



*Bishopston, Cotham & Redland
Community Partnership*

Minutes of the BCR Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 9th January 2020

Present: Roger Gimson, Alison Bromilow, Peter Browne, Mike Broussine, Kevin Molloy, Kevin Chidgey.

1 Finances

1.1 Peter agreed to circulate the accounts for the period April – December 2019. The accounts subsequently circulated by Peter showed expenditure of £247 over the nine month period including £63.50 public liability insurance and £90 for the hire of Redland Parish Halls for the November public meeting. The overall balance at 31st December stood at £1,892.07 and the “Meeting Fund” balance £1,553.07.

1.2 Planned expenditure over the next few months includes the purchase of a digital projector and screen (estimated £500) and an estimated £100 for each public meeting.

1.3 Due partly to the fact that there are Council elections in May there is likely to be a delay until decisions are made about the funding of community partnerships in the next financial year. With the approval of Councillors we should be able to carry over underspends from 2019/20

1.4 Roger reminded the meeting that we can give financial support to partner organisations to hold public meetings. BOSA, for example, could be supported should they wish to take a lead role in organising a city wide conference on parking and traffic management.

Agreed Action – Roger to proceed with the purchase of the projector and screen (which would be made available to partner groups).

2 Local Groups

2.1 **The Bishopston Society** have established a Co-ordinating Group to consider options for the future of the Society but there is still a chance that the Bishopston Society will be wound up. The Society’s website is continuing and there is a possibility that a new Planning Group will be re-established.

2.2 The meeting considered how the BCR Partnership may be able to help the Society. Alison is the administrator of the Bristol Neighbourhood Planning Network and may be able to advise on planning related matters.

2.3 The discussion on the Bishopston Society moved on to a discussion on sustainability and the **BCR Energy Group** which is not currently a BCR Community Partnership partner.

2.4 Kevin reported on the position regarding **Westbury Park Community Association**. The Association is still functioning, albeit at a low level of activity (eg publicising social events, maintaining the website). A survey of Westbury Park residents is being organised by a

small group to ascertain the level of support for the Association and to invite views on possible activities. The future of the Association will be considered further at the next AGM scheduled for October 2020.

Agreed Actions

- (i) Roger to set up a meeting with Alison, Bishopston Society representative Nick Plant and Bishopston Society members who have expressed an interest in planning issues.
- (ii) Roger to contact BCR Energy Group (Nikki Jones) about them becoming a partner and using the Community Partnership to publicise their activities.

3 Next Public Forum

3.1 The next Public Forum meeting will be at the Quaker Meeting House at 300 Gloucester Road on Tuesday, 4th February. Councillors Martin Fodor and Eleanor Combley have confirmed that they will be attending: Councillor Tom Brook has sent his apologies.

3.2 Proposed topics include the CIL application process, a report from the police and reports from councillors and local groups (including BOSA reporting on their recently conducted parking survey).

3.3 It was also suggested that we should invite Lauren Curl, the Council's Sustainable Transport Community Engagement Officer, to talk about car engine idling. If Lauren accepts we should invite reps. from school PTAs to the meeting as engine idling is a particular issue near schools.

Agreed Actions

- (i) Alison to contact the police re. the meeting.
- (ii) Roger to invite Lauren Curl to the meeting and, if Lauren accepts, to liaise with other Committee members about inviting PTA reps. to the meeting.
- (iii) Alison to circulate an electronic copy of the notice of the meeting to Committee members.

4 Bishopston and St. Andrews Traffic and Parking Group (BOSA)

4.1 Mike reported on the parking survey recently conducted by BOSA in partnership with the City Council. Approximately 2,500 households and local businesses in Bishopston and St. Andrews were sent a postcard asking them to give their views on parking issues via an on line survey. By early January, a few days before the survey deadline, the response rate was 38%, a figure that may increase following a reminder leaflet being circulated.

4.2 Should the Council agree to take further action following the survey a formal consultation on parking proposals would follow.

4.3 Little is likely to happen on parking issues at the local or city-wide level before the Council / Mayoral elections in May although it is believed that Council officers are currently working on a scoping report on city wide parking strategy. Electoral candidates should be lobbied to ensure that they have a positive manifesto stance on addressing parking issues.

4.4 A possible way forward for BOSA would be to organise a city-wide conference on parking to which the Mayor would be invited.

5 AGM and Fourth Public Meeting

5.1 It was agreed to hold the AGM and fourth public meeting of the year at the end of March or the beginning of April with the preferred dates being Monday 30th March or Wednesday, 1st April (with Tuesday, 31st March as an alternative).

5.2 The meeting will be at Bishopston Library, starting at 7.00 pm (AGM first followed by the public meeting).

5.3 Meeting topics to include emerging 2020/21 CIL proposals and forthcoming Council consultations including the Clean Air Strategy and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The latter is expected to contain proposals for Gloucester Road.

5.4 With regard to CIL it is anticipated that approximately £50 – £60k will be available for the Area Committee covering the six wards including Bishopston, Cotham and Redland wards.

5.5 Mention was made of Gloucester Road Traders and the ideas they have to boost Gloucester Road trade and turnover.

Agreed Actions

- (i) Kevin M. to check availability and to book the library.
- (ii) Alison to contact Bishopston Voice and Bishopston Matters about the meeting.

6 Beyond April 2020

- A June public meeting may depend on securing new money from councillors.
- WE should explore the possibility of holding a public event on climate change that could be led by BCR Energy Group in partnership with the Green Capital Partnership.
- How can we better engage with young people?
- Should we be looking at health issues?

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