

BOPF Open Forum Meeting

Thursday 21 Sept 2017, Broadmead Baptist Church, 1st floor, 10:30 – 12.30

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

MINUTES

Present Trustees: Chair Judith Brown (JB), David Elson (DE), Gillian Seward (GS), Tony Wilson (TW),
Staff: Minutes: Yolanda Pot, Finance & Admin Manager (YP), Karen Bowers: Forum Manager.

Members present: 33; non-members: 7; Total: 40

Apolog. Graham Briscoe (GB), Pat Foster (PF), Gloria Morris (GM), Jenny Smith (JS), Keith Evans, Brian Richards

1. **Chair's Welcome** - housekeeping, apologies and introductions

2. **SPEAKER 1**

2.1. **NHS Bristol Community Navigators Service - TALK & STALL**

Gemma Holder, Community Navigator Co-ordinator, Central, East & South Bristol

Laura Thacker, Community Navigator Co-ordinator, North Bristol

You can download the PowerPoint presentation from our website: <https://bopf.org.uk/our-meetings/>. File name: *Presentation_Bristol Community Navigators Service.pptx*

3. **REPORTS**

3.1. **Chair's Report - Judith Brown**

I presented the 'Babbers' Show on Ujima Radio 98fm last Monday when James Freeman of First Bus horrified me by saying the Transport Committee of the new Metro Mayor Tim Bowles, is bringing Bristol into line with the rest of the country by altering the time you can use your bus pass from 9a.m. to 9.30a.

JB will write a letter to First Bus about the changes to free bus pass time travel from 9am to 9:30am. Judith wrote the following to the Evening Post (postletters@b-nm.co.uk) on 21 Sept 2017

Mayor Bowles, please think again! You have 8.9 Billion pounds for transport, you shouldn't need to take half an hour away from pensioners! Many pensioners have early morning Doctor's appointments to get to, Hospital appointments are frequently first thing because they know we are at our best early morning, and get tired later on; walking groups start at 10, or 10.30 for the same reason, and many community groups currently start at 10.30 to allow people to get there by bus. Bristol's quite a big city you know! (several members arrived late because of the buses for BOPF's 10.30.start this morning!). Changing the time we can use the bus pass from 9 to 9.30 may seem a small thing to you, but it is a big thing to many pensioners. "Hang on to your bus pass, or they'll take it away, Hang on to your bus pass, the bus pass must stay", "We're not all Alan Sugar, We're not all filthy rich, though like him we have worked, and don't live in a ditch, we still do need our bus pass, to help us on our way, so come on politicians, 9 a.m. must stay!"

1. If you are interested in volunteering for BOPF please contact Tony Wilson, m: 07473 820202 (please text in the first instance), tony77487@gmail.com or our Forum Project

Manager, Karen Bowers, 0117 9279222, bopf@ageukbristol.org.uk. FFI:
<https://bopf.org.uk/join-us/>

2. Department of Transport EVENT. Transport Accessibility Action Plan Consultation Workshop, Vassal Centre , Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ, 14:00 – 16:30 Wed 4 Oct 2017. “We would like to hear your experiences of accessing and using transport services...”. To book email: AAPConsultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk by 26 September. FFI www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-transport-accessibility-action-plan
3. BCC would like to know whether you use community notice boards. neil@bristol.co.uk
4. The Babbers radio show on 98 FM will be increasing its airtime from 1 to 2 hours every Monday.
5. BAB – Is launching its new Autumn Commissioning

3.2. BOPF Survey 2017 findings - Karen Bowers, Forum Project Manager
Karen presented the analysis of the Spring 2017 BOPF survey finding. You can download the PowerPoint presentation from our website: <https://bopf.org.uk/our-meetings/>. File name: *Presentation_BOPF survey findings_210917.pptx*

3.3. Other reports (BAB, NPC, SWFOA, SWSN etc.)
Angela Auset – Celebrating Age Festival (CAF), Saturday 23 Sept at the Council House. There will be about 50 stalls with lots of into for older people. Emphasis on active ageing. If you would like to volunteer for BOPF CAF stall please contact Angela: clare18acad@gmail.com.
NPC – do pick up the NPC newsletter as it has useful info for older people.

4. SPEAKER 2

**4.1. Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)
*Protecting the Vulnerable from Harm - Sue Mountstevens (SM)***

Questions and comments from the floor

Sue brought some leaflets entitled: “*Our Plan to Keep You Safer*”

She also spoke about the following document which you can download from our website <https://bopf.org.uk/our-meetings/>. “*The Tipping Point: The case for a safe, sustainable and fair funding settlement for Avon and Somerset Constabulary*” (file name: *The Tipping Point_safe-sustainable-policing-report.pdf*)

Sue Mountstevens was first elected in November 2012, before being re-elected for a second PCC term in May 2016.

The PCC is responsible for setting the strategic direction and the budget for policing in Avon and Somerset. This involves:

- holding the police to account through the Chief Constable
- supporting and challenging police performance
- being accountable to the electorate
- setting policing priorities in consultation with residents
- consulting and involving local people
- engaging our communities
- setting the policing part of the council tax
- commissioning services and awarding grants

PCC Sue Mountstevens is determined to make the people of Avon and Somerset *be safe and feel safe*. You can find out more at www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk

Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the PCC is also required to produce a statutory document called the Police and Crime Plan which outlines the strategic direction for their term in office.

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the PCC's strategic priorities, most importantly following consultation with you. They are:

- Protect the most vulnerable from harm
- Strengthen and improve your local policing teams
- Ensure Avon and Somerset Constabulary has the right people, the right kit and the right culture, and
- Work together effectively with other police forces and key partner agencies to provide better services to local people

The plan covers the period 1 October 2016 to 31st March 2021. You can find out more about the Police and Crime Plan by visiting www.avonandsomersetplan.co.uk

Contact PCC Sue Mountstevens, Telephone: 01275 816377, Email:

pcc@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk, Fax: 01275 816388. Write to: Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Police Headquarters, Valley Road, Portishead, BS20 8JJ

Some stats and strains on the police force:

- 86% of police work is non-crime.
- More than 40% of police work is dedicated to the mentally ill. We are working closely with the NHS to help mental health patients. Mental health nurses give the right info to police officers.
- 8000 people go missing in Avon and Somerset every year. 5000 are children. 1000 suffer from dementia. We have handed out 30 dementia pendants so that we can easily find them if they go missing again. 2000 are at risk of self-harm or committing suicide.

Q&A

Q How does the police know whether you are vulnerable. **A** The emergency services ask questions to check out vulnerability.

Q There are too many cyclists on pavements. Cyclists should be registered. There should be signs up in the city. **A** There are limited resources within the police and there are times when other crimes take priority, however there is going to be a review of all cycling rules.

Q What support is there for the stress that the police are under due to limited resources?

A There is a Health and Wellbeing board and the police are encouraged to use counselling services if they need to. In certain areas of work, such as child safeguarding, we move the police around in order to avoid burnout.

Q Re parking on pavements. **A** It is not illegal to park on pavements, however vehicles should leave enough space for wheelchairs and double buggies to be able to pass by.

5. BREAK

6. BOPF Minutes of the previous meeting

6.1. Apologies

6.2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

6.3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

7. Open Forum - anyone can raise issues of concern

Judith asked the delegates which Speakers BOPF should invite for 2018.

The following was suggested:

- Angela Auset said you should continue with the kind of speakers we have had today. I thought Sue's talk was brilliant
- Walking for Health group
- Metro Mayor (talking at Festival of Ideas)
- Alternative medicine for wellbeing such as reflexology

8. The meeting finished at 12:30 hrs

Next Open Forum Meeting: 1 Nov 2017, 10:30 - 12:30, Barton Hill Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill, Bristol BS5 0AX. Speaker: Avon Fire & Rescue

Signed (Chair):

Date: