

Minutes

Minutes of Area 9 Panel Meeting Held at Simone Gardens Community Room

09 June 2009 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Present:

Ennis Peck (Chair), Dennis Stevens (Tenant) E Thorpe (Tenant),
Andrew Spyra (Tenant), Bob Dickson (Tenant), Councillor Ian Malcolm (NCC)
Steve O'Sullivan (Traffic Management & Ward Officer -NCC)
John Broom (Traffic Management – NCC), Helen Richardson (Traffic
Management – NCC), Doreen Gretton (Tenant), John Townsend (Tenant)
Pete Booth (Tenant), A Judson (Tenant), Sue O'Connor (NCH),
Maria Keane (NCH) Sergeant Phil Matthews (Safer Neighbourhoods Clifton)
Mark Hillary (Neighbourhood Manager NCC),

Apologies:

Chris Langstaff (NCH), Judith Tomlins (NCH) Councillor Jeannie Packer
(NCC), Ron Cook (Tenant), Alan Darby (Tenant) Derek Roberts (NCH)

	Agenda Item	Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	All
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising	
3.0	Page 1; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking at Chisbury Green has improved due to measures which have been taken. In respect of the Parking problems on Lanthwaite vehicles have had leaflets put on them offering them a garage to rent. • It was asked if it was true that there would not be any parking for visitors at Lark Hill Village. • Cllr M reported that he had been informed that there would be some parking for visitors. • The problem of the surplus mound of earth continues and a pollution officer has visited the site. • DS reported that he has received a letter from the Pollution Officer. 	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK reported that there has been quite a good response to the adverts for garages to rent at Lanthwaite. <p>Page 2;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC is looking at the hard standing strategy, NCH are just waiting for feedback. <p>Page 3 point 5;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the park has been extended, so there is no decision as yet. <p>Page 6;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clifton Business plan is now available. <p>Page 6 point 7;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel need to identify the high priority environmental work. EP and DS will met with MK on 3rd June to have the schemes explained and score them for final decisions to be made. <p>Page 8;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerning the flats above the shops Cllr M has asked the shop owners to intervene. <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MK</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Work to local parks and other issues (Mark Hillary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH reported that the parks project is continuing. There is Area Capital fund money £824,000 some of this will be used in Parks. • Bexwood Park and Sunninghill park have been funded through the ACF and Pathfinder funding. • The parks at Groveside and Coles Lane should be completed soon. • Scafell Way Park is the only one left to do and if there is no ACF or pathfinder money they will look at section 106 funding provided by the Lark Hill Village development. • With the development of the next two parks the 'Friends of Parks' and local schools will be consulted. • Footballers are concerned with the plans for Clifton Playing fields as this will limit their use of pitches in the area. MH is trying to set up a User group for the playing fields for consultation on the issues. In order to builds the skateboard park it 	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>will mean losing 1 football pitch and to build the biker park they will lose ½ a pitch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parks will probably be in place by the end of the year. • There are three projects on going, developing local parks, Big Fun project and the Central Flower park. • As Scafell way services the Chisbury Green area the section 106 money will come from the Lark Hill village development, so if any other parks which need development will have to petition Area Committee. • Cllr M commented on the protests made about losing football pitches but there is an issue of letting school pitches, as two schools will be merging there is the possibility of the PFI contractors letting the football pitches and tennis courts out at the school which will be vacated. • Ward Walks; NCH have had successful estate inspections established for some time, MH reported that they are trying to develop them and combine them with Ward Walks, so estate can be looked at as a whole not just in terms of NCH land and properties. These Walks will be in partnership with Streetscene, the Police, etc. but the results will be measured by standards set by NCH. 	<p>All to note</p> <p>MH</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Parking Road and Traffic Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members from the Traffic Management team introduced themselves. • Any issue which a resident contacts the team about are passed to the ward officers, also issues are passed to them from Area Committee. • The issue of contractors parking while the Older Persons Village is being built, there will be a resident parking scheme introduced for 18 months while the works are completed. • NCC are looking to change the criteria for Residents Parking scheme. • In respect of the Disabled parking bays outside properties. The local authority used to put in advisable disabled parking bays but found that they in fact caused a lot of problems between 	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>neighbours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that later on in the month the Traffic Management Act of 2004 will be changing under the new powers enacted on 31 March 2009. This will allow local authorities to deal with dropped kerb obstruction and double parking. • The issue of the Work Place Parking levy was raised and it was reported that 90% of the revenue will go towards the tram, the rest will go towards Buses, Resident Parking schemes and maintaining public transport. 	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Policing Pledge/3 priorities</p> <p>There is a national agenda/drive that all Police Forces should be moving towards but essentially nothing has changed as every force has set out in writing that;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Everyone should be treated fairly and with dignity. 2) There should be a dedicated Neighbourhood team and information on how to contact them. 3) Ensure that the Neighbourhood Policing team are visible on the patch at times when you will be able to speak to them and 80% of the time will be in the area. 4) Respond to every message directed to the Neighbourhood team within 24 hours. 5) They aim to answer all 999 calls within 10 seconds and deploy with urban areas within 15 minutes, in City centres approximately 8 minutes and in rural areas within 15 minutes. 6) They will respond to all non emergency promptly. If a call is a priority for the area the aim is to respond within 60 minutes. If it is not a priority the response will be within 48 hours. 7) They will hold regular meetings with local people to identify and agree priorities for the area. 8) Regularly update the community on actions 9) If a person is a victim of crime they will get back to them with key progress information about the case in whatever format the victim requires. 10) Where people are not satisfied with the service they will get back to them and resolve the issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A steering group has been set up where 3 of 24 priorities identified in Clifton will be dealt with as a priority. So local meetings with local people set what the Police will try to achieve for them and 	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>local people are setting the agenda's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime has gone down in the last year and on the Clifton estate more than the rest of the city and the Police are now on track to reduce it even further this year. The main issue at present is the theft from vehicles causing damage to the cars. <p>On the 17th August there will be a week of action which will feature smartwater. Another method of protecting property is to log all belongings on a website www.immobolise.co.uk if a person does not have access to the internet a police officer will visit with a lap top and fill in the details for them. This means that if stolen goods are recovered not only can they be returned to their rightful owners but also it helps the Police to secure a conviction.</p>	
7.0	<p>Getting Involved Week July 09</p> <p>SO reported that this year's get involved week will take place during the last week of July 27th to the 31st and asked for all the partners to come along and be involved with the event to be held at Clifton Cornerstone on Friday 31st. MK also reported that the housing office will be doing something during the week also.</p>	<p>SO</p> <p>MK</p>
8.0	<p>Office Performance</p> <p>The area performance bulletin lists that key performance indicators and includes rents, voids and Allocations. MK asked if the Panel would prefer information in this format giving indicators for the specific area rather than receiving the whole document.</p> <p>MK asked for feedback</p> <p>In respect of performance figures available;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April Complaints were low • In comparison to other offices the cost of bringing a void up to letting standard in Clifton was low as the average cost for April was £800.87 • The percentage figure for people in arrears is a % of all tenants in arrears on accumulative figures. MK stated that if panel members wanted further information on voids then please contact property services. 	<p>MK</p>
9.0	<p>Local Issues and Concerns</p> <p>EP gave a brief description of a new Anti Social Behaviour group that he will be setting up. The question was asked how it will fit in with the</p>	<p>All to note</p>

	Community Safety Panel EP responded that it will fit in very well.	
10.0	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that the borders in front of Yewdale Close are full of weeds and untidy. • The garages between 4 and 6 Yewdale need weeding and the drain cleaning out. • BD reported that the garages between 76 and 78 Peacock Crescent the access is getting increasingly difficult due to the overgrown hedge also the drains do not work so it is constantly flooded when it rains. • MK reported that there is a survey of all garages taking place across the city which will pick these issues up. So far it has found that some are fine but some need work but there are some that will never be let part of the strategy for garages is being passed to the City Council. • Cllr M reported on the work place parking levy and stated that 10% will go to improving bus services. This means that those who do use their cars will benefit as improved bus service and new tram route will free up roads. However if the tram does not get the go ahead the Broadmarsh initiative which will fall through. • BD reported on ASB, round Haynes Close youths are riding motorcycles up and down the Close they are not wearing helmets and threatened to put the windows through of a 70 year old lady who challenged them. They have also turned the 'No Ball Games' sign round and are playing football and diving through peoples hedges. • DS also in the same area children are throwing water bombs at buses and houses. • Sergeant Matthews reported that he did attend a complaint in the area and speak to some of the youths in question. <p>Date and time of the next meeting; Tuesday 8th September 2009 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm Simone Gardens Common Room.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>All to note</p>