

# **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **WEST AREA COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **10 MARCH 2010** at the

Bilborough Learning Centre, Bilborough from 5.32 pm to 6.32 pm

Councillor Wood	(Chair)
Councillor James	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cresswell	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Long	
Councillor Unczur	(minutes 49 to 54 inclusive)
Councillor Watson	

indicates present at meeting

#### **Also in attendance**

Ms G Bainbridge - BelsAtra

#### **City Council Officers**

Mr M Neal ) Children's Services  
Mr C Pennington )

Ms J Fox )  
Mr A Houldsworth ) Communities  
Ms J Ludlow )  
Mr A Mohammed )

Mr P Tansey - Development

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**

#### **45 CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Wood, Councillor James took the Chair for the meeting.

#### **46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Foster and Wood (both

**ACTION**

on other Council business), Councillor Watson, Alison Thorpe (S.T.A.R.A) and Clive Thorpe (Area 3 Panel).

**47 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**48 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 January 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair presiding at the meeting.**

**49 GREATER NOTTINGHAM ALIGNED CORE STRATEGIES: OPTION FOR CONSULTATION**

(Interim Corporate Director of Development)

Councillors made the following comments:

- Bilborough Road was divided over two boundaries, the City Council and Broxtowe Borough Council, so sensitive cross boundary working was required;
- housing developments needed to be of mixed type and tenure to attract people to settle in the area. Room sizes needed to be adequate and the private sector housing needed to be well designed and reasonably priced and street patterns needed to be modern;
- providing new bungalows in the area would free up family housing;
- Glaisdale Industrial site needed to be carefully developed as it was important to keep employment land in the area;
- the Core Strategies needed to include more details on proposed future tram lines and transport links;
- employment land may have to be on the periphery of the City where there was good access to the motorway so that people could commute, but also to have fairly large employment sites for people in Nottinghamshire.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the publication of the Option for Consultation document be noted;**
- (2) that the comments made above be sent to the Development Department for inclusion in the consultation.**

**Laura  
Wilson/Asif  
Mohammed**

**ACTION****50 RADFORD BRIDGE ROAD PARK IMPROVEMENTS – FUNDING REQUEST**

(Director of Communities)

Councillors commented that as residents from the West Area used the park they were happy to contribute towards the improvements.

**RESOLVED that £5,000 be allocated from the Leen Valley Ward Public Realm Budget towards the improvements at Radford Bridge Road Park.**

**51 COMMUNITY CHEST AWARDS – SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS**

(Director of Communities)

The Committee was informed that applications from the Youth Service had not been supported through Community Chest Awards but that it was hoped that Positive Activities for Young People funding could be used to arrange activities that young people wanted to be involved in.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the applications for the West Area Community Chest Awards that had been supported for 2009/2010, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (2) that an additional £1,287.28, from the Environmental, Economic and Social Wellbeing Budget, be approved to ensure all entries for the Community Chest Awards could be supported;**
- (3) that £623 funding for Old Park Farm Garden Holders Association be approved and met from the Bilborough Public Realm Budget.**

**52 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM UPDATE AND FUNDING REQUESTS**

(Director of Communities)

Councillors made the following comments:

- the updates and funding requests were welcome and the work done by the West Area Team was efficient and effective;
- the finance department needed to ensure that cheques were issued quickly when funding requests were approved as some payments had been unduly delayed recently;
- reports back on the projects delivered as a result of Area Committee funding needed to be submitted to the Committee on a regular basis.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Neighbourhood Action Team updates, as detailed in**

**Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**

**(2) that the following funding requests be approved:**

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>Hope Centre Youth Project</b>	<b>Councillor Chapman</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
	<b>Councillor James</b>	<b>£175.00</b>
	<b>Councillor Unczur</b>	<b><u>£175.00</u></b>
		<b>£500.00</b>
<b>Children’s Police/Fire Service hats</b>	<b>Councillor Chapman</b>	<b>£68.00</b>
	<b>Councillor James</b>	<b>£66.00</b>
	<b>Councillor Unczur</b>	<b><u>£68.00</u></b>
		<b>£202.00</b>
<b>Street party – St George’s Day</b>	<b>Councillor Chapman</b>	<b>£300.00</b>
	<b>Councillor James</b>	<b>£300.00</b>
	<b>Councillor Unczur</b>	<b><u>£300.00</u></b>
		<b>£900.00</b>
<b>Street races</b>	<b>Councillor Chapman</b>	<b>£800.00</b>
	<b>Councillor James</b>	<b>£800.00</b>
	<b>Councillor Unczur</b>	<b><u>£800.00</u></b>
		<b>£2,400.00</b>
<b>Stepney Court – regrassing</b>	<b>Councillor Chapman</b>	<b>£75.00</b>
	<b>Councillor James</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
	<b>Councillor Unczur</b>	<b><u>£75.00</u></b>
		<b>£200.00</b>
<b>‘Balls to Poverty’ support</b>	<b>Councillor Chapman</b>	<b>£133.34</b>
	<b>Councillor James</b>	<b>£133.33</b>
	<b>Councillor Unczur</b>	<b><u>£133.33</u></b>
		<b>£400.00</b>
<b>External display boards</b>	<b>Aspley Public Realm</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b>
<b>Seagrave School coffee mornings</b>	<b>Councillor Cresswell</b>	<b>£300.00</b>
<b>Community notice boards</b>	<b>Bilborough Public Realm</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b>
<b>Dropped kerb – Flamsteed Road shops</b>	<b>Area Capital Fund</b>	<b>£1,500.00</b>
<b>Hanging baskets project</b>	<b>Councillor Long</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
<b>New Windmill Allotments improvements</b>	<b>Leen Valley Public Realm</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>

**ACTION**

<b>New street signs project</b>	<b>Councillor Long</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>'Balls to poverty' support</b>	<b>Councillor Foster</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
	<b>Councillor Long</b>	<b><u>£200.00</u></b>
		<b>£400.00</b>
<b>Portable thermal imaging camera</b>	<b>Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Budget</b>	<b>£3,302.00</b>
<b>Overtime for the Police to target hotspot crime and anti-social behaviour areas</b>	<b>Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Budget</b>	<b>£2,646.00</b>

The Chair presiding at the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the need for the Committee to be involved in the consultation as early as possible.

### **53 REDEVELOPMENT OF TRINITY SCHOOL – BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE – URGENT ITEM**

Matthew Neal, Head of Building Schools for the Future (BSF) and Assets, presented the Committee with the following information:

- BSF was a major government initiative aimed at rebuilding and renewing school facilities so that every secondary school in England had 21<sup>st</sup> century facilities;
- the Wave 5 Outline Business Case approved £79 million of indicative funding;
- funding for redevelopment of Trinity School had approximately £17 million secured;
- the current phase was a feasibility study for the redevelopment which started in September 2009 and was due to be completed by the end of March 2010. This involved consultation with the school community, analysis of the existing site, site constraints and scoping of the schools education vision;
- the next phase (phase 1) was the design for the development which was started in March 2010 and was due to be completed in May 2010. This involved consultation with the wider community, developing a concept to sketch plan, re-consulting with the community and Area Committee and ensuring the design concept matched the BSF budget;
- stage 2, which included detailed design for rooms and specialist areas, was due to start in June 2010 and be completed in November 2010;

**ACTION**

- the redevelopment was due to start in April 2011 and would be completed by January 2013.

Councillors made the following comments:

- community facilities were important as there were anti-social behaviour hotspots on some of the estates surrounding the school;
- there were tenants' and residents' associations around the school so it would be important to engage with the Beechdale Local Action Group and the Friends of King George V Park;
- the Beacon Public House football team should also be consulted and involved in developing ideas as they were in need of changing facilities;
- as Bluecoat was being developed later it would be important to point this out when consulting the community as the surrounding areas would be interested in the development of both schools.

**RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.**

**54 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED that the proposal to meet at 5.30 pm on the following Wednesdays be noted:**

**2010**

**12 May  
14 July  
15 September  
10 November**

**2011**

**12 January  
16 March**