

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of meeting on 27 NOVEMBER 2013 at Loxley House from 4.30pm to 6.30pm

- Councillor Mick Wildgust (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Brian Grocock (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Cat Arnold
- ✓ Councillor Alex Norris
- ✓ Councillor Bill Ottewell
- ✓ Councillor David Smith

Community Representatives

- Kim Pavier - Bestwood Advice Centre (also serves Basford Area)
- Dianne Finnie - Bestwood Park Community Association
- Melvin Nawrocki - Leen Valley Community Association / Leen Valley Tenant's and Resident's Association
- ✓ Marie Hemphill - Nottingham City Homes Tenant representative
- ✓ Phil England - Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch Association

- ✓ indicates present at meeting

Citizens, Others and City Council Colleagues in attendance

- Mark Leavesley - Constitutional Services)
- Karla Kerr - Market Development)
- Dale Griffin) Neighbourhood Management) Nottingham City Council
- Heidi May))
- Sarah Watson - Policy and Research)
- Sheryl Fraser - Tenant and Estates Management - Nottingham City Homes
- James Woolley - Neighbourhood Policing - Nottinghamshire Police
- Stuart Bell - Right Track Social Enterprise

18 CHAIR

As Councillor Wildgust had sent his apologies, Councillor Grocock took the Chair for the meeting.

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Councillor Wildgust - annual leave
- Gerald Hall - local resident
- Gursharan Nijran - Neighbourhood Management Team

20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- Councillor Grocock - agenda item 6, Minute 24, Area Based Grants - personal interest as a Director of Right Track Community Trust Limited.

21 MINUTES

The Committee agreed to amend minute 13 of the meeting held on 11 September 2013 to show the Bestwood Ward budget as 'Agreed Committee Spend - £91,955.06, Remaining Budget - £76,735.84'. The minutes were then confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

22 AREA COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - AMENDMENT

Heidi May presented the report of the Corporate Director of Communities, which informed the Committee of amendments, agreed at Council on 21 October 2013, to Area Committee terms of reference. She stated that 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.

RESOLVED to note the amendments to the Area Committee terms of reference as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

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

Sarah Watson, Senior Planning Officer, presented the report of the Corporate Director of Development, which informed 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 Basford and Bestwood area. The main points were as follows:

- the LPPD covers development types including retail, housing, employment, regeneration, Houses in Multiple Occupation, student accommodation and open space;
- the preferred sites and development type for Basford and Bestwood Area, arising from 1,700 previous consultation responses, are:
 - Arnside Road (former Chronos Richardson) - residential;
 - Bulwell Lane (former Coach depot) – residential;
 - Former Eastglade Primary and Nursery School – residential/open space;
 - Former Padstow School and Beckhampton Road and Ridgeway (former Padstow playing fields) - residential/open space;
 - Haywood School detached playing field – residential/open space;
 - Vernon Road (former Johnsons Dyeworks) – residential;
 - Western Boulevard – residential/employment;
- the LPPD includes details of policy areas such as climate change, employment provision, housing size and mix, historic environment, transport infrastructure, biodiversity and pollution control.

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- the length and number of consultation periods were appreciated as it gave residents chance to voice their opinion on the types of development within their local area and, hopefully, influence the final decisions;
- residents have concerns regarding traffic issues when Western Boulevard is developed as it is already a busy road and additional housing/retail will make the problem worse;

- as 6 out of the 9 proposed sites are within the Bestwood area, and due to the increasing number of elderly residents in the area, some housing (possibly on the Beckhampton Road site) should be specifically for older people (supported living/warden-aided);
- there are concerns in general as to whether the infrastructure/utilities can cope with the proposed number of new houses;
- residents/Councillors would prefer that the Beckhampton Road (former Padstow playing field) site is used for residential only, with no open space provision;
- the Committee would prefer consideration being given to more mixed-use proposals for the 9 sites, rather than just for residential/open space;
- consideration should be given to use of some of the many 'in-fill' sites (ie void stand-alone garage sites) around the area for 10-20 bungalow-type elderly residences.

RESOLVED to note the preferred option document, including the preferred sites and development type, and that the consultation period ends on 2 December 2013.

24 AREA BASED GRANTS – LATEST POSITION

Further to minute 7 dated 29 May 2013, Stuart Bell, Chief Executive Officer, Right Track Social Enterprise, updated the Committee on requests from local organisations for grants from the Area Based Grants scheme, received since Right Track became the lead organisation for the Basford and Bestwood Area, and the proposed outcomes from those schemes.

He reported that one of the main aims in Basford/Bestwood is to break down barriers between different groups/areas to create a more cohesive ward, such as youths from Bestwood Park and Bestwood Estate attending schemes together.

During discussion it was reported that the 'ring-fencing' of the funding is to be removed and, therefore, discussions between colleagues, Councillors and local residents will need to be undertaken on where best to spend the available monies. It was also highlighted that, currently, there seems to be very few schemes/grants in respect of employment in the area.

RESOLVED to note the latest position

25 WARD PERFORMANCE – QUARTER 2 2013/14

Further to minute 17 dated 16 September 2013, the Committee considered a summary report, covering both wards, and more detailed individual ward reports. It also received an update from James Woolley, Nottinghamshire Police, on crime in the area, and from Sheryl Fraser in respect of Nottingham City Homes' performance. The main points were as follows:

- **Crime** - Bestwood continues to improve, with October being the best month so far this year, and Basford improved for the 4th month in a row;
- **NCH** - both the number of complaints received and the time taken to respond to queries continues to reduce.

RESOLVED to note the ward performance for quarter 2 2013/14, as detailed in the report, the reduction in crime in the area and the NCH improvement in performance.

26 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2011-13 AND 2013-15 / NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH) ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

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

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the available remaining Area Capital Fund ward balances of £163,104 (Basford) and £81,462 (Bestwood) and approve the following schemes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Basford Ward</u>		
Cinderhill Road / Odesa Drive	Zebrites	£3,750
Vernon Avenue	Speed surveys	£ 500
Various locations	TRO	<u>£6,000</u>
	Total	<u>£10,250</u>
<u>Bestwood Ward</u>		
Beckhampton Road	Road Safety	£100,000
Raymede Drive	Public Realm	<u>£ 47,400</u>
	Total	<u>£147,000</u>

- (2) to approve use of the remaining Bestwood Ward NCH Environmental funds (£76, 735.84) towards the Raymede Drive public realm scheme (approved in (1) above), giving a total allocation towards the scheme of £123,735.84.

27 WARD COUNCILLOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY SPEND

Further to minute 19 dated 11 September 2013, the Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services detailing completed and ongoing projects and schemes in the Basford and Bestwood 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:

Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations

Southglade Park Live 2013	1,500
Bestwood Park Church - chairs	7,018
BEST Companions	3,000
Bestwood Christmas Lights 2013	15,000
Cornfield Armed Forces Day	250
Love You, Love Bestwood campaign	<u>3,000</u>
	Total
	<u>11,850</u>
Balance brought forward 2012/13	28,066
Budget Allocation (including deprivation (IMD) 2013/14	<u>29,154</u>
Total available allocation 2013/14	<u>57,220</u>
	Allocated
	<u>29,768</u>
	Remaining Balance
	<u>27,452</u>

Basford Ward Budget Allocations

<u>Project/Group</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
Highbury Vale TRA summer fun day 2013	500
Brayton Crescent planting	300
Nottinghamshire Community Football Project	500
Vernon Park planting	575
Highbury CBF Gym office furniture	1,450
SALTAR summer play scheme 2013	700
Vernon Park summer fun day 2013	3,000
Basford History Society - projector	500
Heathfield Community Centre – pool table	425
Basford Community Centre summer play scheme 2013	500
Ridewise projects – Heathfield/Ellis Guilford	850
Heathfield summer play scheme 2013	<u>1,100</u>
Total	<u>10,400</u>
Balance brought forward 2012/13	18,675
Budget Allocation 2013/14	<u>15,000</u>
Total available allocation 2013/14	<u>33,675</u>
Allocated	<u>13,550</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>20,125</u>

28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - CHANGE

RESOLVED to meet at 4.30pm at Loxley House on Wednesday 19 February 2014 instead of, as previously agreed, Wednesday 26 February 2014.