

# 11th July 2023

# BBID Open Meeting

## PRESENT:

Ellie - Action Greater Bedminster

Steve - Upfest

Chris - Rare

Sarah - BCC

Steve - Steam Crane

Katy - Spirited

Kellie - Plaster

Ruth - BID

## APOLOGIES:

Stef - WOW/AGB-BID Co. Sec

Ade - BID CHAIR (Bedminster Pharmacy)

Tom - VICE CHAIR (Ocean)

Olivia - Bubble Play

Sheila - Show of Strength

# Agenda

1. COMBATING CRIME
  - a. Community Trigger update
  - b. DISC approval / update
2. BBID BALLOT
  - a. Update
  - b. Business Plan - go live
3. PROJECTS
  - a. Recovery & Renewal Grants Overview
  - b. Bristol Arts District (BAD) update
  - c. Safer Streets Projects
  - d. Action Greater Bedminster Beyond 2025
4. A.O.B.

# Crime

Community Trigger update - Following increased reports from traders on all streets, (of ASB incl. Shoplifting / knife incident on East Street), Ruth has activated a Community Trigger - this prompts a multi-agency review of ASB in the area (BS3). Ruth now in contact with Matt Morgan, ASB Officer - Partnerships & Problem Solving, Safer Communities, Bristol City Council - input from our DISC system will be useful as part of this review and I will share discussions / hopeful next steps once a meeting has taken place.

DISC approval / update - The DISC system is available to all traders in the BID. It's an online platform where details of ASB are reported and the Police / traders have access to it. Olivia at Bubble Play Cafe is responsible for the admin and is happy to register traders/give basic training. It does not replace the need for reporting incidents to the police and obtaining a crime reference number but it is a good platform for sharing information/photos/seeing trends. **Action: Ruth to chase Board for sign-off of renewal for DISC for July-Oct 2023**

General discussion around ASB, including young people's inappropriate behaviour and intoxicated individuals on benches in the area - Ruth shared that she will be engaging with some known contacts (Bristol Drugs Project, Youth Providers) to undertake some outreach to hopefully work with individuals appropriately to access services they require.

# Ballot / Business Plan

Ballot - The survey is still live - voting papers will be sent directly from the council mid August and need to be returned please by 15th September. (If any issues / not received, please let me or Joss know and we can contact the levy department).

Business Plan - The new Business Plan will be on the website this week and emailed to you all, it outlines objectives collated from the consultation with your priorities noted - cleaning, greening, increased footfall, safer streets - Joss and I will bring paper copies out face to face in the coming weeks.

# Projects

Bristol Art District - Kellie shared designs of posters, flags, FAQs for traders, window stickers and more - all agreed it looked great and full support given. Plaster will be delivering this project on behalf of the BID and will be coming to chat to all traders in the coming weeks. Steve, Upfest noted that all images used need to have artist credits -

**Action: Kelly**

A wonderful BIG WEEKENDER is being arranged, with full street closure of East Street on 19th/20th August with many fringe events taking place in all streets - more info to follow but will be a fantastic showcase of all things creative with the main aim being to increase footfall in what is historically a challenging month.

If you'd like to find out more - please contact Joss - [projects@bedminster.org.uk](mailto:projects@bedminster.org.uk)

# Projects

Renewal & Recovery Grant - Although this funding is specifically for East Street as an identified 'priority area' by Bristol City Council, fringe events and initiatives will be covering all retail streets and benefit the area. A timeline of events will be shared in the coming weeks but include public realm improvements and greening including

Built Environment: Shutter Scheme

Built Environment: Sculpture Shop Signs

Greening: Hanging Baskets

Street Lighting & Illumination

Greening: Planters

Placemaking Sculptures

Pocket Parks

Gateways

# Safer Streets and Action Greater Bedminster

Safer Streets - Community groups/organisations have been awarded funding from this council initiative around making Bedminster a safer place.

Ruth is working with Lynn from BCC Community Development Team to ensure activities/groups use our wonderful venues in our BS3 retail streets - I will share more information as received.

AGB - Ellie updated everyone on the upcoming events and also AGB's AGM (this Thurs 13th, 6pm at The Southville Centre - all welcome) - more info on the Beyond 2025 event on their website.

# Any Other Business

The power of flowers ... Great general conversation around the importance of flowers/baskets/planters improving the look and feel of the area - Chris shared a lovely image recently taken in London of 'layered planting' - across different floors of tall buildings and was very impactful - maybe could be considered for Gateways in BS3 / window box landmark buildings? Chris also shared contact details for a service provider re hanging baskets/watering systems - AMBEROL - 01773 830930 - **Action: Ruth to share with Joss and Amy**

Also discussed potential sponsorship - Sarah shared has been done in other parts of the city - maybe Riverside Garden Centre would be interested?

Promotion / shout outs - Katy from Spirited shared that their details of events have been sent to Plaster - **Action: Kellie to chase up/bump posts.** Olivia from Bubble would like chess club promoting too - ALL TRADERS - please let Ruth/Joss/Plaster know what youve got planned over the Summer so social media can promote for you.



# Any Other Business

Table tennis table - Bristol Waste have promised removal of the broken table within the next week-10 days (it will be replaced with a new one, funded by the BID)

Advertising board removal North Street - National Grid being slow with making good of North Street Green - Ruth chasing daily and will feedback

Phone boxes on East Street are not likely to be removed despite ASB (drugs/toilet) but Ruth is trying to appeal the decision or get replaced with non box style phones

Phone box on North St smashed last week, reported and repaired - Chris raised concern re being used as toilet / always being smelly - Ruth will raise with BT

East Street Market - Ruth meeting with Jai and Tabitha from the council 12-7-23 - need to work out how stallholders compliment existing traders - location etc

# BBID OPEN MEETING

6PM SECOND TUESDAY BI-MONTHLY

This is a relaxed and open session to discuss a range of topics affecting all traders, and its wider community - both now and in the future.

Please do email me in advance of the meeting if you've a topic you'd like adding to the agenda - you can of course raise under AOB on the night too.

Thanks for contributing to the session.

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