



**Note of the meeting of the Bathavon South Forum
held on Thursday, 20th July, 2017
in The 6th Form Library - St Gregory's School, Odd Down, Bath**

In Attendance:

David Orme – Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council
Martin Robertson – Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council
Jackie Withes - Shoscombe Parish Council
Doug Pattison - Priston Parish Council
John Alder – Freshford Parish Council
Des Wighton - Monkton Combe Parish Council
Lynn Alvis - Monkton Combe Parish Council
Neil Butters - Ward Councillor
David Veale - Ward Councillor
David Dixon (Chair) – B&NES Community Engagement Manager
Mark Hayward – B&NES Community Engagement Officer

Not Present:

Combe Hay Parish Council
Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council
Newton St Loe Parish Council
Southstoke Parish Council
Wellow Parish Council
Kelston Parish Council

Apologies:

David Trethewey – Sponsor for the Bathavon Forum
Tim Rawlings – B&NES Council Waste Services
Gareth Lloyd – Avon Fire and Rescue
Katherine – Tunley Parish Council
Englishcombe Parish Council
Camerton Parish Council

1. Welcomes and Introductions

Dave Dixon thanked everybody for their attendance and introductions were given.

2. Avon Fire and Rescue Update

Gareth Lloyd, Station Manager for Bath Fire Station was not available to attend this evenings meeting but provided an update on operations in the Bath area as produced

July 2017. (this report is included in the minutes). Gareth was not available to attend this evenings meeting.

The points that were highlighted by Dave Dixon :

- The overall number of recorded incidents attended (year on year) has increased from 1,058 to 1,197. This service has to work on clever solutions with the reduction in the overall level of staff dropping by a third.
- Following the incident at Glenfield Tower in London work has taken place with housing associations to access risks and reassures the public that the local situation is one that is safe.
- Work taken place includes, tests on high rise building in Bristol and the one in Bath at Snowhill; tests on water risers; education with residents on the direct route for report any concerns or issues.

Questions and observations:

1. Neil Butters explained that he is a member of Avon Fire Authority. Neil explained that there was a report released yesterday that indicates that re-organisation within the service will be being looked at. The Chief Fire Officer is off with long-term sickness.
Neil would be happy for anybody to feedback to him any comments on the report.
2. Martin Robertson explained that he had needed to contact Avon Fire Service for information about a fire hydrant location. The enquiry was dealt with professionally and with a first class level of service.

3. Local Police matters

The Police were not able to send a representative to this meeting. Their approach to community policing has been reviewed and the area will be broken down in neighbourhood areas that have a sergeant responsible. Inspector Sarah Treweek has committed to sending officers who have knowledge of the forum areas to future meetings.

Action: It was noted that clarification will be sought on how Neighbourhood watch is being co-ordinated?

4. Update form Waste Services

Tim Rawlings from B&NES Waste Services team was not available to attend the meeting to discuss the changes to waste collections. (the update is included in the minutes).

The points that were highlighted by Dave Dixon:

- It is important that residents and Councillors make contact with the waste team as soon as possible if they have any concerns about the collection arrangements for specific properties. The cut-off date has been extended to **31st July 2017**.

- A large number of collection concerns have already been dealt with.
- There are several reasons behind the changes, these are to create a more efficient collection service using the replacement vehicles; reduce the mess created by having unsealed receptacles; increasing the level of recycling by maintaining weekly collections.
- We want to make sure that we are working with the residents to get the changes being made right. It is important that people have a chance to see how the new system is working for them.

Questions and observations:

1. Where there is only a small amount of general rubbish generated each week could this be put out in a carrier bag?

Response – The new scheme will require residents to use the container that they are provided with, these will be the only ways rubbish will be collected. Residents with smaller amounts of rubbish could skip putting out their container if it is only partially full.

2. What is the advantage in sorting the recycling at the point of collection?

Response – The industry believes that the system that we are using is the correct way to gain the best quality and price for recycled materials.

3. Will the existing people that have received assisted collections automatically be renewed into the new arrangements?

Response from Tim Rawlings following the meeting - All residents who have received assisted collections in the past have been contacted and asked if they will still need assistance once the new methods are in place. The Waste Team are following up with people that have not yet responded to the initial letter. If there is anybody that feels the changes warrant them needing assistance then they will need to let Waste Service know.

4. Will there be any changes to collections from private roads?

Response from Tim Rawlings following the meeting – Collections should not be affected, residents will be asked as before to put their containers to the edge/front of their property.

5. What is the situation with trade collections where purple sacks are purchased?

Response from Tim Rawlings following the meeting – Trade collections are unaffected and will continue in the normal way.

6. Anybody with a request for additional support for their area can contact Tim Rawlings on 01225 395205 or tim_rawlings@bathnes.gov.uk

5. Election of Chair

Dave Dixon explained that following the discussion and vote of the Bathavon Forum on its future it was an overwhelming decision to split into two separate Forums.

Hugh Baker was the Chair for the forum before the split, Hugh has taken on the role of Chair for the Bathavon North Forum.

We are left with a vacancy to fill for the Bathavon South Chair. It was explained that the duties of the Chair are to work with Council Officers in the setting of the agenda; Chair the three forum meetings a year and attend the meeting of the forum chairs two or three times a year.

John Alder, Freshford Parish Council was proposed by Neil Butters and seconded by David Veale. No other nominations were put forward and there was unanimous agreement amongst the Parishes. John Alder will take on the role of Chair for one year, future votes for the Chair will place at the next forum AGM.

6. Future format of Forum meetings

It was felt that meeting three times a year (including the AGM) would be sufficient for the Forum. Should specific local issues need to be addressed the forum has the opportunity to add in special additional events. The next meetings will take place in November 2016 and March 2017.

It was suggested that locations for meetings are rotated around Parish Halls and this was felt to be a good option. The next meeting will take place at Freshford Hall. Tunley and Priston also offered to host future meetings. It was suggested that the host Parish Council could hold a short introduction about their parish at the start of meetings.

7. Possible topics for future meetings

- Virgincare
- Rural Broadband
- Rural parish issues that are appropriate for this forum.
- Ward Councillor Boundaries – how the parishes can influence the review process.
- Share information on the way that parishes can co-ordinate on issues such as the maintenance rounds scheduling; the use of local knowledge will help find solutions.

8. AOB

Dave Dixon reminded Parishes that the letters for the Community Empowerment Fund have been sent out to Parish Clerks and Chairs. This is funding that is available to be spent in this financial year.

It was noted that on 11 parishes have so far commented on the parish charter review. It was asked all parishes look to contribute their observations as part of the consultation.

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Communities Forum

Fire Service Summary

July 2017

Neighbourhood Map:



The Communities Forums are unique areas set up by the Local Authority. Each Communities Forum is made up of several Wards.

Community Fire Safety Activity:

Total of last Three months

Mar 2017 - May 2017

Home fire safety visits	87
Education Institutions visits	2
Off Station Community Events	6

Fire Incidents:

	Jun 2015 - May 2016	Jun 2016 - May 2017	Change
Deliberate vehicle fires:	19	11	-8
Deliberate small fires:	43	58	15
Deliberate large non-vehicle fires:	19	13	-6
Accidental dwelling fires:	46	43	-3
Other fire incidents:	59	77	18
Non-fire incidents:	191	249	58
False Alarm incidents:	681	746	65
Total number of incidents attended:	1058	1197	139

Station Managers report:

Following the Grenfell Tower fire all High Rise properties in Bath are being visited by Operational Crews and Fire Safety Officers to reassure the public but also to check and test the Dry Riser and protected means of escape. No residential high rise premises have been identified in BANES as having ACM. The majority of the high rise premises in BANES are owned by Curo who provide social housing. As the Primary authority for Curo we have been working with their compliance team to provide support and advice to residents. As part of an ongoing High/ Heritage risk project all high rise properties in Bath are being visited and their site specific details such as fire hydrant locations and services taken, these details are entered into a mapping program carried on the appliances. As part of that project any special/ individual risks are highlighted and added to the system. Sites with Historical or Heritage Risk are being asked to provide salvage plans to help protect any significant items of financial or historic value.

National Campaign Theme:

Now we are in the summer months Avon Fire & Rescue Service are working with the NHS and other key agencies to deliver outdoor safety messages in relation to the use of barbecues and camp fires.

How to contact us:

Fire Station: Bath
Station Manager: Gareth Lloyd
Station Address: Cleveland Bridge
 Bath
 BA2 6PU
Email: Gareth.Lloyd@avonfire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01179 262061

Local Contact:

Watch Manager Tom Coombs, Bath Fire Station. 01179 262061 ext 8120, thomas.coombs@avonfire.gov.uk

In an emergency: 999 or 112
For non emergency: 01179 262061

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Update on changes to rubbish collection services from November 6 2017

Preparations are moving forward for the new service and this briefing gives you the latest updates.

Summary of service change – what is changing and why

From 6 November we will be collecting rubbish every other week in wheeled bins or re-usable bags for the majority of residents. The weekly recycling collections and the chargeable garden waste collections will remain the same. The changes will help to keep the streets cleaner, increase recycling and make the services more affordable.

Find out your allocation

- In March we sent a letter out with the Council tax bill to let residents know what container they had been allocated. If you want to find out what your allocation is, go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycle and type in your postcode or contact Council Connect.
- We have reviewed some of these allocations in light of feedback from residents and have extended the deadline. Residents who are concerned about the container they have been allocated and have not already contacted us must contact us before the final deadline of 31 July, so that we can review the allocation in advance of the containers being delivered. Where households have 2 or more children in nappies, 6 or more people in their household or a clear medical need they may be able to apply for a larger bin.

Timetable for the changes

- **31 July** – deadline for residents to request a different container
- **Week commencing 28 August** – you will receive a leaflet, giving you more information about the new service
- **25 September onwards** – we will deliver the bins/bags to households over several weeks. The bins will be delivered to the front edge of the property and the leaflet secured in the lid, whilst the re-useable rubbish bags will be delivered to doorsteps to ensure they are not overlooked. Please do not use your wheeled bin until the collections start from 6 November. Your bin/bag will come with further information about how the service works including:
 - How to use your new bin collection
 - How to make the most of your recycling collections
 - Details of your collection day (some collection days will change – please make sure your recycling and rubbish is out by 7am)
 - Collection calendar for the year (including details of Christmas and New Year changes)
- Stickers to put on your recycling boxes to help you separate your recycling
- **6 November – the new collection service starts.**

Getting ready for the new service

- Please make sure you **recycle all you can** including your food waste. You can order extra free recycling containers at www.bathnes.gov.uk/orderacontainer.
- Please make sure you **sort your recycling** by following these guidelines (two boxes – one for paper, glass and other items, one for plastic and cans)
- **Sign up for our text message service** to remind you when your collection is due. Text your postcode to 07520 631700
- **Check our website** for the latest updates and FAQs www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycle
- We are promoting **re-usable nappies** to help people cut down on their waste. We are selling packs of Bambino Mio re-usable nappies for £150 (£100 less than the retail price)
- **Resident's packs** – we are developing a website with materials you can download for free to help share messages with neighbours to advise them how to set out their waste etc. The website will

explain this further and include a leaflet and tick-card to post to neighbours explaining how to use the service properly.

- **Like our Facebook page** www.facebook.com/recycleforbathnes to receive updates and tips to recycle more. It will also showcase our residents in our campaign this year (see below). We would love to include more residents in our social media campaign so please contact wastecampaigns@bathnes.gov.uk if you would like to get involved.
- Visit one of our **roadshows** to see the new containers and find out more. Go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/roadshows to find out when they are or check on our website to find out where our **display bins** are.
- We are providing **talks** about the changes to community groups throughout Bath and North East Somerset. If you know of a group that might be interested please help put us in touch with them.
- Our **vehicle fleet** is due for renewal and is being updated to meet the requirements of the new collections.
- **Residents in properties with existing communal bulk bins** will have been written to, to tell them that their collection services will stay the same for now. We will be reviewing them in the future.
- To help **publicise the changes**, our waste doctors have been visiting properties to help residents get ready for the new changes and review their bin allocation where necessary. We have been giving talks and roadshows and have bins displayed in 6 locations. As well as updating our website regularly, we have been promoting the new service through social media and in the Council's Together magazine.

Popular frequently asked questions

What if I run out of room in my bin/bag?

Make sure you're recycling all you can. Please let us know if you think you qualify for a larger bin (2 or more children in nappies, 6 or more in the household)

I don't have much rubbish – can I just put out carrier bags?

We still need to contain the rubbish to prevent bags splitting and birds and animals getting into them and to make the collections as efficient as possible. You don't have to put your rubbish out for every collection.

I'm worried that my bin might smell.

We are still collecting food waste every week so if you are using this collection there is very little left that should be making your bin smell. You can contain any waste that you're concerned about in plastic bags. There are also companies who provide a bin cleaning service, if you prefer to take this approach. Details of some of the companies are on our web site (www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycle)

Why can't I choose a bin or bag?

Collecting rubbish in wheeled bins every other week for most households will be more efficient. With a scattered arrangement of re-usable bags and bins across the district, our collections would be significantly slower, and we'd need more staff and collection vehicles, hence it would cost a lot more.

Contact us

To contact us please email wastecampaigns@bathnes.gov.uk

Waste Services June 2017