

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Bulwell Riverside Joint Service Centre, Main Street, Bulwell, NG6 8QJ on 3 September 2014 from 5.33pm – 7.22pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Jackie Morris (Vice Chair)
Councillor Ginny Klein
Councillor Eunice Campbell (Chair)
Councillor Alan Clark (Vice Chair)
Councillor John Hartshorne

Absent

Councillor Nick McDonald

Community Representatives

- ✓ Reginald Knowles - Bradford Street Allotments
- ✓ Fr Andy Nicolls - Bulwell Churches Together
- ✓ Sheila Loades - Bulwell Hall Tenants' and Residents' Association
- John Hancock - Coventry Road Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association
- ✓ Doreen Carruthers - Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch
- Luan Vickers - Malt Cross (Street Pastors)
- ✓ Roz Yousouf - Friends of Bulwell Bogs
- David Norman - My Sight Nottinghamshire
- ✓ Gillian Slack - Ravensworth Road Methodist Church
- ✓ Paul Bakajsa - Rise Park Action Group
- ✓ John Millington - Rise Park Community Association
- ✓ Paul Jackson - Royal British Legion Bulwell Branch
- ✓ Maria Shakespeare - Tenants and Crabtree Resident's Association

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

- Ciaran Aldridge - Aldi Stores Ltd.
- Scott Bryden - DSP Architects
- Eric Hames - Captain of Nottingham City Golf Course
- James Turner - Nottingham City Golf Course
- Luke Walters - Housing Patch Manager, Nottingham City Homes
- Sgt Nev McGeehan - Nottinghamshire Police
- Deborah Dunstan - Tenants and Crabtree Resident's Association

- Eddie Curry - Head of Parks and Open Spaces
- Heidi May - North Locality Manager, NCC
- Celia Knight - Neighbourhood Development Officer, NCC
- Cath Ziane-Pryor - Constitutional Services, NCC

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Acting Inspector Christine Busuttil (Sergeant Nev McGeehan substituting)
John Hancock
Nicky Jarvis
Dave Norman
Lynita Conradie
Suki Shergil

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

14 MINUTES

Confirmation

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

With regard to minute 6 paragraph (c) on dog fouling, Celia Knight agreed to provide interested community representatives with information on numbers of fixed penalty fines issued across the City.

15 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2014-15

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which informs the Committee of the revised requirements of and for Area Committee Community Representatives.

RESOLVED to:

- (i) note the report;**
- (ii) note the appointment of the following Community Representatives for the 2014/15 municipal year;**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Name</u>
My Sight Nottinghamshire	David Norman
Malt Cross (street pastors)	Luan Vickers
Rise Park Community Association	John Millington
Rise Park Action Group	Paul Bakajsa
Royal British Legion Bulwell Branch	Paul Jackson
Bradford St Allotment Association	Reginald Knowles
Coventry Rd Estate Tenants and Residents Association	John Hancock
Friends of Bulwell Bogs	Ross Yousouf
Tenants and Crabtree Residents Association	Maria Shakespeare
Bulwell Churches Together	Fr Andy Nicolls
Bulwell Hall Tenants and Residents Association	Sheila Loades
Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch	Doreen Carruthers
Ravensworth Rd Methodist Church	Gillian Slack

16 EQUATION - UPDATE ON COMBATING DOMESTIC ABUSE

This item is postponed to a future meeting.

17 ALDI - PROPOSED NEW STORE ON HUCKNALL ROAD

Ciaran Aldridge, Aldi Stores Ltd. and Scott Bryden, DSP Architects, informed the Committee of the proposals to build an Aldi store between where Kersall Road and Southglade Road join Hucknall Road.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) a gap in provision for this type of store has been identified for the Bulwell, Bestwood and Basford area. An Aldi store will provide shoppers with an alternative to Tesco;
- (b) as the popularity of Aldi has increased, the proposed store will be larger than many of the other Aldi stores in the City;
- (c) as with all Aldi properties, the store will be energy 'A' rated, may have solar panels, and is within easy walking distance for a large number residents;
- (d) the appearance of the store has been carefully considered, including the visual impact of the store from the park, with the aim of producing a 'quality and good value' image;
- (e) the landscaping around the store will be maintained and litter will be collected every day;
- (f) one of the concerns expressed by neighbouring property owners is around the possible water shed onto gardens from the store and its car park. Aldi is working with residents to allay these concerns;
- (g) approximately 40 jobs are to be created by the new store, with above average wages paid and permanent contracts starting at 25 hours per week;
- (h) there have been concerns raised regarding the additional pressure on nearby road junctions when the store attracts additional traffic, but it is not predicted that there will be a substantial increase in local traffic as most trade will be passing anyway;

The Committee's questions were answered as follows:

- (i) Aldi does not operate zero hour contracts;
- (j) traffic assessments will be completed by the City Council as part of the planning application consideration;
- (k) articulated HGVs will deliver stock to the store twice a day, unloading into an enclosed 'loading pod' which is level with the floor of the lorry to reduce the noise of cages being moved;
- (l) there is no specific policy to employ local people but it usually happens naturally;
- (m) with a starting point of £9 per hour, Aldi pays well above the minimum and living wages as it wants efficient, loyal, long term staff;
- (n) the store is proposed to operate from 8am until 10pm Monday to Saturday and 10am until 4pm on Sunday;
- (o) with regard to alcohol sales, Aldi has an alcohol sales policy and works closely with the Police;
- (p) the existing businesses on the site will be relocating and, apparently, there are no planned job losses as a result.

The concerns of some community representatives continued regarding the potential interruption of Hucknall Road traffic, especially during busy times when it's very difficult to turn across the oncoming traffic into Kersall Drive. With the new store, traffic could be further disrupted by shoppers coming from the same direction trying to turn into the store.

The Chair requested that citizens with any concerns on traffic access and flow, forward them to the Traffic Management Team and that Aldi representatives consider the concerns of citizens when they meet with the Traffic Management Team next week.

Many citizens welcomed a new Aldi store in the area.

RESOLVED to record the thanks of the Committee to Ciaran Aldridge and Scott Bryden for their attendance and discussion.

18 BULWELL HALL PARK UPDATE

Eddie Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, updated the Committee on from his last update to the May meeting of the Committee:

- (a) following an arson attack in May the operator's machinery was written off and buildings damaged. At this time the operator took the decision to place the Golf Centre into voluntary liquidation;
- (b) a partnership between the Nottingham City Golf Club and the City Council has worked hard to sustain the business and implemented a package of improvements which have also raised standards;
- (c) the partnership has engaged with the contractor who has now agreed to finish the scheme;
- (d) the partnership is now planning the shape and grades of some mounds to ensure easier maintenance and the best use of the site;
- (e) tipping works are in the final phase and will be followed by laying and stone picking of topsoil and repairs to a haulage road before the site can be grass seeded and mounds 'polished';
- (f) the partnership between the Golf Club and City Council, which includes a shared financial arrangement, has temporarily agreed to take responsibility for the maintenance of the course with the City Council redirecting some staffing resources and lending the Golf Club a mower;
- (g) the contractor is being directly managed by the partnership which has resulted in better control and a stronger relationship;
- (h) it was important to keep the golf course operational to ensure its long-term future;
- (i) a new operator will be sought and the arrangements may include the partnership aspect;
- (j) new income is required to help maintain the site. A creative approach will be taken and while it has been difficult, there are now more opportunities than previously and the site, including the café, is still open and operating with everyone welcome to use the facilities.

Members of the Committee expressed concern at the ongoing issues regarding the Bulwell Hall stable block (no connection with the golf course) which can now be considered a liability rather than an asset. Bulwell residents felt that responsibility for this Grade 2 listed building, which now stands derelict, has been passed to a variety of

Council Departments and requested a 3-4 year development plan be produced for the building to ensure its survival as part of Bulwell Hall Park.

Eddie Curry responded, agreeing with residents, that the remote position of the building had attracted high levels of antisocial behaviour and vandalism, including arson, which were difficult to prevent even when the residential apartment attached to the building was occupied. Operating from the site became difficult and costly to sustain and with the necessary security measures, it was not viable to operate a depot from the building. It was offered for use to voluntary sector groups, however, none found it appropriate.

The building continues to be frequently vandalised although it has been offered to developers there is no market interest. However the future of the building may become more attractive when the former Rolls Royce site is developed. External resources will be required to secure the future of the site.

English Heritage has been asked to advise on the history of the building which now requires a substantial amount of money to bring back bring it back into use. Heritage Lottery Funding requires match funding but in its current state, without a huge amount of investment, the building cannot generate an income.

The proposal for a working group to consider and develop a long-term plan for Bulwell Hall Park, including the stable block is welcomed.

Eric Hames, Captain of the Nottingham City Golf Club, and James Turner, from the Bulwell Hall Golf Club made the following points:

- (k) without the efforts of Eddie Curry and his team the Club would not exist;
- (l) during 8 years of uncertainty around the development of the site, the club has lost 50% of its membership and has not been able to attract new or younger members;
- (m) the junior squad has been revitalised and is doing very well but encouragement of more young people from Bulwell to become involved is needed as many current members are not local;
- (n) free golf lessons are available to juniors. Further information can be obtained by calling the Club on 0115 9272767.

The Chair expressed appreciation to Eddie Curry, members of the Bulwell Hall Golf Club for all of their hard work and dedication which has secured the future of the golf course.

RESOLVED

- (1) to acknowledge the achievements of the Nottingham City Golf Club and the Parks And Open Spaces Team partnership in securing the future of the Nottingham City Golf Course;**
- (2) for the Head of Parks and Open Spaces to convene a meeting with Ward Councillors in preparation of establishing the Bulwell Hall Park Working Group.**

19 POLICING UPDATE

In the absence of Acting Inspector Christine Busuttil, Sergeant Nev McGeehan delivered a brief update on the Area Policing Priorities which were identified following consideration of reported crime, issues raised through the online consultation system, the Local Action Groups and Tenants And Residents Meetings.

Robberies have reduced by half.

There has been an increase in domestic dwelling burglary. A youth has been detained suspected of some of those burglaries.

The Policing Priority for Bulwell Forest has been to prevent and tackle burglary. Officers have undertaken a street-by-street leaflet drop providing crime prevention advice in the areas which have been most affected. Residents are reminded to close and lock doors and windows as this can make homes an easy target especially during the summer heat.

The Policing Priority for Bulwell is to tackle antisocial behaviour including focusing on off-road bikers especially in the conservation areas. Bikes have been seized and Section 59 notices issued so that if the culprits are found to be riding in the same area again, the vehicle will be seized and the person prosecuted.

A pilot scheme is running where Community Protection Officers (CPOs) and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are teamed up to respond to antisocial behaviour task to ensure that the police are not diverted from other urgent policing matters. There is a possibility that the pilot may have access to the police helicopter to follow off-road bikers to the home address.

Shoplifting continues to be an ongoing issue in the Town Centre and Police are concentrating on regular offenders who are feeding and alcohol habits. Antisocial behaviour orders issued include one specifically for Bulwell, while one defender was sentenced for 32 weeks in prison for shoplifting. It is hoped that this will act as a deterrent.

Resolved to note the police update and Sergeant Nev Mc Geehan for his attendance.

20 DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which updated the Committee on the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes with in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest, and the remaining funding available.

It is noted that several schemes which received Councillor support in principal are yet to complete the formal process required.

Resolved to note

(i) the following actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services:

Bulwell Ward	Councillor(s)	total £
Poppy Planting for World War I commemoration	Klein, Morris & Hartshorne	510
Right Track extension to Youth Funding	Klein, Morris & Hartshorne	13,000
Arts Festival	Klein, Morris & Hartshorne	6,858
Rufford TRA Hanging Baskets	Klein, Morris & Hartshorne	295
Gardening Project	Klein, Morris & Hartshorne	1,446

Bulwell Forest Ward	Councillor(s)	total £
Poppy Planting for World War 1 commemoration	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	510
Dragons Den 2014	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	2100
Bulwell Forest Garden Health and Wellbeing event	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	150
Bulwell Forest Garden Arts Festival Workshops	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	600
Fun on the Forest	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	637
WW1 commemoration bookmarks	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	200

(ii) **the updated financial position:**

Bulwell Ward

Balance Brought Forward 13/14	£44,706
Councillor Funding 14/15	£15,000
Deprivation Funds	£15,993
Total Funds	£75,699
Allocated 14/15	£22,109
De-committed Schemes	£0
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	£53,590

Bulwell Forest Ward

Balance Brought Forward 13/14	41,361
Councillor Funding 14/15	15,000
Deprivation Funds	0
Total Funds	56,361
Allocated 14/15	4,197
De-committed Schemes	0
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	52,164

21 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2013-15 PROGRAMME

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report.

RESOLVED

- (1) **to approve the following schemes:**

(i) **Bulwell**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Hoewood Road	Provision of School Warning signs on approach to the school	£ 800
Coventry Road crossing	Study into feasibility for a pedestrian crossing to the south of Sellerswood Drive	£ 2,000

(ii) **Bulwell Forest**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Highbury Road LTP	Research into measure to address road layout and parking issues in Highbury Road area near Northcote Way - LTP contribution	£ 714
St Albans Road (2)	Resurface footpath opposite the end of Cantrell Road from bus stop BU64 to crossing	£ 4,141

(iii) **Bulwell Forest Public Realm schemes**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Pine Hill Close	Traffic regulation order associated with parking on Pine Hill Close	£5,000
Highbury Road PR	Research into measure to address road layout and parking issues in Highbury Road area near Northcote Way - PR contribution	£1,286
Bestwood Park Drive West 2	Resurfacing footpath from Rise Park primary school to the zebra crossing	£7,152
St Albans Road 1	Resurfacing footpath on St Albans Rd from Newstead Abbey public house to the railway crossing	£17,171

(2) to note the following:

(i) **Bulwell**

Total De-committed***	£1,200
2013-2015 LTP allocation	£170,000
LTP carried forward from 2011-2013	£0
2013 - 2014 Public Realm allocation	£51,000
Public Realm carried forward	£6,050
2014 - 2015 Public Realm allocation	£51,000
Total Available 2013 - 2015 ACF	£278,050
*Less LTP schemes	- £123,113
**Less Public Realm schemes	- £9,429
***De-committed funds	+ £1,200
Remaining available balance	£146,708
LTP element remaining	£48,087
Public Realm element remaining	£98,621

(ii) **Bulwell Forest**

Total Withdrawn***	£200
2013-2015 LTP allocation	£100,000
LTP carried forward from 2011-2013	-£2,930
2013 - 2014 Public Realm allocation	£30,000
Public Realm carried forward	£6,794
2014 - 2015 Public Realm allocation	£30,000
Total Available 2013 - 2015 ACF	£163,864
*Less LTP schemes	- £97,270
**Less Public Realm schemes	- £40,866
***De-committed funds	+ £200
Remaining available balance	£25,928
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£25,928

22 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES - ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS

In the absence of Nicky Jarvis, Luke Walters, Housing Patch Manager, presented the Nottingham City Homes Environmental Report.

Members of the Committee requested that local contractors be considered for the work.

RESOLVED

(1) to approve the following schemes in Bulwell Forest Ward:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Deptford Crescent	Land to the side of 207 Deptford Crescent which is subject to fly tipping - removal of the surrounding metal palisade fencing and wall, level off to the same level as the embankment, then grassing to improve the appearance and deter further fly-tipping.	£5,538.61
Chichester Close	Build a concrete footpath across the green area at the side of Chichester Close along the well used route.	£7,656.00

(2) for Nicky Jarvis to explain to the Committee at a future meeting, the tender process and the 'preferred' trader list.

23 WARD PERFORMANCE

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) the results of poppy planting to commemorating the Centenary the start of World War I, were considered successful with a superb display;
- (b) Bulwell it is to have a week of action which will include approximately 50 activities/events;
- (c) 'Fun on the Forest' event will be held on 13 September from noon until 4 pm at Bulwell Forest, offering a variety of children's activities with local clubs and the Sheriff of Nottingham attending;
- (d) a free dog micro-chipping event is being held by the Dogs Trust, on 19 September 2014 at Southglade Park from 11am to 3pm;
- (e) an 'Older persons event will take place on 1 October 9.30am to 12.30pm at Bulwell Riverside, providing a variety of stalls and interests for people over 50 years of age.

The Chair welcomes the Older Person's Event and informed the Committee that 1 October is the 'National Day for Older People' and in the afternoon Nottingham will mark this date by receiving a scroll and signing up to the Older Person's Charter. Events will be held in Market Square.

RESOLVED to note the report.