

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### AREA 8 COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Clifton Cornerstone, Southchurch Drive, Clifton, Nottingham on 13 March 2019 from 6.30 pm - 8.38 pm**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Steve Young (Chair)  
Councillor Nicola Heaton (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Josh Cook  
Councillor Chris Gibson  
Councillor Corall Jenkins  
Councillor Andrew Rule  
Councillor Roger Steel

##### Absent

Councillor Michael Edwards

#### **Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

|                     |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mark Armstrong      | - Town Centre Co-ordinator            |
| Clare Ashton        | - Good Companions                     |
| Chris Brummitt      | - Bridges Community Trust             |
| Prairie Bryant      | - Neighbourhood Development Officer   |
| Scott Clancy        | - Senior Community Protection Officer |
| Mary Daly           | - Meadows Dance and Social Group      |
| Isabell Edis        | - NEMTRA                              |
| Abdul Ghaffar       | - Neighbourhood Development Officer   |
| PCSO Matthew Holden | - Nottinghamshire Police              |
| Jane Jeffrey        | - Queens Walk Community Association   |
| Ian Malcolm         | - Clifton Advice Centre               |
| Roy Nettleship      | - Carter's Educational Foundation     |
| Mr J Potter         | - Ward Resident                       |
| Katie Sharp         | - Nottingham City Homes               |
| Kevin Spencer       | - Meadows Scout Group                 |
| Margaret Spencer    | - OMTRA                               |
| Maria Watson        | - Clifton Community Group             |
| Phil Wye            | - Constitutional Services Officer     |

#### **44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Michael Edwards – personal reasons  
Miriam Gifford  
Richard Gutteridge  
Basheer Latif  
Colin Mackie  
Terry Regan  
Pat Rice  
Inspector James Walker

Dee Whitworth

**45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**46 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**47 POLICE UPDATE**

PCSO Matthew Holden, Nottinghamshire Police, provided an update on policing in the Clifton and Meadows areas, highlighting the following:

- (a) operation Bertha was set up in Clifton to tackle autocrime offences. There have been good results, including a significant arrest. There have only been six thefts from motor vehicles in the last month which is significantly lower than before;
- (b) there has been an increase in shop theft in Clifton but there has been a recent arrest for a number of these offences;
- (c) there has been a slight increase in sheds and outbuildings being broken into in Clifton;
- (d) the Beat Team has detained the persistent beggar who begs around the restaurants on the A453 breaching his criminal behaviour order, and he will remain a focus for the team;
- (e) three separate warrants were executed during February by the Clifton neighbourhood team which were all successful, with 340 cannabis plants and stolen property being recovered;
- (f) crime levels in the Meadows continue to reduce with major reductions in robbery, burglary and theft based on year to date figures;
- (g) the Meadows Team have been targeting drug hotspots with a mixture of plainclothes and high visibility patrols in response to information received and intelligence gathered;
- (h) the Meadows Team continue to run Operation Towery in response to bike thefts in and around the Castle Marina retail park;
- (i) the successful 'mini police' programme, engaging children in Year 5 at Greenfields Primary in an educational and interactive way, has secured funding for expansion to a further five schools including Victoria and Welbeck schools in the Meadows;
- (j) Operation Sceptre takes place from 11 to 17 March and is an initiative to raise the profile of and tackle knife crime. During the week there will be a knife amnesty

with knife bins for the public to deposit knives and other weapons, including the One Stop Shop in the Bridgeway Centre;

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (k) signs at Morrisons and the police station in Clifton with contact details for the police have not been updated for some time. These may be removed and citizens are encouraged to call 101 or 999 so that incidents are recorded properly;
- (l) a knife bin in Clifton has been researched but no suitable location has been found yet.

**RESOLVED to thank PCSO Holden for the information provided.**

#### **48 COMMUNITY PROTECTION UPDATE**

SCPO Scott Clancy provided an update on Community Protection in the Meadows and Clifton areas, highlighting the following:

- (a) four dog fouling operations have been carried out in Clifton and two in the Meadows, including an overnight operation. Feedback from these is provided to citizens via letter drops and social media;
- (b) the dedicated Schools Officer has been well received by the community;
- (c) new mobile cameras are being introduced in the Meadows;
- (d) fly-tip Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) with possible fines are given out for areas of persistent fly-tipping. Fly-tips are not removed by the Council until they have been investigated by Community Protection;
- (e) there are some problems with cars parking on double yellow lines in the Old Meadows. This should be reported to Parking Services.

**RESOLVED to thank SCPO Clancy for the information provided.**

#### **49 WARD REPORTS**

Abdul Ghaffar and Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the report focussing on current priorities and issues facing the three wards within the area and giving details of forthcoming events and activities. The following information was highlighted:

- (a) twelve analogue cameras are due to be upgraded to digital soon at the Bridgeway Centre. Phone boxes at the Bridgeway Centre have now also been removed, but further requests for removal of phone boxes across the Meadows have been declined by BT;
- (b) discussions are planned with Play and Youth Services to increase provision at Meadows Youth Club;

- (c) a RINGGO system is proposed at the Bridgeway Centre following complaints of commuters taking car parking places meant for shoppers and clients of Meadows Medical Centre. This will be consulted with local businesses and residents before being brought to the next Area Committee. The charge of £3 per day is considered sufficient as a deterrent as this has worked in other areas such as Victoria Embankment;
- (d) it is proposed that the Clifton Grove Estate Residents' Parking Scheme be extended to the whole estate. Discussions have been taking place with Nottingham Trent University around improvements to public transport to mitigate parking problems caused by students;
- (e) funding has been sourced for new equipment for the Clifton Amateur Boxing Club;
- (f) Green Lane Community Centre is currently underused, and discussions will be sought with the management in order to see whether this could be made more available to groups who need space;
- (g) inconsiderate parking at Rivergreen has been causing problems with access and safety, with cars parking on both sides of the road. There are no parking restrictions so this cannot be enforced but Community Protection can put leaflets on cars.

Community Representatives commented that they were unhappy that they were not consulted on changes to the Area Based Grant (following ward boundary changes) which will separate Clifton and the Meadows, and that the period for tendering has been too short. They also felt that the allocation of Grant for both areas is too low.

**RESOLVED to note the progress on ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team, upcoming opportunities for citizens to engage and ward performance data.**

## **50 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES AND APPROVALS**

Katie Sharp, Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the report providing updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes for NCH, highlighting the following:

- (a) work is underway at the 16<sup>th</sup> floor at Southchurch Court to provide a sample upgrade providing a concept of what high rise living will look like in the communal areas;
- (b) works to install sprinklers at Southchurch Court have been delayed until the end of 2019;
- (c) Area 8 already has over 12 Street and Block Champions making their neighbourhood a better place to live, but NCH would like more to apply;
- (d) the award ceremony for the Tenant and Leaseholder Awards 2019 will be held on 21 March at the Council House. The Clifton Green Team and the Summerwood

Community and Arkwright Meadows Community Garden have been nominated for Best Green Project;

- (e) NCH has been nominated in three categories at the 2019 UK Housing Awards: Best Older People's Landlord, Homebuilder of the Year (<1,000), and Resident Employment and Training.

Clifton Community Representatives expressed concern about the removal of rent payment kiosks from Clifton Cornerstone, and that the alternative at the Post Office is inaccessible for disabled and older residents.

**RESOLVED to**

- (1) note the update and performance information in the report and its appendices;**

- (2) note the allocation of funds for 2017/18, as detailed below:**

| Ward          | Actual budget | Schemes approved | Schemes committed | Remaining budget |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Bridge        | £241,664.92   | £238,909         | £2,756.00         | £0               |
| Clifton South | £116,230.58   | £53,262.00       | £60,329.00        | £5,027.58        |
| Clifton North | £137,505.92   | £30,000.00       | £107,505.92       | £0               |

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

| Address                              | Request  | Reason  | Cost       |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|------------|
| Dell Way – Clifton North             | Create a landscaped finish to the car parking area and the nearby waste land.  | The area currently looks unfinished and untidy and needs improving to rejuvenate this area of the ward.   | £39,164.34 |
| Southchurch Court – Clifton North    | Installation of 10 bike racks  | Residents need a safe and secure storage facility for their bikes   | £2,750.00  |
| Clifton North Ward                   | Various metal fencing schemes across the ward to be identified by the Decent Neighbourhoods Team and other colleagues. | Improve appearance and security of various communal areas and properties across the ward in line with similar works already.  | £65,914.58 |
| Branford Garage site – Clifton South | Installation of new metal bow top fencing to replace the current palisade fencing to the outer perimeter.              | Palisade fencing can pose a health and safety risk due to the sharp finial and the garage site is subject to improvement works in the form of replacing the garage doors so the new fencing will complement | £15,370.00 |

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|  |  | these works.  |            |
| Barbury Drive – Clifton South (4 properties)   | Remove current dilapidated timber fencing and install high quality metal ball finial railings and new timber intermediate fencing. | The current fencing is a mixture of finishes and in areas damaged and looks untidy. The installation of the new metal railings will improve the appearance of the area and maximise security too. | £11,510.00 |
| Cherhill Drive – Clifton South (18 properties) | Remove current dilapidated timber fencing and install high quality metal ball finial railings and new timber intermediate fencing. | The current fencing is a mixture of finishes and in areas damaged and looks untidy. The installation of the new metal railings will improve the appearance of the area and maximise security too. | £33,449.00 |
| Bridgeway Shopping Centre – Bridge             | Contribution towards the CCTV installations in these areas.  | Maximise security in the ward.  | £2,756.00  |

## 51 CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Coordinator, gave a verbal update on regeneration work in Clifton town centre, highlighting the following:

- (a) the cut through from the Clifton shops to Morrisons has been fully repaved, but funding is still required from Morrisons for refurbishment of the pedestrian crossing;
- (b) work on the large tree beds at on Southchurch Drive is now complete, with just minor finishes required;
- (c) work on the entrance to Clifton Flower Park has now begun, with the paving work being weather-dependent, followed by turfing and planting;
- (d) there is still an ambition to refurbish the shop fronts on Southchurch Drive. Funding bids have been submitted;
- (e) planning permission has been granted for the planned flats on the Clifton Triangle site.

**RESOLVED to thank Mark for the information provided and his hard work improving Clifton in recent years.**

## 52 UPDATES AND ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following updates were provided:

Roy Nettleship, Carters Educational Foundation reported that the Foundation expects to make £290,000 which will be used to support young people in the ancient parish of Wilford.

Jane Jeffrey, Queens Walk Community Association, reported that their building has recently been refurbished with LED lighting throughout and new windows.

Clare Ashton on behalf of Pat Rice, Clifton Village Residents' Association, reported that the Association is pleased with the new Barton Green Post Office. The Old Rectory development is going ahead, and parking on Holgate remains a concern.

Councillor Roger Steel thanked the Clean Champions for their hard work in organising litter picks tidying up the local area.

Councillor Steve Young informed the Committee that the Nottingham Model Railway Society will be exhibiting at Highbank Community Centre on 16-17 March 2019.

Chris Brummitt, Bridges Community Trust, said that she has organised hustings for the local elections in the Meadows and offered to organise similar hustings for Clifton, which was agreed.

**RESOLVED to note the information provided.**

### **53 AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2018/19 PROGRAMME**

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

Councillors were unable to agree a preference between the three proposals for spend for footpaths in the Clifton North ward that were circulated as a supplement to the agenda, and suggested an alternative which is set out in the resolutions below.

**RESOLVED to**

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

#### **Bridge**

|  |           |
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| 2018-2019 LTP allocation                               | £53,200   |
| LTP carried forward from 2017-2018                     | £0        |
| 2018-2019 Public Realm allocation                      | £20,416   |
| Public Realm allocation carried forward from 2017-2018 | £0        |
| Total available 2018-2019 ACF                          | £73,616   |
| Less LTP schemes                                       | -£131,491 |
| Less Public Realm schemes                              | -£70,304  |
| Decommitted funds                                      | +£128,179 |

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| Remaining available balance    | £0 |
| LTP element remaining          | £0 |
| Public Realm element remaining | £0 |

**Clifton North**

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| 2018-2019 LTP allocation                               | £53,200   |
| LTP carried forward from 2017-2018                     | £0        |
| 2018-2019 Public Realm allocation                      | £20,416   |
| Public Realm allocation carried forward from 2017-2018 | £0        |
| Total available 2018-2019 ACF                          | £20,416   |
| Less LTP schemes                                       | -£131,491 |
| Less Public Realm schemes                              | -£70,304  |
| Decommitted funds                                      | +£128,179 |
| Remaining available balance                            | £0        |
| LTP element remaining                                  | £0        |
| Public Realm element remaining                         | £0        |

**Clifton South**

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| 2018-2019 LTP allocation                               | £59,900  |
| LTP carried forward from 2017-2018                     | £0       |
| 2018-2019 Public Realm allocation                      | £23,040  |
| Public Realm allocation carried forward from 2017-2018 | £5,082   |
| Total available 2018-2019 ACF                          | £88,022  |
| Less LTP schemes                                       | -£97,242 |
| Less Public Realm schemes                              | -£29,124 |
| Decommitted funds                                      | +£38,344 |
| Remaining available balance                            | £0       |
| LTP element remaining                                  | £0       |
| Public Realm element remaining                         | £0       |

(2) approve the programme of schemes for Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as outlined below:

**LTP schemes**

| Location    | Type        | Date prioritised | Estimate | Details   |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------|---|
| Bridge Ward | Carriageway | 05/02/19         | £42,960  | Resurfacing works on carriageway/footpaths at identified locations across Bridge Ward |
| Main Road   | Footpath    | 13/03/19         | £4,089   | Further contribution to footpath reconstruction on identified section of Main Road    |
| Green Lane  | Road safety | 08/02/19         | £64,742  | Phase 1 of Green Lane road safety improvements  |



**Public Realm schemes**

| <b>Location</b>      | <b>Type</b> | <b>Date prioritised</b> | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Details</b>  |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Bridge Ward          | Carriageway | 05/02/19                | £32,719         | Resurfacing works on carriageway/footpaths at identified locations across Bridge ward |
| Bridgeway Centre     | CCTV        | 25/02/19                | £498            | Contribution to new CCTV infrastructure at Bridgeway Centre                           |
| Main Road            | Footpath    | 13/03/19                | £2,209          | Further contribution to footpath reconstruction on identified section of Main Road    |
| Wilden Crescent      | Footpath    | 13/03/19                | £22,979         | Contribution to footpath reconstruction on Wilden Crescent                            |
| Clifton Grove Estate | Parking     | 13/02/19                | £5,000          | Further contribution to implementation of residents' parking scheme                   |
| Green Lane           | Road safety | 08/02/19                | £26,784         | Phase 1 of Green Lane road safety improvements  |

**Withdrawn schemes**

| <b>Location</b>        | <b>Type</b> | <b>Reason</b>       | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Details</b>  |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| Clifton Playing Fields | Equipment   | Underspend          | £497          | Purchase of defibrillator to be stored at Clifton Playing Fields, to facilitate introduction of Parkrun |
| Glapton Lane           | Footpath    | Scheme discontinued | £28,344       | Resurface footpath on Glapton Lane  |

**54 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET**

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for those projects funded by Ward Councillor budgets.

Councillors are being encouraged to put forward schemes before the election in May in order to reduce the unallocated budget.

**RESOLVED to note the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as detailed below:**

| <b>Bridge</b>        | <b>Date approved</b>                   | <b>Allocated scheme</b>                                    | <b>Councillors</b>                                 | <b>Amount (total)</b> |
|----------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|
|                      | 11/03/19                               | Summer Bands Performances at Victoria Embankment Bandstand | Cllr Heaton  | £1,000.00             |
|                      | Decommitted scheme – TCYV/ Dragons Den |  | Cllrs Edwards & Heaton                             | £161.00               |
|                      | Balance brought forward from 2017/18   |  |  | £4,215.00             |
|                      | Allocation 2018/19                     |  |  | £10,000.00            |
|                      | Total available allocation             |  |  | £14,215.00            |
|                      | Total de-committed                     |  |  | £0.00                 |
|                      | Total allocated at 07/02/19            |  |  | £12,679.96            |
|                      | Total unallocated at 07/02/19          |  |  | £1,696.04             |
| <b>Clifton North</b> | 10/12/18                               | Monksway Planters  | Cllrs Cook, Rule & Steel                           | £450.00               |
|                      | 04/02/18                               | Greencroft Grit Bin  | Cllr Cook  | £505.00               |
|                      | 04/02/19                               | War Memorial   | Cllrs Rule & Steel                                 | £500.00               |
|                      | 04/03/19                               | Fleam Road Grit Bin  | Cllr Cook  | £505.00               |
|                      | 04/03/19                               | War Memorial   | Cllr Cook  | £250.00               |
|                      | Balance brought forward from 2017/18   |  |  | £9,449.00             |
|                      | Allocation 2018/19                     |  |  | £15,000.00            |
|                      | Total available allocation             |  |  | £24,449.00            |
|                      | Total de-committed                     |  |  | £3,101.50             |
|                      | Total allocated at 04/03/19            |  |  | £16,255.10            |
|                      | Total unallocated at 04/03/19          |  |  | £11,295.40            |
| <b>Clifton South</b> | 10/12/18                               | Whiteways Court Christmas Party                            | Cllrs Gibson, Jenkins & Young                      | £590.00               |
|                      | 30/01/19                               | War Memorial   | Cllrs Gibson (£200), Jenkins (£200) & Young (£600) | £1,000.00             |
|                      | Decommitted scheme – Wicker Sculptures |  | Pooled Budget                                      | £900.00               |
|                      | Balance brought forward from 2017/18   |  |  | £8,709.00             |
|                      | Allocation 2018/19                     |  |  | £15,000.00            |

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|  | Total available allocation    | £23,709.00 |
|  | Total de-committed            | £1,252.50  |
|  | Total allocated at 04/03/19   | £18,473.81 |
|  | Total unallocated at 04/03/19 | £6,487.69  |

**55    DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Due to forthcoming changes to the Area Committee structure it was not possible to confirm the date and time of the next meeting.