

Final Notes of the  
**Keynsham Area Forum**  
 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 6.30pm (*postponed from 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018*)  
 Community Space, Market Walk, Keynsham

**Present**

| <b>Name</b>                | <b>Organisation Represented</b>                                                     |
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| Cllr Alan Hale             | B&NES Ward Councillor, Chair of the Forum                                           |
| Adrian Inker               | Vice Chair of the Forum. Community@67                                               |
| Cllr Ashton Broad          | Chair of Whitchurch Village Council                                                 |
| Roger Busby                | Keynsham Civic Society                                                              |
| Sheila Crocombe            | Keynsham Action Network                                                             |
| Ric Davison                | Keynsham Town Community Radio                                                       |
| Cllr Emma Dixon            | B&NES Ward Councillor, Saltford                                                     |
| Sara Dixon                 | Locality Manager, B&NES                                                             |
| Cllr Dawn Drury            | Chair – Compton Dando Parish Council                                                |
| Terry Edwards              | Keynsham Dial-a-Ride                                                                |
| PC James Evans             | Beat Manager, Keynsham – Avon and Somerset Police                                   |
| Cllr Clive Fricker         | Keynsham Town Council                                                               |
| Cllr Charles Gerrish       | B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham North and Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency |
| Mike Hammond               | Resident                                                                            |
| Marc Higgins               | Team Manager - Sport and Active Lifestyles Team, B&NES                              |
| Chris Hounsell             | Saltford Business Network                                                           |
| Cllr Duncan Hounsell       | Saltford Parish Council                                                             |
| Kathleen Hovland           | Keynsham Action Network                                                             |
| Tony Mitchell              | Transition Keynsham                                                                 |
| Cllr Paul Myers            | Cabinet Member for Economic and Community Regeneration                              |
| Cllr Lisa O'Brien          | B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham South                                               |
| Cllr Philippa Paget        | Compton Dando Parish Council                                                        |
| Cllr Brian Simmons         | B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham North                                               |
| Cllr John Twist            | Chair – Corston Parish Council                                                      |
| Andy Wait + 3 young people | Keynsham NOW                                                                        |
| Gemma Vittozzi             | Information Officer – Children and Young People's Services – B&NES                  |
| Cllr Karen Warrington      | Cabinet Member for Transformation and Customer Services                             |
| Alison Wells               | Community Engagement Officer, B&NES                                                 |

**Apologies**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Organisation Represented</b>         |
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| Cllr Sally Davis | B&NES Ward Councillor – Farmborough     |
| Cllr Keith Baker | Keynsham Town Council                   |
| David Clarke     | Keynsham and Saltford Churches Together |
| Nathan Duggan    | One Church Keynsham                     |
| Cheryl Scott     | Clerk to Keynsham Town Council          |
| Pete Smith       | Resident                                |

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Welcome from the Chair of the Forum; introductions and apologies.</b> |               |
| 1.1       | AH welcomed those present.                                               |               |

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| <b>2.</b> | <b>Notes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 2.1       | The notes of the meeting of 30 <sup>th</sup> November were agreed as a true record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 2.2       | <p>Tony Mitchell from Transition Keynsham read a statement on the Council's budget challenges and requested it be incorporated in the record of the Forum's proceedings. The statement is as follows:</p> <p><i>"Transition Keynsham is very disappointed that the Council is being forced to make £15 – £16 million of further cuts by 2020, with 300 employees losing their jobs.</i></p> <p><i>We are pleased that the Council believes that this can be done 'while protecting and caring for our most vulnerable, nurturing residents' health, safety and well-being and providing ways for everyone in the community to reach their full potential'.</i></p> <p><i>We note that the Council 'will be putting our case to Government to recognise the unprecedented challenges that we face'. We fully support that and look forward to it being pursued vigorously.</i></p> <p><i>We would hope that it would include, inter alia, a call for a re-alignment in priorities in public spending at national level, with a rigorous examination of current expenditures, a crackdown on wasteful projects such as PFI and agency staffing and a review of Council Tax, to ensure fairer rewards for all.</i></p> <p><i>We cannot continue to just accept the continuation of policies which are so destructive of our community fabric and forcing councils across the country into impossible situations."</i></p> |  |
| 2.3       | AH thanked TM for the statement and said its sentiments were acknowledged and understood.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Update from Avon Fire and Rescue</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 3.1       | SD said they had given their apologies for the meeting but had provided a report, which can be found <a href="#">here</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Update from the Police – PC James Evans</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 4.1       | JE had prepared a report for the Forum's March meeting which was cancelled due to snow. He said the arson relates to two fires in the park. The robberies relate to wallet theft but Police are making progress on this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 4.2       | JE noted that anti-social behaviour (ASB) figures are not up significantly given reports of a spike. However, it is a key issue and the police now have another full time member of staff which should assist. JE said that there have been a number of new housing developments in Keynsham and some have set up community pages on Facebook. The Police do monitor these but do not interact with them. They are concerned that exchanges on such social media sites are escalating perception of the issue and, unwittingly, scaremongering vulnerable people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 4.3       | SC said that she was 'wombling' in Manor Road and found nitrous oxide canisters – 25 empty and 30 full. She asked how she might dispose of them                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

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|           | <p>safely? JE said these contain compressed gas so are not safe to put in a public bin. There are also offences relating to their possession and use. He said he would give SC his details and the police would collect and dispose of the canisters.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 4.4       | <p>AWait asked whether JE had any updates on recent ASB? JE said ASB contracts had been placed on some young people and restorative justice put in place with the young people advised about the impact of their behaviour on others. He hopes ASB figures will come back down as a result.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>5.</b> | <p><b>Feedback from Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Meeting and Subsequent Project Developments.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 5.1       | <p>DD said Cheryl Scott gives her apologies for the meeting where she had hoped to give an update. DD said Keynsham Community Spirit has met several times and are putting programmes together to engage with young people.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 5.2       | <p>AI said that Nathan Duggan from One Church was also hoping to attend to give an update but is unwell. They have started a young person's café at Community@67 working with parents in and around Tintagel. It is held on a Monday evening from 14<sup>th</sup> May and there will be 5 sessions initially until June but if there is demand, it will carry on. The space means they are limited to 30, so larger premises and/or more than one night might be needed if it proves popular. They are also providing food which is burgers at present but they hope to get more adventurous and run cookery/healthy eating classes. Other activities include board games, crafts and there is the field opposite on which to play sport. The radio station is also based at Community@67 at present, so they can also get involved with this if they are interested. There are five volunteers at present, all DBS checked and with lots of experience of working with young people. They received £400 funding from local businesses to help support it.</p> |  |
| 5.3       | <p>AH thanked DD and AI saying it all sounded very positive and an exciting way forward.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>6.</b> | <p><b>Community Showcase</b></p> <p><b>Keynsham and Saltford Dementia Action Alliance</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 6.1       | <p>AH said the aim of this group is to educate the area on understanding the issues those living with dementia might face. It is estimated that there will be 1,000 people with dementia in Keynsham and Saltford by 2030. The group give talks to other organisations and are all trained as Dementia Friends. They also run Music for the mind at St Dunstan's church. A video of this group made by Denise Perrin, Village Agent, was shown.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 6.2       | <p>AH said that if any of those present knows anyone with dementia, or carers, he would urge them to attend.</p> <p><b>One Big Database etc – Gemma Vittozzi</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 6.3       | <p>GV said that the Council manages three information websites:</p> <p>(1) One Big Database is for children aged 0-19 and their families. It contains listings of events, clubs and activities suitable for this age range. <a href="https://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk/">https://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |

(2) Rainbow Resource is for families with children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). This is for ages 0 -25. If you search One Big Database for swimming for example, it won't bring up the SEND opportunities as they are listed separately on this site. It is possible for families with a child with SEND to get a card to obtain discounts at certain facilities. GV said she has application forms for this if required, or there are details of how to obtain one on the website. <https://www.rainbowresource.org.uk/>

(3) Wellbeing Options is for adults needing care support in B&NES eg older people, those with diabetes, those who have suffered a stroke etc. There is information on a range of local and national organisations that can help. There is also a packed calendar of activities with 144 groups taking place last week alone eg lunch clubs, Age UK B&NES - everything going on locally should be there. There is information on benefits as well as support. <http://www.wellbeingoptions.co.uk/>

Gemma's presentation can be found [here](#).

### **Keynsham Radio Ric Davison**

- 6.4 RD said Keynsham Town Community Radio is a fabulous resource for the town. It started 4 years ago at Community @67. He and Seb Bailey went along to find out more and haven't missed a Thursday's broadcast since. If you want to hear the Keynsham Hour you can do it via Somer Valley FM (SVFM) live on a Thursday or via the internet. It is SVFM's most listened to podcast.
- 6.5 Ofcom Community Radio FM licence opportunities don't come along very often and when the latest opportunity arose, with the help of Sara and Alison, KTCR applied and were successful. They need to start broadcasting within the terms of this licence within 2 years or will lose it. The Council has also been helpful with plans to site the transmitter on the roof of the Civic Centre. He showed the Forum a map of the potential coverage area if the transmitter can be sited on top of Civic Centre. 40k people potentially could be reached with the percentages highlighting the number of elderly in each community - content will be tailored to that need.
- 6.6 RD said the group are also looking for a larger studio preferably in heart of Keynsham. They were granted the licence on the strength of the Keynsham hour which featured 56 local groups in the past year – and the testimonials of supporters. The licence also defines how many hours the station will have to broadcast each week. It may be possible for local organisations to have weekly or monthly shows. Mencap already broadcast regularly to promote their activities. This week's Thursday show will feature an update on Transition Keynsham's latest plastic protest at Waitrose and the Anniversary of the River Chew Floods. At present, they only play music from Keynsham or from bands that have played in the town.
- 6.7 They also have lots of promotional opportunities available to businesses. The prices shown in the presentation for radio advertising are from SVFM and are indicative.
- 6.8 RD said he wants KTCR to be the best community radio station in the country and is particularly keen on having a regular radio drama which features local issues. He has been speaking to Saltford Community Association and two

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| 6.9 | <p>groups are interested. Poets and authors are already featured – there is a lot of talent in the area.</p> <p>RD is keen to hear from anyone who wants to be involved whether it is to broadcast, sell wares, promote activities or support the development of the station itself.</p> <p>A copy of RD's Presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |
| 7.  | <p><b>Virtual Reality Tour of the £10m Keynsham Leisure Centre Refurbishment – Marc Higgins</b></p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     |
| 8.  | <p><b>Review of the Fit for Life Strategy – Marc Higgins</b></p> <p>8.1 MH said with the rising cost of social care the Council and its partners are keen to encourage people to be more active. There is an ageing population, rising obesity levels, issues with air quality etc. His team are looking to see how increasing physical activity might help address certain issues.</p> <p>8.2 They are not planning to refresh the existing strategy but to develop an action plan. They are attending all the Connecting Communities Forums to get views and feedback. They are not expecting people to start joining sports clubs or run a marathon – just find ways of moving more.</p> <p>8.3 They are asking the Forums how the Council and local communities can support people to be more active and connect to existing facilities and activities. Examples might be Park Run, Good Gym (where a group runs but also does a good deed such as litter picking, visiting isolated elderly, painting a fence etc).</p> <p>8.4 He would like to hear from the Forums on existing facilities and resources that we could make better use of/enhance. This includes free facilities such as safe cycling and walking routes. Also any ideas on how to encourage people to move more.</p> <p>If anyone would like to contact Marc to discuss his e-mail is <a href="mailto:marc_higgins@bathnes.gov.uk">marc_higgins@bathnes.gov.uk</a> or call 01225 396423</p> <p>Q1: Are AQA still involved with the electronic timing for the pool?<br/>A1: We need to embed this into a wall so are still discussing how best to do this.</p> |     |
| 9.  | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>9.1 There was a request for an update on lighting in the skatepark. DD said she and Cheryl Scott have met with a supplier to obtain more information. This has enabled them to redraft their scheme. They have also met with Jane Robson and Paul Pearce from the Council's Parks' Department. The Town Council will be submitting a pre-application to B&amp;NES in due course. This response was welcomed but a full report was requested for the next meeting. DD said that the clerk had been planning to attend this meeting with a report but had to give her apologies.</p> <p>RB requested an update on pollution levels in the High Street and Bath Hill. He asked whether these are they still being monitored. AH said his</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | KTC |

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|            | <p>understanding is that pollution levels have reduced in the High Street and while other areas have increased slightly they are still below government levels. RB asked whether a report would be made available. LOB said this is already on the Council's website. AH said a link to the report would be sent with the minutes.</p> <p>The report can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Air quality information is from page 44 onwards.</p>                                  |  |
| <b>10.</b> | <p><b>Dates and Topics for Future Forum Meetings</b></p> <p>All at the Community Space of the Civic Centre starting at 6.30pm</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Sofa-surfing and homelessness (Julian House), Support for vulnerable people (DHI)</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – speaker confirmed as Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner. Emergency Planning will also present.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – Council Budget and Forum AGM</p> |  |

## Actions

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| Report on lighting in the skatepark at next meeting | Keynsham Town Council |

## Virtual Reality Tour of the £10m Keynsham Leisure Centre Refurbishment – Marc Higgins

The film can be found [here](#) and a 360 degree tour can also be accessed [here](#)

MH said the Sports Hall is not featured in video but will be in the development. The video shows the new elements of the centre. There is a new top level that used to be the snooker club and learner pool. The squash courts will be staying too. The reception is on the corner and there will be a new entrance where snooker club is now. There will be soft play as you come in. Also, a new spin studio and fitness suite.

The strip out has been completed and the main work is due to start next week. The squash courts and Sports Hall closed today and will re-open on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Work on what was snooker club is also starting now and this section will open in March 2019. The fitness suite will move upstairs. The pools will close and re-open in September 2019 when the full centre is due to be completed.

**Q1: How long will pool be closed?**

A1: 6 months

**Q2: Will the gym be closed at any point?**

A2: No.

**Q3: Why have the trees by the river been cut down? I heard it was to create a bridge to the site. Will this be safely managed?**

A3: A temporary bridge will be constructed for site traffic. It will be managed by Kier who will ensure it is safe.

**Q4: The nearest parking to the site is for two hours only – are there plans to extend this?**

A4: I do not have an answer to this at present.

**Q5: Will there be a charge for soft play?**

A5: Yes – GLL will offer membership packages though.

**Q6: Where will the swimming clubs go while the pool is closed?**

A6: Hengrove and Culverhay. We have been well prepared for this and plans were in place.

**Q7: I heard that AQA are involved and funding is being put in to ensure there is timing for low level competition – is this assured?**

A7: The pool will retain its competition status. The issue of timing is not straightforward as hoped – the Council is looking into it.

**Q8: Will you work with groups like the Dementia Action Alliance to ensure that the water and changing rooms are not too cold for people with particular needs?**

A8: The learning pool will be a bit warmer and there is a warm pool available at the Chocolate Quarter.

**Q9: Will solar panels be used for heating?**

A9: It is still in the plans to have solar panels on the residential block.

**Q10: The lighting may not be adequate for badminton. Will it be improved?**

A10: Yes – we know of the request and are working with the contractor to address.