

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **WEST AREA COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **14 MARCH 2007** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.50 pm

Councillor Wood (Chair)  
Councillor James (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cresswell  
Councillor Long  
Councillor Markin  
Councillor Palmer  
Councillor Unczur (minutes 56 – 64 inclusive)

indicates present at meeting

#### **Also in attendance**

Ms G Bainbridge - BelsAtra  
Ms P Clarke - Keys to Success  
Ms B Serrant - Nottingham City Homes Limited  
Ms J Raymond ) Public  
Ms P Wolfe )  
Mr J Hose - S.M.A.R.T  
Mr D Hoyles - WATRA

#### **City Council Officers**

Mr A Houldsworth - City Development  
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services  
Mr E Curry ) Leisure and Community Services  
Mr A Miller )  
Mr M Hillary ) Neighbourhood Services  
Mr A Mohammed )

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

**56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Markin and Ms J Lewis (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership).

**57 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**58 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that, subject to the inclusion of the word 'RESOLVED' under minute 52, the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 January 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**59 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

The Area Co-ordinator informed members that some of the priorities identified at the 'Your Choice, Your Voice' consultation events had been incorporated into the three year plan to improve footways, street lighting, fencing, etc.

Members made the following comments:-

- Tenants' and Residents' Associations and the local community needed to be engaged in the local decision making process. It was important to make sure local elected members were consulted on Area Capital Resources as not every area within a ward was represented by a Tenant and Resident Association;
- utility companies needed to notify the local authority of when they were planning works, so that remedial works to pavements could be planned accordingly.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the spend to date and unallocated spend of £1,694.00 as detailed in paragraph 3.6 of the report be noted;**
- (2) that the spend of £391,295.00 for 2006/07 (Year 1) as detailed in Appendix B to the report be approved;**
- (3) that subject to future schemes being identified for funding from the Housing Revenue Account and to a final condition survey of all remaining footpaths, the spend for 2007/08 and 2008/09 (Years 2 and 3) as detailed in Appendix B to the report, be approved;**

**ACTION**

- (4) that the results of the consultation on residents preference be noted;
- (5) that the resurfacing of footways, in tarmac, for the three year programme be approved.

**60 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 2 FEBRUARY 2007**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Further to minute 49, resolution (1), dated 10 January 2007, the Chair requested an update report to be submitted to the next meeting, detailing progress made to secure further funding from this committee for Bilborough Boxing Club.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the following be noted:-

- (i) that no additional schemes had been completed since the last meeting of this committee;
- (ii) the uncommitted balance at 2 February was £45,384.03;

- (2) that a progress report be submitted to the next meeting regarding securing further funding for Bilborough Boxing Club.

**Asif  
Mohammed**

**61 LESIURE ACTIVITIES IN ASPLEY**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

The committee was informed that the reduction of anti-social behaviour in Aspley had been one of the greatest across the city; this decrease had been assisted by the activities available for young people within the area, many of which had been supported by this committee.

Members commented that the area committee could commission ad hoc projects and work that mainstream services could not access. However, in order to ensure the continuation of these programmes, mainstream funding was required rather than the limited funding that could be offered by the area committee.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that a one off contribution of £4,400.00 be approved and funded from the uncommitted balance for the Aspley ward to support the activities for young people in the area;
- (2) that the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services be requested to investigate the possibility of mainstream funding for some of the activities for young people within the area.

**Councillor  
Chapman**

**ACTION****62 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND PLAY AREAS IN LEEN VALLEY**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

The development and improvements contained in the report had been identified as priority areas by local residents. The ward councillor had been fully involved in the consultation process and informed the committee that residents had been extremely keen to develop parks and play areas within their area.

The committee were also informed that there could be an opportunity to gain further capital funding through environmental improvements budget and that Housing Regeneration could possibly match-fund the costs of the 'dry area' on Ashwell Gardens.

**RESOLVED that a one off contribution of £25,000.00 be approved and funded from the uncommitted balance for the Leen Valley ward, to support the improvement and refurbishment of parks and play areas across that area.**

**63 BROXTOWE AND BELLS LANE NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT PILOT – INTERVENTIONS/BUDGET SPEND**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

**RESOLVED that the following allocations of funding for projects totalling £76,992.00, approved by the the Broxtowe and Bells Lane Implementation Group, in exercising their delegated authority, be noted:-**

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
<b>Additional/improved lighting for Westleigh Road entrance of Broxtowe Country Park</b>	<b>Upgrading the lighting to make the park more welcoming in order to encourage increased usage</b>	<b>£7,500.00</b>
<b>Noticeboards, Tables/seating</b>	<b>Purchase and installation of a notice board and four activity tables</b>	<b>£2,742.00</b>
<b>Sports training for local residents</b>	<b>To provide a revenue budget for the training of local residents and young people in community sports leadership, coaching and refereeing</b>	<b>£1,900.00</b>

**ACTION**

<b>Fire Service</b>	<b>Project will involve identified young people from the estate visiting Stockhill Fire Station</b>	<b>£600.00</b>
<b>Community Safety and Target Hardening Package</b>	<b>To help address the high levels of burglary taking place and the fear of crime on the estate</b>	<b>£64,250.00</b>

**64 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

The Neighbourhood Manager requested members, officers and community representatives to peruse the website for the area, which was demonstrated at the meeting and to provide feedback on what they liked and any suggested improvements.

Members made the following comments:-

- consideration should be given to the unique selling points of the area in order to create the correct image;
- some further work was required to promote the title of 'West Area' instead of 'Area 3', as some officers were still not using the correct name;
- tenants and residents should be encouraged to have pride in their area and this could be assisted by making information on achievements within the area widely available, in a plain and understandable format.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) **that the report be noted;**
- (2) **that any comments on the website and future marketing activities be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Manager who would collate and submit them to the next meeting for consideration.**

**Mark Hillary****65 NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL RESIDENTS SURVEY 2006 – NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT AREA KEY FINDINGS**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members commented that in order to accurately represent local residents views on what was happening in their area, a control group of consultees should be used rather than samples of random people. It was considered important to involve tenants' and residents' associations in the survey as

they had a wealth of local knowledge.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the data presented by Mori would be analysed and used by Council departments to inform their service planning processes for 2007/08, be noted.**

**66 'YOUR CHOICE, YOUR VOICE' NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION EVENTS**

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members made the following comments:-

- although the events went well and were well attended, the process seemed contrived as the community were not given an opportunity to express their views as they had to answer specific questions with multiple choice answers;
- there had not been a consultation event in Leen Valley due to the lack of a suitable central venue. This matter should be addressed for future events as not all tenants/residents were able to travel;
- the Council needed to be more creative in the way in consulted so as to engage with people that weren't local activists.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the outcomes of the two consultation events, detailed in appendix 1 and 2, be noted;**
- (2) that the Neighbourhood Management Team contact all individuals that attended the events to provide the following feedback:-**
  - (i) what actions had been taken on the issues they raised;**
  - (ii) information on how the Area Capital Allocation would be used in the area;**
  - (iii) how the views of the attendees at the events had been taken into consideration;**
- (3) that the Neighbourhood Management Team use the feedback gained from the consultation events to ensure its work plans linked to the issues that mattered to local people.**

**ACTION****67 'BREATHING SPACE' – LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT**

(Services Director Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Members were informed that the nominee put forward as a representative for the committee would take part in a city-wide forum that would identify and produce an action plan of priority areas. The plan would then be submitted to the committee for consideration at a later date. They were also informed that Leisure and Community Services were working with Children's Services regarding play areas and the possibility of bidding for lottery funding in September 2007.

Members made the following comments:-

- it was important that the decommissioned parks in West Area were redeveloped and that security measures be put in place to prevent vandalism;
- it was useful to have the information on Section 106 money but elected members had not been informed that this was available and therefore some of the deadlines for spending it were very close. It was important that the money was spent before the deadline otherwise it would be removed. As West Area was not a development area it did not generate a great amount of Section 106 money, therefore, research into the criteria for allocating the funding was required.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the adoption by the City Council of 'Breathing Space' as a strategic framework for the management and maintenance of the City's open and green spaces and its implications and opportunities be noted;**
- (2) that Leisure and Community Services would undertake a new one voice and 'corporate sponsor' role for the new strategy, be noted;**
- (3) that the current section 106 funding aligned to the committee as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (4) that the strengthening of local engagement in the prioritisation of open and green space improvements and investments be approved;**
- (5) that the development of detailed area based prioritised investment and implementation plan for open and green spaces, aligned with the Local Community Plan, be endorsed;**
- (6) that Tenants' and Residents' Associations be requested to identify a representative from the area to be nominated to sit on**

Mark Hillary

**ACTION**

**the city-wide forum and that the name of the nominee be notified to Leisure and Community Services;**

- (7) that a report be submitted to this Committee setting out the criteria on which Section 106 funding should be allocated, in particular it should address how area specific the funding must be.**

**Mark Hillary**

**68 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED that the provisional cycle of meetings commencing at 5.30 pm on the following Wednesdays be noted:-**

**2007**

**30 May  
25 July  
12 September  
14 November**

**2008**

**16 January  
12 March**