

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **29 NOVEMBER 2011** at

Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham from 4.34 pm to 5.25 pm

Present

- ✓ Councillor Grocock (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ottewell (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Arnold
- ✓ 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
- Mr G Hall - Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association
- Rev. A Morris - St Matthews Church
- Mr P England - Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch Association

City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance

- Mr E Curry - Head of Parks and Open Spaces)
- Miss K Follows - Implementation Officer,) Communities
- Ms H May - North Locality Area Manager)
- Miss C M Jackson - Constitutional Service Officer - Resources
- Mr T Cooke - Student)
- Mr D Whitaker - Student) New College Nottingham
- Inspector R Wilson - 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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22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Henry (City Services) and Suzanne Uprichard, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA).

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

24 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to amending the reference to Inspector R Williams on page 1 to Inspector R Wilson, the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 September 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

25 NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOOM

Mr E Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, presented the report and highlighted the following points:

- the Spectacolour budget would fund core floral displays for the Area. The available budget for floral displays in the neighbourhoods was £5,710 per Area for 2012-13. This would provide 36 barrier baskets planted for the Summer 2012 season and 10 floor planters with displays all year round. Prices for individual units were available should Councillors decide to purchase additional units out of their ward budgets. The Parks Department would require an early indication if this were to be the case;
- Nottingham was at the forefront of the national Neighbourhood Bloom campaign and activities were underway across the City, including Area 2. Four groups from Area 2 had participated in the Royal Horticultural Society Britain in Bloom, 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards 2011. The awards recognised and rewarded gardening achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation. The individual results for Area 2 were outlined in Appendix 2 of the Report;
- two parks in Area 2, Heathfield Park and Vernon Park had achieved Green Flag awards, which recognised the best parks and green spaces in England and Wales;
- it was planned to run a similar community engagement campaign in 2012-13. The aim was to get as many people involved as possible. Support was available from the Parks Department, via the telephone, Council website or Facebook page.

In the discussion which followed, the following points were raised:

- the Chair asked Mr Curry if any redundant lamppost containers were

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available for planting up for use in elderly persons complexes in the Area. Mr Curry was happy to make some available;

Mr Curry

- it was suggested that schools could be involved, with pupils being encouraged to plant up containers for elderly person's complexes and also to help out with tending the gardens.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the level of displays to be provided from the Spectacolour budget be noted and consultation take place with community representatives regarding the possible purchase of additional planters out of Ward funds;**
- (2) that the achievements of local groups be acknowledged and future involvement by the community be encouraged.**

26 UPDATE ON BASFORD WEEK OF ACTION
(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Ms K Follows, Implementation Officer, Crime and Drugs Partnership gave a presentation to the Committee on the Basford Ward Week of Action that had taken place during week commencing 21 November 2011.

The following information was provided to the Area Committee:

- the organisations which had been involved in the Week of Action included: Neighbourhood Management, Nottinghamshire Police, Community Protection, City Services, Family Community Teams, Nottingham City Homes, Parks and Open Spaces, Notts Fire and Rescue, Road Safety Team, Parking Services, Basford Library, Heathfield Neighbourhood Watch, Community Payback;
- the main objectives of the week were;
 - to reduce crime and anti social behaviour. Examples of action taken included:
 - three search warrants had been executed resulting in two arrests and the recovery of Class A drugs;
 - five off-licence test purchase operations had been conducted;
 - additional patrols had focussed on hot spot areas;
 - licensing checks had been carried out in licensed premises;
 - speed camera operations had been carried out on Heathfield Road, Stockhill Lane and Vernon Avenue;

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- to increase citizen engagement with Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Examples of actions taken included;-
 - Safer Neighbourhood Teams attended community events at Southwark Primary, Heathfield Neighbourhood Watch, Old Basford Primary and New College Nottingham;
 - over 1000 doors had been knocked on by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Nottingham City Homes and Neighbourhood Management during the week to establish community issues and promote Neighbourhood Alert;
- to increase the number of citizens signed up to Neighbourhood Alert. Registration on Neighbourhood Alert had increased from 108 to 322 during the week as a result of door knocking and direct sign-ups to the site. Leaflets had been given to pupils at Heathfield School to encourage parents to sign and return or to sign up from home;
- to conduct an Operation Cleansweep to detect and deter motoring offences. This had been a joint operation by Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Council Enviro Crime Team and Community Protection. The Vernon Road location had been very effective with 40 vehicles being stopped and only 14 vehicles or motorists being clear of any offences. Offences included not having insurance, not having road tax, driving whilst disqualified, possession of drugs and vehicle defects. Operation Cleansweep was visited by the Evening Post and Ward Councillors;
- to improve the local environment – community identified priorities. Clean Teams had worked tirelessly all week to address community identified priorities. These included Brooklyn Bridge, Stockhill Park, Whitemoor Park and the Britannia Estate;
- to reduce the levels of dog fouling through enforcement activity and use of the Poover. A covert dog fouling operation had been carried out using a mobile CCTV unit. Areas covered included Basford United's grounds open public spaces surrounding the pitches, Whitemoor Park and Saxondale Drive. All the areas had been identified by local Councillors and residents. Poover and Fido were in the Area all week removing dog fouling;
- to remind parents of Road Safety Issues outside schools. The Road Safety Team had monitored traffic outside school buildings several mornings and afternoons in the week. A total of 7 violations were recorded which would be issued with penalty charge notices. There had been generally positive feedback from the public. Advice had been given out about alternative means of travel to school;
- Other events which had taken place during the week included:
 - young people from Basford visited the Houses of Parliament;

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- activities for young people at Heathfield Community Centre;
- home Fire Safety checks carried out for vulnerable people in Basford;
- new event launched at Basford Library;
- competition launched at Southwark School to design tidy garden postcards;
- Parks Team and volunteers conducted a clean up of Corncrake Park;
- officers wore white ribbons in support of the White Ribbon campaign against domestic violence;
- all households received a booklet containing useful local services information.

The Week of Action had resulted in:

- 28 arrests in total;
- 8 vehicles had been seized during cleansweep;
- 5 fixed penalty notices for motoring offences had been issued;
- 6 fixed penalty notices for dog fouling had been issued;
- 4 fixed penalty notices had been issued for littering;
- 6 penalty charge notices had been issued;
- 214 citizens had signed for up Neighbourhood Alert;
- 82 square metres of graffiti had been removed;
- 18 tonnes of waste had been removed (interim total);
- 4 Home Fire Safety Checks had been carried out

What would happen next?

- A 'You said, we did' leaflet would be produced for the community;
- leaflet drops would take place near dog fouling offenders homes, confirming action taken by Community Protection;
- Community Protection would support the Road Safety Team to conduct further operations in the Area;

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- an officer debrief would examine the impact of the week and what actions could be taken forward.

There followed a discussion on the issues raised, during which a number of points were made:

- dog fouling remained a real concern in both Wards and it was agreed that it was necessary to maintain the work currently being undertaken in this area;
- Operation Cleansweep had produced excellent results and would be an excellent initiative to roll out across the City. It was imperative that such initiatives received maximum publicity in order for them to be effective. Ms Follows advised that it was becoming increasingly difficult to engage media interest in these types of issues and welcomed suggestions as to how this could be done and as to how the message could be communicated more effectively.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that officers and other agencies involved be thanked for their efforts during the Week of Action;**
- (2) **that Ms K Follows be thanked for her presentation.**

27 NOMINATIONS FOR AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Mrs H May, North Locality Area Manager, introduced the report and informed the Committee of the nominations received to hold the position of Community Representative on the Area 2 Committee. There had been seven nominations to date, but the recruitment process was ongoing and it was expected that there would be further nominations over the next few weeks.

RESOLVED that the appointment of the nominees listed in Appendix 1 to the report as formal Community Representatives for the remainder of the 2-11/12 Municipal Year be approved with the intention that the said appointees be re-appointed for the 2012/13 municipal year at this Committee's meeting in May/June 2012 and that further nominations be sought in the interim.

The Chair advised the meeting at this point that Mr Phil England had decided to stand down as a community representative on the Area Committee. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr England for his valuable contribution to the Area Committee over recent years. Mr England replied, stating that he very much regretted having to stand down but that he felt that he had gone as far as he could in trying to promote his particular area. He wished the Area Committee well for the future.

ACTION**28 UPDATE ON SOUTHGLADE HEALTH CENTRE**

Mrs H May, North Locality Area Manager informed the meeting that Suzanne Uprichard, the Project Manager, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) was unable to attend the meeting to give an update on the Southglade Health Centre. Mrs May advised the meeting that the current position was:

- the services to be offered from SSAFA Southglade Health Centre would be primary medical care services to patients who were ill, believed themselves to be ill and who required terminal care. The full range of services commissioned by NHS Nottingham City would be offered, which included cervical cytology, childhood immunisations and vaccinations, travel vaccinations, flu immunisations, minor surgery and smoking cessation. It had been proposed that podiatry be offered when this service moved from Top Valley to Bulwell. If the residents wanted this service to be delivered from the Health Centre, there needed to be a joint discussion with the commissioners. SSAFA would like to hear what services patients would like to see offered, and there would be plenty of opportunity to raise this at the patient participation group meetings;
- there had been approximately 40 applications for the role of medical receptionist, all bar one were from Nottingham; there had been approximately 30 applications for the role of healthcare assistant, again, all bar one from Nottingham. The GP was from Nottingham, as was the practice nurse. The practice manager was also from Nottingham and was chosen from a field of approximately 30 applications, all bar 2 from Nottingham;
- the Centre had been placed in an area where access to primary care services was not good. The aim was to encourage citizens to register with the Centre and use it rather than using emergency services when the treatment required was not an emergency. Initially there was a three mile radius within which patients could live in order to be registered. The Health Centre could service 6,000 citizens.
- the Centre would be opening on 4 January 2012. An Open Day would take place on 29 December 2011 and all local citizens were welcome to attend;
- it was intended that there would be a pharmacy at the Centre and advertisements were being put in place in this respect;

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair advised the meeting that Inspector R Wilson was moving to work at Canning Circus Police Station and would no longer be directly involved with Basford and Bestwood Wards. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee expressed his best wishes for the future to Inspector Wilson and thanked him for his hard work and dedication whilst working in the Area over recent years.

Inspector Wilson thanked Councillors and Community Representatives for their support during his time in the Area in working together to make the local area a better place to live and work.