

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **14 MARCH 2012** at

Loxley House from 5.30 pm to 6.32 pm

- ✓ Councillor Unczur (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Saghir (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Chapman
- ✓ Councillor Cresswell
- ✓ Councillor Jenkins
- ✓ Councillor McCulloch
- ✓ Councillor Watson
- ✓ Councillor Wood

Community Representatives

- ✓ Mrs J Smith - Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership
 - Ms N Silvers - Aspley Community and Training Centre
 - ✓ Mr B Mann - Beechdale Community Centre
 - ✓ Ms G Bainbridge - Bells Lane and Aspley Tenants' and Residents' Association
 - ✓ Ms P Witton - Broxtowe Partnership Trust
 - ✓ Ms T Griffiths - Cinderhill Community Association
 - ✓ Mr V Plant - Neighbourhood Watch Association
 - ✓ Mrs C Willitts - Nottingham Tartanaires Marching Band
 - ✓ Mr J Hose - St Martin's Association of Residents and Tenants
 - Mr J Day - St Martin's Church
- ✓ indicates present at meeting

Citizens, Others and City Council Colleagues in attendance

- Mr W Grantham - Birchover Community Association
- Ms S Campbell) Neighbourhood Management)
- Ms F Cusick))
- Mr P Fountain - Parks and Open Spaces) Nottingham City Council
- Mr M Leavesley - Constitutional Services)
- Mr P Tansey - Planning and Transport Policy Team)
- Mr L Turford - Beechdale Leisure Centre)
- Mrs A Thorpe) Nottingham City Homes Area 3 Panel
- Mr C Thorpe)
- Mr J Herring - Strelley Tenants' and Residents' Association

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

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cresswell and Saghir and from Heidi May and Imoegen Denton (Neighbourhood Management) and John Day (St Martin's Church).

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

39 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 January 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

(b) Further to minute 35, resolution (3), Councillor Wood reported that, while he had received a response to his query regarding works undertaken at St Agnes Court, he was still of the opinion that, prior to any works being undertaken using ward budgets, all ward Councillors must be consulted.

40 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES: DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (LAPP DPD) – ADDITIONAL SITES
(Director for Planning and Transport)

Paul Tansey presented the report and stated the following:

- the LAPP DPD would provide the planning policy framework against which future planning applications were considered and would sit underneath the Aligned Core Strategy and set out development allocations, as well as detailed development management policies;
- an 'Issues and Options' consultation was recently undertaken, which asked how the Council could change its current Local Plan (adopted in 2005). As part of that process, people were invited to submit additional development sites, over 0.5 hectares, which they considered suitable for allocation within the next Local Plan. Following receipt of responses, consultation on suitable sites put forward would take place between 5 March and 30 April 2012, and anyone wishing to view the consultation document could find it at www.mynottingham.gov.uk/localplan;
- the 6 suitable sites proposed in West Area were:
 - Broxtowe Country Park: part (north corner) residential/commercial use:
 - New Aspley Gardens Option 1: residential/community/food store use:
 - New Aspley Gardens Option 2: residential/retail use:
 - Beechdale Baths and Ambulance HQ: food store use:
 - Land adjacent to Bobbers Mill: residential/retail use:
 - Former PZ Cussons: residential use:

ACTION

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- there was general agreement that the Committee would prefer ‘green’ land (especially allotments) not to be developed as there was a lot of community interest in allotment ownership in the area;
- the use of the northern corner of Broxtowe Park was welcomed, as long as the right quantity and style of housing was built.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that the Area Manager be requested to investigate, and inform all Councillors on this Committee, what options were available to the Council in relation to the upkeep of allotments/land by absent owners.

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41 URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGY
(Director for Sport, Culture and Parks)

Paul Fountain presented the report, and gave the Committee a short presentation, regarding the Urban Forestry Strategy, aimed at creating a cyclical system of inspection and remediation of all tree stocks in the City, regardless of land ownership, to manage risk and resources more effectively than at present and ensure that trees were considered in all aspects of development in the future.

Mr Fountain also stated that the Strategy could be viewed in its entirety at <http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=13308>, and that any comments should be sent, by not later than 30 March 2012, to ufs@nottinghamcity.gov.uk or UFS, Tree Services, Woodthorpe Grange, Woodthorpe Drive, Nottingham, NG5 4HA.

RESOLVED that report be noted and community representatives be requested to forward any comments to the addresses above.

42 WARD PRIORITIES
(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Sioban Campbell presented the report, which detailed the outcome of consultation regarding the new locality management structure and development of ward action plans, agreed at a meeting of Executive Board on 19 July 2011.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report, and ward priorities for 2012/13 detailed in appendix 1, be noted;
- (2) that the Area Manager be requested to arrange a meeting with Bilborough ward Councillors to discuss and agree their ward priorities for 2012/13.

I Denton /
H May

43 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2011/13
(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Further to minute 35 dated 11 January 2012, Fi Cusick presented the report, which detailed monies available to each ward for capital schemes in relation to the Area Capital Programme for 2011-13.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that, subject to the following, the Bilborough, Leen Valley and Aspley Ward schemes, as detailed in appendix 1, be approved:**
 - (a) the Broxtowe Lane near Coleby Road waiting restrictions and pedestrian crossing schemes (Aspley Ward) were not approved and should form part of, and be funded from, a central scheme;**
 - (b) the monies allocated in (a) above (£15,000) should be used towards the Limetree Avenue surface treatment scheme (Aspley Ward), which was presently on hold due to a lack of available funds.**

44 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE
(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Sioban Campbell presented the report, which detailed the financial position of West Area Committee at 6 February 2012, and proposed that any remaining balances from completed and expired schemes be reallocated to wards on a percentage basis by utilising the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) (Aspley 44%, Bilborough 39% and Leen Valley 17%).

It was reported that the total uncommitted/decommitted funding was £183,079, with £80,555 to Aspley Ward, £71,401 to Bilborough Ward and £31,123 to Leen Valley.

During discussion, the Committee stated that the report was well presented, easily understandable and that it should be used as a template for all Area Committees to present their financial reports in the future.

RESOLVED that the decommissioning of the schemes, as detailed in appendix 1, and the reallocation of the carried forward and decommitted balances, as detailed in appendix 2, by utilising the IMD, be approved.

45 ROBERT SHAW PLAYING FIELD – DEVELOPMENT THROUGH USE OF SECTION 106 (TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1998) FUNDING
(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Sioban Campbell presented the report, which requested authority to use £42,000 of Section 106 (Town and Country Planning Act 1998) funding to develop cricket and football facilities on the Robert Shaw playing field at Southfield Road.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the allocation of £42,000 of Section 106 (Town and Country Planning Act 1998) funding, towards development of cricket and football facilities on the Robert Shaw playing field at Southfield Road, and amendment of the capital programme to reflect that expenditure, be approved;
- (2) that delegated authority be given to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to place capital orders as required in respect of the proposed scheme.

46 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

RESOLVED that further to minute 33 dated 11 January 2012, the following be approved as West Area Community Representatives for the remainder of the 2011/12 municipal year, with the intention of re-appointment for the 2012/13 municipal year at the first meeting of 2012/13:

- Mr Wayne Grantham, Birchover Community Association;
- Ms Wendy Smith, CONGA (City of Nottingham Governors' Association).

47 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that it be noted that subject to approval at Annual Council, the next meeting would be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 16 May 2012, at Loxley House, Station Street.