

Minutes Clifton/Clifton East Neighbourhood Forum meeting

Wednesday 16th June 2010, 7:00pm

Location: The New Hall, Clifton High School.

Persons Present

Stephen Perry (Chair) (**SP**)

Insp Keith RUNDLE (**KR**)

Cllr Barbara JANKE (**BJ**)

Cllr Simon COOK (**SK**)

Cllr Trevor BLTHE (**TB**)

Sgt Mark ALDERTON (**MA**)

PC Jez BURSTOW (**JB**)

PCSO Richard YULE (**RY**)

Andrew MCGRATH (**AM**)

Nick CHRISTO (**NC**)

Introduction

SP thanked everyone for attending and introduced representative parties.

TB explained that he is now the chair for the neighbourhood partnership. Council offices that will deal with issues raised by the neighbourhood forum have been strengthened.

The neighbourhood forum will deal with any issues that can be sorted out in the immediate future. Any issues that require more strategic planning, for example some sort of policy change, will go up to the neighbourhood partnership level.

There is no longer a need to vote for the top three priorities as all issues raised will be looked at.

NC explained that his role is the area co-ordinator for us. He will look at neighbourhood action plans and priorities and is a link between the council and the community.

Questions were then taken from the floor.

Review of previous priorities

SP went over what the 3 priorities were from the previous PACT meeting:

1. Poor Quality of pavement

There was no representative at the meeting to formally discuss highways but **SC** had written to the appropriate department regarding works on the highways on St Johns Rd and the railway Bridge. The utility company who had carried out work on that part of the pavement had been identified.

2. 20 MPH limit

AM explained that at this stage there are two pilot schemes in operation for 20 MPH zones in the city. The outcome of these pilot schemes will determine if other schemes are brought in.

3. Police presence around the pubs in Clifton Village

JB explained that there were 13 calls to police in the last 2 months regarding licensed premises in the Clifton Village. Of these calls, 3 were complaints over noise, with one being for noise from inside of a premise and the other two regarding people leaving.

There were 4 calls involving an allegation of a crime of which two were from licensed premises which had been broken into.

Patrols have been carried out virtually every weekend by both the beat team and our local special constables. The beat team work from 4 – midnight and the specials generally come in from between 7pm to around 2 pm.

General discussion

Issue raised:

1. Drinking on pavements o/s Licensed premises: - Brunel Wine Bar; The Greyhound. Licensing applications – lack of info; absence of notices; website very poor etc. **Potential for CIA (Cumulative Impact area) – Clifton Village and St Paul's Road.**
2. 'A' Boards and street furniture – Princess Victoria Street/Clifton Village and Whiteladies Road. Issues around obstruction and enforcement/control. Table & chairs o/s pubs, restaurants and cafes; wheelie bins left o/s properties continually.
3. Car parking on footpaths: - O/s WH Smiths, Boyce's Ave; Merchants Road; Percival Road and The Promenade. Consultation has taken place with regards to the possibility of putting down a single yellow line at the pinch point on The Promenade – awaiting update on Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)
4. Littering: - Clifton Village and Whiteladies Road. Cigarette butts dropped o/s of licensed premises. What is the liability on the landlords/DPS's on keeping frontage clean?
5. Hole on Princess Victoria Street: - O/s the Green Rhubarb, hole keeps appearing and getting repaired approx every 6 months. What is the long term solution?
6. Noise from Student parties: - Despite a meeting held by **TB**, there has not been a reduction, even if disciplined. Will discuss issues with Environmental health and ASB teams. Clarification around the law with regards to what liability there is for the landlord on this subject.
7. Street Cleanliness: - Clifton Village. Concerns that the street cleaners aren't doing their job correctly, or efficiently! What is the frequency? Litter bins often full! Weeds growing in between cobbles on gutters.
Problems with commercial waste/Licensed premises – bags are flimsy and easily broken. Some of these bags are put out after the street cleaners have been (11:00pm approx), when morning comes, these bags have been split open and rubbish is everywhere! Can licensed premises use the black boxes, as used by Clifton Fish Bar?
Wheelie bins/Black boxes: - Obstructions and untidiness due to the different number of bins o/s of premises. Can there be better co-ordination with regards to bin collections? Can collections be staggered? This is especially problematic when dealing with multiple occupancy housing!

SP then finished the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

The date of the next PACT meeting is proposed to be on Wednesday 21st April 2010.