



## Student Community Partnership Board Minutes

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – via Zoom

- Present:**
- Chair:** Cllr Dine Romero (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Communities and Culture for Bath and North East Somerset Council)
  - BANES:** Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall (Oldfield Park), Cllr June Player (Westmoreland)
  - Bath College:** Jon Domaille (Assistant Principal)
  - Bath Spa University:** Rebecca Schaaf (Pro Vice Chancellor, Student Experience)
  - Bath Spa University Students' Union:** Caroline Dangerfield (Deputy Chief Executive), Megan Robertson (Outgoing Vice President Community), Sian Bentley (incoming Vice President Welfare and Community).
  - University of Bath Student's Union:** Mandy Wilson-Garner (Deputy Chief Executive, University of Bath, Students' Union), Meg Crossman (University of Bath Student Union Community Officer)
  - Norland College:** Alex Read (Head of Finance and Chief Financial Officer)
  - University of Bath:** Professor Peter Lambert (Pro Vice Chancellor)
- In attendance:** Dave Dixon (Community Engagement Manager, BANES), Ghika Savva (Community Liaison Co-Ordinator, SCP), Mark Hayward (Community Engagement Officer, BANES), Peter Phelps (University of Bath Energy & Environment Manager), Jane Wildblood (Corporate & Community Sustainability Manager, BANES)

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

DR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Caroline Jarosz (Student Participation Officer) **Bath College Students' Union**.

### 2. Update from the Green Group

PP provided the meeting with an update on the work of the Partnerships Green Group.

The group shares ideas and knowledge through networking opportunities and co-ordinates ideas. The discussion takes place across eight internal bodies and invited external organisations such as Wessex Water and the RUH.

Waste issues have been addressed and the 'pack for good' campaign has been run through the Universities but is seen as having potential to be expanded citywide. Work is underway to find ways to

store items that are donated and then sell back to incoming students to avoid them having to purchase new items.

The group wishes to share knowledge and promote schemes with a wider interface of groups.

SM asked if reports from working groups could be received in written form in advance of the meetings.

PL felt that the working groups need to avoid getting bogged down in too much report writing, therefore these reports may only be one side long.

DR felt that the 'pack for good' campaign was well received and suggested that additional work with landlords to reuse larger items that are left behind could save items from being skipped.

GS explained that some reports of fly tipping had been received and these are being followed up with the Council and Community Wardens.

JP felt that during lockdown there has been an increase in people putting items outside their homes with 'take away for free' notices.

SM suggested that communication using the newsletter between landlords and Chris Mordent from BANES Council over the summer months.

### 3. The One Shared Vision

JW ran through the presentation that had been shared before this meeting.

The work that has been carried out has taken place over the last year and has been developed by working with stakeholders.

Further work will need to be carried out and arranging through the SCP to work with the student population would be helpful.

DR asked for JW to return to a future meeting to share progress. **ACTION**

### 4. Actions for the previous meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record except for item 9 that related to the working groups for Mental Health/Wellbeing Group and Transportation Group. PL explained that it was not agreed and that there would be further discussion about the groups.

Action	Person(s)	Status
Create a message to circulate to Higher Education Partner regarding The Pavilion vaccination volunteering.	DD	Completed – The 3SG have been organising the volunteers for Bath Racecourse. The BEMS vaccination centre at the Pavilion has been support well by volunteers but is now closed.
Student Community Partnership Agreement Review to be report at the next SCP meeting.	GS	Carried Over
Liaise with the Council Waste Team about extra collections.	DD	Completed – There will be three routes that will receive extra collections for general waste this week and then again in late July.
Investigate and check cost for extra waste collections.	DD	Completed – The University funded the extra collections (£5K) these were co-ordinated with the Council.

Mental Health Group to be created	GS	Removed.
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## 5. Update on SCP Partnership Agreement review process

GS explained that the draft copy of the agreement that was provided was a summary of all the views that had been received. The partnership has eight listed partners and the members have remained the same apart from the Council having double the number of representatives.

JP asked why SCP meetings would not be held in public. GS explained that agreement had never included the public as participants and that ward councillors are present to put forward the public's opinions.

DR felt that the SCP Board sits to agree and set out the strategy and direction. If the meeting were to be public DR would not have any issues with this.

DD felt that the agreement document had not picked up on the comments made about further integration of Councillors and Officers being part of the working groups. There also needs to be a clear definition of the groups and the aspirations for these. GS noted that all the comments received from partners had been included in the Review.

CD was happy to support the agreement. She felt that the membership is clear and balanced with equal representatives. It was felt that it will be important to show support to openness and have a safe space to discuss the various issues, but to remember this is not the same as a formal council meeting.

BS seconded the points that CD made and felt the SCP Board is not a public meeting. BS added that this arrangement needed to move away from any feeling of them and us, this must not be the Council vs Educational Establishments.

DR agreed that the Board needs to have shared ambitions. Residents want to see what actions are achieved; this can be improved with Councillors' involvement on the working groups. (NB All partners are represented on the Working Groups.)

PL thanks those involved for the work that has got the agreement to where it now stands. The spirit of partnership working has been good, and he felt he is yet to see any disagreements. The membership being as it was before with two B&NES Council representatives allows them to bring forward the public views.

MR felt the SCP Board was a group that will work towards supporting students.

GS will arrange for the final agreement to be circulated to the SCP Board Members **ACTION**

## 6. SCP Report and Issues in the Community

GS referred to information contained in the co-ordinator report that was circulated to the SCP Board in advance of this meeting.

CD asked that the positive work contained in the report be promoted with a stronger comms strategy.

**ACTION GS**

## 7. Welcoming Students to Bath / Moving in Campaign

DD explained that the Council will be able to support activity through social media, press releases and the Website.

DD added that he will have one final attempt to see if any welcome messages could be added to the matrix message boards on the roads into the City. **ACTION**

DD suggested that a welcome banner across Milsom Street could be an option. **ACTION**

DR would welcome a co-ordinated message across all the SCP organisations to provide a positive message of welcome.

GS explained that during 'moving in' there are plans for an event that will involve residents and students. It would be good to get the SCP organisations involved with the event. **ACTION**

GS added that she is looking at possibilities in the wards of Westmoreland and Oldfield Park to be involved in welcoming students. There is an aim to build links with street champions in the area will be used.

#### **8. Consider SCP aims and objectives for 2021/22**

GS will prepare a list of suggestions that will be brought to the next SCP meeting, together with which Working Groups they would relate. **ACTION**

#### **9. AOB**

PL asked what how the Partnership is going to proceed with the new Agreement. DR explained that once agreement is reached the final document will be circulated to be signed off.

MR explained that this was her final meeting on the SCP Board and thanked the group for the support she received, especially for her year as chair. The partners thanks MR for her hard work and contributions.

#### **Actions:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person</b>
Report to the next SCP meeting on how successful the extra waste collections have been this year.	GS
Invite JW to return to a future meeting to share progress on One Shared Vision	GS
Arrange for the final Partnership Agreement to be circulated to the SCP Board Members	GS
Share positive messaging from the Co-ordinator report across partner organisations and build Comms strategy.	GS
Attempt to add welcome messages the matrix message boards on the roads into the City.	DD
Investigate the possibility of a having a welcome banner across Milsom Street in Bath.	DD
Share details of the 'moving in' event that will involve residents and students.	GS

Prepare a list of suggested SCP aims and objectives for 2021/22 for the next SCP meeting, linked to Working Groups	GS
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**Date of next meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 1.00-2.30pm**