Local Food Risk Management Strategy – Patrick Goodey
Patrick briefly presented the draft Flood Risk Management Strategy. Full details can be found at www.citizenspace.com/bristol/city-transport/floodstrategy. The consultation will run until 10th June.

Question: Why is the harbour not dredged to prevent flooding from the River Avon?

Answer: The harbour was last dredged in 2008 and there is no significant risk from the River Avon by not dredging.

Question: A number of waterways run in culverts. Are these maintained as part of the overall flood risk management strategy?

Answer: From October 2015 BCC will have responsibility for SUDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems), this will involve the approval, adoption and maintenance of new drainage systems. If new development presents a significant impact on drainage or increased runoff, they will not be approved.

New Council Housing, Somerset Street, Redcliffe – Martyn Pursey
Martyn discussed the plan to build 1000 more council properties across the city. Garage sites (provided for council tenants living in flats) have been identified as locations for building new homes with a focus on providing the housing type that meets local need in each location.

The Somerset Street location is likely to provide larger family homes as there is an identified need in the central area for this type of property.

Recent consultation events have highlighted that the majority of respondents are in favour of the scheme but there are concerns about housing density and the design of the properties.

The consultation on the final design will be in June with a submission of the planning application scheduled for the end of June. The programme will be delivered during the next decade.

Question: Strange to have new housing built near to a derelict pub and auction house. Can we have a more comprehensive development of the site to take into consideration both the redevelopment of the pub and the auction house and also to have one bedroom flats in response to ‘The Bedroom Tax’?
Concerns about the condition of the pub and the auction house were raised by a number of residents.

Answer: Whilst we are making every effort to tie in with wider community plans and aspirations, the commitment by Bristol City Council is to provide new homes on the land it owns.

Question: Not every local resident supported the plans and it seems a missed opportunity not to develop the whole site. Where are the other five sites?

Answer: Five other locations have been named: Easton (off Seymour Road), Lawrence Hill (Old garage site at Kingsmarsh and Baynton Houses), St George (Butler House), Ledbury Road Flats and Crabtree House.

Statement: (Police on behalf of a resident) It must be said that there is resistance from Kingsmarsh and Baynton residents to the proposed development of the site near their homes. (Kingsmarsh and Baynton are high rise blocks in Lawrence Hill).

Question: The development of garage sites will impact on car parking and car usage; what work is being done to address this and encourage alternative means of transport?

Answer: the home standards being applied will include cycle storage and sustainable energy/water supplies. However the issue of displaced parking still needs to be addressed.

Question: Is it true that the contract for the designing of the new properties has gone to a London Company?

Answer: the contract for the design consultancy has gone to a Gloucester based company with a Bristol based office.

Question: With such large homes being built at Somerset Street site, can offer reassurance that the cycle storage will be adequate?

Answer: We will provide adequate family cycle storage.

Question: It appears that the concerns about the pub and the auction house are considerable. Is it not the role of the Neighbourhood Forum to listen to the concerns of local people and change how we work in response? Can we request from this Forum that the issue of the condition of the pub and the auction house and their inclusion in the wider site development is taken forward to the next Council or Neighbourhood Partnership and an official response provided at the next Forum meeting?

Answer/Action: The chair asked for a show of hands in support of the proposal for the Neighbourhood Partnership to take up this issue. The meeting agreed. Via twitter The Mayor advised the Forum to get in touch with Cllr Mark Bradshaw, the cabinet member with responsibility for planning.

Planning application consultation for site in Enterprise Zone – Avril Baker, planning consultant

There are lots of development sites in the area called the ‘Enterprise Zone’ around Temple Meads. There have been presentations at Forums about the vision for the overall site. This is the first time a developer has come to the Forum to present their plans.
A presentation was given showing pictures of the site and an artistic impression of the proposed building. It will be a ‘mixed use’ development of offices and residential in style which is in keeping with the area.

**Comment:** The style in the area is not good. Please can we have a more imaginative and ambitious approach?

**All change at Bristol City Council – Penny Germon**

Penny announced the changes in Bristol City Council following a recent re-designing of services. A new Team has developed including a new role called Neighbourhood officers (Neil Burwell and Tom Penn have been identified as the officers for Easton and Lawrence Hill). The Area Neighbourhood Manager for the team will be John Atkinson (former Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator) and the Neighbourhood Partnership co-ordinator will be Kurt James.

Penny also announced that she will be leaving the area to take up the role of Area Neighbourhood Manager for Neighbourhood Partnership areas in the South of the City.

Councillor Margaret Hickman thanked Penny for her hard work over the years.

**Making Easton and Lawrence Hill cycling Friendly**

**Nick Pates (Bristol City Council)** announced the improvements of cycle routes along Easton Way, on Clarence Road and where the Railway Path meets /trinity Street in St Philips (Trinity Street will eventually be closed to traffic from A420/West Street entrance)

**Kai Paulden (BS5 Bicycle Users Group)** informed the Forum about the work of the BS5 BUG, locally built sustainable cycle storage shelters and also free cycle racks that are available to local community groups.

**LifeCycle UK** a representative informed the Forum the work life of life cycle. A range of activities to encourage safe and fun cycling are available including: training for cyclists (including womwne only courses), support to get more confident when cycling, bike sales and supported cycle rides.

**Community announcements**

**Police**
There has been no decision made about the reclassification of Khat. Trinity Road Police Station is scheduled for closure in 2015.

**Places for People**
Presented initial plans for the redevelopment of Redwood House on Wade Street

**Proctor House Play Area (Redcliffe)**
The official opening is to be held between 2.00pm-5.00pm on Wednesday 28th May

**Next Neighbourhood Forum**
Wednesday 2 July 2014, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Hannah More School, Kingsley Road

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