

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **5 DECEMBER 2012** at

Loxley House from 5.30 pm to 7.50 pm

- ✓ Councillor Saghir (Chair)
- Councillor Watson (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor Chapman
- Councillor Cresswell
- ✓ Councillor Jenkins
- ✓ Councillor McCulloch
- Councillor Unczur
- 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
- Mr W Grantham - Birchover Community Association
- ✓ Ms P Witton - Broxtowe Partnership Trust
- Ms T Griffiths - Cinderhill Community Association
- ✓ Ms W Smith - CONGA (City of Nottingham Governors' Association)
- ✓ Mr V Plant - Neighbourhood Watch Association
- ✓ Mrs C Willetts - 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

- Ms A Mimms - BEST / BESTbuild (Broxtowe Education, Skills and Training)
- Mr J Davis) Community Protection)
- Mr P Mitchell))
- Mr M Leavesley - Constitutional Services)
- Mr G Whiting - Employment and Skills)
- Ms A Wilson - Family Community Team) Nottingham City Council
- Mr C Williams - Major Programmes)
- Ms S Campbell))
- Ms J Christou))
- Ms H May) Neighbourhood Management)
- Ms D Wilson))
- Mr E Curry) Parks and Open Spaces)
- Mr J Tilford))
- Ms P McKenna - Nottingham City Homes
- Inspector G Fenwick - Nottinghamshire Police
- Mr J Herring - Strelley Tenants and Resident's 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.

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chapman (on other City Council Business), Cresswell, Watson, Wood and Unczur and from Mr Hose (St Martin's Association of Residents and Tenants), Mr and Mrs Thorpe (Nottingham City Homes Area 3 Panel) and Mrs Smith (Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership).

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were made.

19 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 September 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

20 EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation by Graham Whiting, Employer Hub Co-ordinator, and an update by Anna Mimms, BEST / BESTbuild co-ordinator, the main points of which were as follows:

(a) Initiatives

- unemployment in Nottingham in May 2011, when the Council's Employment and Skills Delivery Plan target of a reduction by 25% by 2015 was set, was 13,063, therefore setting a target figure of 9,797 claimants;
- at the last update, in September 2012, unemployment had fallen by 0.1%;
- 86 people had entered employment via the Nottingham Jobs Fund scheme and 207 via the Employer Hub and 4,592 job seekers had attended job fairs at the Council House and in the local community during the summer;
- the Innovation Fund / Nottingham Futures were currently working with 866 young people and, previously, 506 had been placed in learning provision and 54 into employment;
- in September 2012, the North locality, of which West Area was part, had a current overall Job Seeker Allowance claimant rate of approximately 7.5%, against the City average of 6.1%. This further broke down to 10.5% in Aspley, 7.5% in Bilborough and 5% in Leen Valley.

(b) BEST / BESTbuild

- there were currently 440 young people, of the funding target of 600, engaged with BEST, of which 91 were NEET (16-18 year olds not in education or employment) who were known to Nottingham Futures. Of that 91, 20 were now in either education or employment;

- in each of the last 3 years, 100 young people had gained employment. Over the year to date, this was only 60 due, in part, to now working with the most difficult to employ young;
- there were signs that entry-level jobs were being given to non-entry-level young people. In 2011/12, 8% of those working with BEST were NEET, this year it was 44%. In a way this was a good thing as it helped the more difficult to reach young, but there were signs that certain schemes were ‘cherry-picking’ to improve outcomes and, possibly, gain greater funding.

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- the Nottingham Jobs Fund entry criteria was too high for most unemployed young people in Aspley and it needed to target specific jobs to specific levels of people;
- it was difficult to contact those classified as ‘hard to reach’ so they were often not included in any schemes.

RESOLVED that Mr Whiting and Ms Mimms be thanked for their informative presentations, the contents of which were noted.

21 HARVEY HADDEN REDEVELOPMENT

The Committee received a presentation by Clive Williams, Leisure Transformation Programme Manager, the main points of which were as follows:

- since Executive Board agreed in 2004 to a programme of leisure transformation across the City, 7 leisure centres had benefited from significant improvement works, each being bespoke for the community they served;
- to date, over £22 million had been invested as follows:

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Spend (£)</u>
Portland	761,000
Nottingham Tennis	950,000
Clifton	985,000
John Carroll	1,400,000
Ken Martin	2,400,000
Djanogly (Noel Street)	6,500,000
Victoria	9,100,000

- following completion of the works, income and attendance had increased substantially, as shown below, and during the comparison period April-August 2009 and 2012 the following was recorded;

	<u>Victoria Leisure</u>	<u>Djanogly (Noel Street)</u>
Income	up 144% (to £192,510)	up 297% (to £251,080)
Fitness class attendance	up 215%	up 242%
Flexible Fitness members	up 857%	up 911%
Flexible Fitness fees	up 206%	up 1,032%
Gym attendance	up 159%	up 665%
Swimming attendance	up 118%	up 72%

- due to Beechdale Swimming Centre not being fully DDA compliant and replacement plant parts being either very expensive or obsolete, it had been agreed to develop a new facility on the Harvey Hadden site, including refurbishment of the facilities already there, increasing efficiency by having both wet and dry use on the one site;
- the proposed new facilities would be environmentally sustainable and ensure all safeguarding issues were met, and would include:
 - a 50 metre pool, with an adjustable floor that could split the pool into two 25 metre pools;
 - improved disabled and severely disabled access and facilities;
 - two multi-use activity studios for fitness, movement and dance;
 - a 100 station fitness studio;
 - new male and female dry changing rooms and a new pool changing village, including baby, disabled and group/school changing areas;
 - pool viewing and spectator seating;
 - a health suite, including sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi;
 - a refurbished sports hall;
 - a vending area and cafeteria facilities;
- it was proposed work on site would commence in spring 2013, with completion in spring 2015.

In response to comments, Mr Williams stated the following:

- there were currently 166 parking bays on site, only 50% of which were ever in use at the same time, so there should be no additional local parking issues once the new facilities were open, and the Council were currently in discussion with Nottingham City Transport to ascertain whether a bus route could be run to the site;
- there were no plans to ‘dual’ the road to the site, but there were plans to change the entrance should the Sport England Iconic Facilities Fund bid be successful, as this would create additional facilities on the site, such as a closed-road cycle track and adult and children football pitches;
- there would be local labour used where possible, sourced through schemes such as those mentioned in minute 20 above.

RESOLVED that Mr Williams be thanked for his informative presentation, the contents of which were noted.

22 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN WEST AREA AND BROXTOWE COUNTRY **PARK BMX PUMP TRACK**

(Corporate Director of Communities)

The Committee considered the following reports, presented by Eddie Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces.

(a) Parks and open spaces

Mr Curry stated that the Council had made significant investment in parks, open spaces and children’s play areas across the City in recent years and the Committee was being requested to note the completed projects and approve future projects, as listed below, within the West Area.

Completed**Proposed****Aspley**

Broxtowe Country Park	Westleigh Road entrance improvements Woodland cycle path	BMX Pump track - see minute (b) below
Quarry Holes	Work to open up and improve woodland and meadow (undertaken by Notts Wildlife Trust)	
Woodfield Road Park	Creation of wildflower areas and, in November 2012, planting of trees and bulbs	Installation of play equipment for older children and teenagers

Bilborough

Old Park Farm Allotments		New gates, security fencing and access improvements required
Birchover Park	New children's play area and fitness equipment	
Strelley Recreation Ground	Wildflower meadows and tree sculptures installed (Green Flag status already awarded)	Replacement playgrounds at Moor Road and Lancaster Way
Harvey Hadden		See minute 21 above

Leen Valley

Allotment sites at Melbourne Road, Mill, Moorfield and Windmill		Improvements to security and access
King George V Recreation Ground	New playground installed (2009-11) and additional item of play equipment added recently Wildflower meadow created	
Melbourne Park	New site furniture installed (bins)	Works to pavilion and main access paths

Note: Apart from Harvey Hadden and the BMX Pump track, all other proposed schemes had yet to obtain funding, although a GreenPlaces Fund bid (a strategy to attract funding from local businesses) would be submitted shortly.

During discussion it was stated that once works at Melbourne Park were completed, it may attain Green Flag status and, at all parks, it may be worth considering use for car boot sales to bring in revenue.

RESOLVED that the

- (1) improvements already made to parks and open spaces in West Area, as detailed above, and the proposed GreenPlaces bid, be noted;**
- (2) sites listed above be approved for future investment.**

(b) BMX Pump track

Mr Curry stated the following:

- after consultation in the Aspley area over previous years, it had become apparent that there was significant interest in facilities being provided in Broxtowe Park for young people, with particular interest shown in a BMX track;
- it was proposed to install a track with a footprint of 55 x 33 metres near the Alwyn Road entrance;
- a Broxtowe BMX User Group would be established to work with the project team and develop a locally-inspired track design;
- at present, the project would be funded through Section 106 funding (£8,000) and Area Committee funds (£35,000 – agreed at the 5 September 2012 meeting – minute 15), with a possible further source of funding, if required for expansion, being Young People's Funding (£20,000) and Ward Councillor funds (£10,000);
- it was proposed that work would commence on site in April/May 2013 and be completed in time for the summer school holidays in August;
- at all stages of the scheme, the local community was being kept informed of progress.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

23 ASPLEY WARD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received a verbal update from Aileen Wilson, Family Community Team, the main points of which were as follows:

Progress to date

- the main aim was to create a whole community approach to reducing repeat domestic violence;
- actions were planned to inform, educate or service different segments of the community;
- campaigns had been targeted through a variety of media and a range of community settings and was a feature of weeks of action;
- GREAT (Good Relationships are Equal And Trusting) project delivery was underway in local primary schools, as was the healthy relationships programme in local secondary schools;

- a sixth form media campaign had been agreed;
- training had been provided to school staff, to co-deliver programmes for sustainability, and to all local professionals in order to understand DV and how to respond to disclosure;
- the 'Freedom Programme', delivered for women from the Aspley community, was planned to introduce community change makers from programme cohorts;
- new referral routes for DV had been established and greater family support provided;
- specific improvement activity in key services, such as family community teams and police, regarding the quality of intervention in DV cases;
- the 'healthy relationships' programme had been delivered to all local young offenders and specific 'choices' for young people with greater signifiers of abusive behaviour had been commissioned, reviewing expansion to other cohorts.

Areas requiring further development

- the introduction of community change makers and a prevention programme for young males who were not on statutory orders;
- an evaluation of community attitude shifts;
- an improvement to perpetrator interventions.

Performance

- there had been a threefold increase in Aspley DV cases receiving intensive support since April 2012;
- 20% of intensive support cases had been self-referral;
- there had been no significant change in the number of incidents of DV in Aspley, however, during April to September 2012 there was a 41% reduction in individuals who experienced repeat DV.

RESOLVED that the latest position, in respect of the plan for addressing domestic violence in the Aspley area, be noted.

24 PARKING ISSUES

In response to queries raised by local representatives, John Davis and Peter Mitchell, Community Protection, attended the meeting and informed the Committee of the staffing levels and current enforcement criteria in the City in regard to parking.

During discussion, it was reported that due to this issue also being raised at Area Committees 1 and 2, it would be escalated to the Locality Board by the North Locality Manager, who would report back to all three Area Committees in due course.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Mr Davis and Mr Mitchell for their attendance be recorded.

25 AREA CAPITAL FUND

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Further to minute 15 dated 5 September 2012, the Committee considered a report presented by Deborah Wilson, Neighbourhood Management, updating Councillors and local representatives on 'in progress', completed and proposed capital schemes in Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley.

RESOLVED that, in regard to appendix 1,

- (1) the completed schemes be noted;**
- (2) with the exception of the proposed crossing improvements at Fremount Drive, Bilborough, the proposed capital schemes be approved.**

26 WARD COUNCILLOR ALLOCATIONS / DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS
(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Further to minute 16 dated 5 September 2012, the Committee considered a report presented by Sioban Campbell, Neighbourhood Management, informing Councillors and local representatives of the action taken by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of completed and ongoing projects and schemes in Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley funded from Councillors' individual ward allocations.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27 WARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE
(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Further to minute 14 dated 5 September 2012, the Committee considered a reports presented by Heidi May, Neighbourhood Management, informing Councillors and local representatives of the performance at local level against the Nottingham Plan, including a summary of key updates on priorities and issues in each of the wards and data analysis undertaken by the Crime and Drugs Partnership.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Director of Neighbourhood Services be requested to include in future reports submitted to the Committee numbers alongside the ‘%’ figures**

28 NCH ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES
(Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes)

RESOLVED that

- (1) the report, detailing schemes to provide security, safety and wellbeing for residents of Aspley and Leen Valley wards, be noted;**
- (2) the schemes as detailed in the report be approved.**