

BOPF & VIP Open Forum Meeting

Thursday 28 November 2019, Broadmead Baptist Church, 1st flr, 10:30 – 12.30

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

MINUTES

<p>Present</p>	<p>Trustees: Ian Bickerton, Chair (IB), Judith Brown, BOPF Ambassador (JB), Christina Stokes, Treasurer (CS), Trish Mensah (TM), Gloria Morris (GM), Lyn Porter (LP), Jenny Smith (JS), Tony Wilson (TW)</p> <p>Staff: Ian Quaife, Engagement & Development Manager, Lucy Rothwell, Project Support Worker. Minutes: Yolanda Pot, Finance and Admin Manager (YP)</p> <p>Members present: 53; non-members: 22; Total: 75 Event feedback forms: 27</p>
<p>Apologies</p>	<p>David Elson (DE), Jo Stokes, LinkAge (co-opted Trustee) (JoS)</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>BOPF Chair, Ian Bickerton welcome, housekeeping and apologies</p> <p>Announcements and Updates</p> <p>The photographer, Morag took photos of the meeting, including head shots of the Trustees for the new BOPF website.</p> <p>On the tables were placed: Feedback form and Interview Q&A with Marvin Rees by IanQ.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees Clean Air & Transport and the <i>One City Vision</i></p> <p>Marvin spoke about the main challenges that Bristol is facing today, with a focus on housing and transport. In particular how to build balanced communities to incorporate people from Bristol. He also spoke about the <i>One City Vision</i>.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Q1 There are parking problems at Ashton Gate Estate; more Park and Rides would help. A1 That is now happening with the combined regional authority WECA. We have identified 8 new Park & Ride sites.</p> <p>Q2 How effective are Resident Parking Zones? I live in an area without a <i>Resident Parking Zone</i> and we now get more cars trying to park in our area as they can't park in the neighbouring <i>Resident Parking Zone</i>! Q3 There is a problem with parking on pavements. When building new office blocks there should be cycling provision, like showers. A3 Parking on pavements is an issue of behaviour not legislation. More officers have been sent out to deal with badly parked cars. Also consider placing a note on the windscreen. We do take cycling provision into account. We also need to improve bus services and are working with First Bus to increase the frequency of bus services.</p> <p>Q4 Clean Air Zones (CAZ) will have a negative impact on hospitals. There will be unintended consequences, such as an increase in delivery charges due to diesel charges. A4 We have a legal obligation to impose Clean Air Zones. What do you do? The following proposal was submitted to the Government's Joint Air Quality Commission (JAQU), on 6 November 2019:</p>

	<p>-a wider CAZ where there would be a daily charge for non-compliant buses, taxis, HGVs etc... -a smaller, central CAZ diesel car ban enforced between 7am – 3pm, seven days a week For the unintended consequences, like the impact on hospitals, we will put mitigations in place. BOPF can have an influence by emailing a paper to the board of One City Plan. You can either request to be invited to a board meeting or invite the board to attend an Open Forum meeting. Q6 What percentage of new homes will be council houses. Why should pensioners have to pay council tax in full if students don't? A6 We are currently building some council houses. Universities are important to the city, though the benefit of university is not free. Costs include more litter and fly tipping.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>BOPF Development Work, Ian Quaife 3.1 Voice & Influence Partnership 3.2 BOPF Transport Action Project 3.3 BOPF Housing Action Project - table discussion/questionnaire</p> <p>BOPF Transport Action Project</p> <p>I met with Cllr Kye Dudd (Bristol City Council's transport Lead) on 19.11.19 to discuss how best to shape our position on influencing transport across the city. Also in attendance at the meeting was Mayor Rees, Mayoral Special Advisor Kevin Slocombe and Alex Perry, Bristol City Council's lead transport policy advisor.</p> <p>I outlined our plan for the BOPF Ten Point Transport Manifesto for Older People and it was agreed that this can form the basis of ongoing work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) influence directly the One City Plan (through the Connectivity Transport Board) b) to advise on, and work to find, solutions to transport issues, identified in our new TAG manifesto. c) to ensure that our priorities are fed in to policy and decision making at Local Government Level, as well as linking in and influencing regional policy (WECA) where relevant. <p>The following has been negotiated on behalf of BOPF/TAG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BOPF TAG group would be formally recognised as a 'Task & Finish' Sub Group of the Connectivity (Transport) Board. It will meet twice a year with attendance from Cllr Kye Dudd, Alex Perry, BCC Transport Special Advisor and, as identified, the management from First Bus, GWR etc. BOPF will chair the meeting and we will set the agenda. • We will focus on priorities set out in our Manifesto and work closely in partnership with BCC and transport providers to deliver some tangible outcomes (avoiding talking shops) • Our Manifesto will be used to inform and influence the refresh of the One City Plan (annually). • This arrangement will be proposed and adopted at the forthcoming Connectivity Board Meeting (next week). • The first meeting of this new meeting will take place during February 2020. <p>This I think is a solid commitment by Bristol City Council to formally recognise the work of TAG and enable older people to be at the heart of decision making around transport policy. It</p>

	<p>is a collective approach and I hope it will ensure that we are not just passive bystanders, shouting from the sidelines.</p> <p>BOPF Housing Action Project. We want to make sure older people have a direct say and input. We will be doing the research, then writing a report to take to the housing board of the One City Plan, set up by the Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees.</p> <p>A housing questionnaire with older people in mind (55 and over) was handed out to be completed and handed in at the meeting. The questions included: the most important aspects of your home and neighbourhood, your current housing challenges, and what one thing would improve your housing situation.</p> <p>This information will help us to build a current picture of the housing issues affecting older people, which we plan to use to influence housing policy and decision making in Bristol. We will also be carrying out interviews.</p> <p><i>“We don’t just want to be a talking shop we want to make a difference.”</i></p>
	<p>TEA BREAK - (free refreshments provided)</p> <p>LGBT+ over 50s Group from BAB spoke about the broad aims to raise the issue of visibility within organizations that provide services. LGBT people are usually invisible and perceived as heteronormative. We would like to make organisations/people more aware of our particular needs.</p> <p>Judith Brown – There is a survey for the Equipment service for people who are Deaf or who have hearing loss. You can fill out the questionnaire online here: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BristolDeafEquipment/</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Bristol Council Tax Consultation 2020-21 (23 Oct-4 Dec 2019) Jon Toy, Consultation and Engagement Manager, Bristol City Council</p> <p>A questionnaire was handed out to be completed during the meeting or to be taken away with a reply envelope.</p> <p>Every February, the council sets a budget for the following year which details how much money we will be able to spend on each of the following council services: Adult Social Care, Children’s services, Bin/recycling collection, Transport, Culture and tourism, Highways, Sport and leisure, Economy and other. Jon explained how the money is spent and the percentage in each of the services.</p> <p>The survey included the option of a 1% or 2% increase in Council Tax and Adult Social Care Precept and how much the increase would raise.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Bristol Dementia Action Alliance (BDAA) Tony Hall, Chairman <i>“Is Bristol a Dementia Friendly City?”</i></p> <p>BDAA works with schools, care homes, businesses, youth groups, clubs, campaigning, churches & other faith groups and other voluntary organisations, including First Bus, Bristol Airport and Special Assistance Landyard, Bristol Zoo, Windmill Hill City Farm in Bedminster, Bristol Old Vic, Colston Hall, Bristol Arts including Arnolfini and M Shed, Avon Fire Service, Hospitals, GP Surgeries, taxi drivers and others.</p> <p>BDAA also organise Memory Cafes</p>

	<p>BRACE - Alzheimer's research at Bristol Brain Centre at Southmead Tony Wilson, BOPF Trustee (TW) Tony spoke about personal aspects of dementia and research carried out by the BRACE dementia charity.</p>
6.	<p>Open Forum Q1 What is the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia? A1 Alzheimer's is a type of dementia. Q2 Can you delay dementia by changing your life style. A2 Yes, absolutely. It is important to keep the body and mind active. Q3 There appears to be a link between hearing loss and dementia. With hearing loss you tend to withdraw. Get fitted with a hearing aid to get your brain stimulated. A3 Tony Hall There is a lot of research going on about this, and there does appear to be a link between hearing loss and dementia.</p>
7.	<p>BOPF Minutes of the previous meeting</p>
7.1.	<p>Apologies:</p>
7.2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 19 were approved as a true and correct record.</p>
7.3.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.</p>
	<p>Close Open Forum meeting at 13:30 hrs</p>
<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>	