

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 19 September 2018 from 5.30 pm - 7.10 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Liaqat Ali
Councillor Anne Peach
Councillor Sarah Piper (Chair)
Councillor Dave Trimble

Absent

Councillor Ilyas Aziz
Councillor Merlita Bryan
Councillor Azad Choudhry

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Councillor Steve Battlemuch
Andrew Springall – RHE
Van Henry – Castle Cavendish
Kate Loewenthal – LDNRA
Gill Isterling – Thomas Helway's Baptist Church
Lylse-Anne Renwick – Neighbourhood Development Officer
Linda Wright – Neighbourhood Development Officer
Gursharan Nijran Singh – Neighbourhood Development Officer
Rebecca Beinart – Primary
John Aghoghogbe – BELONG
CPO Craig Moralee
CPO John Woodford
Paul Howard – Nottingham City Homes
Claire Brown – Nottingham Park Residents Association
Inspector Riz Khan – Nottingham Police
Inspector Rob Wilson – Nottingham Police
Noel McMenamin – Governance Officer

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Carol Laverick
Bev Pearson
Maja Fletcher
Maxine Cockett
Philippa Scott

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2018 were agreed as a true record and they were signed by the Chair.

19 AREA 4 COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED to appoint the following Community Representatives for the 2018/19 municipal year:

- **Addison TRA - Carol Laverick**
- **BELONG - John Aghoghogbe**
- **BELONG - Jean Didier**
- **Breaking Barriers Building Bridges - Maxine Cockett**
- **Bridlington parents Group - Chelsea Bland**
- **Holy Trinity & the Priory Churches Lenton - Sophie Slater-Evan**
- **Hyson Green Cultural Festival - Abdoulie Jah**
- **Lenton Drives Neighbours Resident Association - Kate Loewenthal**
- **Lenton Centre – Jenna Hubball/Zenn Athar**
- **Park Residents Association - Claire Brown**
- **Park Estates Ltd - Christina Jenson-Bates**
- **POW Nottingham Ltd - Ben Talbot**
- **Primary - Rebecca Beinart**
- **Radford Care Group - Beverley Pearson**
- **St Paul's and Pleasant Row TRA – Rosie Jarrett and Janine Broomhall**
- **Student Union, University of Nottingham – Ellie Mitchell**
- **Take 1 Studio – Courtney Rose**
- **Thomas Helways Baptist Church – Gill Isterling**

20 ROBIN HOOD ENERGY UPDATE

Councillor Steve Battlemuch, Chair of RHE Board, and Andrew Springall, Finance Director, Robin Hood Energy (RHE), delivered a presentation and verbal update on the work of RHE, highlighting the following:

- (a) the company was established in 2014 and was the first publicly owned not for profit energy company in the UK. It was originally conceived to help tackle fuel poverty in Nottingham City;
- (b) RHE now serves over 115,000 customers across the UK taking in customers from an extended partnership of white label companies and other local authorities;
- (c) RHE has been much more successful than other 'start up' energy companies and has already achieved a profit within the first three years. Loans from the council to start the company are being repaid at commercial rates;
- (d) there are a wide range of tariffs available including green energy tariffs and a reduced tariff for city residents. Average savings for city residents are around £153 compared to standard prepay tariffs;
- (e) customers' tariffs are regularly reviewed to ensure that they are the most suitable. Now that the company is achieving profit it has voluntarily joined the warm home

discount scheme and fuel vouchers are regularly sent to food banks across the city to help the most vulnerable.

The Committee welcomed the work carried out by RHE, both in supporting vulnerable citizens, in particular through voluntarily signing up to the Warm Homes discount, and in providing local jobs for local people.

The Chair advised that there will be an item on the wider issue of fuel poverty at the Committee's December 2018 meeting.

Mr Springall welcomed any follow-up questions and information, and could be contacted at andrew.springall@robinhoodenergy.co.uk.

RESOLVED to note the information presented, and to thank Councillor Battlemuch and Mr Springall for attending the meeting.

21 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Rob Wilson and Inspector Riz Khan provided a verbal update on Police activity since the last meeting:

- There had been several high-profile violent crimes involving both knives and firearms over the summer, resulting in serious injuries and one loss of life. Very thorough investigations had led to a series of arrests and seizure of weapons. Prosecutions were proceeding;
- Additional patrols had been put in place and a dedicated knife crime team was engaging with young people to help thwart the rise in knife crime, which was a national issue. There was a major challenge in changing the mindset of young people not to carry weapons for their own protection;
- There was a continued focus on reducing domestic burglary, both through prevention and targeting persistent offenders.

The following issues were raised during discussion:

- It was confirmed that the Police had been to Scotland to learn about the 'Glasgow Model' of treating crime as a public health issue. It was vital that teachers and parents reinforced messages about the consequences of carrying a knife;
- Police advice was to report any witnessed incidents of drug-dealing through Crimestoppers or the 101 number. It was particularly useful to have car registration information reported;
- Councillors welcomed the comprehensive communications received from the police following the serious incidents in the area
- Inspector Wilson advised that citizens should report exceptionally 'loud', 'late' or 'large' house parties through the 101 number, and additional patrols, funded in part by the University of Nottingham, would be in place;

- The Committee was informed that inspector Wilson was to retire from the Police and that Inspector Khan was to take over his responsibilities in the immediate term. Councillors and community representatives expressed their thanks to Inspector Wilson for his exemplary service to the community down the years.

RESOLVED to note the update.

22 COMMUNITY PROTECTION UPDATE

CPOs John Woodford and Craig Moralee provided a brief update on the community protection activity since the June 2018 meeting, highlighting the following:

- Community protection colleagues had assisted Police colleagues with dealing with the incidents of serious crime in the Area over the summer;
- The University of Nottingham was to fund additional night-time patrols at weekends;
- There had been an encampment of travellers on Lenton Rec, which had been moved on under the formal procedure;
- There had been a co-ordinated campaign to welcome University students, but also to caution them about anti-social behaviour and respect for local citizens;
- There was a significant operation in respect of waste from Houses in Multiple Occupation, including the illegal disposal of asbestos.

RESOLVED to note the update.

23 ISSUES AND GOOD NEWS

Community representatives raised the following issues:

Rebecca Beinart spoke positively about activities at the Primary Arts Centre, including the Making Place project, which drew upon the oral histories from a wide spectrum of communities, as well as interactive arts initiatives and community events;

Kate Loewenthal spoke positively about engagement with University of Nottingham on student anti-social behaviour issues, and welcomed agreed funding for community protection cover;

It was agreed to have an agenda item at the next Area Committee on Nottingham City's Housing Strategy, and specifically whether there has been a shift in student accommodation practices on the ground from HMOs to purpose-built student accommodation;

Claire Brown advised that the War Memorial at the side of Standard house was being renovated and would be ready in time for Armistice Day.

RESOLVED to note the issues raised, and to schedule an agenda item for the December 2018 meeting on the Housing Strategy as it affected the student population.

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Paul Howard, Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced a report updating the Committee on the activity and performance of NCH since the June 2018 meeting, and updating the Committee on allocation of funds.

Mr Howard highlighted the following:

- Sprinklers have been installed in 80% of the flats in Pine View, and installation is progressing well elsewhere;
- Work is ongoing in respect of a pilot project in Arboretum, securing older properties and upgrading them before being put on the market;
- There will a review of NCH service provision in Radford to align with new boundaries, and further detail will be available at the next meeting;
- NCH has won the Excellence in in Tenant Engagement national award;
- The recent Tenant fun Day event was very positively received.

The Committee requested an update on the renovation pilot project at the next Area Committee meeting.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the performance information provided at Appendices 1 and 2 of the report;**
- (2) approve the following schemes:**

Location	Scheme	Cost (£)
Selhurst Court (Arboretum)	Timber fencing	3,200
Lambert Close (Arboretum)	Replace fencing with railings	3,040
23 Hovenden Gardens (Arboretum)	Timber fencing	1,210

25 WARD REPORT

The Committee noted the report, including progress on ward priorities and actions being taken by each Neighbourhood Action Team, without substantive discussion.

26 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Linda Wright, Neighbour Development Officer, introduced a report of the Director of Community Protection, providing the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund, including highways and footways. A revised appendix was tabled at the meeting. There were no Radford and park schemes for approval on this occasion.

RESOLVED to

- (1) approve the following Area Capital Fund schemes:**

Arboretum

<u>Site</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Lake Street	24,792	Carriageway resurfacing - LTP
RandallStreet	11,240	Carriageway resurfacing – LTP
Sophie Road	18,513	Carriageway resurfacing – LTP
Southey street	12,000	Junction Protection - LTP

Dunkirk and Lenton

<u>Site</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Abbey Bridge Area	2,500	Parking and road safety - LTP
Hill Side shops	1,000	Litter bin replacement - LTP
Warwick Street Area	25,000	Parking Scheme - LTP

- (2) the commitment of funds in Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park wards as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.**

27 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET

The Committee noted the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes as detailed in the report without substantive discussion.