

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **11 SEPTEMBER 2013** at Loxley House, Station Street, from 4.30 pm to 5.38 pm

Present

- ✓ Councillor Mick Wildgust (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Brian Grocock (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Cat Arnold
- ✓ Councillor Alex Norris
- ✓ Councillor Bill Ottewell
- ✓ Councillor David Smith

Community Representatives

- ✓ Phil England - Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch Association
- Melvin Nawrocki - Leen Valley Community Association and Leen Valley Tenants and Residents Association
- ✓ Maria Hemphill - Nottingham City Homes Area 2 Panel Chair

- ✓ indicates present at meeting

City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance

Gerald Hall)	Local Resident	
John Hancock)		
Sheryl Fraser	-	Tenants and Estate Manager) Nottingham City Homes
Lee Barrowcliffe	-	Housing Patch Manager)
James Woolley)	Neighbourhood Policing Inspector	- Nottinghamshire Police
Guninder Nagi	-	Risk Reduction Officer	- Fire and Rescue Service
Heidi May	-	North Locality Area Manager)
Gursharan Nijran)	Neighbourhood Development)
Dale Griffin)	Officers) Communities
Martin Parker	-	Constitutional Services Officer	- Resources

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Station Manager Martin Bills (Stockhill Fire Station)
Melvin Nawrocki

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

12 MINUTES

RESOLVED

- (1) subject to including the attendance of Councillor Norris at the meeting , the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair;
- (2) to ask the North Locality Area Manager to invite representation from the Right Tracks organisation to the next meeting on 27 November 2013 to provide the Committee with an update on progress, priorities and proposals for the next six months.

13 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Sheryl Fraser, Tenants and Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes Ltd. (NCH) provided a summary of current NCH Environmental Schemes which have been considered and approved by the local Area Panel:

Ward: Basford	Budget Allocation: £78,399.96	
<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost(s)</u>
Gorse Court	Remove planter at front of flats. Resurface complex pathways and drying area, replace brickwork to surrounding wall.	9,345.00
Whitechapel Street Flats	Car Park: resurface and remark, install lockable gates. Communal Area: install new metal gate and provide 2 seating benches each side of area. Replace wooden fencing to front, rear and side of complex.	16,901.94
Basford Road Flats	Renew/install NCH branded signs on Basford Road to identify house numbers. Complex Entrance: replace existing wooden with metal fencing	2,711.52
Rosegarth Walk Garages	Renew garage roofs, guttering and damaged lintels, resurface site.	9,786.95
	Total Spend to Date:	£38,745.41
Ward: Bestwood	Budget Allocation: £168,690.90	
<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost(s)</u>
Wyton Close	Install anti-pigeon spikes to prevent build-up of guano on properties	10,891.50
Wyton Close	Install paladin bin stores at up to 12 locations	514.76
Capenwray Gardens	Create parking area on site of former garages	17,077.97
Bestwood Park Drive	Replace existing damaged wooden fencing with similar to knee height. Match finish to that on Queen's Bower	1,906.38

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost(s)</u>
Lytham Gardens	Site boulder to bottom of Gardens to prevent illegal parking	7,226.39
Beckhampton Road Flats	Install new internal and external handrails to stairs. Repair ceiling, block up internal open spaces to minimise fire risk and fly-tipping. Tidy wall capitals and cavities, render and re-fill. Tidy/repair concrete steps. Install new waste chute and waste management system. Paint replacement external security doors.	6,984.68
198 Gainsford Crescent (opposite)	Resurface land, replace existing damaged 'spearhead' top fencing with hoop top	11,913.60
Total Spend to Date:		£56,515.28
Amounts Remaining	Basford Ward	£39,654.55
2013/14 Financial Year:	Bestwood Ward	£112,175.62

The Committee had the following comments on the proposals:

- **Garage works:** where the Area Panel has indicated its support for these works, it will be necessary to ensure that firstly, the proposed financial allocations are realistic (e.g. Rosegarth Walk) and secondly, that proposals are in accordance with the latest relevant City Council strategy(ies);
- **Rosegarth Walk Garages:** the Committee appreciates that the need for such works may not always be agreed by some residents. It would be more appropriate for residents to discuss their view that City Council resources should be reallocated to resurface other pathways within the locality (e.g. at Selwyn Close) with the relevant ward councillor, rather than discuss them at the Area Committee meeting.
- **Land Opposite 198 Gainsford Crescent:** no work should begin at this location until its land use has been clarified. The likelihood of a positive outcome for the bid to increase sporting activity in the community is welcome but, at the same time, colleagues should avoid giving any idea that this land is a formal sports area.

RESOLVED to note the endorsement of the proposals at recent meetings of the Area Panel, to approve the works as reported and to note the remaining balances available for the current financial year.

Ward: Basford Budget Allocation: £78,399.96

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost(s) £</u>
Gorse Court	Remove planter at front of flats. Resurface complex pathways and drying area, replace brickwork to surrounding wall.	9,345.00
Whitechapel Street Flats	Car Park: resurface and remark, install lockable gates. Communal Area: install new metal gate and provide 2 seating benches each side of area. Replace wooden fencing to front, rear and side of complex.	16,901.94
Basford Road Flats	Renew/install NCH branded signs on Basford Road to identify house numbers. Complex Entrance: replace existing wooden with metal fencing	2,711.52
Rosegarth Walk Garages	Renew garage roofs, guttering and damaged lintels, resurface site.	9,786.95
	Total Spend to Date:	£38,745.41

Ward: Bestwood Budget Allocation: £168,690.90

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost(s)</u>
Wyton Close	Install anti-pigeon spikes to prevent build-up of guano on properties	10,891.50
Wyton Close	Install paladin bin stores at up to 12 locations	514.76
Capenway Gardens	Create parking area on site of former garages	17,077.97
Bestwood Park Drive	Replace existing damaged wooden fencing with similar to knee height. Match finish to that on Queen's Bower	1,906.38
Lytham Gardens	Site boulder to bottom of Gardens to prevent illegal parking	7,226.39
Beckhampton Road Flats	Install new internal and external handrails to stairs. Repair ceiling, block up internal open spaces to minimise fire risk and fly-tipping. Tidy wall capitals and cavities, render and re-fill. Tidy/repair concrete steps. Install new waste chute and waste management system. Paint replacement external security doors.	6,984.68
198 Gainsford Crescent (opposite)	Resurface land, replace existing damaged 'spearhead' top fencing with hoop top	11,913.60
Oakham Close	Create additional parking spaces to rear of existing garages	26,890.68
	Total Spend to Date:	£83,405.96
Amounts Remaining	Basford Ward	£39,654.55
2013/14 Financial Year:	Bestwood Ward	£85,284.94

14 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services provided background information on the process for recruitment and appointment of Community Representatives to the Area Committee. Dale Griffin reported that Richard Glass has indicated that he will retire from representing Leen Valley Community Association and Leen Valley Tenants and Residents Association and that Gerald Hall will no longer represent Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association which had recently dissolved.:

RESOLVED

(1) to confirm the appointment of the following Community Representatives:

Bestwood Ward

Nominee

Representing

Dianne Finnie	Bestwood Park Community Association
Maria Hemphill	Nottingham City Homes Area 2 Panel Chair
Melvin Nawrocki	Leen Valley Community Association and Leen Valley Tenants and Residents Association
Kim Pavier	Bestwood Advice Centre (also serving Basford area)

Basford Ward

Phil England	Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch Association
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(2) to offer Richard Glass and Gerald Hall the appreciation of the Area Committee for their efforts on behalf the Committee, their member organisations and local residents and best wishes for the future;

(3) to welcome back Gerald Hall as a Community Representative to the Area Committee if personal circumstances allow at some future time.

15 POLICE UPDATE

Bestwood Ward

Inspector James Woolley confirmed that although levels of crime show an increase overall of 11%, levels during June – August record a consistent reduction. The increase of 30% in noise-related crime is attributed to changes in measurement and increases in reporting incidents. Incidences of burglary, anti-social behaviour, robbery and car crime have all reduced. Criminal Damage figures, although low, are higher than 2012/13. The rise in thefts is due to incidents at Co-Operative stores and to the displacement of shoplifters from the city-centre. Three known individuals have already been targeted by the Police and three warrants relating to anti-social behaviour have also been issued against tenants in the ward.

Basford Ward

Spikes in crime levels for burglary, car crime and criminal damage around the Stockhill Lane and Park Lane areas could be due to the activities of two known individuals during August

2013. Similarly, incidents at Tesco and Sainbury's stores are probably due to a small number of individuals being displaced to the area from elsewhere. Incidents of anti-social behaviour have reduced by 7% and the Police are currently reviewing trends in domestic violence incidents.

The Area Committee appreciate the efforts which are being made by the Police to control crime and improve life in the area. An area for concern, however, is the rise in incidents of domestic violence. It is important that community links are maintained and that local residents understand that the issue is important and is being addressed in an appropriate way. Inspector Woolley confirmed that research results indicate a link between alcohol and domestic violence and that an increase in levels of stress within households may also be a contributory factor. Police detection rates for Domestic violence incidents are 90%. The decision of the Co-Operative Wholesale Society to use Nottingham Police as its principal contact for crime issues and advice is welcomed.

RESOLVED to note the latest position and to thank Inspector Wolley for his attendance and comments.

16 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS: QUARTER 1 2013/14

Introducing the reports of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, Gursharan Singh Nijran and Dale Griffin provided the following updates on recent activities in their respective areas:

(a) Basford Ward – Gursharan Singh Nijran

(i) Successes

- **Crime and Anti-Social behaviour:** continues to reduce overall due to the work of Police, residents, partners and colleagues. The Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association has decided to close as it feels that reductions in the levels of crime and improved methods of communication (such as Alert) have led to a reduction in its role. The Neighbourhood Action Team continues to address anti-social behaviour in the priority neighbourhood area and at locations such as Whitemoor Road Allotments;
- **Estate Cleanliness:** although the index score is slightly reduced from 2012/13, satisfaction rates amongst local residents remain good;
- **Activities for Young People:** youth club night's are held at Basford and Heathfield Community Centres, four nights per week. Football training at Southwalk School two evenings per week regularly attracts attendances of up to 50 per session and the Highbury Community Based Fitness Gym gives an alternative venue to streets for local young people.

(ii) Emerging Issues

- **Dog Fouling and Parking:** progress is being made in association with partner organisations. Activities include covert operations regarding dog fouling;
- **Health Inequality:** the continuing challenge continues to be met by a variety of events during the Summer and two days of action with a health theme during October;

- **Lead Organisation:** concern to ensure that transition arrangements for Right Track continue smoothly to avoid disruption to citizens and services;
- **Cost Reductions:** working with colleagues, partners and residents to minimise costs, including areas which require maintenance, such as land near Selwyn Close.

(iii) Other Activity

- **Community Events:** at Highbury Vale and Vernon Park attracted attendances of over 3,000 people.

(b) Bestwood Ward – Dale Griffin

(i) Successes

- **Joined up Working:** continues to be a major benefit of the introduction of the Bestwood Neighbourhood Action Team in January 2013. Examples of success include work to improve the appearance of Churchfield Plantation and Leen Valley areas, increased partnership involvement by the Police, Fire Service and Community Minister in Personal, Social and Health Education (Citizenship) activities and development of a local Neighbourhood Transformation Plan;
- **Young People:** 150 pupils participated in the Big Wood School Day of Action. The success of the event means that a similar event will be held in March 2014 and work has already begun with Primary Schools in the area to undertake a Day of Action in June 2014. A careers event was also held at Big Wood School and the community Bestwood Cycle Centre has been launched at the William Olds Youth Centre. **Ofsted Inspections:** Henry Whipple and Glade Hill Primary Schools outcomes were both good;
- **Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour:** levels have stabilised, with Bestwood better than the average rate for the 20 electoral wards;
- **Cleanliness:** targets continue to be achieved and levels of fly-tipping have reduced. Levels and reasons for an increase in graffiti are being investigated

(ii) Emerging Issues

- **Unemployment:** remains a priority for the Neighbourhood Action Team. With Bestwood coming 4th out of the 20 electoral wards for Job Seekers Allowance claimants, city-wide initiatives will continue to be promoted under the overall supervision of the Locality Management Board;
- **Domestic Violence:** the increase in levels (mention elsewhere in minute 15) is being evaluated by colleagues and partners and the Locality Management Board. The Neighbourhood Action Team will continue to support this approach

(iii) Other Activity – Community Events

- **Southglade Park Live - 25 July 2013:** the second event attracted hundreds of local people and has been used by the Bestwood Estate Community Centre to consult local people to identify their wishes regarding activities at the local centre and to help inform the shape of the centre's Development Plan

- **Leen Valley – 27 July 2013:** the successful event allowed engagement with local people;
- **Bestwood Park Church Fun Afternoon:** had been used by Bestwood Park Community Centre to recruit additional volunteers and listen to the views of local people;
- **Love You Love the Bestwood Area:** was launched on 25 July 2013. The ongoing campaign celebrates successes of local people and investment and improvements in the area and will be developed further by the Neighbourhood Action Team.

RESOLVED to note the key information in the ward performance reports for Quarter 1 2013/14.

17 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS.

Gurshan Nijran and Dale Griffin provided the following summary of projects and groups which have received assistance from the Area Committee, as detailed in the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services.

(a) Basford Ward

(i) Committed and allocated

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Amount Total £</u>
Xmas Party –Tick Tock Mobile Crèche	282
Hand rail for Bar Lane Twitchell	300
Basford Schools Book Vouchers	5,400
Highbury Vale TRA Summer Fun Day 2013	500
Brayton Crescent Planting	300
Basford CC 2013 Summer Play scheme	500
Ridewise projects at Heathfield and Ellis Guilford	850
Nottinghamshire Community Football Project	500
Planting for Vernon Park	575
Office Furniture for Highbury CBF Gym	1,450

Allocation(s) Summary

Amount Total £

2012/13 (Balance brought forward)	18,675
2013/14	15,000
Total available 2013/14	33,675
Less Total allocated at 31/07/13	8,925
Total unallocated at 31/07/13	24,750

(ii) Committed Unallocated

Heathfield 2012 Summer Play scheme	1,100
Vernon Park Summer Fun Day 2013	2,000
SALTAR 2013 Summer Play scheme	700

(b) Bestwood Ward

Committed and allocated

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Amount Total£</u>
Southglade Park Live 2013 Contribution	1,500
Chairs – Bestwood Park Church	7,018
Best Companions	3,000
Bestwood Christmas Lights 2013	15,000
Cornfields Armed Forces Day	250
Love You Love Bestwood Campaign	3,000

Allocation(s) Summary

2012/13 (Balance brought forward)	28,066
2013/14	15,000
2013/14 Deprivation(IMD)	14,154
Total available 2013/14	57,220
Less Total allocated at 31/07/13	29,768
Total unallocated at 31/07/13	27,452

RESOLVED to note actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services, after consulting the relevant ward councillor(s) relating to financial contributions made to the projects and schemes detailed above.