

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **14 MAY 2008** at the

Council House from 5.33 pm to 6.27 pm

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| Councillor Wood | (Chair) |
| Councillor James | (Vice-Chair) |
| Councillor Chapman | |
| Councillor Cresswell | |
| Councillor Foster | |
| Councillor Long | |
| Councillor Unczur | |
| Councillor Watson | |

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

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| Mr C Thorpe | - | Area Panel Chair |
| Ms J Lewis | - | Crime and Drugs Partnership |
| Ms B Serrant | - | Nottingham City Homes Limited |
| Mr R Ellis | - | Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service |
| Farah Almughrabi |) | |
| Marija Beluikivuite |) | |
| Ali Ahmadi-Jafari |) | |
| Daniel Mbetwa |) | |
| Emmanuel Mbetwa |) | Rossllyn Park High Primary School |
| Ngondizashe Mhinda |) | |
| Kimberley Phiri |) | |
| Nyasha Shenje |) | |
| Mr C Turner-Rowe |) | |
| Mr J Hose | - | S.M.A.R.T |
| Ms A Thorpe | - | Strelley Tenants' and Residents' Association |

City Council Officers

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| Ms J Knight |) | Community and Culture |
| Mr A Mohammed |) | |

Miss L Wilson - Resources

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 2008/09.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor James be appointed Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2008/09.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Watson and Gill Bainbridge (BelsAtra).

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

5 ROSSLYN PARK HIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL – ‘KICK RACISM OUT OF FOOTBALL’ DVD

Mr Turner-Rowe, Head Teacher of Rosslyn High Primary School, informed the Committee that the after school club for children with English as a second language entered a competition entitled ‘Give Racism the Red Card’ run by the Football League in partnership with other organisations. The competition focussed on the negative effects of racism and the need to change people’s opinion. The young people entered a DVD made at the after school club which won the multimedia category as well as the overall competition out of 500 schools who entered nationally. The prizes won included a trip for the young people that took part to Old Trafford to meet the players, plus a Nintendo Wii and a laptop for the school.

Members watched the DVD produced by the young people and the Chair presented them with certificates. Members commented that the DVD contained a powerful message and was a credit to the school and the young people who had taken part in its production.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the young people from Rosslyn Park High Primary School be congratulated for the production of the DVD and winning the competition;**
- (2) that £1,000 be allocated to the school to help maintain the after school club.**

ACTION

6 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 March 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

7 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 31 MARCH 2008

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members expressed concern that money allocated a few years ago had not been spent and were of the opinion that it should be returned and spent on other projects in the area.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the available uncommitted balance for March 2008 of £29,874 be noted;**
- (2) that the Neighbourhood Manager submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee detailing both how much money would be returned to the West Area budget from the unspent allocations and with options on what alternative schemes this money could be spent on.**

Asif Mohammed

8 PARKLIFE COMMUNITY EVENTS

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Asif Mohammed, Neighbourhood Manager, introduced the report and informed members that £10,000 was being requested to enable two Parklife events to be held in the area, one in Bilborough and one to service the Aspley and Leen Valley wards.

Members commented that this was the fourth year that Area Committees had been requested to fund these events and if they were to continue annually they needed to be mainstream funded as Area Committees had a limited budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following be noted:-**
 - (a) the successful election and partner impact assessment for the events, detailed at Appendix 1 to the report;**
 - (b) the contribution the events made in reaching and involving a wide customer base in influencing decisions;**
- (2) that £10,000 be allocated towards the Parklife events and met through the following contributions:-**

ACTION

- (a) £3,000 from the Aspley Ward budget;
- (b) £3,000 from the Leen Valley Ward budget;
- (c) £4,000 from the Bilborough Ward budget.

9 FUTURE FORM YOUTH GROUP GRANT REQUEST
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that all future requests for grants in the future should come through Single Gateway to ensure public transparency and that the current report contained insufficient information to enable a decision to be made.

RESOLVED that, subject to completion of the Single Gateway process, the Corporate Director of Community and Culture be granted authority to make the decision in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Asif Mohammed

10 NEW GP PRACTICES FOR NOTTINGHAM CITY PRIMARY CARE TRUST (PCT) – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Members made the following comments:-

- there were concerns regarding the consultation process as the local authority had not been involved earlier;
- a letter should be sent to the PCT identifying what local people want to be available at the new centre e.g. opening hours;
- it was important that local surgeries were maintained when the new centre was opened and that local GPs were encouraged to tender to practice at the new centre;
- it was becoming common practice for GP surgeries and health centres to install '0845' numbers on which they made a profit. It was important to specify that the new centre should be contactable through a local number.

RESOLVED

RESOLVED that the comments of the Committee be used to inform the response to the PCT consultation on GP Practices and that a letter be sent to the PCT detailing local priorities and what local people would like to see at the new centre.

Asif Mohammed

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

ACTION

2008

**16 July
10 September
12 November**

2009

**14 January
11 March**