaviour. A meeting is being held at Bishopston Library on 18th December with the objective of encouraging potential partners to set up a local group.
- 7.2 Former Bristol North Baths. A planning application has been submitted by a local company to convert the former Bristol North Baths into workspace with one floor of the building to be used by the company and one floor let out as small workspace units. There is no provision made for a public toilet – the “shell” that could be used as a public toilet being outside the area covered by the planning application. We should encourage groups / local people to come forward with ideas for using this council owned space (eg a community store using CIL money).