

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **9 NOVEMBER 2010** at Loxley House

from 2.08 pm to 3.20 pm

- ✓ Councillor Morley (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Culley (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Benson
- ✓ Councillor Oldham
- ✓ Councillor Sutton

Community Representatives

- ✓ Mr D Allen - North Wollaton Residents' Association
 - ✓ Mrs P Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association
 - Mr T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
 - ✓ Mrs T Marshall - Wollaton Park Residents' Association
 - Mrs P Meese - Lenton Abbey Family and Friends Funday/
Lenton Abbey 15th Nottingham Scout Group
 - vacancy - Wollaton Care Group
 - vacancy - Wollaton Village and Park Conservation Society
 - Mrs E Ryley - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch
Association
 - ✓ Mr B Smith - Lenton Abbey Residents' Association
 - Dr A J Swannell - Wollaton Vale Residents' Association
- ✓ - indicates present at meeting

Officers In Attendance

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| Ms C Mitchell | - | Fernwood Imagination Library | | |
| Ms F Isakjee |) | University of | | |
| Ms R Patti |) | Nottingham | | |
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| Mr S Harrison | - | Area Manager |) | Communities |
| Mr P Owen | - | Allotment and Community Garden Officer |) | |
| Mr M J Parker | - | Committee Administrator | - | 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

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Meese and Dr Swannell and

from Mrs Ryley who had now tendered her resignation. It was understood that a replacement nominee was likely to be sought at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the organisation to be held in early December.

RESOLVED that thanks of the Area Committee to Mrs Ryley for her past services as a community representative be recorded.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 September 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

23 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Community Notice Boards

Mrs Peck suggested that a further notice board could be placed at Wollaton Park Community Centre.

(b) Wollaton Park Community Centre - Provision of Fire Alarm, etc

Mr Harrison reported that a request by the Wollaton Park Residents' Association that a fire alarm be installed in the Community Centre had not been considered appropriate following specialist advice and that other alternatives were being researched. Mr Harrison also reported a suggestion that the Community Centre floor required renewal at some future time.

(c) Road Markings – Derby Road/Charles Avenue Junction

Mr Harrison reported that a suggestion by Mr Smith, that cross-hatching markings should be provided at the junction of Derby Road with Charles Avenue to enable vehicles to exit Charles Avenue safely had been forwarded to the Highways Agency with the suggestion that it be included in planned improvements to that road. The Agency had not responded to this request and the work had been completed.

(d) Fernwood Imagination Library

Further to minute 16 dated 14 September 2010, Ms Cheryl Mitchell attended the meeting for this item and made the following responses to queries which the Committee had in regard to the application for financial assistance. Copies of the report to the 14 September 2010 meeting were placed around the table for reference.

- Ms Mitchell had originally become involved in the Imagination Library model as a result of personal circumstances and had used a model operating in Rotherham, as the basis for an initial scheme based on the

Fernwood Infant school catchment area of 500 children. The pilot scheme operated for two years had, so far, raised approximately £6,000;

ACTION

- charges were £2 per age appropriate book (or £25 per child annually) which were picked by a specialist panel and posted to the children. Although the original library scheme model had been American, Ms Mitchell confirmed that neither the subjects nor reading material were Americanised;
- this was not a reading programme but was intended to encourage parent and child interaction;
- encouraged by the mostly positive feedback, Ms Mitchell hoped that the project could, with additional funding, be operated for a further three years (total five years) and be expanded into local libraries and via leaflets in local facilities such as local children's centres;
- 142 children from a maximum of 793 were now enrolled in the programme, growth usually being by word of mouth;

Whilst the Committee was supportive of the principles of increased interaction between parents and young children and improving literacy, concern was expressed that parent participants in the project were likely to be self-selecting, that it would wish to see some element of targeting the benefits of the project at harder to reach and more deprived families in the Committee's area and that whilst books, once sent to children need not be returned, more encouragement for parents and children to do so to enable re-use by others, was desirable.

Ms Mitchell was thanked for her attendance and comments by way of clarification.

- (1) that the thanks of the Area Committee to Ms Mitchell for her attendance and the information provided be recorded;**
 - (2) that a grant of up to £1,000 towards the cost of purchasing and posting books be approved in principle, subject to a plan of action being developed and agreed with the Chair to target those most in need of books.**
- (e) Bluecoat School Coffee Morning**

Mrs Marshall reported that it was proposed that the Coffee Morning presently operated successfully at the Bluecoat School would be used as a model for similar events proposed in Aspley and by the West Area Committee.

24 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES AND AREA CAPITAL FUND ALLOCATIONS 2010/11

(Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes)

Further to minute 17 dated 14 September 2010, Mr Pepper attended the meeting to provide an update on individual schemes requested by the Committee at its September meeting..

The Committee commented on proposals to use Nottingham City Homes Environmental and Area Capital Fund allocations on projects in Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey

ACTION

RESOLVED that, subject to the following, environmental schemes and Area Capital Fund allocations be approved as set out in the report:

(a) Whitemoss Close garage doors

Consideration to be given to using any remaining balance in Wollaton West ward up to £20,000 towards doors to garages in Fernwood;

(b) Farndon Green

Local councillors to have input to the design of the gardens.

(c) Gating of footpaths/'cut throughs'

Steve Pepper liaise with Councillor Culley regarding the effectiveness of gating of footpaths/'cut-throughs' in the Committee's area.

**Steve
Pepper**

25 FOOD GROWING FRAMEWORK UPDATE

(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Further to minute 62 dated 11 May 2010, Paul Owen, provided a further update on the progress of the Food Growing Framework and provision of allotments in and around Wollaton and Lenton Abbey in advance of the Executive Board considering the Food Growing Framework at its meeting in December 2010.

Particular reference was made to recent successes by allotment holders based in Lenton Abbey, including the use by one holder, of hydroponic growing systems and of the incidence of repeated, heavy fly-tipping at some locations which need to be addressed.

In regard to private allotment provision on Radford Bridge Road, Mr Allen sought the further co-operation of council officers in persuading the the Allotment Association to publicise contact details for the organisation in order that those members of the public who wished to apply for vacant allotments had a point of contact to do so.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted and Mr Owen be thanked for his continued efforts in relation to allotment provision in the area;**
- (2) that the proposals for allotment and community gardens, the list of non-viable allotment sites and potential other uses and priorities for the coming year, all as set out in the report, be endorsed.**

26 INSTALLATION OF ACCESS POINTS TO PAVEMENTS – WOLLATON EAST AND LENTON ABBEY

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

This report recommended the installation of access points to pavements in Lenton Abbey and Wollaton Park estate to improve public safety for pedestrians and drivers by improving access routes within the neighbourhood and to increase independent mobility and social inclusion.

ACTION

RESOLVED that £9,800 from the Area Committee's unallocated balance be used to enable the installation of access points to pavements at Lenton Abbey and Wollaton Park estate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11 January 2011, at the Council House, beginning at 2.00 pm.