



*Bishopston, Cotham & Redland  
Community Partnership*

## **Minutes of the BCR Partnership Committee meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (Online Zoom Meeting)**

**Present:** Roger Gimson, Alison Bromilow, Peter Browne, Councillor Martin Fodor, Kevin Chidgey

### **1 Financial Status**

1.1 Kevin Chidgey reported that there is £975 in the Partnership bank account of which approximately £600 is ringfenced money from Bristol City Council carried forward from previous years for expenditure on community engagement.

1.2 We have an opportunity to bid for further Council funding (£1.200) for 2022/23. After discussion on whether we need more funding to pay for possible events over and above the regular area public forums (e.g. a forum on road safety / parking / liveable neighbourhoods) or to possibly give financial support to partner groups to host meetings it was agreed that we will not make a bid.

1.3 Roger Gimson, Kevin Chidgey and Peter Browne are the current signatories with on line access to the bank account. Peter is standing down as treasurer but agreed to remain as a signatory until a new on line signatory has been recruited.

### **2 Our Partners**

2.1 Roger reported that the due to the demise of some community groups (e.g. The Bishopston Society) the number of partner groups has fallen. The number of individual partners (now standing at about 30) is increasing while the number of our email contacts remains broadly the same.

### **3 Communications**

3.1 We have removed the Twitter feed from our website.

3.2 Alison continues to post items (e.g. forthcoming meetings, local events, councillor's surgeries) on Facebook. Alison also posts items on notice boards including the notice board on the Promenade.

3.3 The last general newsletter was sent out to members / contacts on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **4 Next Public Forum / AGM**

#### Venue and Date

4.1 It was agreed that we should have a face to face / Zoom hybrid meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at The Friends Meeting House on Gloucester Road (venue to be confirmed). This hybrid format provides choice but it also poses some technical issues regarding the ability of Zoom participants to ask questions – they can only do this through the chat option.

**Action - Roger to confirm the availability of the venue and to check whether it has internet access.**

#### Possible Agenda Items for the Forum

(i) CIL. Councillor Martin Fodor reported that with the deadline for outline proposals coming up shortly (April 4<sup>th</sup>) few proposals had been received from the BCR area. There is only a modest amount of money (£30,000) available for Area Committee 2 which serves a total of six wards. Martin agreed to keep us

posted about outline proposal bids and these can be reported to the Forum meeting. It is important that people feel that they are involved in the process.

(ii) Update from police. **Action – Alison to contact the police about the meeting.**

(iii) Updates from councillors. **Action - Roger to contact ward councillors about the meeting.**

(iv) Updates from local groups.

(v) Local initiatives which could include :-

- an update on Family Food Action which now has charitable status.
- an update on My Community (engagement in the community with those with learning difficulty),
- refugee support initiatives: reference was made to the support being offered by churches in Redland, to the Council's support team (information on what the Council are doing is on the Council website) and to the local Aid Box Community which is based in Cheltenham Road. It was suggested that we should invite a representative from Aid Box to the forum meeting.

**Action – Alison to contact Aid Box Community**

(vi) Updates on Council plans and issues

- The pending Clean Air Zone
- Parks and Green Spaces : a public engagement is planned but not on the same scale as previous consultations.
- Liveable Neighbourhoods?
- Bristol Local Plan?
- Clean Streets: wards are being tackled one at a time.
- Supporting High Streets? (BCR is not a priority area).
- The Brabazon development at Filton? : this will generate CIL money but also bring more traffic pressures on Gloucester Road.

(vii) Forum Publicity

- BCR Newsletter. **Action – Roger to draft a note on Forum arrangements and agenda items.**
- Bishopston Matters and Bishopston Voice. The deadline for Bishopston Voice and Bishopston Matters is 24<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> April respectively.
- Our notice boards.
- Partner contact lists

## 5 AGM Arrangements

Committee - All three existing Committee members agreed to stand again. We should make another effort to recruit volunteers from partner groups. Roger commented that having a clearer idea of our remit might help us to recruit new members able to bring new ideas and take the lead on new initiatives. It would help if community partnerships had a stronger role as they once had – it is important to keep the BCR Partnership going so that we would have a structure in place should this happen in time.

Annual Report – Roger to draft and to present a short verbal report at the AGM.

Annual Accounts – Kevin

Questions to ponder – What we are trying to do? How do we encourage people to join? Can we use events such as a traffic road safety and parking forum or a climate change forum to encourage recruitment? What is the appetite for topic based forum meetings?

## 6 AOB

It was suggested that we invite the Clifton based West Bristol Climate Change Group to the May forum meeting.

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