

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **6 JUNE 2007** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.33 pm

Councillor Wood (Chair)
Councillor James (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman (minutes 11 – 12 inclusive)
Councillor Cresswell
Councillor Foster
Councillor Long
Councillor Unczur
Councillor Watson

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms G Bainbridge - BelsAtra
Ms P Clarke - Keys to Success
Mr S Pepper - Nottingham City Homes Limited
Ms L McCarthy) Nottinghamshire Police
Mr S Payne)
Mr J Hose - S.M.A.R.T
Mr D Hoyles - WATRA

City Council Officers

Ms S Johnson - Lead Officer
Mr A Houldsworth - City Development
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services
Mr E Curry)
Mr S Hunter) Leisure and Community Services
Mr S Patel)
Mr M Hillary)
Ms A Lynch) 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.

ACTION

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Wood be appointed Chair for the municipal year 2007/08.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor James be appointed Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2007/08.

3 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Watson.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 March 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

6 MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Acting Director of Corporate Services)

RESOLVED that the membership and terms of reference be noted.

7 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 30 APRIL 2007

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED that the uncommitted balance for 2007/08 of £70,524.00 be noted.

8 BILBOROUGH BOXING CLUB FUNDING UPDATE

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED that the Area Co-ordinator liaise and work with Leisure Services and Chair of West Area Committee to decide the remit for the feasibility study.

**Asif
Mohammed**

ACTION

9 PARKLIFE 2007
(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members made the following comments:-

- it was an excellent scheme that would engage young people, but there were parts of the area that were not covered, for example, there were no events in Bilborough or Strelley and young people from these areas were unlikely to travel to Melbourne Park or Broxtowe Country Park;
- the events should be mainstreamed if they were to be held annually. It was unfair to expect area committee's to fund them every year as they had limited resources.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that £3,000 be contributed for each Park Life event in West Area, which totalled £6,000 and should be met from the uncommitted balance for the area;**
- (2) **that the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Services Director, Legal Services and Projects be authorised to place orders as necessary to implement the works;**
- (3) **that the Neighbourhood Manager negotiate with Leisure and Community Services to obtain mainstream funding for future Parklife events;** **Mark Hillary**
- (4) **that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this committee detailing how the events would be funded in future years.** **Mark Hillary/
Eddie Curry**

10 PROPOSAL TO FUND PROVISION OF SKIP SCHEME
(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members commented that as the scheme had previously been successful it should be available to all City residents and be mainstream funded.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that £6,000 be allocated from the uncommitted Aspley Ward budget to fund the scheme;**
- (2) **that the Neighbourhood Manager negotiate with Neighbourhood Services to obtain mainstream funding for future skip schemes;**
- (3) **that a quarterly report be submitted by the manager of Aspley Housing Office detailing the budget and the number of applications for skips received in that period.** **Brenda Serrant**

ACTION

11 PARKS DEVELOPMENT – APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF SECTION 106 FUNDS TO MATCH FUND FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON OPEN SPACE
(Services Director, Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Members made the following comments:-

- members had not been consulted on the priority parks. Broxtowe Country Park had already received investment but other local parks had been overlooked. There were families throughout the area that didn't have a small local park, with play facilities, to visit;
- spending section 106 money from Plantation Side on Broxtowe Country Park was not complying with the rules of section 106 agreements as the park was outside of the area. It was considered unfair to expect residents from Plantation Side to travel to Broxtowe to use park facilities.;
- parks had been de-commissioned throughout the area with little or no consultation with members and residents. There had been no dialogue between Parks department and area committee, and without consultation with local people there was no way of knowing what they wanted;
- intensive consultation throughout June was required in order to establish local priorities. Members, local residents, Tenants' and Residents' Associations had to be consulted before any decisions could be made.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the legality of releasing section 106 funding to be spent outside of the area it was originally derived from be investigated and reported to the next meeting;** **Mark Hillary**
- (2) **that a letter be sent to all Tenants' and Residents' Associations throughout West Area consulting them on their priorities for parks in the area;** **Mark Hillary**
- (3) **that a decision on the proposals detailed in the report be deferred until the next meeting.**

ACTION

12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the committee meet at 5.30 pm on the following Wednesdays:-

2007

**25 July
12 September
14 November**

2008

**16 January
12 March**