



**Student Community Partnership (SCP) Minutes**

**Wednesday 8 July 2020 - Via Zoom**

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Megan Robertson (Chair)	Vice President Community, Student Union, Bath Spa University
Councillor Sue Craig	Bath and North East Somerset Council (Kingsmead)
Councillor Paul Crossley	Bath and North East Somerset Council (Southdown)
Kalyn Mallard	Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Student Community Partnership
Councillor Ruth Malloy	Bath and North East Somerset Council (Weston)
Councillor June Player	Bath and North East Somerset Council (Westmoreland Ward)
Caroline Dangerfield	Deputy Chief Executive, Students' Union, Bath Spa University
Mark Hayward	Community Engagement Officer, Bath and North East Somerset Council
Freya Jackson	Community Officer, Students' Union, University of Bath
Councillor Yuktेशwar Kumar	Bath and North East Somerset Council (Bathwick Ward)
Emily Pollinger	Administrator, Student Community Partnership
Dr Janet Rose	Norland College, Principal
Rebecca Schaaf	Pro-Vice-Chancellor Student Experience, Bath Spa University
Councillor Shaun Stephenson-McGall	Bath and North East Somerset Council (Oldfield Park)
Councillor Dine Romero	Leader of Bath and North East Somerset Council
Mandy Wilson-Garner	Deputy Chief Executive, Students' Union, University of Bath
<b>Apologies</b>	
Dan Ball	President, Student's Union, Bath College
David Dixon	Community Engagement Manager, Bath and North East Somerset Council
Jon Domaille	Head of Business, Media, Music, Performing Arts, Bath College
Hayley Hayward-Boyle	Student Participation Officer, Bath College
Professor Peter Lambert	Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Bath

## 1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies, Zoom Etiquette and One Minute Silence

MR thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed Freya Jackson to her first meeting since her election as Community Officer at the Students' Union of University of Bath. The meeting held a one minute silence to mark the recent death of Rob Tyrrell who had been elected to the role of Activities Officer at the Students' Union of University of Bath.

## 2. Actions and Matters Arising from the 6 February 2020 meeting

MR asked for an update of the actions that were recorded at the meeting which took place on 6 February 2020. Many of the actions had become irrelevant or were marked as ongoing because the Covid-19 response had diverted resources and lockdown had led to cancellation of planned events.

Action	Person(s)	Completed?
1. Include an item on welcoming students to Bath onto the agenda for the March meeting of the Liberal Democrat Group.	MH to discuss with LDG assistant.	Completed
2. Discuss with Highways team the use of Council VMS signs to show a congratulations on graduation message.	DD	Not relevant
3. Include Welcoming Student to Bath to the next SCP agenda to review progress	KM	Completed
4. Report on the timeline of the citywide parking strategy	SSM	Ongoing
5. Provide data on numbers of students who have campus parking permits	PL and RS	Completed
6. Discuss proactive waste reduction activity further at Housing Group	KM/AL	On the agenda for the 13 July meeting of the Housing group
7. Discuss membership extension with the chairs of the SCP working groups	KM	Completed
8. Interrogate Aurora database for data about turnout at student polling stations	DD	Ongoing
9. Indicate to EP their partner interest in participating in working group to support SCP Rangers	All	Completed
10. Consult with the Council regarding the timeframe and location of the Pack for Good donation bins.	KM	Not relevant
11. Circulate Pack for Good press release to the SCP Committee	KM	Completed
12. Send respective graduation dates via EP to the Council for timing graduation messages	PL and RS	Completed but not relevant
13. Investigate the possibility of projecting messages onto the Guildhall or other Civic buildings	DD	Ongoing

14. Send contact information for Bath Live to KM in order to invite them to the next SCP Committee meeting	DR	Ongoing
15. Circulate information on strategies and consultations to the committee	EP	Completed
16. Make Chris Mordaunt aware of the approach from BathShare	DD	Completed

Further to the action regarding student participation in local and national elections, SSM noted that the BANES procedures for the Annual Canvass had been updated including a mechanism to target HMO's and PBSA's.

**ACTION: SSM to send information regarding the BANES Annual Canvass to EP to circulate to the SCP.**

Further to the action regarding proactive waste reduction, DR asked whether student properties that had been left with possessions in them during lockdown had now been emptied. KM noted that this month and next most tenancies would be ending and that this was an item for discussion at the next meeting of the Housing group to be held on Monday 13 July. DR noted that she could share two letters, one that she had written to ministers regarding students being liable for rent whilst losing their part time jobs and a template letter for students to send to landlords. It was agreed that these would be circulated to the SCP Housing group.

**ACTION: DR to forward two letters regarding rent to EP for onward circulation to the Housing Group.**

Further to the action regarding membership extension, SSM talked about a meeting to review the SCP working groups' terms of reference, membership and reporting mechanism to SCP.

Further to various actions relating to Green issues it was agreed that the work of the Green Group would be an agenda item at the next meeting of the SCP.

**ACTION: EP to include an item on Green Group on the next SCP agenda.**

### **3. Welcoming Students to Bath**

The group discussed several issues including the way in which the city of Bath could welcome its student residents at the start of each academic year and the ways in which permanent residents could be involved and aware of this. MWG noted that it had been hoped that this would be discussed at the Liberal Democrat Group meeting in March.

A separate piece of work was agreed as countering negative narratives about student residents and tackling issues of racism where they occur, as well as encouraging students to report incidents where they have been made to feel uncomfortable. MR noted that she was putting together an article underlining the importance of students to the Bath economy and culture. YK noted increasing cases of racial discrimination that he is aware of in his role as BANES Member Advocate for BAME issues. As a Senior Lecturer he noted that some students report incidents and some do not.

### **4. SCP Reputation and Strategy for Community Cohesion**

The group discussed the particular issues likely to arise this autumn as student residents return to Bath, particularly if this coincides with a rise in Covid-19 cases in the area. BS noted that she had been involved in a call between the Vice-Chancellors in the area discussing information to new and returning students with a unifying

common statement noting the impact on permanent residents and outlining a shared understanding of appropriate behaviour. It was agreed that the SCP could produce a similar statement.

**ACTION: KM to work with SU's and universities to draft a statement for sign off by the representative SCP bodies.**

SSM noted that at the organisational level it would be helpful to have an item on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss the work that the Universities have been undertaking with the Public Health department. DR noted that both Universities have a seat on the Local Outbreak Engagement Board and that she would be happy to give an update report to the next meeting. She also extended Local Outbreak Engagement Board membership to JR.

**ACTION: EP to include an item on the Local Outbreak Engagement Board on the next SCP agenda and DR to give an update report.**

**ACTION: DR to extend Local Outbreak Engagement Board membership to JR.**

MWG noted that the student residents will be spending less time on campus when more of the teaching is online so the University of Bath was looking at options of learning and recreational spaces in the city. RM noted that this was a good opportunity for students to be involved in volunteering as they may have more spare time and older volunteers have had to step back for health reasons. FJ noted that student volunteer teams played an important role in the community response to Covid-19.

## **5. SCP Community Wardens**

KM reported that the job description and person specification had been drafted but not yet finalised. BANES would be recruiting for these roles in due course. SSM noted that he had a meeting planned on 23 July to discuss the responsibilities of the wardens in relation to bad landlords and HMO licencing.

## **6. Annual Report and Issues in the Community**

KM reported that the Pack for Good Campaign in association with the British Heart Foundation had not been able to take place this year so the SCP had organised an alternative campaign working with local charities and faith groups to allow students to donate unwanted items that were then passed on to charities. This had made a positive impact on waste reduction and benefitted local charities and the British Heart Foundation.

KM reported the complaints statistics and the progress of some complaints to a disciplinary hearing. SSM noted ward boundary changes and suggested that KM could liaise with the BANES Business Intelligence Team via MH to present the data on pin maps.

**ACTION: KM to update the complaints according to wards and to schedule a meeting with MH to discuss complaint mapping.**

## **7. September Planning**

KM reported that the autumn door knocking may be replaced by a social media campaign due to social distancing requirements.

SSM noted that due to social distancing, buses would not be operating at their usual capacity. To avoid the use of private cars as an alternative, organisations should be promoting active travel via walking and cycling. BS noted that Bath Spa University was working with the West of England Combined Authority on transport issues. It was agreed that active travel would be an agenda item at the next meeting of the SCP.

**ACTION: EP to include an item on Active Travel on the agenda of the next meeting of the SCP and each organisation to provide a report on their work to promote active travel.**

## 8. Any Other Business

SSM noted the Council Member Advocates whose various roles relate to the work of the SCP in different ways.

**ACTION: SSM to send EP information regarding the Council Member Advocates for circulation to the SCP.**

SSM Noted that the most recent BANES Budget would impact on students in different ways.

SC noted that the newly elected Mayor of Bath is running a project on loneliness and is keen to set up a dialogue with students.

**ACTION: SC to send contact details for the Mayor to EP to be circulated to the SCP.**

KM thanked MR for her work as Chair this academic year.

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1. Report on the timeline of the citywide parking strategy (Carried Over)	SSM
2. Investigate the possibility of projecting messages onto the Guildhall or other Civic buildings (Carried Over)	DD
3. Send contact information for Bath Live to KM in order to invite them to the next SCP Committee meeting	DR/KM
4. Send information regarding the BANES Annual Canvass to EP to circulate to the SCP	SSM
5. Forward two letters regarding rent to EP for onward circulation to the Housing Group.	DR/KM
6. Include an item on Green Group on the next SCP agenda.	EP/KM
7. Work with SU's and universities to draft a statement for sign off by the representative SCP bodies.	KM
8. Include an item on the Local Outbreak Engagement Board on the next SCP agenda and DR to give an update report.	EP/KM
9. Extend Local Outbreak Engagement Board membership to JR.	DR
10. Update the complaints according to wards and to schedule a meeting with MH to discuss complaint mapping.	KM
11. Include an item on Active Travel on the agenda of the next meeting of the SCP and each organisation to provide a report on their work to promote active travel.	EP/ALL
12. Send EP information regarding the Council Member Advocates for circulation to the SCP.	SSM
13. Send contact details for the Mayor to EP to be circulated to the SCP	SC/KM