



***Bishopston, Cotham & Redland
Community Partnership***

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Monday, 22nd April 2024 (Online Zoom Meeting)

Present: Roger Gimson, Alison Bromilow, Peter Browne, Councillor Martin Fodor, Sam Thomson, Alison Boulton, Michele Tedder, Barney Dean, Jo Corke, Mick Broggio, Kevin Chidgey

The meeting was chaired by Roger Gimson.

The Meeting was called to formally dissolve the Partnership and to agree the distribution of the remaining assets of the Partnership.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Partnership was set up in February 2018 following the decision taken by Bristol City Council to dissolve the Council led neighbourhood partnerships. The Community Partnership sought to continue the neighbourhood partnership practise of holding public meetings and maintaining a dialogue between the local community, the City Council and other public sector decision makers.
- 1.2 Over the past six years the Community Partnership have hosted fifteen public forums and circulated 60 newsletters to 800 subscribers.
- 1.3 No public forums have been held in the last year, primarily because there have been no Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to distribute in our area.
- 1.4 In January 2024 the City Council approved a new constitution that will come into force in May 2024. The new constitution included the setting up of nine area committees that will be responsible for taking decisions on CIL: the new committees will also have a wider remit to be consulted on local services such as road safety, parks and waste management. They will be required to hold two meetings a year in local venues and potentially a further two meetings on line.
- 1.5 The new area committee arrangements should provide the kinds of interactions that BCR CP was set up to foster after the demise of the neighbourhood partnerships although there is one important geographical change: Bishopston, Cotham and Redland wards are no longer in the same committee area. In these circumstances the BCR CP Committee agreed that it was no longer necessary or desirable to continue with the Partnership and that a Special General Meeting be called to formally dissolve the Partnership and to agree the distribution of remaining assets.

2 The Proposed Dissolution of the Partnership

- 2.1 The meeting was requested to consider the following proposal :-
BCR Community Partnership is dissolved as an organisation and its assets are donated to not-for-profit local community groups.
- 2.2 This proposal was unanimously agreed.
- 2.3 Several attendees expressed thanks to Roger and the Committee for running the Partnership for these last six years and for supporting their groups and the local community.

3 The Distribution of Remaining Assets

- 3.1 The Partnership assets are as follows :-
- Portable PA loudspeaker with wireless microphones
 - Digital projector with screen
 - A total of £526 for holding meetings that are open to the public
 - A total of £201 held for general Partnership expenditure
- 3.2 It was unanimously agreed that the portable PA loudspeaker and the digital projector be donated to Ardagh Community Trust who have agreed to make these items available to other community groups.
- 3.3 It was unanimously agreed that the funds for holding public meetings should also be donated to Ardagh Community Trust – the money to be used to support continued community engagement with local councillors and the City Council.
- 3.4 With regard to the allocation of the £201 suggestions included a donation of £100 to BCR Street Scene but the meeting was advised that BCR Street Scene did not wish to take up such an offer as they had already had sufficient funds. After further discussion it was agreed that The Redland Club should receive £100, The Friends of Bishopston Library £50 and the Ardagh Community Trust £51.
- 3.5 The representatives from the aforementioned community groups expressed their thanks to the Partnership for the respective contributions..

The meeting finished at approximately 7.40.