

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of meeting on 20 NOVEMBER 2013 at Loxley House from 5.36pm to 6.55pm

Councillor Carole McCulloch	(Chair)
Councillor Wendy Smith	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Graham Chapman	
Councillor Glyn Jenkins	
Councillor Mohammed Saghir	(minute items 22-28 inclusive)
Councillor Leon Unczur	(minute items 26-32 inclusive)
Councillor Marcia Watson	
Councillor Malcolm Wood	

Community Representatives

Jeni Smith	-	Aspley / Bells Lane Partnership
Kwame Essuman	-	Aspley Methodist Church
Gill Bainbridge	-	Bells Lane and Aspley Tenants' and Residents' Association
Jenny Miles	-	Cinderhill Community Association
Bryan Mann	-	Beechdale Community Association
Adrian Smith	-	Birchover Community Association
Vic Plant	-	Neighbourhood Watch Council
Christine Willetts	-	Nottingham Tartanaires Marching Band

indicates present at meeting

Citizens, Others and City Council Colleagues in attendance

Nick Lee	-	Access to Learning)	
Carol Jackson	-	Constitutional Services)	
Sioban Campbell))	Nottingham City Council
Julianne Christou)	Neighbourhood Management)	
Deborah Wilson))	
Paul Tansey	-	Policy and Research)	
Ann Lynch	-	Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement Team		Nottingham City Homes
Karen Coker	-	Head Teacher		Robert Shaw Primary School

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Adrian Smith – Birchover Community Association
Clive and Alison Thorpe - Nottingham City Homes Area 3 Panel

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

24 MINUTES

Subject to the amendments set out below, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

- Minute 12 - Councillor Mohammed Saghir had given apologies as he was on other Council business;
- Minute 19 – the funding allocated to Beechdale Care Homes was £200 and not £300 as stated in the Minutes.

25 ROBERT SHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee received a presentation by Karen Coker, the Head Teacher of Robert Shaw Primary School giving the Committee details of the work which had been undertaken to transform a disused piece of land into a valuable school and community asset. The main points were as follows:

- the starting point was a disused, waterlogged site which was not suitable for any use. Ainsley Tenants and Residents Association had been fundraising and lobbying for many years to improve access to green space and recreational facilities for the community;
- working with Robert Shaw Primary School and local Councillors, the aim was to develop the site to reduce anti social behaviour and provide space to engage young people both inside and outside of school hours;
- Groundworks Greater Nottingham developed ideas for the site and used consultation feedback to complete the design for the playing field. They then used the design to apply for funding to deliver parts of the project. Councillors Jenkins and Saghir secured further funding to complete the project;
- the completed project combines a range of uses including wildlife, education, sport and play, for use by both the School and the wider community outside of school hours;
- since the site has been opened there have not been any reported incidents of vandalism at the School. There are hopes to develop the site further in the future.

RESOLVED to record the thanks of the Committee to Karen Coker for her informative presentation and to the School Governors for embracing the project.

26 KEY STAGE 1 (KS1) PLACES IN WEST AREA

The Committee received a presentation by Nick Lee, Head of Access to Learning, regarding Key Stage 1 school places in the West Area. The main points drawn to the Committee's attention were as follows:

- there has been a City wide growth in population in recent years and this is having an impact on pre-school and primary age pupils. West Area in particular has grown significantly and demand for primary school places is outstripping the projections that underpinned the 2010 school review. In addition, 'in year' applications are creating significant pressure in the Area;
- the West Area primary schools are; Firbeck Academy, Portland Primary, Melbury Primary, Seagrave Primary, Jubilee Primary, Brocklewood Primary, Glenbrook Primary, Ambleside Academy, Rosslyn Park Primary, Robert Shaw Primary and St Teresa's Academy. The Council continues to work closely with the Academies to administer their admissions process;

- projections of the number of places required up to 2016/17 show a potential shortfall of places, particularly in Reception and Year 1 classes;
- since 2010, a number of school places have been added; 105 places at Ambleside, taking the total to 630 places from 525, 65 places at Robert Shaw Primary, taking the number of places from 355 to 420 places. All other West Area schools are admitting to the maximum legal capacity in key stage 1;
- there are proposals to expand the number of places at Rosslyn Park Primary from 450 to 630 from September 2015. The feedback on the consultation has been very positive. In the meantime, Rosslyn have taken 18 additional Reception pupils in 2012 and a further 18 additional pupils in 2013, ahead of the formal expansion process;
- Glenbrook Primary has been selected for re-build under the Priority School Building Programme. This provides the opportunity for additional capacity to be added. It is envisaged that this will be implemented for the 2015/16 academic year;
- the 2014 first admission round is due to commence soon. Councillors are requested to pass on the message to parents that they stand the best chance of getting a school place if they; apply on time, include their catchment school in their application and use all 6 available preferences.

During the discussion which followed, Councillors made the following points:

- the fact that planning permission has been granted for a number of residential sites in the Area means that it is crucial to factor in the likely increase in the number of families moving into the Area when planning future school capacity;
- it is vitally important to maintain a partnership approach, through intervention and support when working with academies

RESOLVED to record the thanks of the Committee to Nick Lee for his informative presentation.

27 AREA COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - AMENDMENT

Deborah Wilson, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the Corporate Director of Communities' report informing the Committee of amendments, agreed at Council on 21 October 2013, to Area Committee terms of reference.

The majority of the amendments have been made to incorporate the role and function of Nottingham City Homes' (NCH) former Area Panels and to allow for attendance at Area Committees of an NCH tenant representative, the overall purpose of which is to achieve more effective support to communities. This will also avoid a lot of duplication and make efficiency savings.

RESOLVED to note the revised Area Committee terms of reference as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

28 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DOCUMENT (LPPD): PREFERRED OPTION CONSULTATION

Paul Tansey, Senior Planner, presented the Corporate Director of Development's report informing the Committee of the second round of consultation (currently ongoing and ending on

2 December 2013) on the Preferred Option for the type of development on sites in the local area. The main points were as follows:

- the Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document covers development types including retail, housing, employment, regeneration, Houses in Multiple Occupation, student accommodation and open space;
- the Preferred Option is an informal consultation. Following this stage, the document will be formally published and will undergo independent examination. If found to be sound, it will be adopted and, alongside the Core Strategy, will replace the Current Local Plan (2005);
- some of the sites which underwent consultation at an earlier stage of consultations are not being taken forward into the Preferred Option;
- the preferred sites and development type for West Area, arising from 1,700 previous consultation responses, are:
 - Ascot Road (Speedo) – residential - Leen Valley Ward;
 - Beechdale Baths /Ambulance Service Headquarters – retail/convenience - Leen Valley Ward;
 - Beechdale Road (South of former Coop Dairy) – residential - Leen Valley Ward;
 - Bobbers Mill Bridge (industrial site and land adjacent) – residential - Leen Valley Ward;
 - Chalfont Drive – residential - Leen Valley Ward;
 - Chingford Road and Melford School playing fields – residential/open space - Bilborough Ward
 - Denewood Crescent (Denewood Centre) – residential - Bilborough Ward;
 - Nottingham Business Park North – employment- Bilborough Ward;
 - Woodhouse Park (former Business Park South) – residential/employment- Bilborough Ward;
 - Wilkinson Street (former PZCussons) – residential/open space- Leen Valley Ward;
- the following sites within this Area are options but have not been taken forward into the Preferred Option;
 - Nottingham Business Park South, off Woodhouse Way - Bilborough Ward;
 - Broxtowe Country Park - Aspley Ward;
 - New Aspley Gardens (option1)- Aspley Ward;
 - New Aspley Gardens(option 2) -Aspley Ward;
- the Preferred Option sets out several policy areas including climate change, employment provision, housing size and mix, historic environment, transport infrastructure, biodiversity and pollution control;
- Councillor Malcolm Wood requested that Paul Tansey's Team speak to local ward Councillors about their concerns due to the pressure the developments, which could result in 1500 new homes, may have on schools, doctors, shops and transport;

RESOLVED to note the ongoing consultation and opportunity to respond before 2 December 2013.

29 WARD PERFORMANCE – QUARTER 3 2013/14

The Committee considered a summary report, covering all 3 wards, and more detailed individual ward reports, presented by Deborah Wilson and Siobhan Campbell, Neighbourhood Development Officers. The following points arose in the discussion which followed;

- the issue of dog fouling continues to be a major concern in all three Wards despite action being taken to tackle the problem. Measures being taken include the installation of permanent dog stencils on the top 10 fouling streets and ongoing CPO undercover operations. Councillors agreed that it was difficult to collect evidence to pursue cases against specific individuals. Councillors requested that in future the Ward Priorities section of the Ward Performance reports contain an update on dog fouling by Services;
- the Chair requested that future ward performance reports contain actual figures as opposed to percentages which can be meaningless.

RESOLVED to note the ward performance for quarter 3 2013/14.

30 WARD COUNCILLOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY SPEND

The Committee considered the Director of Neighbourhood Services' report detailing completed and ongoing projects and schemes in the West Area funded from Councillors' individual ward allocations.

RESOLVED to note the projects and schemes, detailed in the report and listed below, funded from Ward Councillor delegated budgets:

Aspley Ward Budget Allocations – Councillors Chapman, McCulloch and Unczur

<u>Project/Group</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>	<u>Status</u>
Tea Dance	250	Complete
Junior Walkabouts	250	Complete
Schools Out Programme	360	Complete
Aspley Open Day	750	Complete
Mega-Night (at Minver Sports Centre)	1,375	Complete
Aspley Light-Up	875	Complete
Communities Taking Control	1,000	Complete
Broxtowe Hall Close	5,500	Committed
Hope Centre – Community Cohesion Event	150	Committed
7-8 Denton Green – Nursery contribution	2,000	Committed
Minver Sports Centre	3,376	Committed
Filipino Group	500	Committed
Youth Project 4 Wheels (BMX Outlaws)	1,000	Committed
15 th Boys Brigade	1,000	Committed
	Total	
	<u>18,386</u>	
	Balance brought forward	33,464
	Uncommitted balance brought forward 2012/13	103,240
	Budget Allocation 2013/14	<u>33,195</u>
	Total available allocation 2013/14	<u>169,809</u>
	Allocated Funds including committed projects	<u>77,567</u>
	Remaining Balance	<u>87,471</u>

Bilborough Ward Budget Allocations - Councillor's Smith, Watson and Wood

Community Partnership Forum/Black Families in Education	1,000	Complete
Strelley Village Green Fun Day	500	Complete
Foxton Gardens Armed Forces Day	250	Complete
Bilborough United Football Club	600	Complete
SupportNet Ping Pong Campaign	500	Complete
West 8 Partnership Literacy Project	3,000	Committed
Keys to Success Space Arts Project	3,000	Committed
Bilborough Christmas Festival	<u>3,000</u>	Committed
Total	<u>11,850</u>	
Balance brought forward	39,785	
Uncommitted balance brought forward 2012/13	131,347	
Budget Allocation 2013/14	<u>30,336</u>	
Total available allocation 2013/14	<u>201,468</u>	
Allocated Funds including committed projects	<u>49,179</u>	
Remaining Balance	<u>152,289</u>	

Leen Valley Ward Budget Allocations – Councillors Jenkins and Saghir

Beechdale Care Home	300	Complete
Salvation Army	<u>100</u>	Committed
Total	<u>300</u>	
Balance brought forward	4,348	
Uncommitted balance brought forward 2012/13	47,589	
Budget Allocation 2013/14	<u>10,000</u>	
Total available allocation 2013/14	<u>61,937</u>	
Allocated Funds including committed projects	<u>4,748</u>	
Remaining Balance	<u>57,189</u>	

31 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2013-15 (URGENT ITEM)

Although not on the agenda, the Chair was of the opinion that this item, Area Capital Fund 2013-15, could be considered due to a Committee decision being required to enable work to be undertaken prior to the next meeting (February 2014).

The Committee considered the Director of Neighbourhood Services' report which updated Councillors and local representatives on 'in progress', completed and proposed highways and footpath schemes in West Area wards.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the available remaining ward balances of £239,954 (Aspley), £28,167 (Bilborough) and £119,288 (Leen Valley);

(2) to approve the following schemes for the Aspley ward:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Bells Lane	Traffic calming	15,000
Aspley ward	Skip	<u>10,000</u>
	Total	<u>25,000</u>

(3) to approve the following schemes for the Bilborough ward:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Melford Road	Footpaths	129,134
Fremount Drive	Crossing Improvements	<u>2,000</u>
	Total	<u>131,134</u>

(4) to note the Nottingham City Homes Environmental monies available to Aspley (£10,350.25), Bilborough (£71,366.20) and Leen Valley (£8,514.69);

(5) to approve the following committed schemes;

Address	No.	Details of Proposal	Cost	Status
Frinton Road / Lindfield Road / Amesbury Circus	All	Communities Taking Control Project - paint and repair fencing / clear alleyways on Frinton / Lindfield / Amesbury	£10,000.00	Committed
Frinton Road / Lindfield Road / Amesbury Circus	All	Communities Taking Control Project - Materials for Frinton / Lindfield / Amesbury	£2,000.00	Committed
Seaton Crescent	144 - 146	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£788.57	Committed
Seaton Crescent	133 - 135	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£779.83	Committed
Seaton Crescent	73 - 75	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£734.82	Committed
Seaton Crescent	85 - 87	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£1,038.83	Committed
Seaton Crescent	70	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£769.08	Committed
Tunstall Crescent	4	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£718.70	Committed
Minver Crescent	7	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£777.82	Committed
Wendover Drive	2 - 8	Remove damaged wooden fencing to the pathway and grassed area and renew with 4ft metal hop top fencing. Approximately 44meters.	£6,090.60	Committed

Keverne Close	73A and 73B	install collapsable parking bollards to the driveways of the new build bungalows	£1,454.94	Committed
Shepton Crescent	66	install additional fencing from the communal alleyway gate to the drive way gate of 66	£2,192.52	Committed
Ledbury Vale	7-9	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£718.70	Committed
Amesbury Circus	207 - 209	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£777.82	Committed
Amesbury Circus	24 - 26	Install 6 ft high metal gate with slam lock	£979.81	Committed
Frinton Road	89-91	Replace side fencing at each property with 6ft closed board wooden fencing and install a 6 foot wooden gate to the front of the alleyway with lock	£4,335.00	Committed
Aspley Ward	-	Discretionary fund of £50k to resolve ad-hoc fencing / gating issues in the ward. To be allocated and used in discussion with Aspley Ward Councillors at Councillor Update meetings.	£50,000.00	Committed
			£84,157.04	Total Spend

Address	No.	Details of Proposal	Cost	Status
Linsdale Close to rear access of Bilborough Road		Installation of footpath barriers similar to those at the top of Marldon Close off Stotfield Road. To be installed on footpath from Linsdale Close to rear access of Bilborough Road off Bilborough Road garages.	£5,434.02	Committed
Melford Road	26-36 / 23 - 33 & 8 - 16	Replace metal knee Height fence due to damage and age.	£15,928.32	Committed
Helston drive	63	add metal gate to rear of courtyard	£790.58	Committed
Strelley Road	141 - 147	Door Entry System with Fob access	£9,367.59	Committed
St Martins Road	20 - 30a	Door Entry System with Fob access	£10,137.47	Committed
St Michael' Avenue	19 - 25	Door Entry System with Fob access	£9,367.59	Committed
St Michael' Avenue	35 - 45	Door Entry System with Fob access	£10,137.47	Committed
Littlewood Gardens		Replace wooden fencing with 6ft metal fencing. Replace gates (x2) with 6ft metal gates	£3,458.78	Committed

		with slam lock and install security lights over gated area		
Whitelodge Gardens		remove old existing timber from old bin stores - make good existing brickwork. Turn steps into small ramp and install small handrail. Level off edging from 1-12 Whitelodge Gardens	£3,408.52	Committed
Monkton Drive	14-36 & 19-25	transform the grassed area along the road into parking bays for the residents	£41,561.64	Committed
Bilborough Ward		Discretionary fund of £50k to resolve ad-hoc fencing / gating issues in the ward. To be allocated and used in discussion with Bilborough Ward Councillors at Councillor Update meetings.	£50,000.00	Committed
			£159,591.98	Total Spend

32 FUTURE MEETING DATE

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 12 February 2014 at 5.30 pm.