

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 10 February 2016 from 18.30 - 21.01

Membership

Present

Councillor Michael Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Pat Ferguson (Vice Chair)
Councillor Josh Cook
Councillor Chris Gibson
Councillor Nicola Heaton
Councillor Corall Jenkins
Councillor Andrew Rule
Councillor Steve Young

Absent

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Clare Ashton	- Good Companions
Alex Brown	- Community Sport and Physical Activity Officer
Chris Brummitt	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Eddie Curry	- Head of Parks and Open Spaces
James Dymond	- Parks Development Manager
Sergeant Paul Ferguson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Abdul Ghaffar	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Miriam Gifford	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Richard Gutteridge	- 26 th Nottingham Scout Group
Dorothy Holmes	- Locality Manager
Nigel Jackson	- Employment and Skills Manager
Basheer Latif	- Meadows Muslim Centre
Colin Mackie	- Silverdale Community Association
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Sharon Mills	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Roy Nettleship	- Carter's Educational Foundation
Patricia Nicholson	- New Beginnings
Alan Parker	- Regeneration Officer
Mr J Potter	- Clifton Resident
Donna Sherratt	- Community Family Support Manager - Area 8
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Action Officer
Darren Smith	- Tramlink Nottingham
Joanne Smith	- Nottingham City Homes
Margaret Spencer	- OMTRA
Roger Steel	- Wilford Community Group
Jamie Swift	- Nottingham Trams Ltd
Paul Tansey	- Senior Planner

Councillor Dave Trimble - Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture
Dee Whitworth - Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens
Phil Wye - Constitutional Services Officer

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mary Daley
Beth Hopcraft
Jane Jeffrey
Kevin McCormick

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

44 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2015 and these were signed by the Chair.

45 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ITEMS

Councillor Nicola Heaton introduced the items on parks and open spaces

a PARK LIVES HEALTHY LIFE STYLE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME 2016 (Agenda Item 4a)

Eddie Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, and Councillor Dave Trimble, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, gave a presentation on the Parklives Programme, detailing how communities can get involved and participate in a range of free to attend activities, sports and events delivered in local parks around the city throughout 2016. The following information was highlighted:

- (a) Parklives is a sport, health and physical activity project funded by Coca Cola GB as part of their £20m investment to get 1 million people active by 2020. Nottingham is one of ten cities to benefit;
- (b) A lot of investment has gone into Nottingham's parks over recent years, but this project emphasises getting more people benefitting from them by participating in park-based fun, recreational and sporting activities;
- (c) the report asks the Committee members to become or suggest ParkLives Ambassadors or Activators. The ParkLives team will provide support and training on all aspects to promote and deliver sessions;

The following information was provided during the discussion which followed:

- (d) individual groups can decide which parks and open spaces they wish to use for activities. However, some spaces may be more suitable as they have better

facilities;

- (e) a new pavilion is due to open at Victoria Embankment in Spring and will have toilet facilities as well as space to make drinks;
- (f) a number of groups already use Victoria Embankment for a range of sports who may be unaware of the help available. Publicity is available in the form of flyers;
- (g) people wishing to use Clifton Central Park for activities could use facilities at Clifton Leisure Centre or Clifton Cornerstone, which are both nearby;

b VICTORIA EMBANKMENT LIGHTING SCHEME (Agenda Item 4b)

James Dymond, Parks Development Manager, presented the report outlining proposals and seeking views on a scheme to light the section of the Victoria Embankment road that is currently unlit from the suspension bridge to the toll bridge. James highlighted the following:

- (a) currently only a third of the embankment is lit, but funding is now available as part of the Cycle City Ambition Programme to light the whole road. The lamps have been chosen as they combine a heritage feel and a modern design, and are very energy efficient;
- (b) the modern light fittings will ensure that light spillage is avoided, to avoid light pollution and so that wildlife is not disturbed;
- (c) there is future ambition to also provide lighting along the riverbank itself where many people walk.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the draft ParkLives programme for 2016 as detailed in the report;**
- (2) help identify and provide nominations for Local ParkLives Ambassadors as detailed in the report;**
- (3) help identify and provide nominations for Local ParkLives Activators as detailed in the report;**
- (4) note and support the proposals to light the currently unlit section of the Victoria Embankment road.**

46 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Councillor Michael Edwards introduced the items on Planning and Development

- a LOCAL PLAN PART 2: LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DOCUMENT – PUBLICATION VERSION (Agenda Item 5a)

Paul Tansey, Senior Planner, introduced the report presenting the Land and Planning Policies Document, and in particular the 25 sites in the Bridge, Clifton North and

Clifton South wards along with site plans and development principles. Paul highlighted the following:

- (a) the Land and Planning Policies document has been published for a 6 week period ending on 11th March 2016 to allow formal representations. This follows several consultation stages including an Issues and Options consultation and a Preferred Options consultation;
- (b) there have been some alterations to the new Plan since the current version. The retail policies have been amalgamated, policies on open space have changed. Some sites have been removed such as Clarke Road flower market and the Charnwood Centre in Clifton. The Portal site is a new addition, and the former Fairham Comprehensive site has been altered. The Sovereign House site is now more office-focused;
- (c) area 8 contains the most site allocations of any area on the Plan, including the high profile sites of Broadmarsh and the Island Site;

The following information was provided during the discussion which followed:

- (d) the current vision for Carrington Street is for the part north of Canal Street to be pedestrianised, so buses will need to be redirected. Plans for the rest of Carrington Street have not yet been finalised;
- (e) a new highway created in the Cliff Road estate will remove the current green space that is there. Clarity on whether this will be replaced will be sought;

b ISLAND SITE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (Agenda Item 5b)

A report on the Island Site draft Supplementary Planning Document was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Document will provide guidance on the development of the Island Site in Nottingham's Creative Quarter. The consultation period runs from 8th January until 19th February.

The Committee felt that using the site in significant part for offices is of strategic importance to Area 8 and the city.

c CLIFTON CENTRE UPDATE (Agenda Item 5c)

A written update by Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Co-ordinator, was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The following comments were made:

- (a) the report is welcomed and the highlighted information around the letting of vacant units is positive;
- (b) it is disappointing that there will now be no benches at Holy Trinity shops, as Councillors have worked hard to have more benches for older residents. The police have never objected to benches but the shopkeepers felt that they would result in an increase in anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note that the Local Plan Part 2 has been published and the period for making representations ends on 11 March 2016;**
- (2) support the proposals of the Island Site Supplementary Planning Document, believing that using the site in significant part for offices is of strategic importance to Area 8 and the city;**
- (3) seek clarity on retention green space in Cliff Road estate as part of future plans;**
- (4) support the sustained focus on Clifton development especially regarding shopping.**

47 AREA JOBS PLAN - EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS RESPONSE TO AREA CLUSTERS

Nigel Jackson, Employment and Skills Manager, introduced the report providing a response to questions submitted to the Employment and Skills Team at Area Cluster meetings in November and December 2015. The report also outlines a proposed way forward for the facilitation and oversight of area-based Employment and Skills activities through the creation of an 'Employment and Skills Area 8 Partnership' led by local councillors and supported by dedicated officers from Employment and Skills.

RESOLVED to agree to establish an Employment and Skills Area 8 Partnership with terms of reference, membership, officers, reporting, and frequency of meetings to be decided at the next Area 8 Cluster meeting

48 TRANSPORT ITEMS

Councillor Pat Ferguson introduced the items on transport

a SKYLINK EXPRESS UPDATE (Agenda Item 7a)

A written update by Mark Garlick, Public Transport Operations Team, was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting.

Committee members felt that a stop at Wilford crossroads to provide further interchange with the tram would be good and well used by local people. However, it is understood that the service is intended as an express with limited stops, and that interchange with the tram is available at Clifton South.

b NET UPDATE (Agenda Item 7b)

A written update was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The following comments were made:

- (a) Rivergreen Medical Centre does not have a bus stop or shelter, and a bus shelter at Pastures Avenue has not been reinstated since tram services commenced;**

- (b) there have been some incidents of elderly people having falls when trams have moved off too quickly. Drivers are trained to allow extra time for this so these incidents should be reported;
- (c) alterations to Station Street have made it difficult for elderly and disabled rail users to be dropped off and picked up at Nottingham station.

c EASYLINK BUS SERVICES (Agenda Item 7c)

A written update by Mark Garlick, Public Transport Operations Team, was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting.

The Committee were supportive of the new service and felt it will be very beneficial for citizens in Area 8.

d TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE MEADOWS (Agenda Item 7d)

A written update by Scott Harrison, Principal Officer, Traffic and Safety, was circulated to the Committee members prior to the meeting. The vast majority of residents surveyed felt that a parking problem was being experienced, particularly where streets are not subject to a residents' parking scheme. The following comments were made:

- (a) St Saviour's Gardens has an agreement that parking will be kept available for funerals and weddings, which has been in place since the 1970s;
- (b) Waldron Close is a drop off point for a number of youth activities, which should be borne in mind in plans for parking.

RESOLVED to

- (1) welcome the return of a Skylink Express service that serves Clifton, Trent Bridge and the city centre;**
- (2) note the progress of the new tram services and looks forward to the completion of works for the bus stops;**
- (3) note the report on the Easylink Bus Services;**
- (4) continue with plans for residents parking permits for the New Meadows, most particularly those streets that have expressed greatest urgency for action;**
- (5) record the Committee's concern of how elderly and disabled rail passengers are served by taxis and drop off facilities at Nottingham Station.**

49 COMMUNITY SAFETY ITEMS

Councillor Steve Young introduced the items on community safety.

a DRUG USE IN THE MEADOWS (Agenda Item 8a)

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, gave a verbal update on drug use in the Meadows, highlighting the following:

- (a) there have been concerns around the availability of illegal drugs in the Meadows as well as an increase in the use of needles and discarded needles;
- (b) Nottingham City Homes have secured some empty properties and other sites which had become hotspots for drug use;
- (c) as a trial, needle bins are being installed, to give an opportunity for drug users to take responsibility and discard needles safely. A programme is also being run to engage drug users and educate them, enlisting the help of needle exchange and ex drug users;
- (d) 11 warrants have been executed and a number of drugs have been recovered in recent weeks.

b POLICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE (Agenda Item 8b)

Sergeant Paul Ferguson provided a verbal update on overall crime in Area 8, highlighting the following:

- (a) overall crime in Area 8 has red-faced compared to the same period last year by 63 crimes;
- (b) violent crime (mostly domestic violence), personal robberies and vehicle crime have increased;
- (c) burglary and anti-social behaviour have decreased.

c YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE (Agenda Item 8c)

Donna Sherratt, Community Family Support Manager, provided a written update which was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The following information was highlighted:

- (a) a directory of services for 0-19 year olds in Area 8 was produced listing 45 activity sessions in the Meadows and 63 in Clifton showing that there is provision of youth services in the area;
- (b) it is important to make sure that the provision is publicised to young people, and that it is targeted in the right areas with strong outreach;
- (c) it will be important for the directory to be kept up to date and made available widely.

RESOLVED to

- (1) welcome news of progress on tackling issues associated with the trading of illegal drugs, and asks that this remains a significant focus of current and future work by the relevant public services;**
- (2) welcome the youth services directory and consider that the focus on helping young people should be on those who are the most difficult to reach.**

50 AREA ITEMS

Councillor Michael Edwards introduced the area items.

a CLOSURE OF LAURA CHAMBERS LODGE (Agenda Item 9a)

A written update was circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting, giving an update on the closure and refurbishment of Laura Chambers Lodge.

b NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES PERFORMANCE UPDATE (Agenda Item 9b)

Joanne Smith, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), presented Chief Executive of NCH's report updating the Committee on NCH's performance on the following key themes:

- capital programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key issues from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance figures;
- good news and positive publicity.

c WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS (Agenda Item 9c)

Abdul Ghaffar and Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the Corporate Director of Commercial and Operations' report providing updates on key issues and themes which link to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020, including:

- ward priorities;
- community engagement;
- finance;
- safer theme – crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);
- neighbourhood theme – environmental issues;
- working theme – unemployment rates;
- housing;
- community protection;
- fire;
- health theme – local health priorities;

Councillor Chris Gibson gave updated the Committee on proposals for Clifton Village Green, highlighting the following:

- (a) members of the Traveller community trespass illegally on the Village Green each year, causing damage which is costly to remedy;
- (b) a scheme is being worked up which will protect access to the Green, with four options:
 - bollards around the edge of the Green;
 - a protective ditch around the Green;
 - mounds around the Green;
 - a knee-high fence around the Green;
- (c) legal advice is being sought and permission will be needed from the landowners. Public access must be retained.

d AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2015/16 PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 9d)

Abdul Ghaffar and Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Operations' report seeking approval for schemes recently prioritised and detailing the latest spend under the Area Capital Fund, including highways, traffic and safety and public realm schemes.

e DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS (Agenda Item 9e)

Abdul Ghaffar and Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the report of the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations, detailing the use of delegated authority by the Director of Communities for the financial year 2015/16 and the Ward Members Revenue Budget allocation for 2015/16.

f AREA COMMITTEE PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN (Agenda Item 9f)

Abdul Ghaffar and Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services updating the Committee on Area Committee priorities which have been reviewed through the recent round of area cluster meetings. Area Chairs are now developing a series of actions for each priority and these will be reported regularly to area committees.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the update on the closure of Laura Chambers Lodge;

(2) note the update and performance information from Nottingham City Homes;

(3) note the allocation of funds for 2015/16:

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De-Committed	Remaining Budget
Bridge	£225,821	£90,368.88	£90,368.88	£0	£135,452.12
Clifton South	£133,544	£19,979.82	£19,979.82	£0	£113,564.18
Clifton	£89,304	£67,847	£67,847	£0	£21,457

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(4) welcome progress reported in the ward performance updates;

(5) note the monies available to Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South:

Bridge	£47,048
Clifton North	£7,518
Clifton South	£39,371

(6) approve the programme of schemes for Bridge and Clifton North ward as outlined below:

Bridge LTP schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Robin Hood Way/Meadows Way West	SNP	£3,272	Replacement of old street name plates at identified locations off Robin Hood Way and Meadows Way West (LTP contribution)

Bridge public realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Robin Hood Way/Meadows Way West	SNP	£2,414	Replacement of old street name plates at identified locations off Robin Hood Way and Meadows Way West (PR contribution)

Clifton North public realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Fieldway Subway	Mirrors	£500	Refit of mirror in Silverdale subway to ensure safety for all subway users

(7) note the actions agreed by the Corporate Director of Commercial and Operations in respect of projects and schemes within Area 8:

Bridge Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount
Meadows Youth Club – International Youth Day event	Councillor Heaton and Councillor Edwards - £300 each	£600.00
Treatment of weeds in alleyways (Terraces) purchase of chemical- NCC	Councillor Heaton and Councillor Edwards – Bridge Ward Pooled Budget	£120.00
Meadows Partnership Trust (MPT) contribution towards Christmas event		£150.00
Councillors Good Garden Cards		£102.00
Meadows Moving Forward (Football coaching sessions for 6-14 year olds)		£500.00
Friends of Meadows Library – Eid celebration event		£75.00

YCYV Dragons Den		£2,000.00
Meadows Library Christmas grotto with Santa		£500.00
Meadows Advice Group – financial resilience event		£250.00
Additional cost for YCYV Dragons Den		£250.11
Clifton North Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount
Good Companions Project 2015	Councillor Ferguson and Councillor Spencer	£1,500.00
Christmas lights at Wilford Village Green	Councillor Steel	£150.00
Good Companions Project 2015	Councillor Spencer	£1,000.00
Family Community Team summer programme	Councillor Cook, Councillor Ferguson and Councillor Rule	£900
The Nottingham Junior Hoods basketball club		£1,200.00
The Old School in Wilford		£2,500.00
Wilford Church luncheon club		£1,500.00
Wilford Community Group – community event	Councillor Rule	£175.00
Wilford children’s bonfire		£1,300
Clifton South Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount
Clifton First Aid training	Councillor Gibson and Councillor Young	£300.00
Children and Families’ summer youth trip and White Ribbon Project		£1,150.00
Park Gate community kitchen		£1,910.00
Think Children	Councillor Gibson,	£1,125.00
SKN Heritage Museum	Councillor Jenkins and Councillor Young	£495.00
12 Clifton Brownies		£884.00
Clifton South remembrance day wreath		£25.00

(8) note the individual Ward Members Budget Revenue allocation of £5,000 for 2015/16;

(9) agree the area committee priorities and actions:

- parking;
- parks and open spaces;
- regeneration and environmental;
- drugs.