

Final Minutes of the  
**Keynsham Area Forum**  
 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 6.30pm  
 Community Space, Market Walk, Keynsham

**Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation Represented</b>
Cllr Alan Hale	Chair of the Forum. B&NES Ward Councillor for Keynsham South
Adrian Inker	Vice Chair of the Forum. Community@67
Sgt Jon Bagnowiec	Avon and Somerset Police
Ashley Beighton	Project Manager, B&NES
Stephen Bell	Comms Hub Operations Manager, Emergency Planning, B&NES
Roger Busby	Keynsham Civic Society
Sheila Crocombe	Keynsham Action Network
Cllr Sally Davis	B&NES Ward Councillor, Farmborough
Cllr Emma Dixon	B&NES Ward Councillor, Saltford
Sara Dixon	Locality Manager, B&NES
Dawn Drury	Deputy Clerk to Keynsham Town Council and Chair of Compton Dando Parish Council
PC James Evans	Avon and Somerset Police
Becky Feather	The Week in Keynsham
Cllr Clive Fricker	Chair – Keynsham Town Council
Cllr Charles Gerrish	B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham North and Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
Kathleen Hovland	Keynsham Action Network
Chris Hounsell	Saltford Business Network
Cllr Duncan Hounsell	Saltford Parish Council
Joanna McLaughlin	Public Health Speciality Registrar, B&NES
Duncan Massey	Avon Search and Rescue
Hazel Mitchell	Resident
Tony Mitchell	Transition Keynsham
Sue Mountstevens	Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Avon and Somerset
Peter Morgan	Resident
Daniel Noad	Emergency Management Team Leader, B&NES
Cllr Lisa O'Brien	B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham South
Steve Rumney	Avon Search and Rescue
Dr Cheryl Scott	Clerk to Keynsham Town Council
Paul Sheehan	Public Health Development & Commissioning Manager, B&NES
Cllr Brian Simmons	B&NES Ward Councillor, Keynsham North
Robin Spalding	Environmental Officer, B&NES
Cllr John Twist	Chair – Corston Parish Council
Alison Wells	Community Engagement Officer, B&NES

**Apologies**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation Represented</b>
Cllr Keith Baker	Keynsham Town Council
David Clarke	Churches Together in Keynsham and Saltford
Deb Cooper	Keynsham Neighbourhood Plan
Matt Crovetto	Avon Fire and Rescue
Mike Hammond	Resident
Martin Shields	Corporate Director, B&NES

Andy Wait	Keynsham NOW
All	Whitchurch Village Council

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome from the Chair, Cllr Alan Hale</b>	
1.1	AH welcomed those present	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.1	As above.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
3.1	Dr Cheryl Scott, Town Clerk to Keynsham Town Council gave a verbal update on progress with lighting in the skatepark which was circulated after the meeting with the update.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Update from Avon Fire and Rescue</b>	
4.1	AH said that Matthew Crovetto, Station Manager for Hicks Gate, gives his apologies. However, if any members of the Forum need an update before the next meeting, let Alison or Sara know and they will contact him.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Police</b>	
5.1	The Police Report was circulated after the meeting. It contained a comparison of crime figures between 14 <sup>th</sup> July and 20 <sup>th</sup> September for 2018 and 2017.	
5.2	<p>JE said theft and handling figures are down. Also, burglary of dwellings but these do tend to spike at this time of year, so be vigilant. Crime against a person is up but Keynsham has grown in size and this may explain the rise. Criminal damage is down and this coincides with the work undertaken on anti-social behaviour. Arson is up. Robbery is down. Drug offences are down – the Police have been pro-active in patrols but there are still fewer staff to help address this. Anti-social Behaviour is down from 304 – 207 incidents. This demonstrates the effects of the work undertaken to help reduce this.</p> <p>Q1: Your area covers Chewton Keynsham too but it's not on the report. A1: Yes – it will change again but not by much.</p> <p>AH said that if you feel there is not enough police on the street, write to Jacob Rees-Mogg MP – do keep the pressure on.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Community Safety, Emergency Planning and Community Resilience</b>	
	B&NES Emergency Planning – See Appendix 1	
	Avon Search and Rescue – See Appendix 2	
	Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens – See Appendix 3	

7.	<p><b>Air Quality – Impact in the Keynsham Area and Clean Air Zone for Bath</b></p> <p>See Appendix 4</p>	
8.	<p><b>Notices</b></p> <p>8.1 Circulated with the Agendas was information on activities that we have been asked to promote to Forum members so that they can share it with their own networks. Paper copies can be found on the tables as well.</p> <p>8.2 <b>Our Power:</b> Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council has recently launched the Our Power in B&amp;NES scheme which offers residents access to greener and more affordable energy through the choice of two new energy deals in the Bath and North East Somerset district. One of the tariffs is aimed at pre-payment meter customers and is one of the cheapest dual fuel tariffs available on the market for them. <a href="https://our-power.co.uk/bathnes">https://our-power.co.uk/bathnes</a></p> <p>8.3 <b>Consultation on Kelston Road Park, Keynsham:</b> The Council is consulting on how Kelston Road Park might be improved for both people and wildlife. Anyone with an interest in the park is invited to take part in the consultation either on-line or by downloading a printable version of the survey to complete by hand. Completed surveys must be returned by 5pm on Sunday 30th September 2018. <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/consultations/kelston-road-park-improvement-project">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/consultations/kelston-road-park-improvement-project</a></p> <p>8.4 <b>Community Awards:</b> Nomination for the Bath and North East Somerset Community are now open and provide an opportunity to recognise inspirational local people. There are three main categories – Volunteering in the Community; Business in the Community and Service to the Community. There is a range of awards in each category for individuals, groups and professionals. The deadline for nominations is 21st December 2018. The award ceremony will take place on 27th February 2019 at the Guildhall, Bath with awards presented by the Chair of the Council. <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/local-awards/chairmans-community-business-awards">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/local-awards/chairmans-community-business-awards</a></p>	
9.	<p><b>Any Other Suggestions for Community Showcase/Topics for discussion</b></p> <p>9.1 AH said that if anyone has any suggestions to contact Sara or Alison</p> <p>9.2 TM said that in the light of widespread concern over the effect of cuts on local authorities and therefore public services and the concern of all Councillors at this, he wondered whether the Forum, or Council should convene a cross party conference, to which members of the public are invited, to explore ideas to put the Government in the course of next year’s budget negotiations. AH said that this can be considered but outside this Forum.</p> <p>9.3 HM said she would like a Community Showcase item on support for people with Parkinson’s disease within the community.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Dates and Topic for Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Topics for future meetings - Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd December 2018 - Budget and AGM</li> </ul>	

**Presentation: Emergency Planning**

**Presenters:** Steve Bell - Comms Hub Operations Manager, Emergency Planning, B&NES  
Daniel Noad - Emergency Management Team Leader, B&NES

The presentation can be found here:

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/emergency\\_planning.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/emergency_planning.pdf)

<b>Slide</b>	<b>Comment</b>
3.	A list of recent incidents in B&NES – these are not just issues for the Council but communities, Police and other services.
4.	Example image of tree fallen across a road.
5.	Example image of the coach transporting a German rock band which failed to stop at the bottom of Brassknocker Hill in Bath. The Council is obligated to deal with incidents such as this.
6.	Image of a landslide at Hedgemead Park in Bath.
7.	All incidents cause travel disruption. The team feed into social media and radio to help warn people of incidents. The Police are co-located in the Council’s control room which helps with information sharing.
8.	Image of the army dealing with a 500lb WW2 bomb found under a school playground in Bath. 1,119 properties had to be evacuated – although the Council cannot force people to leave and some chose to remain. The army brought 250 tonnes of sand to force any explosion upward. The Council and Army also worked with emergency services and the RUH.
9.	Examples of recurring risks – all of these have costs and psychological impacts eg Lockerbie, Salisbury (which B&NES was asked to assist with).
10.	Image of flood in Chew Magna. A major risk in B&NES is flooding. The Batch in Chew Magna is usually a small stream but with high rainfall, debris gets washed down and flood water backs up.
11.	Image of the fire station in Chew Magna and Tunbridge Close. On this occasion, the water in the houses was up to waist height. Flood mitigation has now been put in.
12.	Image of Chew Bridge showing debris causing the flood water to back up. There is now an excellent flood warden scheme in Chew.
13.	Image of a flooded Chew High Street
14.	Image of car driving through flood water in Chew Magna. It is important not to drive through flood water too quickly as this creates a bow wave which goes over the flood defences into properties. It is best avoided if possible as manhole covers come off so

	vehicles can easily go down holes.
15.	Image demonstrating that the tops of hills can also flood.
16.	Image of snow in Bath - severe weather is another threat.
17.	Lessons learnt. After very incident the Council and its partners look at what went well and what didn't, communications etc and write it into future plans. There are plans in place for flooding, severe weather, industrial disputes, terrorism and pandemics.
18 and 19.	Stages of an incident – the most expensive part is recovery. It cost £267m to rebuild bridges in Cockermouth after flooding. There is further investment in flood defences in Bath. For the Bath Quays development, the small park here is flood mitigation.
20.	Community Places of Safety. This is regulated by the Civil Contingencies Act. The Council is trying to build a network across the district and is looking for spaces (village halls etc) for minor incidents lasting just a couple of hours. We are creating GPS map to help find your nearest place. If you know of a place please help us by providing details so that we can assess if it is suitable.
21.	A list of what the Council is looking for. We would prefer local people to suggest rather than the Council direct. Preparation helps to reduce the impact of incidents. Tell Sara or Alison if you know of anywhere.

### Questions following the presentation

**Q1: The parish councils have already given information on Community Places of Safety – what has happened to it.**

A1: We've still got this.

**Q2: Can we have a list of the places you already have to avoid duplication?**

A2: Yes

**Q3: A lot of our elderly residents don't use social media so a GPS map will not assist. What else can you do?**

A3: We will have stickers at venues to show. We hope word of mouth will assist. The Police will also be aware of an incident and can direct people.

AH thanked them for their presentations. He said that the foodbanks in B&NES have 2.5 tonnes of food and can release some in the event of an emergency.

**Presentation: Avon Search and Rescue**

**Presenters: Steve Rumney and Duncan Massey**

The presentation can be found here:

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/avon\\_search\\_and\\_rescue.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/avon_search_and_rescue.pdf)

<b>Slide</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Title Slide	
Slides 2 and 3 – Who are we?	<p>Who are we?: We are part of a charity and sit under Mountain Rescue. Our insurance is part covered by Mountain Rescue and part by the Police. We also work with Avon and Somerset Fire and Devon and Cornwall Fire Services.</p> <p>JESIP is the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles. Today, we have been in Cardiff for training alongside other members of the emergency services.</p> <p>We specialise in the search and rescue of missing people, supporting the Police – particularly steep, wooded areas that helicopters and drones can't reach.</p>
Slide 4.	A map showing the area covered. We can get called out across the area – this week we have worked in Frome, Yate and Bath.
Slides 5 and 6	Origins: Came about from mountain rescue teams.
Slides 7 + 8	Capabilities – rope: The images include day 2 of the search for baby of Charlotte Bevan on Avon Gorge – it was bitterly cold.
Slides 9, 10, 11	Capabilities – land: Also the search for Joanna Yeates. We often work at night seeking missing people.
Slides 12, 13, 14 and 15.	<p>Capabilities – Water: Images include Tewkesbury 2007 – we were called in to assist at the request of Ambulance Service.</p> <p>We undertake training for this and practice in flowing water - Defra provides the modules. Yellow Helmet is Level 2.</p> <p>Images include the 2014 Somerset Levels flooding. We were asked to visit properties and evacuate. It was pitch black at night – people came with cats, dogs, disabled children. We can't force them to leave their properties but strongly encourage them to do so.</p>
Slide 16.	How it all works: A call comes in to the police and they investigate. If they feel it may be an incident that fits our capabilities, they will call us. We put members on standby then speak to Police on ground. We then make a decision on whether to go. Contact is generally by text and we often struggle with suitable rendez-vous points.
Slides 17 and 18.	Team Deployment and Briefing: We appoint a manager and allocate other roles. If we are lucky, we will get a medic too. The volunteers are required to carry a

	variety of kit. Missing people are often found in brambles which need to be cut away. We work 24/7.
Slide 19.	An image of our van which we built ourselves. The kit was being disposed of by Wessex Water and gives us access to maps of the UK at different sizes.
Slides 20,21 and 22	How do we survive?: We are a charity and there is no guaranteed income from the Government for our services.

## **Duncan Massey**

Tonight you have been hearing about preparedness - the more communities that do this, the better.

We have a flood team where I live – all of them volunteers. We check plans, places of safety and community transport.

If you are not already organised at a community level, I suggest you do this. B&NES Emergency Planning can't be everywhere.

When the Beast from the East struck, we had list of places of safety but couldn't get hold of the caretakers at 3am. It was an effort to get halls open, with 300 people freezing in their cars. Don't wait for the Council or the Police – organise yourselves – there are lots of models around to follow.

AH thanked the speakers

**Presentation: Avon & Somerset Police**

**Presenter: Sue Mountstevens**

The Police are so grateful for the volunteers that support them with their work. One of the headings on Avon Search and Rescue's presentation was 'How Do We Survive?' and I often think that about the Police.

Reflecting on the figures of crime statistics circulated, I am pleased that some crimes are reducing. However, nationally, violence against a person has increased so expect to see a rise in this next year.

The precept for the police was capped at 2% so if someone left, we didn't fill the vacancy. Now, we have been given permission to increase staffing - 80% of the public agreed to this in a consultation. We will recruit a further 300 officers over the next 12 to 18 months. We will keep the level of PCSOs too – 350. Few police forces keep that number.

We are ring fencing Neighbourhood Policing so will begin to see an increase over time – the Policing Minister will make a decision in the next few months.

We've had a 25% cut so are 655 Police Officers down. There is an increase in complex crime and in cuckooing and county lines – there is now a national body to tackle county lines.

I am not an operational Police Officer and have no control over the Police – this is the Chief Constable's remit. I hold the purse strings. We gave £65k to the Community Safety Group in B&NES (RAG) who decided that it should go towards domestic abuse and young people.

I think anti-social behaviour will always be an issue, especially in austerity with fewer places for young people to go. There are young people outside on bikes now and if we spoke to them, they would no doubt say, they have nowhere to go. However, there needs to be a distinction between anti-social behaviour and children playing.

I am sorry that the Fire Service is not here – they have been patrolling the river in Bath and preventing people from taking short cuts that way, especially students.

At one stage, working with communities was a 'nice to have'. Now, it is essential and we rely more and more on them. We have talked about flooding this evening but also need to prepare for terrorism, hostage taking, chemical discharge. We have had all the Local Authorities and community groups in to discuss this.

Communities need to be part of recovery too and the resilience of communities is key. We have seen it in Salisbury and there are still Avon and Somerset Police Officers involved with this.

We do a lot of preparation with the Army as well – desktop exercises. We do a lot but can never guess what is coming next – Novichock is an example.

To understand a bit more about what the Police do, 86% of their work is non-crime. Local Authorities have been very badly hit so the Police are now the first resort, not the last. We get calls from those that really need an ambulance because they know the ambulance can't come. We try to help but if we get it wrong, we will be scrutinised. Police officers come to work to think on their feet and give to the community. Our priority must be the most vulnerable.

Why am I deciding priorities – because the Police can no longer do it all. It has been a privilege to work with different agencies. Now we have to work at a community level.

Flooding – what do you do if a gully is blocked? A few years ago, you called the Council. Now, you might have to do it yourselves. All organisations are getting smaller.

We are in a difficult situation, I would also urge you to contact Jacob Rees-Mogg MP. Myself and the Chief Constable did meet with him recently. It is important to say that you want better resourced Local Authorities and Police.

We are changing Neighbourhood Policing but it is sacrosanct in Avon and Somerset – other forces are reducing.

You are the eyes and ears of your communities – you need to step up and do more as the Police cannot do as much. We have found £85m savings but still need to find a further £16m.

### **Questions following the presentation**

**Q1: When was the last multi-disciplinary exercise in this area?**

A1: There was a three day exercise this year – terrorist based. It involved various sections of the force – neighbourhood police and patrol. It was done in real time. Local teams were challenged while on duty. People on holiday were called back for it. We also did an exercise on the River Avon. We have large exercises a couple of times a year and smaller ones throughout the year.

**Comment 1: I am involved with a group in South Keynsham. We are all volunteers and work during the day. We need support from the professionals.**

Response 1: Avon Fire and Rescue have done a lot and free up local agencies. They have weekly training sessions and are often the first port of call.

AH thanked Sue Mountstevens for her talk and for attending the meeting. It is a difficult situation and austerity cannot last forever. If there is an incident, extra resource is drafted from this area to help. You can e-mail Jacob Rees-Mogg. We need more resources.

**Presentation: Air Quality and Clean Air Zone for Bath**

**Presenters:** Robin Spalding – Environmental Officer, B&NES  
Ashley Beighton – Project Manager, B&NES

The presentation can be found here:

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/air\\_quality\\_-\\_keynsham.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/air_quality_-_keynsham.pdf)

<b>Slide</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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2.	Pollution in B&NES: Vehicle pollution is the main source – mainly diesel. There are 5 Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) in B&NES. 40mg per cubic litre is the recommended limit.
3.	Monitoring Network – Continuous: This monitor is the most reliable method.
4.	Monitoring Network – Mobile: The mesh monitor was in Keynsham at Bath Hill as part of the One Way trial along with diffusion tubes.
5.	Monitoring Network – Diffusion Tubes: There are 120 diffusion tubes around the district.
6 and 7.	Local Monitoring – Keynsham West and East: Maps showing the annual average Nitrogen Dioxide levels in Keynsham. The level at the location of the diffusion tubes will be higher than at the buildings. Nitrogen Dioxide drops off quickly. These show the average levels for the last year.
8.	Local Monitoring – Corston and Saltford. Map showing levels - these need to stay below 40 for several years.
9.	Local Monitoring – Whitchurch: The level of 46 at the school is alarming but the house next to it is 19. We try to monitor homes but it is hard to get permission. All the statistics are on the Council's website. We have to submit reports to Defra.  <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/environment/pollution/air-quality/monitoring-air-pollution">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/environment/pollution/air-quality/monitoring-air-pollution</a>
10 and 11.	Local Monitoring Results: Tables showing trends.
12.	Local Monitoring Results This shows provisional statistics for the mesh monitors. While the value at the monitor might be over 40, Defra is only interested in the level at building facades.
13.	Local Monitoring Results – Before and During Trial: This chart shows a useful comparison of levels before and after the Keynsham One Way trial. It is possible to see the reduction in levels – some of these are consistent with the national picture but overall, they are lower.
14.	Title Slide: Breathe is the branding for Clean Air Plan for Bath. It came about

	as a result of exceedances on London Road.
15.	Direction from Defra: Defra has directed the Council to produce a clean air plan. They are asking us to meet 40mg or below by 2021. There is a lot of technical work, process and guidance to adhere to on how it will be achieved.
16:	Proposed Zone Boundary: This is evolving. The outline business case will be in public domain next month – both technical and digest. Engagement with stakeholders on-going. The first outline case has gone to Government.
17.	<p>Shortlist:</p> <p>Three options that might achieve the required results. The Government has prescribed the categories to us:</p> <p>B is lightest touch C include trades vans D includes cars</p> <p>There will be a 6 week, formal consultation period starting next month, with more events, drop-ins and engagement. The Council is willing to discuss concerns - rat running is one and Defra want us to analyse this.</p>
18.	<p>End slide: The formal engagement will start on 16<sup>th</sup> October but do engage beforehand.</p> <p>Vehicles that would not be charged in the zone:</p> <p>Euro 6 diesel vehicles, including hybrids (registered from approx. 2015) Euro 4, 5 or 6 petrol vehicle, including hybrids (registered from approx. 2006) Fully electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles</p> <p>The Council has to make decision by end of this year to meet the requirement of directive.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021-overview">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021-overview</a></p>

## Questions following the presentation

### **Q1: Will it apply to emergency vehicles?**

A1: Yes – we have been speaking with the emergency services. The fleets are pretty good and for the most part, compliant. The main issue is with Fire tenders – we could station Euro 6 vehicles around the zone and only call in the larger vehicles when necessary.

### **Q2: Are there exemptions for the disabled?**

A2: Yes – local concessions for blue badge holders. Also, hospital car schemes, community transport – this is all in the business case.

### **Q3: There are tailbacks at Salford to the Globe/A39 and in Corston too. It seems housing development along the A4 corridor will increase. How can levels be falling?**

A3: Yes – peak times are unpleasant but when averaged out, it is not reflected. Layouts of communities and buildings can also affect readings. Vehicles on the roads are increasingly lower emission as well. It could get to the point where

Bath is congested but emissions are low.

**Comment 1: There is no mention of hybrids in your leaflet.**

Response 1: A concession is being considered for hybrids.

**Q4: I am concerned about the congestion at Broadmead roundabout. There are kerbside emissions and children walking to school.**

A4: There was also concern in Bath around schools. St Andrew's put up diffusion tubes. It is not covered well in the legislation but is something to consider. Also in vehicle pollution can be higher than on the street. A balance has to be struck. Public health are doing a lot of work on it.

LR thanked the presenters and urged everyone to respond to the consultation – many people travel to Bath for work and leisure so the impact will be wide.