



## SCP Board Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

12.00-1.30pm – via Zoom

**Present:** **Chair:** Meg Crossman (SU Community Officer, **University of Bath Students' Union**)

**B&NES:** Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall (Member Advocate for Engagement with Students), Cllr Dine Romero (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Communities and Culture)

**Bath College:** Caroline Jarosz (Student Participation Officer)

**Bath Spa University:** Rebecca Schaaf (Pro-Vice Chancellor for Student Experience)

**Bath Spa University Students' Union:** Sian Bentley (Vice President Welfare and Community)

**Norland College:** Alex Fereday (Facilities Manager)

**University of Bath:** Peter Lambert (Professor)

**In Attendance:** Caroline Dangerfield (Deputy Chief Executive, **Bath Spa University Students' Union**) Mandy Wilson-Garner (Deputy Chief Executive, **University of Bath Students' Union**), Ghika Savva (Community Liaison Coordinator, **Student Community Partnership**), Kathryn Jones (Administrator, **Student Community Partnership**),

### 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr Janet Rose (Principal, **Norland College**) and Dave Dixon (Community Engagement Manager, **B&NES**).

## 2. Actions from previous meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Actions	Person(s)	Status
MC to write Sustainable/Environmental Volunteering Update Report for the following meeting.	MC	On agenda
DR to pick up status of additional SCP funding.	DR	Ongoing
DR to send GS address of concern for Community Warden to visit.	DR	Completed
GS to bring SCP logo designs to next meeting.	GS	On agenda
GS to notify Ward Councillors of British Heart Foundation donation bank locations.	GS	Completed
GS to forward street bank locations to DD. DD to chase application with Highways Team.	GS/DD	Completed
KJ to circulate updated donations map to Partners.	KJ	Completed
SB to bring Student Safety Update to next meeting.	SB	On agenda
MC to bring housing quality to next SCP Housing Group.	MC	Completed

## 3. Widening Participation

DR had noticed that a recent press release gave the impression that the SCP was a separate entity rather than inclusive of the partners. She suggested that there would be a value in considering what the SCP is and clarifying that it is not an individual entity.

GS agreed and asked if a wider discussion on the topic would be useful. The Group agreed.

**Action: SCP Identity to be discussed at future meeting.**

## 4. How the Universities Handle Community Engagement

RS explained four ways the University engages with local community; curriculum, employers, schools, and groups/committees. She reflected on the external input in creating new programmes and curriculum, placements and volunteering by students on real world projects, and local research by students and staff.

She mentioned the ongoing work with schools and local employers to increase diversity of employers, knowledge exchange programmes such as Emerge, and tools to address skills gaps such as iStart programmes, bootcamps, and short courses.

PL mentioned SetSquared, a collaboration with six Universities and the maths and science tutoring Bath Spa University PGCE students undertake at local schools. RS explained this work with schools is done to address participation.

RS explained that Universities sit on external groups, such as the SCP, and keep topics of local community in focus at groups.

CJ mentioned the work placements, apprenticeships, and bootcamps for students with local employers run by Bath College.

AF explained students partake in placements throughout their studies at local nurseries and many volunteer in local charities across Bath and the wider Southwest. Work experience is offered for students at Hayesfield School and King Edward's School.

PL reflected that a range of activities and work linked with city and local community, and engagement has risen in priority in recent years.

MWG mentioned volunteering and local employment schemes, and also observed that Higher Education Partners are major employers in the area.

SSM reflected on the usefulness of this information and asked how to share this beyond the Group. RS suggested that this can be picked up with comms teams and can be discussed within the wider SCP identity topic.

## **5. Sustainable/Environmental Volunteering Update**

MC commented that this update was available in the paper attached – there were no questions on the paper.

## **6. SCP Update**

GS explained that the Moving Out Campaign had been a particular focus for the last quarter. The return to using (and increasing the number of) donation banks across the city is expected to significantly increase the impact of the campaign in terms of donation levels and lowering carbon emissions.

She mentioned issues with a couple of new locations resulting in removal of two banks and recurring issues such as fly-tipping which were addressed quickly as and when reported. Local shops and residents near all locations were notified about the campaign in advance and given SCP contact details to resolve any issues. These details were also displayed on the banks so that any complaints could be readily handled.

She asked how to improve communications with ward councillors about this campaign beyond the usual route of council briefings. DR confirmed physical engagement and briefing a few months before campaign. GS confirmed that meetings with Councillors, DD and B&NES Waste team will take place in Autumn for 2022/23 campaign.

MC explained campus success and congratulated all involved.

SB mentioned having a good experience whilst door-knocking and all long-term residents and students spoken to were positive. PL agreed and commented most long-term residents spoken to had expressed enthusiasm for local donation banks.

GS highlighted the extension of the campaign to six weeks and reflected on increasing issues arising across areas like Newbridge and Widcombe & Lyncombe which are not covered by current scope of Community Warden scheme.

SSM commented on the value of the Community Warden scheme and raised how to fund this further to catch wider issues and increase scope of project.

DR reflected that students she had met during door-knocking were less aware of SCP but many long-term residents were very familiar with organisation. GS confirmed that there had been a focus on raising the profile of the SCP among long-term residents and the next phase would be increasing awareness among students.

PL commented many students were aware of Moving Out and Pack for Good campaign, but not necessarily SCP. CD agreed and mentioned students know lots of information' but not always group behind it and explained wider issue rather than lack of SCP presence.

GS mentioned logo update as part of wider website update and explained examples more suggestive of partnership than existing logo. There was some discussion and it was agreed that reflecting the concept of collaboration would be good with a slight preference for option 2, accessibility important and similar sized shapes.

**Action: Group to send GS comments on proposed logos.**

## **7. Student Safety**

SB mentioned Bath Spa Students' Union's survey to gauge safety in city: questions include spiking to measure prevalence and locations, and sexual harassment to indicate culture and prevalence. She explained help pathways are provided with survey, which will be used to gather evidence to create leverage to help students.

**Action: Bath Spa University Students' Union to give update on Student Safety Survey at future meeting.**

CD explained aim was to strengthen venue responsibility and accountability to tackle spiking and sexual harassment issues through licensing route.

MC mentioned panel on Violence Against Women and Girls on 30<sup>th</sup> June 6-7.30pm online if members wished to attend.

## 8. AOB

SB mentioned concern around conflict of interest in SCP Housing Group and suggested implementation of a register of interests at the start of new academic year. DR agreed. GS confirmed register will be applied to all working groups.

GS suggested SCP quarterly meetings return to in person and be held at Dartmouth Avenue. DR agreed but asked for travel time to be considered. SSM raised concerns of climate emergency and societal benefit of online meetings. MC noted Dartmouth Avenue within walking or transport distance.

PL thanked MC for chairing the Board this academic year.

### Actions:

Action	Person(s)
SCP identity to be discussed at future meeting.	All
Group to send GS comments on proposed logos.	All
Bath Spa University Students' Union to give update on Student Safety Survey at future meeting.	SU Rep/CD

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1.30-3pm**