

Montpelier Conservation Group

Minutes of the General Meeting

14 April 2014

1) **Minutes of the 17 March General Meeting**

The minutes had been circulated by email and were accepted.

2) **Matters arising**

None

3) **Letters sent or received by the Group**

MCG = Montpelier Conservation Group, BCC = Bristol City Council

Colstons Girls School – 14/01031/F – BCC to MCG – 19.3.2014 – letter of notification of application.

Beaufort Inn, 21 York Road – 13/0589/F – BCC to MCG – 25.3.2014 – letter of notification that application has been withdrawn.

47 Cobourg Road – 14/00801/H – MCG to BCC – 3.4.2014 – letter of objection.

39 Ashley Hill – 14/01388/VCC – BCC to MCG – 1.4.2014 – letter of notification of application.

Fowlers of Bristol (Engineers) Ltd, 25a Bath Buildings – 13/05209/F – MCG to BCC – 11.4.2014 – letter of objection.

Former Fairfield Grammar School, Fairfield Road – Public Consultation on outline proposals for use of site for Fairlawn Primary and BHES – MCG to Skanska – 11.4.2014 – comments as circulated and agreed.

4) **Planning Decisions not detailed above**

None.

5) **Planning Applications**

36 Wilson Street, St Pauls – 14/00809/F & 14/00810/LA – 9.4.2014. Replacement of timber framed windows with new double glazed timber framed windows to front and double glazed UPVC windows to rear. The installation of a proprietary insulated render system to the rear elevation. Proposed external flue. Letter of objection to UPVC windows in Listed Building.

The Bear Pit St James Barton Roundabout – 14/00561/F – 23.3.2014. Retention/provision of storage containers and kiosks for retail/café (A1/A3) use. Provision of a 'Heritage' bus to be used as a café. Additional trading and storage facilities and street market trading, as required. An outdoor gallery, public art and holding of community events. Letter of comment to emphasise the need to ensure pedestrian thoroughfares are not obstructed.

84 Stokes Croft – 13/05432/F – 23.3.2014 – Replace windows on front facade with doors. Two left hand windows will be replaced with inward folding full height oak framed glazed doors with fixed windows above. The right hand window will be replaced with a fixed full height window of similar style to the new doors. The design will use high quality materials that relate and are in-keeping with the existing building. Letter to ask that enlarged openings are used as windows and not for access between bar and street.

39 Ashley Hill – 14/01388/VC – 30.3.2014 – Fell a large copper beech, lower thin and remove part of a hazel, remove self sown sycamore, hazel, laburnum and elder and prune cherry to reduce and balance crown in front garden, prune pear adjacent to workshop and remove (and replant) apple in rear garden. No comment.

37 Ashley Hill – 14/01386/VC – 30.3.2014 – Removal of overhanging limb and removal of damaged limb to a leyland cypress and removal of a cypress 8m from rear of property. No comment.

121 Ashley Road – 14/01330/VC – 30.3.2014 – T1 Horse Chestnut – Fell. Letter of objection to loss of significant tree with no justification provided.

Former Builders Yard Picton Mews – 14/01127/X – 30.3.2014 – Variation of condition 13 attached to planning permission 11/01425/R - (Demolition of workshops and stores. Erection of 7 dwellinghouses) to permit the re-positioning of windows WT-D in Unit 1, re-positioning of window WT-B in Unit 5, re-positioning of front door to Unit 6 and amendment to roof of Unit 5. No comment.

53 Sussex Place – 14/00434/F – 30.3.2014 – Change of use from single dwelling to provide 2 storey duplex apartment and single storey garden flat, including single storey rear extension. No comment.

9 Wellington Avenue – 14/01394/F – 6.4.2014 – Proposals are to convert the current dwelling property into two separate flats. Alterations to be made to the existing dormer loft conversion with the new extended rear flat roof dormer, which will form another flat on the first and second floor with the entrance through the existing front elevation. Letter of objection to subdivision of house, lack of private amenity space for proposed flats, inadequate secure cycle and refuse storage.

34 Cobourg Road – 14/01611/H – 13.4.2014 – Single storey rear extension. No comment.

6) Update on other meetings

Proposed Fairlawn Primary School and BHES – Exhibition of outline proposals 27.3.2014. MCG members attended the Consultation Exhibition for the proposed conversion of the old Fairfield Grammar School buildings to form a primary school and premises for Bristol Hospital Education Service.

7) AOB

A representative from BCC outlined the Education and Clean-up campaign planned for June. This will address the street scene – particularly tagging/graffiti but also dog fouling, littering and bins/boxes left out on the pavements. It will involve BCC, May Gurney, the Community Payback team and volunteers and will be a one-day “deep cleanse” of the streets he has identified as being the worst affected by these problems.

Graffiti/tagging would be overpainted on previously painted surfaces, but as far as possible cleaned from brick and stone. He would obtain indemnities from property owners before work was carried out.

MCG to apply for Community First funding for this.

8) Date of next meeting

General Meeting 19 May 2014.