

# NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

## AREA 8 COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 16 November 2016 from 18.32 - 20.18**

### Membership

#### Present

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

#### Absent

### Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Mark Armstrong	- Senior Regeneration Officer
Clare Ashton	- Good Companions
Gayle Aughton	- Commissioning Manager
Sophie Ayubi	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Alex Brown	- Community Sport and Physical Activity Officer
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Ron Cutts	- Silverdale Community Association
Sergeant Paul Ferguson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Abdul Ghaffar	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Miriam Gifford	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Richard Gutteridge	- 26 <sup>th</sup> Nottingham (The Meadows) Scout Group
Jonathan Hughes	- Friends of Victoria Embankment
Gary Humble	- Clifton Community & Family Support Group
Jane Jeoffrey	- Queens Walk Community Association
Basheer Latif	- Meadows Muslim Centre
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Sharon Mills	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Garry Nelms	-
Roy Nettleship	- Carter's Educational Foundation
Patricia Nicholson	- New Beginnings
Tracy Osborne	- Parkgate Community Centre
Mr J Potter	- Ward Resident
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer

## **27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mary Daley  
Colin Mackie  
Kevin McCormick  
Ed Peterson  
Margaret Spencer

## **28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **29 MINUTES**

Subject to altering the cost of the Wilford Community Group Queen's Birthday event from 3300.00 to £300.00 (Item 26), the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 were confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

## **30 POLICE UPDATE**

Sergeant Paul Ferguson gave a verbal update, highlighting the following:

- (a) in the Meadows there has been an overall increase in crime of 3.5% year to date. Robbery and hate crime has decreased. The largest increase has been in burglary with a rise of 113% though this was partially due to a spike of properties which were broken into. Over the last month crime has gone down 16.9%, with burglary and robbery both down. Drugs are a significant issue for the Beat Team, trying to get warrants for arrests which is an ongoing issue;
- (b) in Clifton, overall crime has increased by 7.7% year to date, with robbery and hate crime up. Over the last month crime has reduced, with burglary and robbery down, but auto crime up slightly. There is an issue with off-road motorcycles around Clifton estate;

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (c) the issue with motorcycles in Clifton is seasonal, and is more of an issue in daylight hours though there have been some incidents at night time. There has been some success with removing and destroying bicycles;
- (d) Bridge Ward councillors are concerned about drug issues in the Meadows and want to see progress. This remains a concern for the police and there is a lot of work going on in the background.

**RESOLVED to thank Sergeant Ferguson for his update**

## **31 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE**

Gary Nelms, Nottingham City Homes, 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.

The following points were made during the discussion which followed:

- (a) as a result of demolition of housing in the Meadows, local residents have noticed an increase in mice. They have been asked to pay for pest control services as it is not a statutory service to dispose of mice, only rats. Residents see this as unfair as it has been caused by the demolition which is out of their control;
- (b) it would be helpful for the report in future to include numbers rather than percentages for things like rent collection, as it would give a clearer picture.

**RESOLVED to**

- (1) note the update and performance information in appendices 1 and 2 of the report;**
- (2) note the allocation of funds for 2016/17:**

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes approved	Schemes committed	Remaining budget
Bridge	£187,869.10	£0	£0	£187,869.10
Clifton South	£172,830.82	£27,321.11	£27,321.11	£145,509.71
Clifton North	£65,804.68	£0	£0	£65,804.68

- (3) approve the Area Capital Programme funding request as set out below:**

Ward	Request	Reason	Cost
Bridge	Replace timber cladding to 37 maisonette balconies across various sites across the Bridge ward	The current timber cladding is unsightly and damaged. Upgrading this to a high quality metal railing will improve security and appearance in line with the regeneration across this ward	£39,960.00

**32 GET OUT GET ACTIVE PROJECT**

Alex Brown, Community Sport and Physical Activity Officer, introduced the Get Out Get Active (GOGA) Project, which aims to support disabled and non-disabled people to enjoy being active together. Alex highlighted the following:

- (a) statistics continually show that disabled people are the least active population and two thirds of disabled people say that they would like to take part in sport with non-disabled people;
- (b) Nottingham City Council has secured £245,000 over 3 years, in partnership with the English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDA) to develop and deliver a range of sport and physical activity programmes for citizens to participate in and improve both their physical and mental health;
- (c) GOGA will focus on 3 areas of Nottingham, including Clifton, which has been chosen due to its high number of people with life-limiting illnesses or disabilities (19.6%);
- (d) a detailed programme of activity is being developed for GOGA which outlines which activity is due to take place when and where over the 3 years. There is however flexibility to alter delivery to suit local needs, discussing with residents and target areas;
- (e) there will be a community engagement event at Clifton Leisure Centre on Thursday 26 January from 2-4pm, and community partners and organisations are invited to participate;

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (f) the project could be promoted on social media by Clifton councillors. GPs could also get involved to advise or signpost citizens to activities;
- (g) access to events and activities can be a barrier for citizens, and they may need to be supported in this. The engagement event should be able to identify people and groups who could help, and Clifton Leisure Centre is inclusive;
- (h) gentle activities such as tai chi or dancing would be better at encouraging those not used to physical activity. Activities which do not require specialist equipment would also be able to involve more people. Basketball could be walking basketball which requires a lower level of fitness;
- (i) open swimming sessions at Clifton Leisure Centre can be extremely limited. This programme may be able to free up sessions;
- (j) facilities in the Meadows could also be used, such as the bowling green or the Portland Leisure Centre. These are easily accessible from Clifton by bus and tram.

**RESOLVED to note the information and thank Alex for the update.**

### **33     AREA COMMITTEE - IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CITIZENS**

Gayle Aughton, Commissioning Manager, introduced the report which informed the Committee of the outcome of the ward-level research and recent consultation on the health profile of Nottingham's citizens to ensure that commissioning of Public Health

services will appropriately and most effectively meet the health needs of the local population. Gayle highlighted the following:

- (a) the Council has to ensure value for money and efficiency, but still aims for Public Health services to have positive outcomes and improve the health of citizens. The evidence from this consultation has been very useful for commissioners to know which services will best do this in each area;
- (b) specific themes identified in Area 8 affordability of activities, increased need to publicise what's on offer, needs of specific groups such as BME and the elderly, and the need to deliver health related activities in community facilities where people feel comfortable;
- (c) a new behaviour change and weight management service will allow citizens to access universally available services, targeted services and higher, more intense services for those with more complex needs. Also a smoking cessation service will deliver a creative approach to addressing community needs;
- (d) there will soon be an integrated health and social care directory for Nottingham, which will likely be called Local Information Online Nottingham (LION). This should be live by Spring 2017 and allow users to search for services near them by postcode;

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (e) it would be useful for Ward Councillors to receive regular updates on health services in their area;
- (f) Area 8 used to have a Health and Wellbeing Action Group which brought together many partners and encouraged pilot projects in the area, influencing health issues locally. This may not be appropriate anymore but this could be looked at afresh;
- (g) The social prescription pilot mentioned in the report is a pilot where a citizen would be signposted to support services as opposed to a traditional prescription. The pilot is taking place in the Bulwell area;

**RESOLVED to thank Gayle for the update**

### **34 CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE**

Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Co-ordinator, verbally updated the Committee highlighting the following:

- (a) street furniture, such as benches, bollards, cycle racks and bins, has now been installed in all main areas of the town centre. However, feedback and suggestions from the local community is welcomed for further sites for benches where people need them;
- (b) trees are being replaced at the central shops in a 12 week programme. This will start in January so as to avoid the Christmas period. Other upcoming work includes improvements to the cut-through to Morrison's, paving in front of the

shops and a new entrance to the flower park. This will be programmed together to avoid disruption;

- (c) the Clifton drive-in cinema will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, with a higher quality screen to the one that was cancelled last time due to poor weather;
- (d) the planning application for the Fairham House site has now been submitted to the council. The planned anchor store is Lidl, and the target is still to open in Easter 2018;

The following comments were made by the Committee during the discussion which followed:

- (e) seating outside Holy Trinity shops was not put in at the request of the shops due to antisocial behaviour, however there should be other ways to deal with this problem and this should be re-examined;
- (f) the Fairham House scheme needs to be high quality and should involve local jobs and apprentices for local people. It should also aim to have a diverse range of shops;
- (g) the new trees by the central shops will be a mixture of species to ensure variety. Cladding of the front of the shops is not possible this year but still a priority. It will be important for Clifton shops to remain looking attractive when the new development at Fairham House is complete.

**RESOLVED to thank Mark for the update**

**35     COMMUNITY PROTECTION - AREA CLUSTER FEEDBACK AND BRIEFING NOTE FROM COMMUNITY PROTECTION**

Sophie Ayubi, Senior Community Protection Officer (CPO), introduced the report which gave feedback to queries raised at the Area Cluster meeting in September 2016. Sophie highlighted the following:

- (a) CPOs are supposed to spend a minimum of 80% of their working week patrolling. However, some work streams are complex so some time has to be spent in the office with administrative commitments;
- (b) there are currently some vacant CPO posts, but a robust campaign is in place to recruit more. The role is often used as a stepping stone into the police and sees a lot of movement;
- (c) CPOs have a wide range of powers to give out notices for fixed penalties, for example. These can progress to court. It is an offence to not surrender alcohol to a CPO, and street drinkers may be signposted to other services;
- (d) The demands on the service are flexible by area and dependent on what needs resolving. Programmes such as Your Voice, Your Choice can help to identify

these issues;

- (e) each area has a Twitter feed and updates on issues and successes regularly. A monthly update is also produced for Councillors.

**RESOLVED to thank Sophie for the information**

**36 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES CELEBRATION EVENT- FEEDBACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Tracy Osborne, Parkgate Community Centre, fed back to the Committee on the event that she attended at the Council House for Community Representatives, where they were invited to provide ideas and feedback.

Tracy found the event very useful and would recommend future events to other Community Representatives. She particularly enjoyed having a tour of the Council House which was very thorough and enthusiastically led.

**RESOLVED to thank Tracy for the feedback**

**37 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS AND WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGETS**

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee of 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 within Area 8, as detailed below:**

<b>Bridge Ward</b>	<b>Project/scheme</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Amount (total)</b>
	Bridgeway Centre floral display	Heaton & Edwards	£2,516.00
	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens events	Heaton & Edwards	£1,195.00
	Nottingham Carnival	Heaton & Edwards	£240.00
	Trent Bridge Community Trust – Street cricket sessions	Heaton & Edwards	£1000.00
	25ft Christmas tree, Bridgeway Centre	Heaton & Edwards	£2,378.56
	Safe Alternative Centre CIC –fun day	Heaton & Edwards	£1000.00
	Your Choice Your Voice Dragons Den	Heaton & Edwards	£2,500.00

	Manzil – Cohesion event and outing	Heaton & Edwards	£1,145.00
	Eid event	Heaton & Edwards	£590.00
Total allocated at 20/10/16			£13,064.56
Balance brought forward 2015/16			£9,861.89
Allocation 2016/17			£10,000.00
Returned/De-committed at 09/03/16			£1,155.00
<b>Total available allocation</b>			<b>£21,016.89</b>
Total allocated at 20/10/2016			£13,064.56
<b>Total unallocated at 20/10/16</b>			<b>£7,952.33</b>

<b>Clifton North Ward</b>	<b>Project/scheme</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Amount (total)</b>
	Wilford Community Group – May Day event	Rule	£300.00
	Drive in cinema at NET Park & Ride	Cook & Ferguson	£1,200.00
	Wilford Community Group – Queen's Birthday community event	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£300.00
	Nottingham Music School	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£360.00
	Literacy volunteers	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£170.00
	Clear-up at rear of shops on Varney Road	Rule	£473.00
	Gazebo for Clifton Community Family Support Group	Cook & Ferguson	£660.00
	Ruddington Lane Recreational Ground family funday	Cook & Ferguson	£750.00
	NG11 Clifton Foodbank – racking, tables and chairs	Rule	£605.00
	Clifton Area travel grants	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£1,173.00
	Wilford children's bonfire	Rule	£535.00
	Silverdale Senior Citizens xmas event	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£600.00
	Clifton Christmas lights event	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£2,000.00
	Fireworks display at Ministry of Restoration	Ferguson	£100.00
	NG11 childminders – purchase of toys/training	Cook	£840.00
	Clifton NG11 foodbank-Christmas fayre	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£450.00
	Clifton remembrance day wreath	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£22.50



Total allocated at 20/10/16	£12,501.10
Balance brought forward 2015/16	£17,532.00
Allocation 2016/17	£15,000.00
<b>Total available allocation</b>	<b>£32,532.00</b>
Total allocated at 20/10/16	£12,501.10
<b>Total unallocated at 20/10/16</b>	<b>£20,030.90</b>

Clifton South Ward	Project/scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
	Literacy volunteers	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£810.00
	Nottingham music school	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£240.00
	Drive in cinema at NET Park and Rise	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,800.00
	Defibrillator at Peacock public house	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,400.00
	MPT travel grants	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,172.00
	Clifton All Whites bonfire night	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,500.00
	Parkgate Community Centre santa train	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£900.00
	Highbank Community Centre urban village project	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£2,500.00
	Clifton christmas lights event	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£2,000.00
	Clifton NG11 foodbank – Christmas fayre	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£450.00
	Clifton remembrance day wreath	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£22.50
	New bin at Winscombe Mount	Gibson	£454.00
	Lark Hill Christmas decorations	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£100.00
Total allocated at 24/10/16			£12,501.10
Balance brought forward 2015/16			£11,928.00
Allocation 2016/17			£15,000.00
Returned/De-committed at 24/10/16			£3,000.00
<b>Total available allocation</b>			<b>£29,928.00</b>
Total allocated at 24/10/16			£13,348.50
<b>Total unallocated at 24/10/16</b>			<b>£16,579.50</b>

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

### 38 WARD REPORT – BRIDGE, CLIFTON NORTH & CLIFTON SOUTH

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report focussing on current priorities and issues facing Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards and providing the Committee with details of forthcoming events and activities.

Prairie added that solicitors have now granted permission to install bollards at Clifton Village Green.

**RESOLVED to note the priorities, current issues and supporting information for Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards**

**39     AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2016/17 PROGRAMME**

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways, traffic and safety and public realm improvements.

There were no Area Capital Fund schemes to approve for this period.

**RESOLVED to note the monies available to Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as outlined below:**

<b>Bridge</b>	<b>£79,320</b>
<b>Clifton North</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Clifton South</b>	<b>£84,411</b>