

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **15 MARCH 2006** at the

Council House from 5.35 pm to 6.30 pm

Councillor Wood (Chair)
Councillor James (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cresswell
Councillor Long
Councillor Markin
Councillor Palmer
Councillor Unczur

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms M Eastwood - Beechdale Mews Tenants' and Residents' Association
Ms G Bainbridge - BelsAtra
Mr S Pepper - Nottingham City Homes Limited
Mr J Scott - Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Ms B Hall-Archer - Moorgreen Tenants' and Residents' Association

City Council Officers

Ms S Johnson - Lead Officer
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services
Mr L Kimberley - Leisure and Community Services
Ms S Andrews)
Mr R Baker)
Mr A Hose) Neighbourhood Services
Mr A Mohammed)
Ms V Richards)

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

55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chapman (on other Council business), Mr D Hoyles (Westwick Road Tenants' and Residents' Association), Mr M Limb (Denewood Tenants' and Residents' Association), Ms N Smyth (Leisure and Community Services) and Ms J Wilkinson (Education Action Zone).

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

57 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 January 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

58 VOLUNTARY SECTOR RECURRING GRANT AID PROGRAMME – CORPORATE SINGLE GATEWAY

(Joint report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services, Corporate Director of Social Services and Health and Corporate Director of City Development)

Members commented that they were hopeful that the Area Action Plan had been taken into account when granting the applications and that, in the future, it would be beneficial for Area Committees to comment on the applications before they were granted.

Members also commented that a report to a future meeting of the committee on the outcomes achieved by the organisations as a result of the funding would be welcomed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the outcomes achieved by the organisations as a result of the funding be reported to the committee at a future meeting.

**Alan Hose/
Vicky Richards**

59 MEGANIGHT PLAY PROJECT FOR ASPLEY AND BILBOROUGH
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members commented that as the funding was to be equal contributions from the two wards then a play session held in Bilborough would be expected. Members were informed that once the extension to Bilborough library was completed, play sessions would be held there.

RESOLVED that £12,500 be provided through equal contributions from the uncommitted balance of Aspley and Bilborough ward allocations towards the after school play sessions.

ACTION**60 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 7 FEBRUARY 2006**

(Report of Acting Director of Corporate Services)

The Area Co-ordinator reported that there had been concerns expressed regarding the level of balances which remained unallocated and that this situation had also been highlighted by the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).

Members considered that they should use the limited committee budgets to add value to mainstream provision as, in the past, the committee had supported creative and innovative approaches to addressing needs and had managed to lever in considerable amounts to match funding from other sources.

The Chair expressed the desire that some of the monies remaining in the Bilborough ward allocation should be used to support Bilborough Boxing Club's efforts to become an academy. The club was proving to be a success in diverting young people away from anti-social behaviour and crime and it was considered essential that it was supported in increasing its capacity.

RESOLVED that the uncommitted balance at 7 February 2006 of £55,489 and the saving of £920 on the Harvey Hadden Access Provision Scheme be noted.

61 WEST AREA ACTION PLAN UPDATE

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members commented that the perception of anti-social behaviour incidents was still high, even though the recorded number of incidents had decreased. It was suggested that when surveys were carried out to gauge residents perceptions, the question could be followed by a further question asking them to state the number of incidents they had witnessed.

It was also commented that 6.1 in Appendix 1 should read 'non-standard or non-traditional housing stock be refurbished'.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that 6.1 of appendix 1 be amended to read that non-standard or non-traditional housing stock be refurbished.

**Asif
Mohammed**

62 DEVELOPMENT OF SITES FOR 2ND WAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRES FOR NOTTINGHAM

(Report of Corporate Director of Education and Children's Strategy)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

ACTION

63 TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOODS – CLEAN, GREEN AND PROUD

(Joint report of Corporate Directors of Neighbourhood Services and Leisure and Community Services)

Members welcomed the report and commented that the top ten priorities that would make the greatest difference in improving the cleanliness, appearance and quality of the street scene, parks and open spaces, suggestions for specific actions and initiatives to address priorities, suggestions for the Spring Clean Campaign 2006 and the position of additional litter bins be discussed with the Chairs of the Tenants' and Residents' Associations within the three wards and their ideas be reported to the relevant departments by the deadlines specified within the report.

RESOLVED

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| <p>(1) that the Chairs of the Tenants' and Residents' Associations within the three wards be consulted on the top ten priorities that would make the greatest difference in improving the cleanliness, appearance and quality of the street scene, parks, open spaces and asked to suggest specific actions and initiatives to address those priorities, and the suggestions be reported to the relevant department by 1 May 2006;</p> | <p>Asif
Mohammed</p> |
| <p>(2) that £10,000 be allocated to an environmental improvement fund for 2006/07;</p> | |
| <p>(3) that £10,000 be allocated to support Neighbourhood Spectacolour activities;</p> | |
| <p>(4) that the Chairs of the Tenants' and Residents' Associations within the three wards be consulted for suggestions for any local initiatives for inclusion in the 2006 Spring Clean Campaign and their suggestions be reported to the relevant department by the end of March 2006;</p> | <p>Asif
Mohammed</p> |
| <p>(5) that the Chairs of the Tenants' and Residents' Associations within the three wards be consulted for suggestions for the location of the additional litter bins and their suggestions be reported to the relevant department by 1 May 2006.</p> | <p>Asif
Mohammed</p> |

64 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the following provisional dates for future meetings of this committee at 5.30 pm on the following Wednesdays be noted:-

2006

10 May

12 July

13 September

ACTION

15 November
2007
10 January
14 March

65 URGENT ITEM – FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL AREA GROUP

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in view of the fact that the results of the Local Area Group meetings for the first quarter needed to be reported to the committee.

Members were provided with lists that had been drawn up as result of the Local Area Group meetings on Neighbourhood Policing detailing issues reported and action that was necessary or had been taken.

Members welcomed the information and requested that the dates of the incidents and the date of action also needed to be recorded to enable monitoring of how efficiently issues were resolved.

Members also commented that it would be useful to have the minutes of the Community Safety Working Group (CSWG) meetings included on the committee's future agendas as the Local Area Groups reported directly to the CSWG.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and that the minutes of the Community Safety Working Group meetings submitted to future committee meetings for information.

**Asif
Mohammed**