

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **24 SEPTEMBER 2008** at the
Council House from 4.30 pm to 5.36 pm

Present

Councillor Wildgust	(Chair)
Councillor Arnold	
Councillor Grocock	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Newton	(Vice Chair)
Councillor Smith	

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

P Arnold	-	Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch
P Chambers	-	Bestwood Estate CC
P England	-	Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch
C J Hallgarth	-	TVS and Engineering College
M Hemphill	-	Bestwood Park Tenant

City Council Officers

Ms H May)	Community and Culture
Ms L Renwick)	
Mr A Henry	-	Environment and Regeneration
Miss R Mottram	-	Resources

Others in attendance

PCSO J Woolley)	Police
PCSO K Sharp)	
S M Newham	-	Nottingham City Homes

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

ACTION

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Newton (on other Council business).

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

23 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 July 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

24 SUPER LEARNING WEEK – TOP VALLEY AND ENGINEERING COLLEGE

Chris Hallgarth, of Top Valley School and Engineering College gave a presentation to the committee on the Super Learning Week.

The Super Learning Week had been developed following super learning days that were held last year where pupils were encouraged to try different activities. The normal timetable for the week was cancelled and over 150 pupils went out into the community to try different activities such as:

- making bird boxes;
- planting;
- sports day;
- narrow boat project;
- democratic day;
- working with the BBC using camera and roving microphones and developing interviewing techniques.

All of the activities helped the pupils to develop a different set of skills.

Members and officers made the following comments:

- the children should be invited to a future meeting of the committee to share the experiences on the Super Learning Week and what activities they enjoyed;
- activities such as the democratic day could be rolled out across the area to include Big Wood and Ellis Guilford Schools.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to the school for taking part in the Super Learning Week and to invite the children to give a presentation to a future meeting of the committee.

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ACTION

25 LOCAL RESIDENTS PRIORITIES AND HEADLINE DEPRIVATION FIGURES

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The Neighbourhood Manager provided the committee with the latest MORI Residents Survey. The results showed local residents top five priorities for improvement in the local area. Members were advised that 282 residents were consulted but the information was not available by wards or neighbourhoods.

Members, officers and community representatives made the following comments:

- crime figures were down, results in schools were getting better and more police officers were visible on the streets;
- negative media attention on one off incidents didn't help the general perception of the area;
- the Neighbourhood Management team engaged with partners and were committed to making the area the best it could be;
- more information should be provided through the Arrow on the positive work carried out by the Neighbourhood Management Team to inform people of what's happening and raise the profile of the area;
- a community arrow was being developed in conjunction with community representatives which would be used to promote the area;
- youth work seemed to be disjointed and should be addressed.

RESOLVED that the review headline views of residents expressed through the Ipsos MORI survey be noted.

26 FUNDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BESTWOOD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report sought approval for funding towards the annual maintenance of the Bestwood Beckhampton Road Christmas tree lights.

RESOLVED

- (1) that funding of £3000 annually from the Bestwood ward budget towards the cost of storage, upkeep and re-erection of the Beckhampton Road Christmas lights be approved;**

ACTION

- (2) that an additional £2000 from the Bestwood ward budget be made available to support the Christmas lights switch on if necessary.

27 COMMUNITY BASED FITNESS GYMNASIUM – CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE FIRST YEARS REVENUE COSTS
(Director of Culture and Community Development)

Further to minute no. 18 of the meeting held on 30 July 2008, the report sought a contribution towards the revenue costs for the first year that the Community Based Fitness Gymnasium would be based in the Highbury Vale Community Centre.

The Committee were advised that Area Committee One had approved £2500 revenue costs towards the Community Based Fitness Gymnasium for the first year of occupation in the Highbury Vale Community Centre at its meeting held on 17 September 2008.

Members made the following comments:

- the gym had already moved into the Highbury Vale Community Centre which had undermined the committee and the neighbourhood management team;
- the gym would be beneficial for the community.

RESOLVED that £2500 revenue costs be allocated from the Basford Ward budget towards Community Based Fitness Gymnasium for the revenue costs of the first year of occupation in the Highbury Vale Community Centre.

28 SPENDING PROFILE 2008/09
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Further to minute no. 15 of the meeting held on 30 July 2008, the report set out proposals on how the Area Committee ward member budget for the financial year 2008/09 could be allocated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following be noted:
- (i) for 2008/09 ward member budgets of £10,000 per ward Councillor had been allocated to supporting ward initiatives/projects;
 - (ii) the Area Two Committee Ward Member budget be split at ward level, totalling £30,000 for each ward;

ACTION

- (2) that £2000 from each ward budget, totalling £4000, be allocated for use by the Area Two Neighbourhood Management Team to support both neighbourhood working and Councillors on their role as ‘Champion of Place’;
- (3) that decisions regarding spend from the Local Issues Fund budget be delegated to the Area Manager or, in her absence, the Director of Local Communities, and that any such decisions be reported to the next available meeting of the Committee.

H May

29 LOCAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report set out the structure for a proposed local performance management framework to be implemented across Neighbourhood Management. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that a local neighbourhood plan was being developed to provide more detail at a local level.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposed structure of the Performance Management Framework for Neighbourhood Management be noted;
- (2) that the Neighbourhood Management team take the lead in the implementation and coordination of the Performance Management Framework by working with its partners both within the Council and externally;
- (3) that the Neighbourhood Management Team bring two reports a year to the Area Committee outlining progress of performance for the respective area;
- (4) that the development of training to support Area Committees in understanding the performance reports and taking an active role in performance management be approved.

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