



*Bishopston, Cotham & Redland
Community Partnership*

Minutes of the BCR Partnership Committee meeting held on Monday, 1st February 2021 (Online Zoom Meeting)

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

1 Round Up of News

- Kevin C. reported on the long running care home extension saga in Belvedere Road. The owner appealed against the Council's refusal of permission in June 2020 and has also submitted a new planning application. The deadlines for making comments on both the appeal and new application have just passed. Westbury Park Community Association and sixty local residents have put in objections,
- Peter reported on the City Council's plan to close Overton Road (off Gloucester Road) on a permanent basis following the temporary closure. The Council are also considering the closure of Cotham Hill as part of a strategy to create more liveable neighbourhoods throughout the city.
- Roger commented that The Bristol Walking Alliance are supporting Council plans to widen pedestrian areas and create spaces for cafes on Gloucester Road and other busy roads. Government funding is available to fund such schemes – partly to facilitate social distancing and partly to support businesses which need more outside space to survive. The Council are looking to support schemes across the city rather than give funds to those areas that shout the loudest.
- It is recognised that improvements are needed to support cafes and restaurants in Chandos Road and to create a more welcoming environment. Chandos Road has no usable outside spaces for businesses and not even a cycle parking facility.
- Mike reported that there has been no progress towards securing a resident parking scheme in St. Andrews. BOSA will be looking at election manifestos for the forthcoming Council elections to gauge whether there has been any political shift in support for new schemes.

2 The 2021 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Programme Timetable

2.1 The City Council have published the timetable for the round of bids under the 2021 CIL programme. Outline proposals have to be made by 5th April and signed off by councillors by 2nd July: selected projects are then invited to complete full proposals by 4th October.

2.2 A total of £135,535 of CIL money is being held for projects in Area 2 of which almost £103,000 is committed for approved projects (e.g. Cranbrook Road Pedestrian Crossing, Sustainable Bishopston). This leaves £32,600 for new projects plus further money that will come forward from new development schemes. The last tranche of Redland Court money - almost £6,000 – is the only significant sum known to be in the pipeline.

2.3 Roger has asked councillors how they would like us to support the process but to date has not heard back from them.

2.4 Our primary task is to publicise the CIL programme with a view to encouraging partners to put forward eligible projects. It was agreed that we should do this by :-

- (i) sending out a newsletter to Partnership groups setting out details of the CIL programme and inviting them to an on-line forum meeting in March.

- (ii) sending out a general newsletter to all BCP Partnership groups and members setting out the CIL programme, guidance on the types of scheme that are eligible (with examples) and on how to apply for funds, and inviting them to the on-line forum meeting in March.
- (iii) arrange an on-line forum in March to generate ideas on outline proposals that could be put forward.
- (iv) arrange a further on-line forum in June to discuss submitted outline proposals with partners and councillors.

2.5 Groups thinking of putting forward a proposal may be able to get help in drafting a proposal from their local councillors, particularly if the proposal involves a Council department (e.g. Highways, Parks and Open Spaces).

2.6 Groups should be invited to send us ideas that we can share with councillors and all partners prior to the March meeting.

ACTIONS:

- (i) ***Alison and Roger to compose and send out the two newsletters referred to above.***
- (ii) ***Roger to collate a list of ideas and potential proposals for circulation prior to the March Forum.***

3 BCR Partnership On-Line Forum and AGM, March 2021

3.1 It was agreed that the March meeting should comprise two Forum items – potential projects that might go forward for 2021 CIL funding and updates of news and activities from partner groups. It was also agreed that the meeting should also be used to hold the 2021 BCR Partnership AGM (see below)

3.2 It was agreed that the on-line meeting would be from 7.00 – 8.30 pm on Monday, 15th March.

ACTION: Roger to arrange a month's subscription to Zoom to facilitate the online meeting

4 BCR Partnership AGM, Monday 15th March

4.1 All the Committee members agreed to continue on the Committee except for Kevin M. who was minded to resign as he has moved out of the area and feels he can no longer fully contribute. Roger asked him to reconsider as he is a very valued Committee member. Mike Broussine said he would stay unless there was another BOSA member who might want to replace him on the Committee. Hopefully we can recruit new Committee members at the AGM.

4.2 Roger will prepare a Chair's Annual Report and Peter will produce a Treasurer's Report covering the period since the last AGM held in April 2019 (Peter reported that we currently have £1,293 in the Partnership's bank account).

4.3 For the AGM to be quorate we will need ten per cent of the partnership or ten partners whichever is the lesser number.

5 BCR Partnership Forum, June 2021

5.1 We will hold need a further Forum meeting in June to consider CIL outline projects that have been proposed and CIL priorities for 2021. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to introduce the new ward councillors assuming that Council elections go ahead in May.

5.2 Roger agreed to arrange another Zoom monthly subscription to facilitate the meeting if it becomes clear that we will be unable to hold a normal public meeting.