

**Minutes of the 111th BHNW Meeting held in St Augustine's Parish Centre Thursday
14th April 2011 at 19.45hrs**

Present

Apologies

Bill Crocker	Chair	Lesley Ashley	Fouracre
Maria Gawler	Secretary	Malcolm Coles	Heathfields
Rose Cane	Oakdale	Martyn Thomas	Bury Hill
Mark Garland	Newsletter/Website ED	Chris Stone	Heath Upper
Graeme Dundas	Queensholme	Peter Tucker	Badminton
Richard Old	Church	Barry Shore	Quakers
Mark Venables	Sandringham	Ron Coleman	Treasurer
Katrina Sheldrake	PCSO	Lynda Stone	Heath Upper
Sian	PCSO	Mike Baker	Bromlease
		Tim Davies	Heath Lower

Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to all by the Chair and apologies were noted.

Bill informed everyone that Maria has decided not to stand for re-election at the AGM due to work and family commitments but has enjoyed her 3 years with us immensely. There is good news as a replacement secretary has already been recruited. Julie Windsor is Maria's former neighbour and will put herself forward for nomination at the AGM.

Minutes from the last meeting

- ❖ Accuracy – No errors noted.

Arising

- ❖ Ross still to email roads/streets he feels would benefit from the No Cold Caller Zone scheme. **Action:** Maria to contact Ross.
- ❖ Mark G to place PRO advert on our web site.
- ❖ Feedback required from Ron on possible funding from Evening Post, People's Millions and D & BH Parish Council.

The minutes were then signed off as a correct record by the Chair.

Community plan progress and future Actions

A launch event will take place on Saturday 11th June outside the Co-op (new and old) in Downend. Paperwork is in the process of being finalised ready for printing and the Community Plan will then be circulated to all residents. This will then be the time for new volunteers to come forward to put the plan into action and sub-groups to be formed.

'No Cold Caller Zone' proposal.

Rose reported that letters have now been received by residents of Oakdale Avenue and Oakdale Court explaining the scheme. Objections need to be made by the 13th May 2011. After a discussion on who will still be able to call i.e. election canvassers, church groups it

was decided to contact Trading Standards regarding a possible Code of Practice for Cold Callers that's in place and may need amendment. **Action:** Rose.

Neighbourhood Police/PACT reports and priorities

Katrina and Sian were welcomed to the meeting and discussed the following issues in our area;

- ❖ 5 arrests have been made in connection with the recent spate of burglaries in our area, 1 person has already been sentenced.
- ❖ Please be aware that 2 or 3 white transit vans are operating in the area taking scrap metal without the owner's permission.
- ❖ ASB – Kat stated that this was not too bad at the moment but there has been a complaint regarding young people gathering at BH and King George playing fields. Bill mentioned that bikes are being let into the playground at BH Jnr and a local resident had brought to his attention that youths have been gathering, drinking and had started a fire near the bench at Baugh Farm to the rear of the early 100s even side, Fouracre Crescent.
- ❖ Beat to Beat a new Police information leaflet has just been circulated with gives usual information of crime trends in the area. The group felt this would be usual information to local residents and wondered whether it would be possible to include a copy on the Parish notice boards. **Action:** 1. Bill to contact Angela the Parish Clerk to see if this is possible. 2. Mark G to place copy on our web site. 3. Co-ordinators to forward this on to contacts on email.
- ❖ Mezze Parking Problems – This has improved but there are still some issues with parking. The Licensing Committee have changed the opening hours on a Friday and Saturday evening. The premises will now close at 12.30am instead of 2.30am and the outside area is to be cleared by 10.30pm.
- ❖ Bromley Heath School Parking issues – This has been monitored and Parking Attendants are visiting to enforce the yellow lines and zig zags.
- ❖ The front office at Staple Hill Police Station will be moving to Emersons Green on the 27th May.
- ❖ Heathfest 2nd July – could a police horse visit? **Action:** Kat will ask.

Kat and Sian left the meeting at 8.22pm and were thanked for their attendance.

Government Consultation paper called "Our Vision for Safe and Active Communities" a link has been sent out by Bill. **Action:** Please have a look at it.

PACT

Current public priorities agreed on the 23rd February 2011.

1. Condition of the road surfaces in the Downend area.
2. Speeding vehicles on the A4174.
3. Anti-social behaviour/Criminal damage in Badminton Road/Farm Road, Downend.

Annual Meeting and Community Engagement Evening.

- ❖ The agenda for this evening was looked over. Maria's telephone number needs to go onto the next Newsletter should residents wish to send apologies or register their interest in joining the committee. **Action:** Bill/Mark G.

- ❖ Bill felt it would be good for photos of committee members standing for re-election to be shown on a white board rather than them having to stand up. **Action:** Barry to arrange this.
- ❖ Ron has booked the buffet at £3.00 per head for 100 covers. There was concern expressed that this may be too many, Bill stated numbers maybe adjusted nearer the time.

The following have been invited with replies as follows:-

- ❖ Andy Francis our District Commander is able to attend – subject to forcewide call out as on rota.
- ❖ Kevin Thatcher is able to attend.
- ❖ Rob Beckley (Deputy Chief Constable) is able to attend.
- ❖ Bridget Whittle is able to attend.
- ❖ Robert Walsh head of Safer & Stronger South Glos is able to attend.
- ❖ Bill Bacon, Alan Smith, Rich Balding and Mike Lethbridge are able to attend.
- ❖ Unfortunately no S. Glos Councillors are able to attend as it is their 'AGM.'
- ❖ The MP Chris Skidmore is able to attend.
- ❖ Parish councillors should be in attendance
- ❖ Subject to call out a Fire and Rescue pumping appliance and crew will be with us for an hour.

1. **Action:** Bill to write and invite our Newsletter Advertisers, Frenchay NW and Jack Lopresti.
2. **Action:** Committee members who own digital camera's Mark G requests that you bring them along to the AGM.
3. Graeme requested that our NHW logo be forwarded to him as an attachment.
Action: Bill.
4. Press interest. **Action:** Graeme will try to arrange this.
5. Could an advert for the AGM be placed in the School Newsletter? **Action:** Rose and Graeme to make enquiries with the Heads of BH Infant and Junior Schools.
6. **Action:** Bill to write to all and confirm running order and contributions to the smooth running of the evening.
7. **Action:** Maria, Ron and Bill to prepare agenda and reports for distribution around the tables.
8. **Action:** Committee to wear 'Watch polos' if you have one and badges prominently.

*Barry joined the meeting briefly at 9.20pm to distribute badges. He mentioned that we could advertise the AGM at the polling stations on the 5th May. **Action:** Bill to arrange 3 posters.*

Reports

I. Newsletter Spring 11 final draft

- ❖ The Winter edition was well received however feedback from a resident was sent to Mark G stating that our article on the PDS scam was no longer relevant and it stopped in 2005. Mark had obtained this article from a recent Ringmaster email!
- ❖ Spring 11 coming on well with 7 out of 8 adverts filled. Bristol Computers are currently in the process of moving and therefore do not currently wish to advertise but might be a possibility for next time.
- ❖ Printing costs are these competitive? **Action:** Mark G to investigate.

ii. Website development report

- ❖ Heathfest, PRO advert and AGM updates to go on shortly. **Action:** Mark G.
- ❖ Should we have a Facebook and Twitter account? **Action:** Agenda item for the next meeting.

iii. PRO report

No report was available for tonight's meeting.

iv. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was looked over by the group and approved, many thanks to Ron.

v. Common interest items

- Graeme wondered whether a link could be put on the Police web site to ours. **Action:** Ask at the AGM.
- Are Ringmaster emails confidential or can these be forwarded on? Bill felt that is was okay to send them on but you cannot forward on anything showing email addresses. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting. **Action:** Agenda item for the next meeting.
- Graffiti on a private wall in Queensholme Drive leading down to the cycle path. As the council will charge the owner to remove this graffiti and we feel it will lead to other acts of graffiti could we raise this issue at the next PACT meeting? **Action:** Bill

vi. BHRAG/Friends of park update.

No report was available at tonight's meeting.

The Festival

We will book a double pitch but ask not to be put where we were last year. **Action:** Bill/Ron

AOB

- Bogus charity clothes collections have been happening within the South Glos area.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 23rd June 2011** at 7.45pm at St Augustine's Parish Centre. The meeting was brought to a close at 22.00hrs.