

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 10 SEPTEMBER 2013 from 7.00 pm to 8.08 pm.

- ✓ Councillor Jon Collins
- ✓ Councillor Emma Dewinton
- ✓ Councillor Rosemary Healy
- ✓ Councillor Sue Johnson (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Gul Khan (Joint Vice Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Dave Liversidge
- ✓ Councillor David Mellen
- ✓ Councillor Thulani Molife
- ✓ Councillor Ken Williams

✓ indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

Dales Ward

- Richard Brown - Friends of Colwick Woods
- ✓ Moon Chester - SEND Project
- David Jones - Sneinton Festival
- Dennis Sanderson - Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre
- ✓ Greg Feltham - Sneinton Tenants and Residents Association (STARA)
- ✓ Janet Summers - St Stephens Church (Joint Vice-Chair)

St Ann's Ward

- ✓ Andrew Campbell - African Caribbean and Asian Forum
- ✓ Ethel Anderson - Chase Community Lunch Club
- ✓ Bill Chambers - EPIC Partnership
- ✓ Peter Wright - Sneinton Tenants Outreach Programme (STOP)
- Debbie Webster - St Ann's Advice Group

Mapperley Ward

- ✓ Jean Brennan - Alexandra Park Residents Association
- ✓ Andrea Stone - City Heights Mapperley
- ✓ David Towers - Mapperley Park Residents Association
- ✓ Peter Henson - Mapperley Road Neighbourhood Watch
- ✓ Joanne Gordon - St Ann's North Tenants and Residents Association

Others in Attendance

Martin Sommerville) St Ann's Project (SAP)
Carly Williams)

Noel Martin) Citizens
Cynthia James)

Sergeant Nigel Bradley - Nottinghamshire Police
Cherry Underwood - The Renewal Trust (Lead Organisation)

Christian Murden)	Nottingham City Homes (NCH)	
Leon Lewis)		
Mark Sunderland	-	South Neighbourhood Operations Manager)
Greg Foister	-	Neighbourhood Development Officer) Communities
Dorothy Holmes	-	South Locality Manager)
Jill Smith	-	Employment and Skills Officer	- Development
Catherine Ziane-Pryor	-	Constitutional Services Officer	- Resources

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Rosemary Healy (Other Council Business)
Councillor Ken Williams
Fi Cusick) Neighbourhood Development Officer
Michelle Graley)
Inspector Simon Allardice - Nottinghamshire Police

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

15 MINUTES

Subject to listing the correct designation of Sergeant Hunter, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

16 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Dorothy Holmes, South Locality Manager, introduced the item which was deferred from the last meeting and verbally informed the Committee that, following an application process Ward Councillors had appointed community representatives.

RESOLVED

(1) to note that Councillors had appointed the following community representatives:

Dales Ward:

David	Jones	Sneinton Festival
Dennis	Sanderson	Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre
Richard	Brown	Friends of Colwick Woods Group
Greg	Feltham	Sneinton TRA
Moon	Chester	SEND Project
Janet	Summers	St Stephens Church

St Anns Ward:

Ethel	Anderson	Chase Community Lunch Club
Peter	Wright	Sneinton Tenants Outreach Programme
Debbie	Webster	St Ann's Advice Group
Bill	Chambers	EPIC Partnership (St Ann's & Sneinton Football Club)

Andrew Campbell African Caribbean and Asian Forum

Mapperley Ward:

Andrea Stone	City Heights Residents Association
David Towers	Mapperley Park Residents Association
Peter Henson	Mapperley Road Neighbourhood Watch
Jean Brennan	Alexandra Park residents Association
Jo Gordon	St Ann's North TRA (STANNRA)

- (2) to note that as Janet Summers has been confirmed as a community representative, that her appointment as Joint Vice-Chair is confirmed.

17 JOBS, TRAINING AND ADVICE FAIR - UPDATE

At the meeting held on 20 November 2012 (minute 21) the Committee resolved to "support the proposal for a Jobs Fair, to be held in the Area during the New Year, for the benefit of citizens of Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's."

Councillor David Mellen and Jill Smith, Employment and Skills Officer, updated the Committee on the event which took place on 1 July 2013 in Sneinton Market Place, involving local employers and training providers.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) Prior to the event, a lot of work had been done to engage local employers within the area to encourage them to advertise any current vacancies at the jobs fair, but also to consider advertising future vacancies locally;
- (b) It is not known how many of the people had successfully found work as a direct result of the fair, but;
 - (i) more than 500 people had attended the fair, 143 of whom live within the ACE wards;
 - (ii) more than 50 people had enrolled in training;
 - (iii) 63 people expressed an interest in working for the Police Force;
- (c) It was recognised that some of the people attending the event were not ready to start work and needed support if they are to successfully enter work in the future. Support opportunities for such citizens will be available at future events, hopefully with dedicated staff present to speak directly to people;
- (d) Overall the event is considered a success. Several points had been raised which will be addressed for future events, including;
 - (i) if held a little later in the year, companies can recruit for Christmas;
 - (ii) some companies which had vacancies were unable to send representatives to the event, either because they couldn't afford to send a member of staff to the event for the day, or they were trying to meet customer deadlines. Although the details of the vacancies were presented at the fair, a more formal process could be considered for future events;

The following comments were made:

- (e) The event had a good atmosphere and was positive for the area;
- (f) The Renewal Trust had successfully run a 'Jobs Shop' in the area but this will close during October 2013 and be replaced with an 'Employment Outreach' post where an advisor will be available for set sessions at different venues in the area;
- (g) Many local businesses welcomed the drive for local jobs for local people and although they did not have vacancies available at the time, are happy to be involved in future events when vacancies occur;
- (h) Several local businesses applauded the amount of information available to both them and potential candidates regarding apprenticeship schemes;
- (i) It would be helpful to have advisors available at future fairs to help people complete application forms for jobs/apprenticeships/training as not everyone is confident in completing online applications without support;
- (j) It was noted that, to encourage businesses to employ more local people, the City Council's 'Nottingham Jobs Fund' pays a percentage of a person's salary for the first year where criteria are met;
- (k) The issue of 'zero hour contracts' was raised at the meeting and some committee members highlighted that zero hour contracts;
 - (i) deterred some people from entering employment;
 - (ii) tied people to a company which did not guarantee minimum hours and so restricted employees' ability to take other, more regular work;
 - (iii) could cost the employee more money in travel costs than they earned from the work, due to inconsistent arrangements;
 - (iv) complicated benefit calculations;
- (l) In response to zero hour contracts, Gill Smith responded that the City Council was not able to influence how any businesses employed their staff and in the interest of encouraging local jobs for local people, businesses which operate zero hour contracts would not be refused access to future training and employment events.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the Committee's appreciation of the colleagues, businesses and partners involved in making the fair a successful event;**
- (2) to include with the minutes, details of where and when Employment Outreach Advisors would be available once the Job Shop is closed;**
- (3) to forward to Councillor Nick McDonald, Portfolio Holder for Jobs and Growth, the concerns raised during the meeting regarding zero hour contracts for his response.**

18 **ST ANN'S PROJECT (SAP)**

Martin Sommerville and Carly Williams of SAP described the achievements of the local community in transforming an area of wasteland into a community garden.

A short film was shown to illustrate the achievements of the community in transforming the space into an attractive and welcoming community area. The film and further information on the project can be found at <http://stannsprojects.wordpress.com/>

Highlighted points included:

- (a) Having experienced the benefits of a creative community during a visit to Australia, Carly and Martin wanted their local community in Nottingham to have the same opportunity to improve their surroundings;
- (b) A patch of derelict land was suggested as a good project for improvement as it was overgrown and had been used as a dumping ground;
- (c) Having met many of their neighbours and members of the community through 'Nottingham in Bloom' activities, Carly and Martin asked them and the broader local community to join them in clearing and preparing the land;
- (d) Approximately 70 people of all ages turned up to help improve the space and, with the assistance of City Council Grounds Maintenance vehicles, worked to remove a total of 4 truck loads of rubbish and debris;
- (e) Once the land was cleared, the planting started, initially with apple trees, willows and bluebells;
- (f) The community gardeners meet once a week on a Saturday afternoon and have bring along a variety of things they have grown for the garden and have plant swaps;
- (g) The 'Zig-Zag Garden Festival' was held on the land as a community celebration of the achievements of the community working together. There were various activities including face painting and a samba band, and approximately 200 people took part;
- (h) A message wall included comments from local young people such as 'this is good as the planting will make the place more beautiful.....I've really enjoyed it a lot.....this is a good project...it is getting us off our bottoms and outside making the place healthy and looking a lot better';
- (i) The next project for the group is to improve another abandoned patch of land near to the current garden but attached to 'The Beacon' pub at Bluebell Hill Road. When approached, the owners welcomed the prospect of the land being improved for the benefit of the local area and community and a 9 month lease of the land to the community group was negotiated;

- (j) Local people were asked for ideas of what they wanted in the area and more than 100 people came forward. It is vital that for such schemes to work, the community are involved at all stages.

RESOLVED to note and applaud the inspiring achievements of all the residents involved with the St Ann's Project.

19 WARD PERFORMANCE -QUARTER 2

The report included a brief summary of the performance information on each of the following key themes:

- Ward Priorities
- Community Engagement
- Finance
- Safer
- Neighbourhood
- Community Engagement
- Working
- Housing
- Community Protection
- Fire
- Health

Dorothy Holmes, Locality Manger and Greg Foister, Neighbourhood Development Officer (NDO) presented the report. The following points were highlighted:

St Ann's Ward

- (a) Overall in the ward, crime was down during the past 12 months, showing a reduction of 35.48%, however there were 17 more crimes in June of this year compared to June last year;
- (b) Personal robbery and anti-social behaviour (ASB) continued to be issues;
- (c) Nottingham City Homes are progressing with a review to better maintain the steep banks to the flats;
- (d) Dog fouling issues continued to be a problem so a task group is developing a plan to be activated next year. Fouling will also be addressed during the 'week of action' which starts on 28 October 2013;
- (e) Communications between all cleansing services are to be improved, especially regarding 'hot spots' of contaminated land and missed bin collections;
- (f) The Family and Community Team are focusing on improving participation and engagement of young people;

- (g) A 'Leader Listens' session was held on 24 July 2013 at St Ann's Valley Centre where the issues raised included:
 - (i) The lack of shops;
 - (ii) The future of the Chase;
 - (iii) The Bedroom Tax;
 - (iv) Nottingham Jobs Fund;
 - (v) Provision for children;
- (h) The Police received a mandate from the community to give the cluster of streets known as the Sneinton Elements, priority for additional patrols in the area;
- (i) The Economic Business Development Team are to meet with local businesses on 30 October 2013 to promote jobs for local people;
- (j) Planned consultations include a Budget Consultation meeting on 18 October 2013 and supporting the ongoing regeneration proposals for the Chase;

Dales Ward

- (k) Overall crime and ASB has reduced but there had been a small increase in auto crime and theft, including shop lifting;
- (l) It is predicted that noise and alcohol related crime will have risen during the summer months;
- (m) Dog fouling, fly tipping and drug hot spots have been identified and will be targeted during the 'week of action';
- (n) Sharing of details on fixed penalty notices issued has improved;
- (o) The cleanliness bench mark was not achieved this year but action is being taken to improve this;
- (p) There is potential to develop proposals for the improvement of Parkdale and Colwick Woods Parks, The Greenway Park and possibly Windmill Park;
- (q) The Police and Community Protection teams are planning to build on community relations with a new initiative called 'street by street';
- (r) There have been several projects and activities run by a range of partner organisations working with young people;
- (s) Following the success of the Jobs, Training and Advice Fair, a further event is planned for 2014;

Mapperley Ward

- (t) Crime was generally down by 15.2% and auto crime is a policing priority so is also predicted to fall;

- (u) Reported sexual crimes incidents continued to increase but this was due to reporting of historic incidents relating to the former children's home on Woodborough Road;
- (v) ASB continued to fall by 44% but burglary remained an issue;
- (w) Cleanliness had dropped slightly but over the year the target of 86% had been met;
- (x) There is a refreshed focus on dog control regarding prevention of dog ASB;
- (y) A 'day of action' successfully took place on 11 June 2013;
- (z) Environmental volunteering days were proposed for Coppice and Sycamore parks. The dates were confirmed at the meeting on the following Saturdays from 10am until noon :
 - (i) 21 September 2013 - Coppice Park;
 - (ii) 19 October 2013 - Sycamore Park;
 - (iii) 23 November - Coppice Park;
 - (iv) 18 January 2014 - Sycamore Park;
 - (v) 16 February 2014 - Coppice Park;
 - (vi) 22 March 2014 - Sycamore Park;;

South Locality Board

- (aa) The board has been established for approximately a year, delivering a multi-agency partnership approach and has focused on:
 - (i) ASB in Sneinton and Clifton;
 - (ii) Summer holiday programmes;
 - (iii) Funding of Street Pastors to help address street drinking.

The next issue to be addressed is Domestic Violence in St Ann's and Bridge wards using the model piloted in Aspley ward.

Police Update on Crime

- (bb) Sergeant Nigel Bradley briefly presented the Committee with an update on crime figures for the area and highlighted that across the City, crime had increased but the actual numbers of crimes were still fairly low. However, the Police and multi-agency partners continued to work to address these issues.

The following points were raised and discussed during the meeting:

- (cc) The crime statistics released by the Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) showed that there is a strong trend in the wrong direction. Many people were concerned that the Police alone will not be able to tackle this. A different, broader approach is required in the area;

- (dd) Racial tensions are rising between the Polish and African communities in the area;
- (ee) Directors have been appointed to the multi-agency partnerships of the Locality Boards which link with the CDP and have a strong focus on tackling crime;
- (ff) Further work has been done to restrict the sale of strong cheap alcohol:
 - (i) shops in the City Centre have been initially targeted and it is predicted that, with the success so far of 80% of outlets signing up to the restriction, in time it will be rolled out across the City;
 - (ii) Initially supermarkets have been approached but the next step will be to focus on the independent shops;
 - (iii) New licensing frameworks are being considered to restrict the sale of strong alcohol as part of license terms within the City. If implemented, this will not be retrospective but will apply to all new licence applications. As licences only lasted a set time, eventually all existing license holders will be required to operate under the new terms;
 - (iv) If there are alcohol related issues around a specific licensed premises, these should be recorded and the Police notified as they can request a review of a license;
- (gg) There is to be a renewed campaign for dog owners to keep their dogs under control and act responsibly towards their fouling. This continued to be an issue, particularly in the Wells Road area with five incidents of dogs attacking dogs and people reported so far this year. It is expected that there have been many more but people do not know who to report the incidents to. Leaflets will be distributed in the area outlining the law and potential penalties of up to £5,000 with information on how and to whom incidents can be reported. This includes telephoning:
 - (i) 999 if a dog is out of control;
 - (ii) 101 to report an incident;
 - (iii) 0800 555111 for anonymous reporting;
 - (iv) 9152020 regarding fouling;

RESOLVED to note the ward performance reports for quarter 2 2013/14.

20 AREA CAPITAL FUND -2013/2015 PROGRAMME

Greg Foister, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which detailed proposed projects, Area Capital funding available and spent in Dales and Mapperley wards.

RESOLVED

- (1) to defer consideration of St Ann's Area Capital schemes until the next meeting;**
- (2) to approve the Area Capital programme of schemes for Dales and Mapperley as follows:**

(i) Dales Area Capital 2013-2015 Programme

LTP schemes

Location	Type	Estimate £	Details
Ashdale Rd	Footpaths	52,730	Footpath resurfacing
Candle Meadow	Tactile Crossing	3,182	Reposition pedestrian crossing at junction of Crabtree Field and Candle Meadow
Lees Hill St / Manor St	Resident's parking	6,500	Introduce resident's parking scheme
Port Arthur Road	Bollards	1,350	Instillation of 4 bollards to prevent parking on footpath
Greenwood Road	Signing & Lighting	1,650	Install 'slow' markings and signs to deter speeding

Dales Public Realm Schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Hutton Street	Fencing	6,678	Metal mesh fencing at the end of Hutton St to prevent ASB and access to park

De-commitments - 0

(ii) Mapperley Area Capital 2013 - 2015 Programme

LTP schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Thorney Hill Area	Bollards	£2,500	Install bollards on the corners of Thorney Hill, Kelvin Rd and Radstock Rd

Total LTP schemes* £2,500

Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Springwood Gardens	Tree works	1,311	Tree and planter replacement
Brewsters Rd Play Area	Improvements	2,042	Improvements to play area surface

Total Public Realm schemes 3, 353**

Decommitments - 0

(3) to note the following money available to Dales and Mapperley:

(i) **Dales**

Total 2013-2015 LTP allocation		£136,000
LTP carried forward from 2011-2013		£27,254
2013-2014 Public Realm allocation		£40,800
Public Realm carried forward		£0
Total Available 2011 - 2013 ACF		£204,054
<i>Less LTP schemes approved total</i>	-	£65,412
<i>Less Public Realm schemes approved total</i>	-	£8,488
Decommitted funds	+	£1,977
Remaining available balance		£132,131
LTP element remaining		£99,819
Public Realm element remaining		£32,312

(ii) **Mapperley**

Total 2013-2015 LTP allocation		£116,000
LTP carried forward from 2011-2013		£0
2013-2014 Public Realm allocation		£34,800
Public Realm carried forward		£40,881
Total Available 2013 - 2015 ACF		£191,681
<i>Less LTP schemes approved total</i>	-	£7,500
<i>Less Public Realm schemes approved total</i>	-	£23,353
Previously Decommitted funds	+	£1,000
Remaining available balance		£161,682
LTP element remaining		£108,500
Public Realm element remaining		£52,328

(4) to delegate approval of the proposed Housing Environmental Schemes for Dales ward to ward Councillors in consultation with Housing Patch Managers and to report the outcome to the next meeting;

(5) to approve the Housing Environmental Schemes for Mapperley Ward as follows:

Location	Scheme	Quoted cost £
Morley Avenue	Plant 6 hawthorn trees	3,300
23a Wells Road	Erect a fence on top of a wall to deter ASB from citizens gathering on the wall	675

21 **DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

Dorothy Holmes, Locality Manager and Greg Foister, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report which informed the Committee of the Director of Neighbourhood Services' use of delegated authority for projects and schemes within the area.

RESOLVED to note the following actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services:

(i) **Dales Ward Budget Allocations**
(Councillors Khan Mellen and Williams)

	£
Sneinton Festival	2,000
Sedgley Avenue	680
Oakdale Road Planner	300
Jobs Fair 2013	700
Litchfield in Bloom	200
Project Alton Towers	715
Sneinton Week of Action	600
Greens Mill	1,000

Balance as at 31/03/2012	9,134
Budget Allocated 13/14	15,000
Balance Available to spend	24,134
Previously Allocated Funds (spent and unspent)	14,579
Uncommitted Balance as at 10/09/13	9,555

(ii) **Mapperley Ward Budget Allocations**
(Cllrs Dewinton, Healy and Molife)

	£
Holding Hands Event 2013 - STANNRA	500
Party on the Park - STANNRA	50
Corridor of Colour Hanging Baskets	400
Area 6 Jobs Fair 2013	700
Corporation Oaks - Outward Bound Course	484
RHR Corps of Drums - France Trip	640
Jason Spencer Trust - premises	832
Jason Spencer Trust - trips	960
HEAT - Brick Yard Youth Club Summer Programme	525
WEEE recycling event publicity	400
World of Sport - EPIC	1,000
HGYV Carnival 2013	100
Oakfield School bike	75

	£
Balance at 31/03/12	36,966
Budget Allocation 2013/14	15,000
Balance available to spend	51,966
Allocated funds	34,833
Uncommitted Balance	17,133

(iii) **St Ann's Ward Budget Allocations**
(Councillors Collins, Johnson, and Liversidge)

	£
St Ann's North T&RA	600
Mini Week of Action	104

St Ann's Valley Library	2,340
St Ann's Got Talent	500
Hyson Green Youth Club - Carnival Troupe	1,000
SATRA - Central	270
HYA LEVEL - Family netball Squad	771
Holding Hands Event 2013 - Renewal Trust	788

	£
Balance as at 31/03/12	46,833
Budget Allocated 2013/14	31,323
Balance Available to spend	78,156
Allocated funds	6,373
Uncommitted Balance	71,783

22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to meet on 19 November 2013 at 7.00pm in Loxley House.

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We've launched a new and improved service to help more unemployed people find work and training opportunities whether you're looking for your first job, you've been unemployed for a while, you're thinking of going back to work after having children or you're looking for a change of career. The new service is free to anyone living in St Ann's and Sneinton and will be run by our Employment Outreach Advisor at the following community venues:

Chase Neighbourhood Centre

Robin Hood Chase, St Ann's, Mondays 9.30am - 4.30pm, Tuesdays 1.30pm - 4.30pm

St Ann's Valley Centre Livingstone Road, St Ann's - Tuesdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

Metropolitan Housing Office Gedney Avenue, St Ann's - Wednesdays 9.30am - 4.30pm

The Centre for the Child Edale Road, Sneinton - Fridays 9.30am - 4.30pm

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