

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 21 September
2016 from 17.33 - 18.58**

Membership

Present

Councillor Merlita Bryan (Chair)
Councillor Liaqat Ali (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Azad Choudhry
Councillor Anne Peach
Councillor Sarah Piper

Absent

Councillor Ilyas Aziz
Councillor Dave Trimble

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Janine Broomhall	- Chair of Pleasants and St Pauls Residents Association
Dave Brennan	- Chief Executive, Castle Cavendish
Jamie Dickinson	- Student Living Co-ordinator, University of Nottingham Students' Union
Richard Elizins	- Resident, Radford and Park ward
Moby Farrands	- Partnership Council and Tennyson Street Play Centre
Abel Hartman	- Community Officer, University of Nottingham Students' Union
Paul Howard	- Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Iffat Iqbal	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Gill Isterling	- Thomas Helwys Baptist Church
Dafydd Morgan	- All Souls Community Centre
Philippa Scott	- Holy Trinity and The Priory Churches
Bob White	- Principal, Nottingham University Academy of Science and Technology (NUAST)
Inspector Robert Wilson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Linda Wright	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer

13 APOLOGIES

Councillor Dave Trimble – other council business

Claire Brown

Maya Fletcher

Rosie Jarrett

Peter Milligan

June Perry

Inspector Andy Townsend

Lucas Willen

Geoff Williams

Deborah Wilson

14 DECLARATIONS

None.

15 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Robert Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police, gave a verbal update on policing and crime in the area, highlighting the following:

- (a) crime has reduced overall in the Arboretum ward compared to the same period in the previous year, with the overall number of offences down by 106. This includes significant reductions in violence, robbery and burglary;
- (b) there has been a citywide police operation aimed at brothels, which has included work in the Arboretum ward with one brothel being closed down. Work has been done with a variety of agencies, such as the Salvation Army, to direct the women into continued work;
- (c) there have been incidences of knife crime in the Arboretum ward, and the police are continuing to have a presence in the affected areas. They are also involved with licenses for new premises in the area and look at the impact these would have on local communities;
- (d) crime has also reduced overall in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward, with a reduction of 30 offences, including reductions in violence and burglary. However, there has been a slight increase in car crime of 4 offences;
- (e) in the Radford and Park ward there has also been an overall reduction in criminal offences by 53 offences, including reductions in robbery, car crime, criminal damage and burglary. There has, however, been an increase in violence, mostly Domestic Violence, which may reflect that this is being reported more frequently;
- (f) priorities for the area's student population include tackling burglary, antisocial behaviour, and drug supply. The police is trying to get the message out to students to be aware of these issues, keeping doors and windows locked and being respectful to neighbours.

The following answers were given in response to questions from the Committee members and Community representatives:

- (g) initiatives exist in the Arboretum ward to tackle street drinking, with some success. Measures can be used to move people on if they are being antisocial, and the police is working with charities such as Framework to try and reduce long-term drinking problems;

- (h) antisocial behaviour makes up a significant part of the police's work, and noise issues tend to come under Nottingham City Council's Community Protection service. If an issue of noise is received by 1.01am somebody will go out to investigate wherever possible. If this is not possible, a Community Protection Officer will review the situation the following day and can serve notices. The university takes antisocial behaviour very seriously and this continues to be a priority for them;
- (i) the police are involved with the week of action for students, door-knocking and taking part in engagement activities;
- (j) bicycle theft has reduced in the area, despite an increase in other areas of the city.

17 COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Iffat Iqbal introduced the report asking the Committee to confirm the appointments of Community Representatives from the area.

RESOLVED to confirm the appointments of the following Community Representatives from the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards to the Area Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year:

Organisation	Name
St Pauls and Pleasant Row TRA	Rosie Jarret and Janine Broomhall
BELONG	John Aghoghogbe and Jean Didier
Hyson Green Cultural Festival	Abdoulie Jah
Addison TRA	Carol Laverick
Bridlington, Oldknow and Birkin Avenue TRA	Jane Hartley
Take 1 Studio	Courtney Rose
The Partnership Council	Moby Farrands
The Lenton Centre	Peter Milligan and Zenn Athar
University of Nottingham	Abel Hartman and Jamie Dickinson
Holy Trinity and The Priory churches	Megan Smith and Phillippa Scott
Thomas Helwys Baptist Church	Gill Isterling
Crocus Café/Real Lives CIC	Poppy Reader/Phoebe Thornton
All Souls Community Centre	Dafydd Morgan
Park Residents Association	Claire Brown
Nottingham Park Estates Ltd	Adam Lloyd
Derby Road Business Association	Geoffrey Williams

18 LEAD ORGANISATION UPDATE

Dave Brennan, Castle Cavendish, updated the Committee on the use of Area Based Grant money in the area, highlighting the following:

- (a) Castle Cavendish is the lead organisation for the area. The grant money that it receives from the City Council is prioritised into 5 areas: children and young people, employment and skills, local voluntary and community sector, support for community hubs and a local priorities fund;
- (b) for children and young people, the grant provision is £70,000. This is used for diversionary provision at local youth provision, targeted provision with local outreach providers, and a summer activities programme working with 24 local groups;
- (c) the summer activity programme has a variety of activities from active lifestyle to crafts and trips out of the area. The local groups are encouraged to provide food for the children and young people. In 2016/17 1,356 children and young people were engaged by the programme, which works out at on average £2.45 per person, per hour;
- (d) in the area of employment and skills, the grant goes towards Job Clubs, support for a bespoke training and support programme, and connecting local people to local jobs;
- (e) there are currently three Job Clubs, at Radford and Lenton Library, Hyson Green Library and Alfreton Road. They deliver free, 1-2-1 support in job search, CV writing and completing job applications. There are plans to open an additional two Job Clubs in the future;
- (f) Castle Cavendish supports the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) with in-house provision and specialist support. They support organisations with diagnostic action planning, setting up, governance, organisational development, trading and tenders, funding advice and volunteering;
- (g) three local community hubs are supported through the grant: Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association, The Lenton Centre and the Marcus Garvey Centre. The aim is for them to continue being productive and to develop as hubs for the local area;
- (h) the local priorities grant money is used for small-scale community activity, working with the Partnership Council. Priorities for the area are loneliness/isolation, translation/conversational classes, community cohesion, mental health, crime and community safety, and poverty;
- (i) the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park Grant Programme is broken down into the 5 areas as follows:

Area	Agreed Grant	Split
Children and Young People	£70,000	31%
Employment and Skills	£53,850	24%
Local VCS Service	£14,640	6%
Support for Community Hubs	£63,233	28%
Local Priorities Fund	£10,000	4%
Area Management Charge	£15,936	7%
Total Grant	£227,660	

19 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the report providing summary updates on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

Paul highlighted the following:

- (a) lift replacements at Ash View, Oak View and Elm View are in progress;
- (b) in Lenton, the last remaining tower block, Newgate Court, has been demolished. The first of 16 bungalows have been completed and new tenants have moved in. Church Square demolition is due to commence soon and the site will be used to build new NCH properties;
- (c) the fencing improvement project on Birkin Avenue mentioned in Appendix 3 of the report has been withdrawn for approval pending further discussion;

The following answer was given following questions from the Committee:

- (d) the Pay to Stay initiative will mean that anyone earning over £31,000 (as a household) will have to pay more rent on Council properties as they will be charged market rate. This may cause problems as tenants will need to provide financial information to avoid this.

Moby Farrands from the Partnership Council thanked NCH for their recent information events at the Mary Potter Centre.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the update and performance information;

(2) note the allocation of funds for 2016/17:

Ward	Actual Budget for 2016/17	Schemes Approved	Remaining Budget
Arboretum	£25,619.28	£0	£25,619.28
Dunkirk and Lenton	£48,944.60	£7,252.50	£41,692.10
Radford and Park	£51,547.42	£40,000	£11,547.42

(3) request a further update on the Pay to Stay initiative and Universal Credit for a future meeting

20 ISSUES/GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following good news stories were reported by Community Representatives:

- (a) Bob White, Principal of The Nottingham University Academy of Science and Technology (NUAST) reported that the school has achieved the 3rd best GCSE results in the city and is hoping to achieve the best A-Level results. 100% of students have gone on to university, employment or apprenticeships. Pupils come from across the city and county, but there are hopes to attract more from the local area. The school also has a room which can be used by local community groups;
- (b) Dafydd Morgan from All Souls Community Centre reported on the success of their community kitchen, which uses surplus food and uses it to make cheap meals for the community, including asylum seekers, at £1 per child and £2 per adult. The kitchen attracts a large variety of people from the community. Curry in the Park is another event for the community;
- (c) Moby Farrands from the Partnership Council reported that Nottingham Green Festival in the Arboretum was successful this year, with many small businesses represented demonstrating the importance of green businesses to the Nottingham economy;
- (d) Councillor Anne Peach reported that Radford Recreation Ground has been awarded Green Flag Status.

The following issues were reported by Abel Hartman and Jamie Dickinson from the University of Nottingham Students' Union:

- (e) 'Welcome Students' banners around Derby Road and Lenton have been removed which is a shame as they provide a positive message to students about community cohesion. This was not a decision of local councillors, but there are still some banners at Canning Circus and University Boulevard, as well as a large banner on the Council House;
- (f) many students find it unfair that they must pay for a parking permit whereas permanent residents must not. Committee members understood these complaints but pointed out that the restrictions were put in place to discourage students from driving. There is excellent public transport in Nottingham, including the tram, and recent investment in cycling infrastructure with the Western Cycle Corridor. Some students are entitled to free permits if they need to travel at antisocial hours, such as medical students.

Community representatives wished to thank members for their support for the number of successful events in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward, such as a world food event, picnic in the park and the Martinmas fair. These events help to bring the community together. Community cohesion days in the Arboretum Ward were also welcomed.

RESOLVED to thank Community Representatives for their updates, and investigate the reasons for the removal of banners welcoming students and the introduction of fees for student parking permits.

21 WARD REPORTS SEPTEMBER 2016

Linda Wright, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the reports focussing on current priorities and issues facing the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, and Radford and Park wards. Linda highlighted the following:

- (a) one of the key issues in the Arboretum ward is reducing street drinking and paraphernalia, especially in local parks;
- (b) one of the key issues in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward is ongoing parking issues, however parking schemes are being investigated for the areas mentioned in the report. There is ongoing work with Waste Management, Community Protection and the Universities to tackle waste issues;
- (c) in the Radford and Park ward, maintenance schedules are being developed for the new build areas around Argyle, Clifford and Independent Street to improve cleanliness.

RESOLVED to note the priorities, current issues and supporting information for the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards

22 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2016/17

Iffat Iqbal presented the report detailing the latest allocation for the Local Transport Plan (LTP) element under the Area Capital Fund for highways and footways. It also highlights schemes which have been recently prioritised by Ward Councillors for approval by the Area Committee in accordance with the City Council's constitution.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the monies available to Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards, as outlined below:**

Arboretum Ward: £71,625

Dunkirk and Lenton Ward: £37,214

Radford and Park Ward: £113,807

- (2) approve new schemes prioritised by Ward Councillors since the last Area Committee meeting, as detailed below:**

Arboretum LTP Schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised	Estimate	Details
Aspley Place	Carriageway	18 August 2016	£14,920	Carriageway resurfacing on Aspley Place
Cromwell Street	Road Safety	18 August 2016	£25,500	Provision of calming measures

Arboretum Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised	Estimate	Details
Radford Road	Litter bins	4 August 2016	£1,355	Joint scheme with Berridge Ward to provide litter bins as part of the Deep Clean programme

Dunkirk and Lenton Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised	Estimate	Details
Lenton Recreation Ground	Park improvement	16 September 2016	£849	Refurbishment of playground equipment on Lenton Recreation Ground

Radford and Park LTP Schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised	Estimate	Details
Hartley Road/Norton Street	Road safety	9 August 2016	£53,250	Road safety improvements to the junction of Hartley Road/Norton Street

23 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Iffat Iqbal presented the report advising the Committee on the use of delegated authority by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations for the financial year 2016/17, and the Ward Councillors' revenue budget allocation for 2016/17.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the actions agreed by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations in respect of projects and schemes in the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, and Radford and Park wards, as detailed below:

(2)

Scheme	Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount	Date
Carnival 2016	Arboretum	Merlita Bryan and Azad Choudhury	£750	04/05/2016
Log cabin refurbishment			£300	04/05/2016
Radford Road spring clean			£735	04/05/2016
Office equipment – Moor Lionz			£500	17/05/2016
Community training – Kemet Radio			£1,000	24/05/2016
Nottingham's Ex-Coal Miners of African Caribbean Heritage			£160	07/06/2016
Hyson Green Cultural Festival			£500	08/06/2016

HGYC – Summer play scheme			£400	08/06/2016
Pythian Club summer event			£500	08/06/2016
Football coaching			£500	18/07/2016
AJ Sports			£500	18/07/2016
Youth Radio			£500	18/07/2016
Arboretum Fun Day 2016			£1,500	28/07/2016
Women United			£50	16/08/2016
Willoughby Street planter	Dunkirk and Lenton	Dave Trimble and Sarah Piper	£900	18/04/2016
Jigsaw Group time capsule			£178	18/04/2016
Picnic in Lenton Recreation Ground			£500	25/05/2016
Community BBQ			£344	11/08/2016
Lenton and Park walk booklet			£250	11/08/2016
Removal of garden waste bins in students HMOs			£500	15/06/2016
Carnival 2016	Radford and Park	Anne Peach and Liaqat Ali	£300	04/05/2016
Mellers Primary wind instrument classes			£3,000	31/05/2016
Hyson Green Youth Club – Easter activities 2016			£1,012	14/06/2016
Good Garden Award postcards			£149	07/07/2016
Curry in the Park 2016			£900	07/07/2016
Canning Christmas switch on 2016			£900	07/07/2016
Community Engagement Fund			£1,000	07/07/2016
Alley Clearing Grimston			£1,500	07/07/2016
Walking route publication round Park Estate			£250	07/07/2016
Nottingham Ex-Coal Miners of African Caribbean Heritage			£160	07/07/2016

(2) note the individual Ward Councillors' revenue budget allocation of £5,000 for 2016/17