

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **28 SEPTEMBER 2011** at

Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham from 4.30 pm to 5.47 pm

Present

- ✓ Councillor Grocock (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ottewell (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Arnold (minutes 15 to 19)
- ✓ Councillor Norris
- ✓ Councillor Smith
- Councillor Wildgust

✓ indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

- Ms M Hemphill - Chair, Area 2 Panel
- Ms P Chambers) Bestwood Estate Community Centre
- Mrs M Wright)
- Mr R Glass - Leen Valley Community Association
- Mr M Nawrocki - Leen Valley Tenants and Residents Association
- Rev. A Morris - St Matthews Church
- Mr P England - Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch Association

City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance

- Mr A Henry - Neighbourhood)
Environmental Manager)
- Mr J Marsh - Public Realm Manager) Communities
- Ms H May - North Locality Area Manager)
- Ms S Watson - Senior Planning Officer - Development
- Miss L Wilson Constitutional Service Officer Resources
- Inspector R Williams Inspector Nottinghamshire Police

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

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15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wildgust and Corina Ioannou (Children and Families).

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

17 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the last meeting held on 27 July 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair:

- (1) Mr R Glass being listed as the representative for Leen Valley Community Association; and**
- (2) Mr M Nawrocki being listed as the representative for Leen Valley Tenants' and Residents' Association.**

18 BIG SUMMER CLEAN CAMPAIGN - EVALUATION

John Marsh, Public Realm Manager, and Alvin Henry, Neighbourhood Environmental Manager, City Services, presented the Committee with the following information:

- Nottingham was the cleanest big city in the UK;
- the title of cleanest big city increased awareness of how clean the whole City was and the innovative way services were delivered;
- there was a manifesto commitment to make neighbourhoods as clean as the City Centre;
- citizens needed to get involved to keep their neighbourhoods clean;
- enforcement was important to keep the City clean;
- the purpose of the Big Summer Clean Campaign, which ran from 1 July to 31 August 2011 was to:
 - increase awareness;
 - promote behaviour change;
 - localism;
 - increased satisfaction and engagement;
 - enforcement;
 - showcase innovation;

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- the Campaign messages were:
 - keep it clean, love where you live;
 - clean, cleaner, cleanest;
 - join in and make a difference;
 - shame on you (enviro crime);

- the activities, as part of the Campaign, included:
 - a launch event;
 - easier reporting – ‘Report It Now’ was launched online;
 - a programme of local clean ups – at least one per ward;
 - innovation showcase;
 - themed weeks, which included themes such as enforcement, graffiti, tidy gardens, recycling, dog fouling, etc;
 - a ‘flash mob’ video filmed on the Market Square, which was now on You Tube, which included an empty plastic bottle placed near a bin to see how long it would take for someone to pick it up. After 25 minutes it was finally picked up and the ‘flash mob’ that were located around the Market Square gave the person a round of applause;
 - waste recycling at Splendour. The waste was collected from bins and the floor by approximately 100 volunteers and sent for recycling rather than landfill or incineration;

- the measurements of success included:
 - increased public perception;
 - increased cleanliness;
 - increased volunteers;
 - increased online reporting and web hits;
 - positive media coverage;

- the city-wide results were:
 - 129 events held, including community clean ups, litter picks, repairing and painting fencing, graffiti and fly tip removal, leaflet drops and ward walks, with approximately 1000 volunteers involved;
 - presentations to 17 schools, with 3 subsequently organising litter picks, with approximately 3000 children involved;
 - Nottingham City Homes cleared over 123 alleyways and 37 garage sites, and, additionally, organised over 50 estate inspections with residents;
 - 634 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued;
 - ‘Report It Now’ online received 335 reports in July and 453 in August;
 - the cleanliness index was unchanged but dog fouling incidences were down by half and fly tipping incidences had been reduced;
 - of those that took part in an online survey, 90% were happy with the state of their neighbourhood;

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- the number of events held by area was as follows:

Area 1 (Bulwell and Bulwell Forest)	14
Area 2 (Basford and Bestwood)	18
Area 3 (Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley)	11
Area 4 (Arboretum, Berridge, Radford and Park)	13
Area 5 (Mapperley and Sherwood)	22
Area 6 (St Anns and Dales)	19
Area 7 (Wollaton and Lenton Abbey)	2
Area 8 (Dunkirk and Lenton and Bridge)	14
Area 9 (Clifton and Wilford)	9
City-wide	7

- specifically in Area 2:

- 18 events were held;
- 4 schools were visited;
- the Bestwood Week of Action was held from 11 July and included 8 events;
- the Basford Week of Action was held from 18 July and included 4 events;
- 50 children from Henry Whipple Primary School were involved in a litter pick in the area;
- Community Payback was used to help clear private land behind the City Hospital of waste that had been fly-tipped;

- the next steps included:

- a national chewing gum campaign running from 5 to 30 September 2011 funded by Keep Britain Tidy. Nottingham was one of only 10 local authorities chosen to take part in the campaign;
- the launch of FIDO – the dog fouling collection machine;
- the 'My Street' promotion for local people to become representatives/champions for cleanliness in their street/local area;

- City Services had won the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) award for Street Cleansing/Streetscene.

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In discussing the information presented by Mr Marsh and Mr Henry, Councillors and community representatives raised the following points:

- the cleanliness of alleyways was still a problem and needed a regular cleaning regime;
- there was an issue with ‘contaminated’ recycling bins not being emptied and left out on the street. A system needed to be put in place so that ‘contaminated’ recycling bins were emptied when the normal rubbish bins were emptied;
- there needed to be some focus on areas around shops and the debris left from people using them. People dropping litter needed to be challenged;
- information and advertisement of the bulky waste collection service needed to be provided to citizens to ensure that they were aware that they needed to ring to arrange collection, rather than just put the waste outside;
- there was a need to increase personal responsibility for litter, so that when people saw litter they picked it up and put it in the bin;
- dog fouling was an issue across the City so the introduction of FIDO was justified and welcomed;
- progress had been made on the cleanliness and appearance of the area as 5 years ago people would be reporting burnt out houses and cars rather than dog mess and fly tipping, but there was always further work to be done.

RESOLVED that City Services be congratulated on winning the APSE award and that Mr Marsh and Mr Henry be thanked for their presentation.

19 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT
(Corporate Director of Development)

Sarah Watson, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the report and circulated the consultation document and an A3 version of the site map.

Ms Watson informed the Committee that the Plan was at a very early stage of development and was focused on ‘issues and options’. There were 13 potential development sites for the area included in the Plan and feedback on these, plus any other sites, was welcomed and would help to form the next stage of the Plan, known as the ‘preferred option’. Further consultation would take place on the ‘preferred option’. Individual maps of the sites would be emailed to Councillors.

In discussing the options put forward in the Plan, Councillors and community representatives raised the following points:

- it could be possible to use Johnson Dyeworks as a park and ride site for

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the tram, as flooding was not an issue for the site and the housing market was currently depressed;

- it would be interesting to look at suggested development sites just outside of the ward boundary as they had an impact on nearby areas;
- the former Padtsow Schools detached playing field should be kept as an open grassed area for people to enjoy, rather than having a residential development on it;
- there was a need for low cost housing for the elderly in the north of the City. If there was more housing suitable for the elderly, e.g. bungalows, it would help free up family housing and help reduce the waiting list for Council housing and encourage people to stay in Nottingham;
- some of the sites on higher land, as well as other sites not included in the Plan, could potentially be suitable for wind turbines to produce energy and help prevent energy poverty;
- the area had high unemployment rates so it was important to ensure that some sites were developed that would create jobs;
- a low cost supermarket retail offer was required for the area and some of the sites should be considered for this.

RESOLVED that the report and proposed development sites within the area be noted, and the views of the Committee be fed into the consultation process.

20 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Heidi May, North Locality Area Manager, introduced the report and informed the Committee that she would be writing to community groups to invite nominations. The possibility of providing training for Community Representatives was being investigated.

The Chair confirmed that, as it was a public meeting, people from the community could still attend even if they were not appointed as Community Representatives.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the revised terms of reference for the role of Area Community Representatives, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (2) **that ward based events be arranged during Local Democracy Week to promote this opportunity to citizens.**

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21 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2011-2013
(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Heidi May, North Locality Area Manager, introduced the report and circulated a handout detailing allocations made by the Committee so far.

The Committee was reminded that the amount of money available to the Committee had been greatly reduced so work would have to be prioritised.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:

- (1) the monies available to the Basford and Bestwood wards, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (2) the criteria for suitable local transport schemes, based on the Local Transport Plan, for the Area Capital Fund monies, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;**
- (3) the criteria agreed by Area Committee Chairs for making decisions and prioritising Area Capital Programme spend, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report;**
- (4) the Housing Revenue Account funding and the criteria for its expenditure, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report;**
- (5) the Section 106 money funding available for each area and the criteria applied to its expenditure, as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.**