

# Bishopston Cotham and Redland Community Partnership Forum

**11 February 2019 at Redland Green Bowling Club 7 – 9pm**

Roger Gimson, chair of the BCR CP, welcomed the audience of about 39 people, including representatives from the many local groups who would be giving updates.

The meeting opened with the **Avon and Somerset Police update.**

Warren Rodgers, Broadmead 11 years. New to area, 2 months, patrol here

Cliffe Spence, 20 years, seconded to the area as the local beat manager on course for 15 months, previously has been involved in investigations, diversity, community work

Update on a series of burglaries in Woodfield Road, A&S have sent letters to public about 13 burglaries in 4/5 months.

WR Patrols night time, allotments and Coldharbour Road. Getting to know people locally.

No date for new police station at Southmead Hospital. Temporarily based at fire station.

Police hold Beat Surgeries: Redland Library recently. No news about Bishopston beat yet.

There will be a Police Commissioner (Sue Mountstevens) drop-in session, Tuesday 12 March at Trinity Centre 18:45.

## Community Group reports

### **School Streets Bristol campaign, Daniella Radice and Kate Highton**

Campaign ties in with current Play Streets project, run by Playing out and Sustrans. Idea is there will be temporary closures of streets outside schools at drop off and pick up times.

Events in week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March, 'Big Pedal', schools locally will close street at drop off or pick up times.

Trialled in Hackney, local residents can still access their houses within the closed streets, access is controlled by using ANPR Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

London is rolling project out to 17 schools. Looking for pilots in Bristol.

School Streets Bristol has a Facebook page, please 'like' the page to catch up on meetings and projects.

### **Ardagh Community Trust, Rob Savage**

Good news, expecting to start 1st phase of capital devt on 1st April 2019. Still negotiating lease, difficulties have been that 1) Bowls club withdrew because they didn't want changes to their lease 2) Tennis courts 6 now part of city-wide provision so affected ACT business plan.

ACT have been assured they will have a lease to enable regeneration of cafe and toilets. They will also be building bigger business portfolio of sports use.

Activities in pavilion at Ardagh will continue to be run, but bowls club will be separately run. If bowls club leave Ardagh will take on the running of the facility.

### **BCR Street Scene Group, Liz Kew**

This has now been running for 10 years. It started by tackling graffiti, tagging and flyposting. Moved onto more reporting, working with officers and organising work parties.

Recently the SSG stopped acting when BWC applied policies rigorously so that they would only remove tags smaller than 1 sq m. BWC have also changed the validity period of indemnity forms to 6 months which means a lot more work for SSG to have to renew them frequently.

SSG was funded by BCC then NP. But since demise of Neighbourhood Partnerships has had no source of funding.

Recently had a generous donation from GRBID, so the group will be able to focus on Gloucester Road.

A donation from RCAS will also support work in the residential Redland and Cotham Area.

10 years ago, people didn't know how to get work done, so SSG did it free; now however they are asking for donations. Not everyone is able to do the work themselves or is willing to pay for it to be done.

BCC city-wide Street Scene group, graffiti subgroup. Working with other groups across the city.

Pushing for indemnity to last longer.

SSG have now reinstated Action Hours which will be planned for the 4th weekend a month, LK and AB organising but they need some volunteers to help with the coordination particularly if work is to happen in other areas.

Dates, will be advertised through TBS, RCAS, BCR CP

**BOSA, Mike Broussine**

Bishopston and St Andrews Traffic and parking group. Group both sides of Glos Road. Group abuts residents parking schemes. Continue to campaign, majority for Residents Parking Scheme. Eg at meeting with Thangham Debonaire MP last year. Managed traffic. Liaising with Kye Dudd. And councillors and Gloucester road traders. Aim to start Consultative process. Promised officer time by previous cabinet member, will press for this with new.

Street ambassadors to feed into discussions. If get RPS will there be traffic wardens. Enforcement covered in budget. Cricket club area, needs councillor pressure. Eleanor Combley has done local door knocking. Local pressure is from residents' cars not from commuters. Problem with patchwork system of RPS'.

Working with Easton and Brislington to get wider group.

Q: What to do about obstructive parking on corners e.g. Melbourne Road? Call 101. Can also send photo.

Double yellows promised around cricket club.

**Chandos Neighbourhood Association, report from Diana Swain**

CNA now has 130 members and holds open meetings every 3 months.

Will be funding floral displays on Chandos Road with the assistance of the local traders and RCAS. Also hold student welcome events. This year there has been a focus on noise issues from parties in the area, covered in national press.

Chandos Window Wanderland is on Feb 23rd-24th, sign up to be on the map on Window Wanderland website and to download the map.

**Friends of Ashley Down Green, Rob Stroud**

The parks notice boards funded through the NP have finally been installed. Park installed under s106. Now fewer people involved in group but the aim is to increase in order to do workparties for planting and maintenance. Park has had some local anti-social behaviour issues.

**Friends of Bishopston Library, Alison Boulton**

3rd May 2019 will be the library's 2nd birthday. Recently held a Cheese and Wine event, with support from local traders, with whom the group has built good relationships. Library talks by guests include Colin Moody, recent book on 1st march, Peter Malpass, on the development of Bristol. 'Book night' event 25th April with a Panel. The group is also collecting books to donate to 'Park Bench' a mobile service, for homeless.

Library conversation at city Hall. Looking for maximising use of premises which is compromised by the odd opening times. Bishopston is one of busiest libraries in Bristol. Group would like to extend opening hours particularly during student revision times. Also to look at schemes to make library more available for all.

**Friends of Redland Library, Roger Gimson**

Group are working on ideas to preserve and ensure libraries thrive. Also running events, including 'Books that made me a Bookseller' on Tues. Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

Group are continuing the series of Desert Island Books under 'Books and Identity' and 'Books and Travel' themes. Reminder to residents to add comments on council website in consultation about library service.

**Gloucester Road BID, Anne-Louise Perez**

BID is Business Improvement District, traders have a council tax levy which is spent locally. Current BID ends at the end of April. Ballot open for a month but is only open to traders.

Defibrillator sites identified, stand-alone page in Visit Bristol brochure. Former Maplins building now owned by Future Economy network, focus on sustainability. GR BID is planning crime prevention forum for BID traders. Also Parking guidance decals for each shop to display. Map is now into 3rd edition. Window Wanderland event has been supported by traders. Contactless donation point in Ocean for St Mungos, provided 13 beds. Cycling breakfast in March, funded by Travelwest.

**Gloucester Road Enterprise and Trade (GRE&T), Peter Browne**

Voluntary membership of traders and includes churches. Covers all Glos Road; the committee includes reps from Glos Road central and BID. Publicises events, and underlying issues like air quality, effect of internet sales.

Event on 9th March, international festival of food and drink, events by local traders.

**Howzat, Alison Orton**

Set up 10 years ago, working to reduce negative impact of Glos CC ground on local residents.

One day international 14th May, 3 events June, July event, T 20s and Tom Jones concert on 13th July, 7 floodlit matches plus possible knock-out and world cup warm-up matches.

New community liaison officer, Pete Lamb. Lives locally. Work with local residents and on eg charitable work.

Club planning safety works at Grace gates, yellow lines and signage.

Thursday 21st March 6.30 at club, residents meeting to discuss issues. Sign up to updates.

**North Bristol Community Group, Rita Gupta** had hoped to attend. Project aims to promote well-being & positive personal and social change, through access to education, leisure and volunteer opportunities, regardless of background or ability. Group has become a partner of BCR CP.

#### **Redland Club, Michele Tedder**

10 years ago, the group took on the lease, created venue for dance, exercise, yoga, Health and wellbeing, this year there is a focus on social wellbeing and social isolation. Becoming a CIC. Hoping for council to repair roof. Intending to apply for CIL. Lease comes up for renewal, hoping to extend for 5 years.

#### **Redland & Cotham Amenities Society, Alison Bromilow**

RCAS looking for projects to improve the Redland and Cotham Area. Members are invited to identify projects. Help needed to run and coordinate small grants projects.

#### **Redland Green Community Group, Emily Smithson**

Carols at Christmas, hedge laying, group would like to put a drinking fountain into the park.

Group are coordinating community event to be held on 27th April, Redland Green community fete. The aim is to be more traditional and less commercial with activities like coconut shy/ bat the rat etc. Picnic in summer is also planned. Funding was available for an electricity power point for use by ice cream van to stop diesel engine running all the time; but following the recent consultation on concessions, it has been established that the Council will be putting in electricity points where pitches are identified.

#### **The Bishopston Society, Nick Plant**

New Bishopston Planning website showing all local applications on a map. Group are working with traders' groups on the Clean Air Bishopston topic. 20th June Clean Air day.

Tuesday 2nd April celebration of culture. At Glos CC. Inviting nominations of local artists, musicians etc.

Team of Business Students from UWE. Evaluating society, how to widen demographic. Help is needed.

#### **High Kingsdown Residents Association, Briony Waite**

Playground refurbished, with help from council and CIL funding. HK RA has now been set up as a charity, communal areas owned by council. Maintenance, green High Kingsdown, working on planters and graffiti, need to get wall by play area rebuilt. Working with church. Good committee.

## Councillor updates

#### **Cllr Anthony Negus, Cotham Ward**

- Issues with waste collections a major city-wide issue. AN asked residents to complain about waste not being collected using the link on the Bristol City Council website, not just to or leaving it to councillors. Service issues partly caused by waste vehicles breakdowns. The vehicles need replacement which should have been done by now, but the decision was put back during the administrations decisions about recycling policy. Bins left on street is also an issue. There is a new move to tackle this problem.
- No 9 bus route loss of service. AN is still trying to get improvements to restore the service.
- There have been a couple of accidents on crossing Elgin Park, Lower Redland Road junction. Elgin Park is being used as a rat-run. Highways officers are looking at solutions; the introduction of a 'Speed table' is possible.

#### **Cllrs Martin Fodor and Fi Hance, Redland Ward**

- Planning: Local plan is being revised. This sets the rules for development in Bristol and is used to assess planning applications. Public consultation on the local plan is delayed by regional plan programme slipping. The plan includes policies on eg HMOs sustainability etc Consultation expected end of March 2019.

- Parking; areas without RPS, no resource available from council officers. Cllrs gathering evidence. Emergency vehicles no longer able to get around the area.
- Clean Streets Enforcement: Kingdom now replaced by by 3GS who claim to be more ethical. Private enforcement company who enforce policy set by council. See details on Clean Streets Enforcement page on BCC website <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling/clean-streets-enforcement-campaign>. Cllrs should be able to influence priorities. Martin and Fi are pushing for more influence.
- Clean Air: government had given BCC £0.5 million but have recently complained that no decision on actions have yet been made. Q: How can we tie up Clean Air aspirations and policies governing car use? Through Cross Party Working group see below.

#### **Cllr Eleanor Combley, Bishopston and Ashley Down Ward**

- Main issues currently are bins, double yellow lines, parking, road safety, and anti-social behaviour on green.
- Budget setting: councillors proposing improvements
- Council voted to be Carbon neutral as a city in 2030. Now need to make something happen. Cross-party working group includes AN and EC. Talking about congestion charging, walking and cycling infrastructure, public transport.
- Consultation for West of England Combined Authority WECA transport authority current. Closes 20 March 2019. Metro mayor has powers which are not available to BCC. Disappointingly so far, only a report on powers available has been accomplished. Would like them to become more active transport authority.

## Community Infrastructure Levy CIL

This is a sum of money paid by developers to support local infrastructure.

80% goes to central pot to be allocated by the Mayor to projects identified on the Regulation 123 list, 5% admin 15% locally devolved to Area Committees (AC) of councillors.

We are in AC 2, which comprises BCR, also Henbury & Brentry, Southmead and Horfield. Cllrs decide how to allocate money.

Currently for 2019 about £30k available. The planning obligations manager estimates £84k available by September.

What should be spent on? Cllrs make decisions based on what they hear from local people.

Communities are asked to bring forward proposals during Feb and March, 15th March is deadline for proposals.

There is a form online on BCC website here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/funding-local-projects>

**At the BCR CP next forum meeting on 11th April 2019**, there will be an opportunity for you to have your say so that councillors can hear what the community priorities would be.

Next stage will be working up preferred proposals in more detail with a 22nd July deadline, the AC2 decision meeting in September.

At the previous AC2 meeting, Highways proposed projects including Cranbrook Road crossing, previously identified by NP as a priority. Projects identified at this meeting could all be done without going through Traffic Regulation Order process which is onerous and costly. Also no officers free to work on those projects.

All information is all available on council website and linked from BCR CP website.