The purposes/priorities for BPF (agreed at the meeting):

- Working across BCC 'silos' (e.g Parks, Sports, Public Health, Neighbourhoods etc)
- Website information sharing etc
- Resource and support for volunteers citywide (how to do things? who to talk to? sharing expertise & experience); continuity of support
- Partnership working with the local authority & collaboration for shared aims
- Recognition of knowledge and experience of parks volunteers & means to use this for the benefit of communities re: Bristol's parks and green spaces
- Communications Parks/Green Spaces 'visibility/promotions' etc
- Growing 'FO/Action' groups across the city (recognised as playing a vital role in protecting and enhancing public parks through fundraising, practical work party activities and events engaging local residents in caring for their local parks)
- Ensuring parks are well maintained and accessible
- Encouraging participation (the next generation of residents to take on the role)
- Training for volunteers (e.g H&S to lead work parties/Use of powertools etc)
- Citywide agendas (e.g Wildlife) rather than 'management' approach
- Advocacy Campaigning & a collective voice (e.g for wildlife)
- Influencing for the benefit of communities who use parks/green spaces & wildlife/nature etc
- Recognised as voice for the city re: parks and green spaces
- Citywide watch/work for ALL spaces
- Motivating and engaging new volunteers
- Citywide/collective voice for LNRs etc
- Positive/Production challenging of administration/decision-makers, influencing etc
- Providing the 'hope' factor (e.g threats of inappropriate development Frome Valley)
- I-2-I/in person relationships & support
- Conduit for voice of parks 'politically' (small 'p')
- Raising agendas coherently e.g Cycling in parks to enable productive resolutions/reduce citywide duplication of officer/volunteer time
- Trees/Nature connected agendas
- Communications into influencing/decision-making structures
- Engagement with process of making decisions to help structure/share knowledge
- Sharing information with volunteer groups re: how to work better with BCC
- Putting faces to names
- Support for volunteers/groups & sharing of information to help ensure resources used most effectively
- Links between parks and other agendas/collaborating across areas

Potential future developments

- A tool library/bank (for volunteers citywide)
- Training further practical training eg creation of management plans/fundraising etc
- Parks Forum more visible in decision-making communications/publicly disseminated communications – Councillors/Newsletters etc
- Funding Review/Annual info (document)
- Reciprocal working with local authorities
- Should be developing links with groups working nationally

International National National Policy/UK Parks & Green Spaces Legislation, including funding Love Parks (Keep Britain Tidy), National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces, Open Spaces Society, Wildlife Trusts **Local Authority** NFPGSS OSS Wildlife Trusts (AWT, RSPB etc) Sports/Public Health (e.g LTA) Other Local Authorities (PGS) Universities/Research (Get Bristol **Bristol City Council** Buzzing/Parkhive **BCC Parks Bristol Parks** (specialist Forum knowledge) NPs (x 14) **Parks** Engagement Officers NP Env.Sub (x2)Groups **Engagement and** Community sharing funding Parks Groups e.g Parkwork/Parkhive (x 100)

Terms of Reference for BPF

Bristol Parks Forum TOR **BCC**

BCC Parks

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Environmental Sub-Groups

Support for:

Workshops

Collective Voice

Links w. city e.g Universities projects

Friends of/Action groups

Voice/Access/Facilities/Care for parks

External Funding for improvements to parks and green spaces

Events/Activities in parks to engage residents

National: networks, agendas, City-wide issues

Local: Campaigns: e.g recycling in parks, visibility of parks in decision-making processes, advocacy for citywide parks

Partnerships and relationships with:

Local networks

Community Organisations

Young people's groups/schools etc