

**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of meeting held on **14 SEPTEMBER 2011** at

Loxley House from 5.32 pm to 6.45 pm

- ✓ Councillor Unczur (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Saghir (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Chapman
- Councillor Cresswell
- ✓ Councillor Jenkins
- ✓ Councillor McCulloch
- Councillor Watson
- ✓ Councillor Wood
  
- ✓ indicates present at meeting

**Citizens and Community Representatives present**

- Mr J Herring - Strelley Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Mr J Hose - St Martin's Association of Residents and Tenants
- Mr C Thorpe - Nottingham City Homes Area Panel

**Others and City Council Colleagues in attendance**

- Mr C Holloway - Nottingham City Homes
  
- Mr G Butterworth - Transport Strategy )
- Mr M Leavesley - Constitutional Services )
- Ms J Ludlow - Environmental Services ) Nottingham City Council
- Mr A Miller - Beechdale Swimming Centre )
- Ms I Denton ) Neighbourhood Management )
- Ms H May ) )
  
- Mr D Ward - Wilson Bowden Developments

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

**ACTION**

**13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cresswell and Watson.

**14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**15 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 July 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**16 BIG SUMMER CLEAN 2011**

The Committee received a presentation by Jane Ludlow, Neighbourhood Environmental Manager, detailing outcomes from the Big Summer Clean campaign, which ran from 1 July to 31 August 2011 and was aimed at tackling local environmental issues and problems to make Nottingham cleaner and greener. The main points of were as follows:

- residents needed to be informed:
  - that Nottingham was the cleanest big city in the UK;
  - how clean the whole city was and the way services were delivered;
  - that the current Manifesto included a commitment to make neighbourhoods as clean as the city centre;
  - that they must get involved to keep their neighbourhoods clean;
  - that enforcement was important to keep it clean;
- the purpose of the Big Summer Clean campaign was to:
  - promote behaviour change;
  - establish localism;
  - ensure increased satisfaction and engagement;
  - show how enforcement worked in practice;
  - showcase innovation;
- the campaign messages were;
  - keep it clean (love where you live);
  - clean, cleaner, cleanest;
  - join in and make a difference;
  - shame on you (enviro-crime);
- the campaign was considered a success as there had been increased;
  - public perception (5% up on previous years);
  - cleanliness;
  - volunteers (recruited additional 40 people to help clean up);
  - on-line reporting via the web site;
  - positive media coverage (6 positive stories/reports in the local media)
- during the 2 month period of the campaign, City wide there were:
  - 129 events (involving partners, such as the Police), 11 of which were in West Area, including community clear ups, litter picks, repairing and painting fencing, graffiti and fly tip removal, leaflet drops and ward walks;

- approximately 1,000 volunteers involved;
  - presentations to 17 schools, with 3 subsequently organising litter picks, involving approximately 3,000 children;
  - 123 alleyways and 37 garage sites cleared by Nottingham City Homes and over 50 estate inspections with residents organised;
  - web-site reports totalling 335 in July and 453 in August;
  - reductions in dog fouling incidences (50% down) and in fly tipping;
  - 90% of residents happy with the state of their neighbourhood (on-line survey result);
  - 6 prosecutions and over 250 fixed penalty fines;
- the 11 events held in West Area included:
    - clean ups at Harwill Crescent and Kennington Road and at Brocklewood, Southwold and Portland Schools;
    - a make over at the Songs of Praise Garden;
  - in the near future, there would be:
    - a city-wide chewing gum campaign (5 to 30 September 2011);
    - the launch of FIDO, a new dog waste removal machine;
    - a 'My Street' promotion;

During discussion, the following comments and observations were made:

- estates in the local area were not as clean as the City and there should be more prosecutions;
- the Service Level Agreements already in place must be adhered to;
- members of Chilwell/Beeston Church were available to assist people with garden makeovers etc for a nominal fee;
- there was a need for more waste bins on side streets;
- education of younger children should be expanded as they were the possible 'litter bugs' of the future.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the presentation be noted and the appreciation of the Area Committee for the presentation and information provided be recorded;**
- (2) that local residents be requested to inform Jane Ludlow of possible locations for new waste bins.**

**All**

## **17 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES** (Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

The Area Manager presented the report which detailed the revised terms of reference for the role of Area Committee Community Representatives, including

the primary purpose of the role, role requirements and the selection criteria and process and explained the role of Area Committees and how the representatives would fit within that process.

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- there were concerns that representation at West Area Committee and LAG meetings was low, especially from local residents and other partner agencies, such as the police and the PCT;
- to avoid duplication of work and discussion items, LAG meetings should be held quarterly, with an insistence that all partner agencies were represented.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the revised terms of reference for the role of Area Committee Community Representatives, as detailed in appendix 1, be noted;**
- (2) that the proposal to seek wider representation on this Committee by local citizens be supported.**

## **18 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2011-13** (Director for Neighbourhoods and Community)

The Area Manager presented the report which detailed the monies available for 2011-13 to the West Area wards in relation to the Area Capital Programme.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the following be noted:**
  - (a) the monies available to the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards, as detailed in appendix 1;**
  - (b) the criteria for suitable local transport schemes, which was based on the Local Transport Plan, for spend of the Area Capital Fund monies, as detailed in appendix 2;**
  - (c) the decision making criteria, agreed by the Area Chairs Committee, for making decisions and prioritising Area Capital Programme spend, as outlined in appendix 3;**
  - (d) the Housing Revenue Account funding and the criteria for its expenditure, as outlined in appendix 4;**
  - (e) the Section 106, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, funding available to each area for affordable housing and open spaces, and the criteria applied to its expenditure, as detailed in appendix 5.**
- (2) that consideration be given to spend of Section 106 or WREN monies on the refurbishment of Robert Shaw Playing Fields.**

**H May**

**19 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**  
(Corporate Director of Development)

The report outlined the Land and Planning Policies (LAPP) Development Plan Document (DPD), part of the Local Development Framework and it was explained that once adopted, the document, alongside the Core Strategy, would form part of the framework through which planning applications were considered.

It was stated that the specific purpose of the LAPP DPD was to provide detailed guidance, through which development management decisions could be made, and to identify sites suitable for specific uses, including housing, employment and retail, and that it would replace the Nottingham Local Plan.

It was also stated that the first stage in the production of this new document was the publication of an Issues and Options Paper, which set out the spatial issues relevant to planning facing Nottingham and the policy or site based options that could be used to address those issues, and that the purpose of that stage of consultation was to enable citizens and key stakeholders to have early input into production of the DPD.

During discussion, Councillors stated that there was a need for greater retail competition in the area and that they would be opposed to development of Nottingham Business Park for housing as it had been previously agreed that this ex-green belt land would only be utilised for employment use.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the imminent consultation on the LAPP DPD be noted and that and views or comments from local residents be forwarded to Paul Tansey, Senior Planning Officer (0115 876 3973 or [paul.tansey@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:paul.tansey@nottinghamcity.gov.uk));
- (2) that consideration be given to inclusion in the DPD of the Beechdale Bath site and part of Broxtowe Park.

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