

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 10 September 2014 from 7.03 pm - 9.18 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Michael Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Chris Gibson
Councillor Nicola Heaton
Councillor Timothy Spencer
Councillor Roger Steel
Councillor Pat Ferguson

Absent

Councillor Ian Malcolm
Councillor Jeannie Packer

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Wade Adams	- Nottingham City Homes
Claire Ashton	- Good Companions
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Mary Daly	- Meadows Dance and Social Group
Jacky Dobson	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Abdul Ghaffar	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Dorothy Holmes	- South Locality Manager
Jonathan Hughes	- Friends of Victoria Embankment
Karen Humble	- Clifton Community and Family Support Group
Jane Jeffrey	- Queens Walk Community Association
Leon Lewis	- South Neighbourhood Operations Manager
Tahir Mahmood	- Meadows Moving Forward
Roy Nettleship	- Carters Educational Foundation
Patricia Nicholson	- New Beginnings Bereavement
Andrew Rule	- Wilford Community Group
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Margaret Spencer	- OMTRA
Steve Stott	- Operations Manager (Central)
Inspector Nick Waldram	- Nottinghamshire Police
Laura Wilson	- Constitutional Services Officer

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Ian Malcolm (other Council business)

Colin Mackie (Silverdale Community Association)
Robert Mosley (Clifton Community Association)
Dierdre Whitworth (Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens)

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

17 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the of the meeting held on 14 May 2014 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

18 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Dorothy Holmes, South Locality Manager, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the process for appointing community representatives as required by the Terms of Reference for the Role of Area Committee Community Representatives. A list of the representatives was circulated at the meeting.

Dorothy clarified for the Committee that Community Representatives could nominate substitutes providing they must be a member of the same group, and live in the area.

RESOLVED to note the appointments of Area Committee Community Representatives from the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards to the Area Committee for the 2014/15 municipal year:

Organisation	Name	Ward
Wilford Community Group	Andrew Rule	Clifton North
Carters Educational Foundation	Roy Nettleship	Clifton North
Silverdale Community Association	Colin Mackie	Clifton North
Clifton Community Association	Robert Mosley	Clifton North
Clifton Community and Family Support Group	Karen Humble	Clifton North
Queens Walk Community Association	Jane Jeffrey	Bridge
Meadows Dance and Social Group	Mary Daly	Bridge
Old Meadows Tenants and Residents Association	Margaret Spencer	Bridge
Friends of Victoria Embankment	Jonathan Hughes	Bridge
Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens	Deidre Whitworth	Bridge
Meadows Muslim Centre	Bashir Latif	Bridge
Good Companions	Clare Ashton	Clifton South
New Beginnings Bereavement	Patricia Nicholson	Clifton South
Clifton Village Residents Association	Kevin McCormick	Clifton South
Meadows Moving Forward	Tahir Mahmood	Bridge

19 AREA 8 PERFORMANCE

Abdul Ghaffar, Prairie Bryant and Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report providing updates for each ward on key issues and themes which link to local priorities and the strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (a) there is speeding taking place on Robin Hood Way now that the work has been completed;
- (b) the 20mph signs have been removed from Embankment Road and need to be replaced. The speed limit also needs to be painted on the road surface;
- (c) the use of motorcycles on pedestrian street and cars on Arkwright Walk needs to be addressed;
- (d) due to resources, speeding is not a priority for the Police. The road policing team are aware of the issues but more information is required before the situation can be monitored;
- (e) the new houses being built as part of the Meadows regeneration scheme should be going to Planning Committee in October for approval;
- (f) the Carters Educational Foundation covers the old parish of Wilford so some of the young people living in the new houses may be eligible for grants;
- (g) the issue with the inability to drop people off at Clifton Cornerstone due to the tram stop location has been resolved as taxis and people with mobility issues can be dropped off at the rear entrance. This needs to be communicated to taxi companies and the Centre need to establish a way of knowing when people are dropped off;
- (h) the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour only seems to affect Clifton South so it is important to ensure there is regular dialogue with ward councillors;
- (i) there are several property issues in Clifton Village that have been raised at a senior level but will take time to resolve;
- (j) in some areas of Clifton the roads have been narrowed due to tram works and the A453 widening which make the difficult to navigate in the dark and require some reflective bollards to make it clearer;
- (k) Lang O'Rourke have just started holding monthly meetings to keep people up to date on work on the A453 in the area.

RESOLVED to note the ward performance reports.

20 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Wade Adams, Tenancy and Estate Manager, introduced the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes (NCH) report updating the Committee on NCH performance on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major works;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;

- tenants and residents associations updates;
- area performance figures.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (a) the average relet times have been affected by a reduced demand for 3 bedroom properties due to under-occupancy;
- (b) refuse has not been cleared from the decommissioned properties on Bosworth and Saffron Close and it is important to be vigilant when properties are empty to ensure they don't get used for fly-tipping.

RESOLVED to note the NCH update reports.

21 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE - VERBAL UPDATE

Inspector Nick Waldron, Nottinghamshire Police, provided the following verbal updates:

In the Meadows:

- (a) overall there is an increase in crime of 162 incidents year to date;
- (b) dwelling burglary is down 20 incidents year to date and robberies have also decreased;
- (c) burglary of sheds is still an issue with power tools and bikes being the main focus;
- (d) theft from vehicles is up by 25 incidents and it is mainly work vehicles that are being targeted;
- (e) there have been thefts of dumper trucks in the area;
- (f) criminal damage was a major issue last year but has reduced this year.

In Clifton South:

- (g) there have been lots of phone calls reporting anti-social behaviour. Neighbourhood disputes cause numerous calls about the same issue, as do ball games and loud music;
- (h) most incidents in the area are caused by the same group of young people and their offences vary from minor to serious offences. The Police are working with them and their families to try and prevent further disruption by them;
- (i) there has been an increase in criminal damage, dwelling burglary and other burglaries so work is being done on home security;
- (j) violence against the person has been reduced through work on domestic violence.

In Bridge:

- (k) there has been a 20% increase in crime, which relates mainly to violence and domestic violence so work is being focussed on these issues.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (l) the Police are doing a lot of good work across all areas but it is important to keep ward councillors informed so that they can support the work already being done;
- (m) there is need to advertise what activities are available in the area for young people to try and stop them from hanging around on the streets and causing anti-social behaviour. There will be a directory of services for young people available as a hard copy as well as online;
- (n) it is a small group of people in the Clifton area causing problems;
- (o) stabbing has not previously been a culture experienced in Clifton and work is being done to educate young people on the dangers of carrying knives, although knife crime also features in domestic violence;
- (p) offences in Clifton tend to be carried out by local people;
- (q) there isn't the same issue with young people in the Meadows as there is in Clifton;
- (r) it is important to ensure that decommissioned properties don't become a target for crime and anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED to note the updates.

22 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the use of delegated authority and the Ward Councillors Revenue Budget allocation for the 2014/15 financial year.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the actions agreed by the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services:**

Bridge Ward:

Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount
Spectacolour –floral display at the Bridgeway Centre	Edwards and Heaton – Ward Pooled Budget	£2,326.64
Mazil Asian Women's Organisation	Edwards and Heaton – Ward Pooled Budget	£1,095.00

Mosaic at Queens Walk Recreation Park	Edwards and Heaton - £250 each	£500.00
Meadows Moving Forward cricket tournament	Edwards and Heaton – Ward Pooled Budget	£250.00
Balance brought forward from 2013/14		£290.00
Allocation for 2014/15		£10,000.00
Total available allocation		£10,290.00
Total allocated at 11 August 2014		£4,171.64
Total unallocated at 11 August 2014		£6,118.36

Clifton North Ward:

Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount
Floral display in Wilford Village	Spencer and Steel	£481.00
Picnic in the Park	Ferguson, Spencer and Steel	£1,750.00
British Legion defibrillator	Ferguson, Spencer and Steel	£675.00
Clifton May Day event	Ferguson, Spencer and Steel	£700.00
Good Companions project	Ferguson and Spencer	£3,000.00
Clifton FC	Spencer and Steel	£1,000.00
Clifton Bowls Club	Ferguson, Spencer and Steel	£659.00
Royal British Legion – poppy commemoration	Steel	£100.00
Balance brought forward from 2013/14		£26,940.00
Allocation for 2014/15		£15,000.00
Total available allocation		£41,940.00
Total allocated at 6 August 2014		£8,365.00
Total unallocated at 6 August 2014		£33,575.00

Clifton South Ward:

Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount
Good Companions	Gibson, Malcolm and Packer	£3,000.00
Clifton Bowls Club	Gibson, Malcolm and Packer	£657.00
Clifton Centre marketing	Gibson, Malcolm and Packer	£6,000.00
Clifton Village Residents Associations – WWI plaque	Gibson, Malcolm and Packer	£255.00
Remembrance Day wreath 2014	Gibson, Malcolm and Packer	£45.00
Balance brought forward from 2013/14		£12,575.00
Allocation for 2014/15		£15,000.00
Total available allocation		£27,575.00
Returned/De-committed at 11 August 2014		£95.00
Total allocated at 11 August 2014		£9,957.00

Total unallocated at 11 August 2014	£17,713.00
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- (2) to note the individual Ward Councillors Budget revenue allocation of £5,000 for 2014/15.

23 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2013-15

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund, including highways, traffic and safety, public realm, and Nottingham City Homes environmental schemes.

RESOLVED to approve the following schemes and note the money available:

Bridge Ward:

Location	Type	Amount	Start Date	Details
Local Transport Plan (LTP) Schemes				
None				
Public Realm Schemes				
Ryeland Gardens subway	Subway painting	£573		Painting of the subway
Area Capital Decommittments				
None				
2013-15 LTP allocation		£120,000		
LTP carried forward from 2011-13		£0		
2013-14 Public Realm allocation		££36,000		
Public Realm carried forward		£0		
2014-15 Public Realm allocation		£36,000		
Total available 2013-15		£192,000		
Less LTP schemes		£115,275		
Less Public Realm schemes		£32,788		
Decommitted funds		£0		
Remaining available balance		£43,937		
LTP element remaining		£4,725		
Public Realm element remaining		£39,212		

Clifton North Ward:

Location	Type	Amount	Start Date	Details
Local Transport Plan (LTP) Schemes				
Main Road, Wilford	Footpath	£30,000		Footpath resurfacing
Grove Estate	Footpath	£14,665		Continuation of large scale footpath patching around Locksley Lane/Wichnor Close
Midhurst Way	Parking	£20,136		Implementation of a parking scheme (jointly funded with NCH)
Clifton Grove	Parking	£4,000		Research and installation of a parking restriction scheme
Public Realm Schemes				
Bridgenorth Drive/Carew Park	Gating	£1,300		Installation on 2 gates on alleyways (partly funded with NCH)
Main Road/Cribb Close	Area improvement	£17,934		Protect Wilford Village Green by installing an overrun strip and carriage way overlay. Also at the rear of Cribb Close remove slabs and replace with tarmac and create a new footpath
Clifton Central Park	Area improvement	£5,000		Installation of park benches and other improvements
Area Capital Decommittments				
Glapton Lane	Lining	£500		Scheme not progressing
2013-15 LTP allocation		£96,000		
LTP carried forward from 2011-13		£10,026		
2013-14 Public Realm allocation		£28,800		
Public Realm carried forward		£0		
2014-15 Public Realm allocation		£28,800		
Total available 2013-15		£163,626		
Less LTP schemes		£92,001		
Less Public Realm schemes		£53,128		
Decommittted funds		£594		
Remaining available balance		£19,091		
LTP element remaining		£14,525		
Public Realm element remaining		£4,566		

Clifton South Ward:

Location	Type	Amount	Start Date	Details
Local Transport Plan (LTP) Schemes				
Summerwood Lane	Footpath	£49,459		Resurface the footpath on the east side from Farnborough Road to Breckswood Drive
Barbury Drive	Feasibility Study	£3,000		Study to develop options for organised parking facilities and associated environmental improvements (joint with NCH)
Public Realm Schemes				
Summerwood Lane	Footpath	£4,531		Resurface the footpath on the east side from Farnborough Road to Breckswood Drive
Area Capital Decommittments				
Tintagel Green	Footpath	£9,800		Work completed as part of an earlier scheme
2013-15 LTP allocation		£118,000		
LTP carried forward from 2011-13		-£1,237		
2013-14 Public Realm allocation		£35,400		
Public Realm carried forward		£4,655		
2014-15 Public Realm allocation		£35,400		
Total available 2013-15		£192,218		
Less LTP schemes		£126,563		
Less Public Realm schemes		£36,007		
Decommittted funds		£9,800		
Remaining available balance		£39,448		
LTP element remaining		£0		
Public Realm element remaining		£39,448		

24 GP PRACTICE CHANGE - MERGER BETWEEN MEADOWS HEALTH CENTRE (DR NAO) AND WILFORD GROVE SURGERY

Councillor Mike Edwards, Chair of the Committee, introduced a discussion on the merger of the Meadows Health Centre and Wilford Grove Surgery GP practices in the Bridge ward.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (a) the Wilford Grove surgery has ran for 110 years in the ward and will no longer be there from the end of September;

- (b) the merger could be driven by changes in financing and expectations to run larger practices;
- (c) patients feel that they have been let down by the GP and that they haven't been consulted on the merger;
- (d) patients have previously left the Health Centre due to poor treatment so do not want to be forced to go back, but practices outside of the area are saying they can't take on any more patients from the Meadows. The merger has taken away patients choices as to where they see a GP;
- (e) the Wilford Grove surgery scored highly but the Health Centre scored 0;
- (f) patients already queue outside the Health Centre from 8 am so by 8.30 am there are no appointments left and the situation will get worse once the practices are merged;
- (g) a report was due to be submitted to the Health Scrutiny Panel to say that there had been no objections to the merger before the Chair of the Patients Panel knew about the proposals;
- (h) there are 3 GP practices in Clifton but many people are registered outside of the area as there are issues with accessibility and getting appointments;
- (i) there is concern about the possible closure of the Nurse Access Point in Clifton which is used by people all over the city. If the service is closed it will put greater pressure on the Walk-in Centre and A&E.

Councillor Mike Edwards closed the discussion and commented that it could be appropriate for the Council to develop a planning protocol on the consultation required over closures, mergers or any major changes to health services.

25 PARKING ISSUES IN AREA 8 - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Councillor Mike Edwards, Chair of the Committee, introduced a discussion on parking issues in the area.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (a) streets around the sports ground will have pay by mobile parking arrangements put in place which may encourage some drivers to park on residential streets;
- (b) construction workers for the tram works are parking on residential streets in the Meadows;
- (c) when phase 2 of the tram opens it is hoped that people will use the park and ride sites;

- (d) there are problems in Clifton North with construction workers for the tram and university staff and students parking in residential streets so it may be appropriate to introduce residents only parking schemes in some streets;
- (e) where parking restrictions are imposed it can cause displacement.

RESOLVED to request a report for the next meeting on a general strategy for parking issues in each ward.