

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **16 NOVEMBER 2011** at

Loxley House from 5.30 pm to 6.20 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

Others and City Council Colleagues in attendance

- Mr M Clough - Beechdale Beat Local Action Group
- Ms H Wheat - Bloomin' Strelley
- Inspector S Payne - Broxtowe Police
- Ms F Cusick - Transport Strategy)
- Ms K Follows - Crime and Drugs Partnership)
- Ms J Knight - Harvey Hadden Sports Complex) Nottingham City Council
- Mr M Leavesley - Constitutional Services)
- Ms H May - Neighbourhood Management)
- Ms J Walker - Nottingham in Bloom)
- Mr C Holloway - Nottingham City Homes

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

ACTION

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chapman, Cresswell and Watson and from Ms Bainbridge (Bells Lane and Aspley Tenants' and Residents' Association) and Mr Thorpe (Nottingham City Homes Area Panel).

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

At the time of consideration, Councillor McCulloch declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (minute 25), Nominations for Area Committee Community Representatives, as a member of Aspley and Bells Lane Community Centre, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 September 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

23 BILBOROUGH WEEK OF ACTION

The Committee received a presentation by Katie Follows of Community Action, detailing the Bilborough Week of Action events and activities which took place during the week commencing 24 October 2011.

The main points were as follows:

- the week involved lots of groups/agencies, such as the Crime and Drugs Partnership, Neighbourhood Management, Nottinghamshire Police, Community Protection, City Services, Family Community Teams, Nottingham City Homes, Bilborough and Strelley Churches and libraries, Nottingham University Samworth Academy, Bilborough College, Groundwork Greater Nottingham, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, Last Orders/Framework, Strelley Tenants' and Residents' Association and Strelley Social Club;
- events which took place included:
 - Monday - in Beechdale and Denewood:
 - One Stop Shops at Beechdale Community Centre and Denewood Community House;
 - Spots v Stripes games on Chingford Field;
 - an Energy Efficiency Week, where information on fuel savings and benefits was available to all citizens;
 - Tuesday – in Strelley;
 - a bulky waste collection and shrub clearance at Strelley Social Club, at which 5 tonnes of waste was removed;
 - young people volunteered to litter pick, with 10 bags of rubbish removed;
 - a One Stop Shop and disco for young people at Strelley Social Club;
 - Tuesday – in Bilborough;
 - Bilborough's young people discussed how to 'Make Bilborough Better', and some of their feedback included:
 - there were good schools in the area, but no places to play locally;
 - there was a need for more street lights and parks for kids;
 - there was too much noise and crime in the streets;
 - there was too much litter outside Haddon Park School;

ACTION

- Wednesday – in Balloon Woods;
 - a Community Fun Day at the Vale Community Centre, with over 50 young people and their families attending;
 - young people completed a litter pick around Bilborough Library;
 - a 'Respect' Football Tournament, with congratulations going to the Bilborough FC Team, having beaten Aspley Youngsters and Aspley Allstars to win the tournament;
 - Hope Nottingham was launched locally and a 'Home Hope' visit completed in a citizen's home;

- Thursday – in Bilborough;
 - a One Stop Shop on Bilborough Market;
 - a Tea Dance held at St John's Church Hall, with a very big thank you to Strelley Tenants and Residents Association for organising this event;
 - the West 8 Partnership Holiday Club completed a litter pick at Glenbrook School, collecting 13 bags of rubbish;

- Friday – at the Nottingham University Samworth Academy (NUSA);
 - an intergenerational community tea party, which approximately 70-80 citizens attended. 10 NUSA student volunteers helped at the event on the day, 300 cakes were donated by Sir David Samworth, of which 50 were donated to a local church, and support from Groundwork Greater Nottingham was also provided on the day for younger children;

- outcomes from the week were;
 - approximately 250 citizens engaged with officers at One Stop Shops, 150 children and young people took part in activities and over 100 people attended activities at Bilborough and Strelley libraries;
 - people involved in Community Payback had painted railings outside Portland School;
 - citizens voted on posters designed by Melbury School, aimed at preventing dog fouling, with the winning entry being displayed around the area;
 - home fire safety checks completed for vulnerable citizens;
 - 427 households had been informed about energy efficiency benefits;
 - approximately 25% of the citizens attending One Stop Shops were not previously known to officers;
 - an anti-social behaviour hot spot was tackled by removing shrubbery next to Strelley Social Club;
 - the Week of Action brought together all the youth service providers in the area, the outcome of which was that they had now formed a youth forum to work together on youth issues in the ward, including use of the feedback from 'Making Bilborough Better' to inform the planning of youth provision;
 - Strelley Social Club was to host another disco for young people at Christmas;

- o a drop-in session at Birchover Park Community Centre provided an opportunity for the Management Committee, Play and Youth staff and Safer Neighbourhoods Teams to work together, with positive feedback from young people leading to the event being replicated during the February 2012 half term.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Ms Follows for the presentation be recorded.

24 NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOOM
(Director for Sport, Culture and Parks)

The report was presented by Julie Walker, Nottingham in Bloom Partnership Manager, and detailed the budget for and locations of floral displays in West Area for 2012-13 and informed the Committee of the outcome of a Royal Horticultural Society: Britain in Bloom – It's Your Neighbourhood Award report.

During discussion, Councillors stated that, where possible, the budget for Nottingham Bloom should be protected as the scheme was good for the community and brought local people together.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the type of display, location and cost for 2012-13 displays for the West Area, as follows, be agreed:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> (£)
Bracebridge Drive	Planter	4)	
Strelley Road	Planter	3)	2,542.70
Bracebridge Drive	Planter	3)	
Aspley Lane	Barrier	8)	
Melbourne Road	Barrier	8)	3,164.76
Bells Lane Roundabout	Barrier	12)	
Broxtowe Lane	Barrier	8)	
Total			5,707.46

- (2) that the individual unit costs for 2012-13, as follows, be noted:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Maintenance</u> (£)	<u>Planting</u> (£)	<u>Total</u> (£)
Square Planter - Summer	52.77	85.00	137.77
Square Planter - Winter	31.50	85.00	116.50
Barrier Baskets	39.16	48.75	87.91

- (3) that the thanks of the Committee to Ms Walker and Ms Elmhirst (Nottingham in Bloom) and to local residents, in particular Mr and Mrs Herring (Strelley Tenants' and Residents' Association), for the work done in relation to Nottingham in Bloom, be recorded;

ACTION

- (4) that the comments from the Royal Horticultural Society: Britain in Bloom – It's Your Neighbourhood Award report, as detailed in appendix 2, be noted and welcomed.

25 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Further to minute 17 dated 14 September 2011, the report was presented by Heidi May, West Area Manager, and informed the Committee of nominations received from local organisations for a member of their group to be selected to hold the position of Community Representative on the West Area Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) that appointment to West Area as Community Representatives of the following, for the remainder of the 2011/12 municipal year, and with the intention of re-appointment for the 2012/13 municipal year at the first meeting of 2012/13, be approved:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Vic Plant	Neighbourhood Watch Association;
Tracey Griffiths	Cinderhill Community Association;
Natasha Silvers	Aspley Community and Training Centre;
Jenni Smith	Aspley and Bells Lane Community Centre;
Pat Whitton	Broxtowe Partnership Trust;
John Hose	St Martin's Association of Residents and Tenants;

- (2) that the Area Manager be requested to send a further letter to local groups, requesting nominations, and inform ward Councillors to which groups the letters were sent.

H May

26 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2011-13

(Corporate Director of Development)

Further to minute 18 dated 14 September 2011, the Area Manager presented the report, which informed the Committee of the funds available, and committed to projects, in each ward in relation to the Area Capital Programme 2011-13.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the fund allocation and committed spend in each of the wards, as detailed in appendices 1 and 2, be noted;
- (2) that Mr Holloway clarify to Councillor Wood by whom and when works at St Agnes Court were authorised, and from which budget provision it was intended the costs be met.

C Holloway