

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **27 FEBRUARY 2013** at Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham from 4.32 pm to 5.50 pm

#### **Present**

- ✓ Councillor Ottewell (Chair)
- Councillor Grocock (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Arnold (minute items 28-33 inclusive)
- ✓ Councillor Norris (minute items 31-38 inclusive)
- ✓ Councillor Smith
- Councillor Wildgust

- ✓ indicates present at meeting

#### **Community Representatives**

- Mr P England - Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch Association
- Mr R Glass - Leen Valley Community Association
- Mr G Hall - Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association
- Miss M Hemphill - Nottingham City Homes Area 2 Panel Chair
- Mr M Nawrocki - Leen Valley Tenants and Residents Association

#### **City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance**

- Mrs S Fraser - Tenants and Estate Manager - Nottingham City Homes
- Insp. S Peaks - Neighbourhood Policing Inspector
- Mrs L Graham - Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Team )
- Ms H May - North Locality Area Manager )
- Mr G Nijran - North Neighbourhood Development Officer ) Communities
- Mr J Tilford - Parks Development Officer )
- Miss C Jackson - 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.**

#### **28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Grocock and Councillor Wildgust (both on other Council business) and Mr G Hall.

#### **29 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**30 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 November 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**31 SSE STREETLIGHTING UPDATE**

The Chair welcomed Pennie Bradbury, of SSE Contracting to the meeting. The company was the chosen partner of the City Council for the programme to replace all street lighting in the City over five years and maintain the new stock for twenty years. The aims were to improve the quality of street lighting, reduce the fear of crime and to be more energy efficient. Pennie Bradbury updated the Committee on the replacement of street lighting in the Basford and Bestwood Wards. Phase One and been completed in May 2012 and Phase Two was due to commence in August 2014.

In response to a query about how street lights on un-adopted roads were being dealt with, Ms Bradbury advised that as and when these issues arose they were being dealt with in consultation with the Council.

**RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and Pennie Bradbury be thanked for her attendance.**

**32 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

Sheryl Fraser, Tenancy and Housing Manager at Nottingham City Homes presented the following information on proposed improvement schemes for Bestwood and Basford, to be funded from the Nottingham City Homes Environmental Budget:

**Bestwood Ward**

Address	Type of work required	Cost of works £	Budget remaining £	Agreement from Area Panel
			Starting budget 153,195.00	
Wyton Close	Signage and internal notice boards	3,315.30	149879.70	Yes
Belconnen Road	Signage and internal notice boards	3184.30	146,695.40	Yes
Arnold Road	Signage	55.80	146,639.60	Yes
Broadwood Road / Goathland Close	Signage	55.80	146,583.80	Yes
Shoreswood Close	Signage	83.70	146,500.10	Yes
Cairns Close	Signage and internal notice boards	1333.00	145,167.10	Yes

Chediston Vale	Signage	55.80	145,111.30	Yes
Trefan Gardens	Signage	111.60	144,999.70	Yes
Caldbeck Walk	Refurbish communal hand walk way / steps / handrails	2833.56	142,166.14	Yes
Trinstead Way	Communal paths / handrails	6140.40	136,025.74	Yes
Trinstead Way	Remove damaged chain-link fencing / replace with hoop top fencing	2604.06	133,421.68	Yes
Cairns Close	Supply and fit hoop top fencing to boundary	2998.80	130,422.88	Yes
Chediston Vale	Installation of palisade fencing in fill	1820.70	128,602.18	Yes
Tudwal Walk	Install metal fencing and gates	8,650.21	119,951.97	Yes
Bestwood Park Drive	Replace missing fencing	1902.30	118,049.67	Yes
Pedmore Valley	Install handrail, refurbish steps	8664.67	109,385.00	Yes
Mosswood Crescent	Replace damaged brickwork, paint handrails, refurbish steps	114,35.24	97949.76	Yes
Colman Close	Develop parking area	40,569.01	57,380.75	Yes
Andover Road	Improved raised planting area, install fencing	13,777.11	43,603.64	Yes
Bestwood Park Drive	Replace concrete fencing with hooped top metal fencing	15,787.56	27,816.08	Yes
Broadwood Road	Door entry system	13,989.36	13,826.72	Yes
			Remaining budget 13,826.7	

**Basford Ward**

Address	Type of work required	Cost of works £	Budget remaining £	Agreement from Area Panel
			Starting budget 67,918.00	
Gorse Court	Remove fencing, re-tarmac drying area, replace handrail, landscape communal area	22,434.05	45,483.95	Yes
Rosegarth Walk	Replace communal steps and handrail	3,040.31	42,443.64	Yes
Oakleigh Street	Erect six metal washing poles, landscape communal area, provide signage to front and side, remove ivy	14,872.22	27,571.42	Yes
Lauriston Drive	Erect lockable fencing sections,	897.60	26,673.82	Yes
Whitechapel Street	Install lock to security gate and keys , repair metal fencing	1054.96	25618.84	Yes
			Remaining budget 25618.84	

**RESOLVED** that the proposals be noted.

**33 STREAMLINING INVESTMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS):UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS FOR AREA GRANTS**  
(Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services)

The Committee considered a report summarising progress on Phase 1 of the Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector. Louise Graham from the Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Team advised the meeting that the Area 2 Grants Panel had met on 18 February and voted that Right Track Social Enterprise and partners be recommended to the Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee at its meeting on 27 March, to be the organisation to deliver outcomes in Area 2.

The Grants Panel had raised various issues which were addressed by Mrs Graham as follows:

- there was concern about the governance arrangements of Right Track Social Enterprise and whether it had a dissolution policy. It was confirmed that the

memorandum and articles of the Organisation did contain a dissolution clause;

- concern had been expressed about whether the Organisation could address the need for more targeted children and young people’s activities. It was confirmed that the services provided could be tailored to fit requirements;
- in response to the concerns as to whether the Organisation had capacity to lead in both Area 1 and Area 2, Mrs Graham advised the meeting that the Organisation covered a broad geographical range and had a strong management team and would be able to cover both Areas;
- reassurance was requested that the Organisation would engage fully with community associations and it was confirmed that they would be required to do so;
- provision was required for Councillors to be invited to attend meetings of the Organisation and for representatives of the Organisation to attend Area Committee meetings. It would be acceptable for Councillors to attend the AGM of the Organisation and there would be a report twice a year to Area Committees.

Councillors Arnold and Norris expressed concern that they had not been invited to the Grant Panel meeting. Councillor Smith stated that he had attended and had felt uneasy about ratifying decisions which affected the Basford Ward.

Mrs Graham agreed to meet with Basford Councillors to discuss what had been agreed in relation to the Basford Ward and to discuss any concerns they had.

A number of community representatives expressed concern that they felt that had been told by Right Track Social Enterprise that if they didn’t sign up to the Organisation they wouldn’t get funding. Mrs Graham said this wasn’t the case and agreed to look into this.

**RESOLVED that the progress made on Phase One of Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector be noted.**

### **32 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN BASFORD AND BESTWOOD**

(Report of Director of Sport, Culture and Parks)

James Tilford, Parks Development Officer, presented the report which outlined the major investments made to the Area's parks, open spaces and playgrounds and considered where future investments were to be made.

The main projects completed in each Ward were:

#### **Basford**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Completed/Future Plans</b>
Whitemoor Park	New play area and outdoor gym 2009-11
Fernleigh (Pennant Park)	New play area 2010/11
Highbury Play Area	Play area refurbished 2010/11
Vernon Park	Over £1.2m spent on park improvements including pavilion, play area, outdoor gym, paths and pond

Heathfield Park	Total park regeneration including play area, ball court, fitness equipment and community centre
Park Lane (Wallis Street) Play Area	Site currently being refurbished with new surfacing and equipment.
Nuthall Road (Stockhill Lane) Recreation Ground	Discussions underway with New College Nottingham and SALTAR group re future development of pavilion and park.

### Basford

Site	Completed/Future Plans
Chediston Vale	New play area 2009/10
Sandy Banks	Designated as a Local Nature Reserve in 2012. Section 106 funding allocated to site but proposal to re-allocate £10,000 to Sunrise Hill LNR
Sunrise Hill Local Nature Reserve	Site restoration including path creation, new site furniture and opening up viewpoints - £10,000 required.

As of October 2012, £84,480.36 new Section 106 funding for open space was available in Area 2 as follows:

Section 106 Funding Source	£	Date Received	Ward
Unallocated S106 funding	£10,998.82	n/a	n/a
308/03453/PFUL3 Potters Public House, Beckhampton Rd	£32,947.54	Received 13-04-12	Bestwood
08/01878/PFUL Standard of England Public House, Park Lane	£40,534.00	Received 02-07-12	Basford
Total unallocated	£84,480.36		

Proposals for the allocation of this funding were as follows:

£5,499.41 - removal of Lincoln Street and Japonica Drive play areas including landscaping and tree planting works;

£30,534.00 – development of new children’s play area at Stockhill Park (Nuthall, Recreation Ground). This project was dependent on the removal of the above play areas to allow existing maintenance budgets to inspect and repair the new play area proposed;

£10,000 – contribution to the repair and development of Stockhill Park Pavilion, in partnership with New College Nottingham, Basford.

S106 funding was being re-allocated as follows:

Site	Current S106 Allocation	Revised Allocation
Sandy Banks LNR	Approx. £20,000 remaining	£10,000.00,
Sunrise Hill LNR	£0	£10,000.00,
Bestwood Lodge drive	£12,651.05	£2,651.05
Churchfield Plantation	£0	£10,000.00,

The Greenplaces Fund was a new initiative run by charity GreenSpace and was being implemented in Nottingham as a pilot initiative. It had a vision to develop a national mechanism for green space giving that could support parks and open spaces. It aimed to attract donations, funding and commitment from both individuals and businesses.

In response to a question, Mr Tilford, confirmed that de-commissioned play equipment would be re-cycled wherever possible.

## RESOLVED

- (1) that the improvements made to parks and open spaces in the Area, be noted;
- (2) that the sites for future investment in the Area and the allocation of section 106 funding as set out above be approved;
- (3) that the 'GreenPlaces' Fund and its ability to attract funding into the Area for the improvement of parks and open spaces, be noted.

## 34 BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2011/13 PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services that provided the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways.

## RESOLVED

- (1) that the remaining monies available to Basford and Bestwood Wards, from the Area Capital 2011-2013 LTP Schemes of £24,435 and £24,962 respectively, be noted;
- (2) that the savings to the following schemes be noted:

<u>Basford</u>		£
Saxondale Drive	Footpath underspend	6,412
Vernon Road	Vehicle activated sign- not progressing	7,500
Vernon avenue	Residents parking-underspend	1,691
Greenwich	Lining-funding not required	4,500
Avenue/Bagnall Road		
Nuthall Road	Signing not Area Capital Fund remit	2,500
Vernon Road/Vernon	Lining- underspend	67

**Park Drive**

**Total underspend 22670**

**Bestwood**

**Bestwood Park Drive Signing-underspend 1,500**

**West**

**Bestwood Area Speed limit-funding not required 20,000**

**Bestwood Schools Education- not capital 1,500**

**Total underspend 23,000**

**36 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

(Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on a variety of key issues and themes which linked back to the local priorities in Basford and Bestwood and the strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020.

Further to the report circulated, Inspector Peaks presented the following information to the Committee:

- the reduction of anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood priority areas remained a priority;
- both reported crime generally and anti-social behaviour figures were reducing in both Wards;
- the Street Pastor Scheme was being rolled out to Bulwell and St Ann's and this would include part of Highbury Vale.

**RESOLVED that the Ward Performance Reports for Quarter 3 be noted and that Inspector Peaks be thanked for his update.**

**37 ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

(Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Gursharan Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, showing allocations since the last Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED that the following actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services since the last meeting of the Committee be approved:**

<b><u>Schemes: Basford Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Councillor(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>Christmas Event for SALTAR</b>	<b>Arnold, Norris, Ottewell</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>Christmas event at Basford CC</b>	<b>Arnold, Norris, Ottewell</b>	<b>£350</b>
	<b>Balance b/f 2011/12</b>	<b>£13,797</b>
	<b>Allocation 2012/13</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
	<b>Total available allocation 2012/13</b>	<b>£28,797</b>
	<b>Total allocated as at 18/01/2013</b>	<b>£10,940</b>
	<b>Total unallocated as 18/01/2013</b>	<b>£17,857</b>
<b><u>Schemes: Bestwood Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Councillor(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>

<b>Southglade Park MUGA- Have a Go day</b>	<b>Grocock, Smith and Wildgust</b>	<b>£225</b>
	<b>Balance b/f 2011/12</b>	<b>£16,844</b>
	<b>Allocation 2012/13</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
	<b>Total available allocation 2012/13</b>	<b>£14,154</b>
	<b>Total allocated as at 18/01/2013</b>	<b>£15,132</b>
	<b>Total unallocated as 18/01/2013</b>	<b>£30,416</b>

### **38 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**RESOLVED** that the proposed dates of future meetings be noted:

#### **2013**

**29 May**

**28 August**

**27 November**

#### **2014**

**26 February**