

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE EAST (A.C.E) **(DALES, MAPPERLEY, AND ST ANN'S)**

MINUTES

of meeting held on **12 FEBRUARY 2013** at

Loxley House from 7.05pm to 8.08pm

- ✓ Councillor S Johnson (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor R Healy (Joint Vice-Chair)
- Councillor J Collins
- ✓ Councillor E Dewinton
- ✓ Councillor G Khan
- ✓ Councillor D Liversidge
- ✓ Councillor D Mellen
- Councillor T Molife
- ✓ Councillor K Williams

Community Representatives

- ✓ Ms Janet Summers - (Joint Vice-Chair) St Stephen's Church
- Mr Andrew Campbell - African Caribbean and Asian Forum
- ✓ Mrs Jean Brennan - Alexandra Park Residents Association
- ✓ Mrs Andrea Stone - City Heights Mapperley
- Bishop Joan Richards - Elohim Development Academy
- ✓ Mr Richard Brown - Friends of Colwick Woods
- ✓ Miss Cynthia James - Gains Tenants and Residents Group
- Mr Christopher Prior - Jesse Boot Community Basketball and Sports Trust
- ✓ Mr David Towers - Mapperley Park Residents Association
- Mr Michael Nkanka - Nottingham African Centre/Nigerian Community Group
- Ms Bea Tobolewska - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum
- ✓ Mr Sajid Mahammed - Renewal Trust
(substituting for
Ms Cherry Underwood)
- ✓ Miss Joanne Gordon - St Ann's North Tenants and Residents Association
- Mrs Leila Henry - Stonebridge City Farm
- ✓ Ms Joanne Ians-Hall - St Ann's Unity in the Community
- ✓ Mr Peter Wright - Sneinton Tenants Outreach Programme
- ✓ Mr Greg Feltham - Sneinton Tenants and Residents Association
- Mr Dennis Sanderson - Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre

✓ indicates present at meeting

Citizens and Partners in attendance

- Mr Noel Martin) Citizens
- Mrs Sheila Thwaites)
- Inspector Simon Allardice - Nottinghamshire Police

City Council colleagues in attendance

Mr Mark Sunderland	- City Services)	
Ms Fi Cusick	- Neighbourhood Development Officer)	
Mr Greg Foister	- Neighbourhood Development Officer)	
Ms Michelle Graley	- Neighbourhood Development Officer)	Communities
Mr Zbyszek Luczynski	- Neighbourhood Development Officer)	
Mr Martin Harris	- Parks Technical Officer)	
Mrs Dorothy Holmes	- South Locality Manager)	
Ms Catherine Ziane-Pryor	- Constitutional Services Officer	-	Resources

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collins and Molife, and Ms Beth Hanna Neighbourhood Development Officer.

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

28 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to resolution 3 of minute 22, Area Capital Fund 2011/12 Programme, being amended to show Taylor Close instead of Taylor Court, the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 November 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

29 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN MAPPERLEY, ST ANN'S AND DALES

Mr Martin Harris, Parks Technical Officer, presented the report which outlined the major investments made to the area's parks, open spaces and playgrounds from Section 106 funding, which had been awarded from the redevelopment of sites in the area.

It was noted that Robin Hood Chase Play Area was sited in St Ann's and not Mapperley.

The following responses were given to questions asked:

- o this was intended to be an annual report, but more regular updates could be provided if the Committee preferred;
- o it was understood that there was a lot of work being done by community and voluntary organisations in regard to parks and open spaces in the area, but the report referred only to investments and proposals of the City Council.

Comments made at the meeting included:

- o while Tricket's Yard was listed for potential refurbishment, it should be taken into consideration that this area was currently used for drug related activity, so it may be of benefit, if funding could be found, to remove the seating area;

- the work and enthusiasm of voluntary groups such as Friends of Colwick Woods, was much appreciated and valued;
- the full initial allocation of £21,000 for the Mickleborough Railway Cutting was no longer required as the play park above the cutting had been improved and, having consulted residents of the area, it was agreed to maintain the area below as an open space to enable a broader range of play activities to take place.

The Chair agreed that, with regard to parks and open spaces in the area, it would be of interest to receive a report outlining the activities of voluntary groups, including proposals.

It was noted that:

- the work on Chase Park, behind the Police Station, had been completed so a celebratory event would be held on the Park on 19 February 2013 from 11am to 1pm;
- park improvement volunteering sessions were to be held at:
 - Coppice Park on 24 February 2013, 11am to 1pm;
 - Sycamore Park on 30 March 2013, from 11am to 1pm.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the improvements made to parks and open spaces in the area, be noted;**
- (2) that the following be approved:**
 - (a) the following sites for future investment:**

Dales

**Trickets Yard
Colwick Woods
Parkdale Park
Colwick Country Park
Colwick Woods Local Nature Reserve
Sneinton Dale Allotments
Green's Gardens and Dale Allotments**

Mapperley Ward

**Coppice Park
Sycamore Park
Mickleborough Railway Cutting
Astley Drive/Boynton Drive Play Area
City Heights Park (once adopted)**

St Ann's Ward

**Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden
Rocket Park (Jersey Gardens)**

- (b) that, of the £21,000 of Section 106 funding initially allocated to Mickleborough Railway Cutting, £11,000 be transferred for use at the Astley Drive/Boynton Drive Play Area;**

- (3) that the ability of the 'GreenPlaces' Fund, to attract funding into the area for the improvement of parks and open spaces, be noted;**
- (4) that a report from the Head of Parks and Open Spaces be submitted to a future meeting, detailing the following in regard to Section 106 funding:**
 - (i) the development sites which had contributed;**
 - (ii) the amount contributed from each site;**
 - (iii) how the funding had been allocated;**
- (5) that, with regard to parks and open spaces in the area, Dorothy Holmes, as South Locality Manager, arrange for a report outlining the work and proposals of voluntary groups, to be submitted to a future meeting.**

30 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 2

Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) for each ward presented a brief summary of the performance information on each of the following topics:

- o Safer Theme
- o Neighbourhood Theme
- o Community Engagement
- o Working Theme
- o Consultation Planned.

It was noted, and applauded, that crime figures had significantly reduced across the area.

In addition to the information contained in the report, the following events were announced:

St Ann's Ward (NDO Michelle Graley on 0115 915 197)

- o following the discussions at the last meeting, there was to be a planning meeting held on 14 February 2013 for a Jobs Fair to be held in the area, and further information was to be provided by NDO Beth Hanna at a later date, as plans developed;

Dales Ward (NDOs Zbyszczek Luczynski 0115 9155694 /Beth Hanna 0115 9150395)

- o the Annual Your Choice Your Voice event was to be held on Wednesday 27 February 2013 at St Christopher's Church, and would include information on the benefit changes;
- o with the support of partners, a jobs club was planned, possibly to be held at the Greenway Centre;

Mapperley Ward (NDO Fi Cusick 0115 8839728)

- o Ward Forum Meetings were to be held on:
 - o 27 February 2013, 7pm to 9pm at Elohim, Wells Road;
 - o 17 April 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Andrews Church, Chestnut Grove;
 - o 10 July, 7.15pm to 9.15pm, Elohim, Wells Road;
 - o 11 September, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at St Andrews Church, Chestnut Grove.

- the next Ward Walk was to be held on 7 March 2013, Sherwood Vale from 2pm to 4pm.

Following a challenge of the cleansing data which stated that there had been a decrease of 138 fly tipping incidents against last years figures for the same month, Dorothy Holmes assured the Committee that the data was not corrupt and not collected from just one source, but several, including the City Council officers, citizens reporting issues and community protection, with the information collated in one place. It was noted that a spate of fly tipping reports may have been the result of rubbish left out on bin collection days, mistakenly reported or recorded as fly tipping and not special collection.

Inspector Simon Allardice, Nottinghamshire Police, was introduced to the Committee as the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector for the area and received a warm welcome. Inspector Allardice provided the following information:

- with regard to the increase in the number of sexual offences, where crime figures were seen to rise slightly, this may have been as a result of a Police focus, for instance, an operation combating kerb crawlers resulting in several arrests, but did not necessarily mean that the problem was increasing;
- in the Mapperley area there had been an increase in sexual assault reports as a result of one person's activity on Woodborough Road. However, this person had now been caught and arrested and there had not been any further reports of such crimes in the area;
- the historic issues around the former children's home would also have impacted on current crime statistics;
- statistics did not reflect that sometimes it was a small number of people committing multiple crimes, and not necessarily lots of people committing lots of crimes;
- it was important to address the fear of crime, along side the actual crime, as it also impacted on communities and individuals. It was vital that accurate information on crimes be put into the public domain, especially for high profile crimes where violence was specifically targeted between two individuals and there had not been a general risk to citizens. However, caution was to be applied to ensure that information was not released which may compromise any potential legal proceedings or Police operations.

Inspector Allardice offered to speak with his colleagues with regard to how local Police released information to citizens regarding high profile crime, so that citizens could be reassured that, where appropriate, violent crime had not been committed as a random act.

RESOLVED that the report and verbal updates be noted.

31 AREA CAPITAL FUND REPORT

Dorothy Holmes, South Locality Manager, introduced the report which informed the Committee of the schemes previously approved by Committee and those proposed, for which approval was sought.

It was noted that the residents of Mapperley Park had been very pleased with the tree work done to date.

RESOLVED

(1) that the following additional Area Capital funded schemes be approved:

<u>Dales</u>		£
Candle Meadow	lighting	160.00
 <u>Mapperley</u>		
Mapperley Park	tree replacement	2,750.00
 <u>St Ann's</u>		
Westminster Close	fencing	3,435.00
Promenade	lighting	7,844.00
St Ann's	tree works	2,862.00
Joint Service Centre	notice board	1,500.00

(2) that the Area Capital monies available for each ward, as follows, be noted:

- (a) Dales £ 27,254.00;
- (b) Mapperley £ 40,881.00;
- (c) St Ann's £110,358.00.

32 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The report informed the Committee of the funding from Ward Budget Allocations, and projects supported by Ward Councillors and approved, through delegated authority.

RESOLVED that the following Ward Budget Allocations, and the remaining funds, be noted:

<u>Dales Ward</u> (Councillors Khan, Mellen and Williams)	£
Summer Family Day at King Edward Park	1,000.00
Catering at Christmas lights switch on	250.00
Volunteer Awards Event	450.00
Sneinton Hermitage Christmas Family Event	500.00
Greenway Centre 616 Club	2,000.00
Grit bin, Sutherland Road	700.00
 (Remaining unallocated finds	 4,693.00)
 <u>Mapperley Ward</u> (Councillors Dewinton, Healy and Molife)	
Bonfire Light Event - Ecoworks	590.00
Entrepreneurial coaching - Inspiring greatness	2,995.16
Fireworks event - Friends of Coppice Park	200.00
 (Remaining unallocated funds	 14,184.84)

St Ann's (Councillors Collins, Liversidge and Johnson)

Renewal Trust Volunteers Award Event 2012	600.00
Little Daises - Blue Bell Hill CA	1,900.00
(Remaining unallocated funds	31,406.00)

33 ADDITIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED that an additional meeting of the Committee be held on 12 March 2013, at 7pm in Loxley House, to consider a report on Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector, and that an open pre-meeting be held from 6.30pm to explain the process to those who wished to know more.

34 ZBYSZEK LUCZYNSKI

The Chair informed the Committee that, after many years working in the Dales Ward, Zbyszek Luczynski would be retiring from the Neighbourhood Management Team within the next couple of months. Councillor Mellen praised Zbyszek's passion for the area and thanked him for his dedication and work. Zbyszek responded that he had experienced some very enjoyable times and achieved some good results in the area.

RESOLVED that the Committees thanks and appreciation to Zbyszek Luczynski be recorded.