

BCR Community Partnership Forum

20th November 2019

Redland Church Halls, Redland Green Road.

Roger Gimson the chair welcomed 42 people to the meeting.

1 Updates from councillors

Cllr Anthony Negus. Cotham Councillor.

Clean Air Zone proposals. The majority of Cotham ward is in Clean Air Zone. There is concern that the proposed zone boundary will have a knock-on effect on adjacent wards, because of traffic avoiding Cotham zone.

HMO licensing, due to the introduction of licences for smaller HMOs (3 unrelated people, not just 3 storey properties) a rush of planning applications are expected and new licence applications for and existing HMOs operating without licences. It is essential that as many people as possible respond to these applications.

Waste and Recycling. Enforcement of waste problems. Some more officer resource being put into this. Friday collection going to be reorganised to avoid poor service. Notification of change of day in 4 to 6 weeks. Communal bins have different collection. Also possible changes to collections for upper floors of flats etc using soft bags rather than boxes.

Cllr Martin Fodor, apologies from Fi Hance. Redland Councillor.

Redland parking is the main issue for residents in both sides of Glos Road particularly near Zetland Road where they are just outside adjacent zones in Redland and Ashley/Montpelier. A Card survey is to be initiated any day now. *NOW STARTED. The Survey ends at Berkeley Road and there is concern of people in next streets out that they will suffer from displaced parking. Berkeley Road is also front line of Clean Air Zone.

Speed and safety is an issue, liveable streets.

Planning and development. Eg Redland Court. Building operations have already had an effect on local residents particularly on parking.

Waste and Recycling. A new Blue bag is being issued for cardboard recycling. This will be delivered shortly.

Energy: Meetings about energy and fuel poverty are in abeyance during election run up.

Cllr Eleanor Combley. Bishopston Councillor.

Community speed watch group set up for Ashley Down Road.

Bin and recycling collections problems. BWC have now ordered slimline lorries to enable access to some of our narrower streets which should help.

Neighbourhood Police

PC Mark Jackson is the new beat manager for 3 beats, he reported that an additional officer will be in post by new year. They are now nearly up to full strength, PCSOs Dan and Emma now in post. (He confirmed that PCSO Warren Rogers had died unexpectedly in August.)

Crime figures for Burglaries and Vehicle crime.

Cotham burglaries, 19 dwelling burglaries in previous 3 month, 2 in recent month, 1 in recent 7 days. There is usually a spike when new students arrive. Operation Remedy, which tackles serious acquisitive crime, is

coming to Cotham and Redland. This operation is having an effect already, 2 prolific offenders have been arrested, and have admitted many offences.

Theft from motor vehicle, 65 in last 3 month, 15 in last month, 7 in last 7 days; targeting valuables left on show, even small change. So don't leave anything of any value visible in your car.

Redland burglaries 20 in last 3 months, 7 in last month and 3 in last 7 days.

Vehicle crime, 46 in last 3 months, 7 in last month, none in last 7 days.

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13 burglaries in last 3 months, 4 in last month, 1 in last week centred around Muller Road, mainly theft from garages.

Vehicle crime: 32 in 3 months, 17 last month, 5 in last week, mainly round cricket ground.

Q. Drug dealing was reported particularly in lower half of Cotham round Arley Hill/Cheltenham Road area, also Cotham Gardens. A. Police are patrolling but haven't caught anyone yet.

Operation Beech. Police operation paid for by University of Bristol to address parties in student houses in Clifton, Redland and Cotham. Operates on Weds Fri and Sat 8pm till 2am officers in area dealing with noisy parties. Residents are advised to text to the dedicated Mobile number and officers will visit.

Since beginning of this term police have attended on 18 occasions, 28 calls to phone plus some extras, Hampton Road area. Officers tell them to turn noise down or end party and find out names of residents. Seems to be effective, students are aware of operation Beech. If not used may not continue. Number of parties this year less than last year.

Q Brynland Avenue, is a problem. Is this UWE or UoB? Will police attend despite being outside the area? A. Yes if they aren't busy elsewhere.

Q. How do police deal with issue of dangerous overcrowding in houses for party? A. If police think it is a problem would report to duty inspector who has power to close party down.

Commercial companies arranging, over 100 people in house for 4. Police do ask how many people are at party.

Andrew Waller, from the Noise Pages which is supported by Chandos NA and Redland & Cotham Amenities Society.

Operation Beech was piloted in July 2019, over 8 nights there were 26 incidents. There was extensive national coverage so students are mostly aware of the operation. This may have led to the reduction in incidents which are now only averaging 2 a night..

Mobile no needs to be shared wider. It is not on the University of Bristol website where people might expect it to be.

BCR CP will ask RCAS and Bishopston Voice to publish number.

07773816248 Operation Beech next operates on 11 December

Clean Air Zone

Bristol has now published its plan which requires the Government to pass a law to enable diesel ban and fund it for approx £113 million capital cost. So a lot still needs to be done before it can go ahead.

The proposal is for two areas,

Outer perimeter, needs signs and cameras with ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) to enable congestion charging of non-compliant commercial vehicles. Government has set compliancy thresholds.

Central Area: diesel ban for private cars only covers central area (including Bridge Valley Road and Cumberland Basin) between 7am and 3pm

A recent report into the health effects of air pollution in Bristol calculated that there were 300 deaths pa. Air quality is only just understood as a health hazard.

Outline business plan has been approved by the Council and a Full Business Plan is to be worked on till Feb 2020. Govt required Bristol to produce plan. The Clean Air Zone is intended to be implemented March 2021.

Nitrous Dioxide (NOX) levels should be at EU safe levels by 2025, but levels of particulates (Fine Particulate Matter= FPMs) are still an issue and there is no date set for safe levels to be achieved for these .
Alongside zones there are other measures such as trying to tackle pollution engines running near schools. Possibly also bus improvements and additional park and ride facilities.
Buses, will have to conform to latest standards, it is expected that by the implementation date this will have happened.
For more information see www.CleanAirforBristol.org

The **Clean Air Bishopston** group gave a short report.

Education is needed, can't wait for zones, need everyone to take action.
JSP, joint transport scheme has policies for traffic and pollution reduction. Better walking and cycling experience is needed. Liveability Audit of routes. Also public transport improvements .
Anti-idling campaign, training as champions. Stand outside schools and talk to people.
Electric car charging, Travelwest website, map of chargepoints. Can request point through this site. Fast charge hubs acting like petrol stations. New developments should include infrastructure for charging points. This could be a topic in Feb.

First Bus no 9 route. Questions were raised about the poor quality of service in north Redland. Cllr Martin Fodor is meeting First Bus shortly and will put the case for a more reliable service. The current timetable is putting people off using the service at all and so the service is less viable.

Community group updates

BOSA. Bishopston and St Andrews Parking Group Postcard survey will start shortly. BOSA have been campaigning for 2 to 3 years to get solution to displacement commuter parking from St Werburghs and Redland.
BOSA has no control over council survey boundaries. Southville eg also campaigning for parking scheme. City wide meeting possible after survey. Survey responses tied to addresses to evaluate geographical views. Only people who receive the postcard are invited to respond but it is possible to respond direct to the respark@bristol.gov.uk email address for people just outside the area.
Map of survey area is on BOSA website, bosatrafficparking.org.uk
BOSA have Leaflets to put on cars who are parked on pavements, they have had some feedback saying these are useful
BCC will be drawing up a Parking Strategy policy, but this is not expected for at least a year.

Friends of St Andrews Park. 125th anniversary in 2020. There will be Park event over the first weekend in May.

RCAS (Redland and Cotham Amenities Society) is looking for projects for improvements in the area from members.

GRE&T. (Gloucester Road Enterprise and Trade) Working on getting traders to collaborate with each other and local community, the road has been divided into 11 sections with reps. In each section. Membership is £10 pa. Last year GRE&T organised food and drink festival. Individual traders held events and GRE&T helped with publicity. 2020 proposing to run it at same time as May Festival organised by Glos Road Central.

RGCG. Redland Green Community Group. Events in Jan, eg hedge trimming. 25th April fete. See www.rgcg.org.uk

BCR Street Scene Group. Graffiti, litter, fly tipping. Liz Kew sent apologies. Updates from newsletter. Monthly action hours finished, start again in March. Still do drive-bys and report to BCC, BWC. Have good stocks of materials. Volunteers out at weekend. Get in touch. Clean Streets event, awards to volunteers, incl BCR SSG clean street heroes. Lesley working with shops and businesses to install and maintain planters in

Bishopston. CIL application for Anti-Graffiti Coating. Prob from March 2020 on. Drop-in held in Bishopston Library on second Monday of each month 4.30 to 6.00. Leaf collecting is easy too and stops drains being blocked. SSG provides bags which are collected when full by BWC.

Community Infrastructure Levy decisions:

Area Committee of 6 wards to share out 15% of developers' contribution which is £65 k approx across whole area.

2 meetings held this autumn.

Proposed Bus shelter in Southmead is going to be paid for through bus fund.

Anti-Graffiti Coating application by BCR SSG has been given funding.

Other projects awarded funding were: First Bristol Muslim Scout hut /Trim trail for Okebourne Open Space / Bollards at St Theresa's School

Tree replacement. CIL plus s106.

The committee also pre-allocated match remainder for crossing on Cranbrook Road. Officer has now come up with scheme. Money needed approx £40k

Horfield Common perimeter protection

All projects proposed have been successful through pre-allocating.

Process in new year for next round of CIL.

Other highways works:

Junction of Zetland and Redland Road still being worked on in line with recent consultation.

There will be a BCR meeting in March to look at next round. 6th April closing date.

Other issues raised:

Fly tipping, on railway line.

Sefton Park road double yellow lines on corners. Breaches, who to report to? Some are local residents who have many cars. Ring parking services in council. Parking enforcement team.

CLLrs have requested enforcement. Scheme was not completed because main contractor did not have enough equipment. Now can't paint when cold. People ignored tow away zone so lines not complete.

0117 903 8070 parking services control room for parking on yellow lines.

CLLr Combley checking whether waiting for final completion before further enforcement.

Reminder from the meeting:

EVERYONE TAKE ACTION

Use BCC website for reporting issues.

Don't wait for someone else to do it.

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