

BOPF & VIP Open Forum Meeting

Thursday 3 Oct 2019, Broadmead Baptist Church, 1st flr, 10:30 - 13.30

Union Street (next to *Tesco Express*), Bristol, BS1 3HY

MINUTES

Present	<p>Trustees: Ian Bickerton, Chair (IB), Judith Brown, BOPF Ambassador (JB), David Elson (DE), Trish Mensah (TM), Gloria Morris (GM), Lyn Porter (LP), Jenny Smith (JS), Tony Wilson (TW) Staff: Ian Quaife, Engagement & Development Manager (IQ), Minutes: Yolanda Pot, Finance and Admin Manager (YP)</p> <p>Members present: 55; non-members: 10; Total: 65 Event feedback forms: 0</p>
Apologies	Christina Stokes (CS), Val Paterson and Keith Evans
STALLS	<p>Stalls: Age UK Bristol with information about TV Licencing, Pension Credit, Social Care, Welfare Benefits, Housing, Blue badges, legal issues about power of attorney, BBC TV Licencing, BRACE Research into Dementia, SARSAS Research Project for Women 55+, The Reader, Bristol Drugs Project</p> <p>There was free Tea and Cake</p>
1.	<p>BOPF Chair, Ian Bickerton welcome, housekeeping and apologies</p> <p>Announcements and Updates</p> <p>Our very dear Trustee, Gillian Seward, sadly passed away on Friday 6 Sept 2019. A period of silence was held. IB welcomed the stall holders and thanked those who had made a donation and all volunteers who had helped at the Open Forum.</p> <p>Report to Cabinet on Air Quality proposals expected on 5th November 2019.</p> <p>Asked for questions to Marvin Rees who is coming to November 28th meeting.</p> <p>We are in the process of developing the BOPF Website.</p> <p>Celebrating Age Festival Oct 19 was launched on 1 Oct. CAF activities will be held throughout October.</p> <p>Naomi Roberts approached us and asked us whether she could say a few words about helping to engage older people to get involved in a climate change group in their Bristol area. If you are interested in going a group, email Naomi: naomirob@blueyonder.co.uk</p>
2.	<p>Lord Mayor Cllr Jos Clark (Cllr JC)</p> <p>Cllr JC spoke about the role of the Lord Mayor, the robes and how she arrived in the role. How did I get to be Lord Mayor? The title is rotated around the political groups and is elected internally. It runs for one year. There are about 800 engagements to attend. The role involves chairing the full council 8 times a year. Every Thursday there are citizenship ceremonies. There are 6 Mansion House open days and military engagements.</p> <p>Q1 Do you have any influence on the Council? A1 My role is purely ceremonial. Marvin Rees, the Mayor of Bristol is the political representative of the city.</p> <p>Q2 Is there anything that has knocked you off your feet? A2 Yes, two events come to mind. I was invited to attend an AA meeting at 7am. It was fascinating and I felt privileged to share people's personal experiences. 30 people attended and 3 of these I knew. They were open and honest. I learned so much at the meeting. They</p>

	<p>keep each other going and on the straight and narrow. The other event which was very powerful, was a conference on refugees and asylum seekers. I have never heard testimonies from young people who had to leave their home and country in fear of their lives. These two encounters will stay with me for a long time.</p> <p>Q3 What committees have you sat on as a Cllr to prepare you for this job?</p> <p>A3 I have been executive member for Children' Services for two years, Fire Authority, Adult Social Care. My background is in social care and I have worked as a social worker. I have served on Planning which was interesting and challenging and have also done Audit.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>BOPF Ambassador's Report, Judith Brown</p> <p>"It's been an interesting time since I became BOPF Ambassador. I've given a talk to the University of the third Age, addressed Bristol City Council on the subjects of medication after Brexit, and repairing damaged toilets in parks; taken part in the " Extinction Rebellion" march through the centre under a banner "Generations United", and spoken to BBC Radio Birmingham, BBC Radio Wales, and BBC Radio Bristol on a number of issues of older people including the TV licence, hate crime against older people, stereotypes of older people, and the Woman's court case against changes in the state pension.</p> <p>I have attended the patients Advisory Group on Frail Elders, and attended the NHS Board as the Advisory Group Representative. We are working towards a protocol for frail elders that will work to keep them out of hospital, or if they are in hospital, stop them needing to return. I have also taken part in our new web site discussions, and a training day for new Trustees. I was happy to be part of the opening day of Celebrating Age Festival, of which I was Chair for so many years, for which I wrote the introduction to the Festival brochure."</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>BOPF Development Work, Ian Quaife Voice & Influence Partnership (VIP), BOPF Transport Action Project, NEW BOPF Housing Action Project, Open Forum Follow Up (6 Jun & 25 Jul 2019) - WECA question</p> <p>VIP Forthcoming Bristol City Council (BCC) CONSULTATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Consultation from 14 Oct- 25th Nov. Have your say about how we spend money. This will be a joint event with our Voice & Influence Partners. 2. Quality of Life Survey. All (on line) VIP members will be emailed a copy of this year's survey. BCC are targeting BME communities to increase the diversity of the respondents. 3. We're awaiting the dates for the Leisure Facility Development Strategy which will be of some interest to BOPF Members. 4. Home Choice Scheme Consultation from January 2020 which we will want to link in through our new Housing Project. 5. The City Centre Tidal Flooding awareness raising will be taking place from this November but as yet we have no dates for the formal consultation. <p>BOPF TRANSPORT ACTION PROJECT</p> <p>We have been focusing on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The weakness in WECA's decision making on Transport. (b) The problem of Shared Spaces. (c) Developing a safe and accessible Taxi guide. (d) Transport questions to Marvin. (e) Next focus will be on the 'New Bus Deal' from BCC. (f) The next BOPF Newsletter in Jan 2020 will be a Transport Special. (g) The Action Group has met three times with a good attendance of around 10/15 people.

	<p>If you are interested in joining the Transport Action Group and/or receive information please email IQ: bopf@ageukbristol.org.uk</p> <p>BOPF HOUSING ACTION PROJECT</p> <p>We've been commissioned by BAB and are working with Age UK Bristol to develop a Housing Group that can influence policy development around housing options for older people. There will be a new research element, which will help Bristol move towards an Age Friendly City, with older people at the core of the decision making. No more top down, 'we know best'. We want BCC and developers to listen to what older people are saying about future housing.</p> <p>If you are interested in joining the Housing Action Group and/or receive information please email IQ: bopf@ageukbristol.org.uk</p>
	<p>BREAK - FREE TEA & CAKE & STALL BROWSING</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Off The Record (OTR) Freedom Henry Poultney, Team Manager - LGBTQ+ OTR recently became a Partner of the Voice and Influence Partnership (VIP). I am a team leader in gender and sexuality and talk about mental health and wellbeing. OTR was set up in 1965 and started off as the Bristol marriage guidance centre. We run various projects across Bristol and South Gloucestershire for young people. However, we are now reaching out to older people in the community.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>BOPFERS Advisory Group, Spokesperson, Angela Auset (AA)</p> <p>AA gave a presentation about HAZARDS that make it unsafe to walk on the pavement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CYCLISTS cycling on the pavement. I can't hear or see them if they are behind me! 2. CARS PARKED ACROSS PAVEMENTS. Drivers face a £70 fine for pavement parking, but is it enforced in Bristol? 3. CHILDREN ON SCOOTERS. Sometimes the child is far away from parent or carer, not paying attention. 4. UNEVEN PAVING STONES CAN TRIP ME UP! Local councils are responsible for repairs. You can report your problem online: https://fixmystreet.bristol.gov.uk/. Then you are asked to locate the broken pavement on a map. It sounds a bit complicated, but is a very good idea.... But if you are NOT online???
<p>7.</p>	<p>Bristol Equality Network (BEN) – Duncan Fleming, Equalities and Community Cohesion Officer, BCC, <i>WeAreBristol</i> video. BOPF have signed up to the BEN. equality.network@bristol.gov.uk, www.bristol.gov.uk/bristolequalitycharter</p> <p>Background: BEN was launched November 2018 and Co-designed by 20+ organisations. There was cross-sector collaboration with 150+ signatories from the public sector, private sector and voluntary and community sector.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bristol Equality Charter belongs to the whole city. • A city-wide initiative – specific to needs of Bristol • Supports our other charters and manifestos. • A clear public statement of commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. • Individuals and any type of organisation can sign up to the principles of Bristol Equality Charter. • Signing the charter is a <u>voluntary action</u> to promote and work towards equality in Bristol. • Organisations set their own specific priorities and goals for improvement. <p>Everybody counts – a pledge for equality across Bristol</p> <p>"Bristol is a vibrant city with a growing diverse population. We share an ambition to create a fairer, safer, accessible and inclusive city where everyone feels they belong, has a voice and</p>

	<p>an equal opportunity to succeed and thrive.”</p> <p>We are committed to making a real difference by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Making Bristol a welcoming city where everyone feels they belong ② Inspiring trust and confidence in all the city has to offer ③ Recognising, valuing and celebrating diversity ④ Building good relations and understanding between people ⑤ Promoting inclusion, participation and equal access ⑥ Challenging discrimination, harassment, bullying, hate crime and victimisation <p>As an organisation we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Recognise, support and empower those responsible for promoting equality in our organisation ② Listen to and understand the diverse needs of all people to make our information, services and products more accessible and inclusive ③ Review the diversity of our workforce in order to identify areas for improvement and set ourselves equality goals ④ Ensure that equal opportunities are integral to how we recruit and treat our workforce ⑤ Address all allegations of discrimination, harassment, bullying and victimisation in an effective and timely manner ⑥ Play our part in promoting good relations between people from different backgrounds ⑦ Share good equality practice and improve outcomes for all those living, working, studying in or visiting Bristol <p>Measure and share our progress and success</p> <p>How to sign up</p> <p>Information including the guidance document and declaration form are available at www.bristol.gov.uk/bristolequalitycharter</p> <p>When your organisation has agreed to become a signatory of the charter, complete the declaration form and send it to equality.network@bristol.gov.uk</p> <p>Individuals can sign up to the principles of the Bristol Equality Charter too.</p>
8.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Q1 I get lonely at weekends because there is very little happening at the weekend. Most events take place during the week.</p> <p>A1 You can join your local church on a Sunday. You don't have to be a Christian. University of the Third Age (U3A) meet at the weekend. Friends Ageing Better have coffee meetings. Bedminster social club run by Ben Barker meet in city centre in cafes.</p> <p>Answer IB we are planning on having an events page on our new BOPF website and we will pass on the feedback to Bristol Ageing Better.</p>
9.	BOPF Minutes of the previous meeting
9.1.	Apologies
9.2.	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 19 were approved as a true and correct record.
9.3.	Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
	Close Open Forum meeting at 13:30 hrs
<p>Next BOPF Open Forum Meetings at Broadmead Baptist Church, 10:30-12:30 hrs Thursday 28 November 2019: Guest Speaker: Bristol Mayor Marvin Rees Speaker: Signed (Chair): _____ Date: _____</p>	