

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council House on 21 September 2015 from 5.01 pm - 6.29 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Steve Battlemuch (Chair)
Councillor Sally Longford (Vice Chair)
Councillor Jim Armstrong
Councillor Georgina Culley
Councillor Sam Webster

Absent

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

David Allen	- North Wollaton Residents Association
Gary Beaven	- Wollaton Park Residents Association
Pauline Dorey	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Peter Drinkwater	- St Leonards Community Centre
Alan Hall	- Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society
Paul Howard	- Nottingham City Homes
Rob Kirkwood	- Friends of Wollaton Park
John Marsh	- Central Locality Manager
Adam McGregor	- Lenton Abbey Residents Association
Bill Smith	- Lenton Abbey Friends and Fun Day Association
Anthony Swannell	- Wollaton Vale Residents Association
Laura Wilson	- Governance Officer
Insp Rob Wilson	- Nottinghamshire Police

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Melanie Futer, University of Nottingham
Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

17 MINUTES

Subject to the inclusion of the following attendees, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2015 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair:

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer
Chanel Richards, Nottingham City Homes
Bill Smith, Lenton Abbey Friends and Fund Day Association
Inspector Rob Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police

Councillor Georgina Culley requested that the meeting in February 2016 be changed from the 8th to the 15th. It was agreed that this will be looked at outside of the meeting and discussed/agreed at the next meeting.

18 NOTTINGHAM FESTIVALS MONTH

Nigel Hawkins, Head of Culture and Libraries, gave a presentation on festivals taking place in Nottingham in October and highlighted the following points:

- (a) a video promoting Nottingham as the UK's festival city in October has been released on YouTube and viewed over 20,000 times;
- (b) the promotion is being done to attract overnight visitors to Nottingham and help boost the economy to £1 billion by 2020 through partnership working. It will also help build a profile for the City and better promote its events offer;
- (c) £120,000 has been budgeted for the project to reinvigorate Nottingham as the primary visitor destination for October for 2015 and 2016;
- (d) £45,000 of the £120,000 budget has been invested into a destination marketing campaign;
- (e) events include:
 - Goose Fair;
 - a Spiegel Tent – music/drama/comedy/cabaret;
 - the Robin Hood Beer and Cider Festival;
 - an international Microfilm Festival;
 - the Hockley Hustle;
 - Oktoberfest;
 - Robin Hood Festival Week
 - the Robin Hood Pageant;
 - Game City;
 - the Nottingham Fringe Festival;
 - the Nottingham Canal Festival, plus many more;
- (f) there are adverts in 6 national newspapers, including The Times, The Guardian, and The Sun on Sunday;
- (g) there are radio adverts on 4 stations, including Heart Yorkshire and North West, Smooth North West and West Midlands;
- (h) there is a competition running until the end of September to win one of two weekend stays, with over 1,500 entries so far;
- (i) public relations include:
 - a media announcement sent out on 1 August;
 - engaging with local, regional and national media outlets;
 - tailored press announcements for families, foodies and beer lovers;
 - social media advertising through Google AdWords, Facebook and Twitter.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (j) there are many other events happening in the City in October but all of them are not included in the brochure as there was a deadline for submitting information. Other brochures and advertising will cover the other events;
- (k) this is the first time this approach has been taken so it is important to learn from it;
- (l) the project is impressive and includes something for all ages.

RESOLVED to thank Nigel for his presentation and request that analysis of the success of the project be submitted to a future meeting.

19 POLICING ISSUES IN AREA 7

Inspector Rob Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police, updated the Committee on the following issues:

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- (a) dwelling burglary has reduced by 17 offences year to date, which is a 51% reduction;
- (b) criminal damage has increased based on last year's figures but the beat team have intervened so it is reducing again;
- (c) burglary other has increased based on last year's figures which is mainly due to sheds and garages being left insecure;
- (d) there has been a slight increase in car crime year to date but the number of incidents is still quite low at 7;
- (e) 16 homes have been fitted with solar security lights;
- (f) there are lots of activities to promote crime prevention including the timer campaign, involvement in the week of action, etc;

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- (g) dwelling burglary has reduced by 18 offences year to date, which is a 55% reduction;
- (h) burglary other has reduced by 59 offences year to date, which is an 84% reduction;
- (i) there has been shop theft from the Co-ops so work is being done with them on crime prevention;

General

- (j) there is a reduction in bike theft from the university grounds;
- (k) some of the crime figures contained within the ward performance report are incorrect but will be updated for the next meeting.

20 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report proposing the appointment of Community Representatives for the 2015/16 municipal year.

The Committee was informed of an addition to the proposals in the report: Peter Drinkwater representing St Leonard's Community Centre.

RESOLVED to

- (1) **appoint the following Community Representatives for the 2015/16 municipal year:**
 - Adam McGregor, Lenton Abbey Residents Association**
 - Gary Beaven, Wollaton Park Residents Association**
 - Lynne Dilks, North Wollaton Residents Association**
 - David Allen, North Wollaton Residents Association**
 - Anthony Swannell, Wollaton Vale Residents Association**
 - Alan Hall, Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society**
 - Rob Kirkwood, Friends of Wollaton Park**
 - Angharad Smith and Sam Peaker, University of Nottingham Student Union**
 - Peter Drinkwater, St Leonard's Community Centre;**
- (2) **note that representatives from the following organisations will be appointed at the next meeting:**
 - Lenton Abbey Friends and Fun Day Association**
 - Sheila Roper Community Association**
 - Nottingham City Homes**
 - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch Association**
 - Partnership Council**
 - Muslim Community Centre**

21 ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Gary Beaven, Wollaton Park Residents Association, informed the Committee that the AGM had been held last week and apologised for not inviting ward Councillors. The AGM was not very well attended and the Association is currently without a Secretary.

Rob Kirkwood, Friends of Wollaton Park, informed the Committee that their AGM is being held on 6 October and will include a tour of Wollaton Hall at 6.30 pm.

John Marsh, Central Locality Manager, circulated information on Japanese Knotweed, including how to remove it, as it had been raised at a previous meeting.

22 WARD PERFORMANCE

John Marsh, Central Locality Manager, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report providing ward performance updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes in Nottingham Plan 2020.

RESOLVED to note the ward performance reports for Quarter 2 2015/16.

23 DELEGATED AUTHORITY

John Marsh, Central Locality Manager, and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the decisions taken under delegated authority to support the local community.

Images of the Wollaton Park Sports Pavilion were shown to demonstrate what it could look like after investment.

Pauline and Councillor Sally Longford informed the Committee that consultation has been undertaken on the proposals for Sutton Passeys Play Area. The consultation shows that residents would prefer a rustic design with a slide in the same location as the current play area. A bid has been submitted for funding and will be reapplied for if it isn't successful.

The Committee was also informed that the allocations for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey were agreed on 8 September 2015, and the remaining budget for Wollaton and Lenton Abbey will be included in the report to the next meeting.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority:

(1) Wollaton West

Item	Recipient	Date agreed	Total
Middleton Primary School road safety signs	Middleton Primary School	10/04/2015	£120
Brendon Road/ Wollaton Road Feasibility Study	Nottingham City Council	20/04/2015	£1,500
Wollaton Park toilet signage upgrade	Nottingham City Council	20/04/2015	£500
Wollaton Park Sports Pavilion	Nottingham City Council	05/05/2015	£2,000
Wollaton West Neighbourhood in Bloom	Nottingham City Council	29/04/2015	£1,150

Total	£5,270
Total uncommitted funds 2014/15	£5,868
Total allocation	£15,000
Total uncommitted balance to date	£15,598

(2) Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey

Item	Recipient	Date agreed	Total
Fun day on Farndon Green and other community event	Nottingham City Council	08/09/2015	£2,500
Christmas events and other cultural celebrations	Nottingham City Council	08/09/2015	£4,500

Total £7,000

24 AREA CAPITAL FUND

John Marsh, Central Locality Manager, and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report requesting approval for Area Capital Fund schemes.

RESOLVED to

(1) note that the following money is available:

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	£54,765
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(2) approve the following schemes:

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Charles Avenue area	Parking survey	£1,000	Parking survey to ascertain options to resolve parking issues

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Withdrawn Schemes:

Location	Type	Amount	Details
Woodside Road Phase 1	Parking	£7,884	Improvement of parking access to include dropped kerbs, hard standing and drainage

Wollaton West Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Schools road safety	Signage and lining	£2,250	Assessment and replacement of signs/lines outside schools in identified locations across the ward
Arleston Drive	Assessment	£1,750	Assessment of traffic calming measures
Wollaton Road/ St Leonards Drive	Zebrites	£5,500	Retrofit LED units to existing belisha beacons at the zebra crossing on Wollaton Road

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Woodbank Drive	Road markings	£1,500	Provision of 20mph roundels to increase awareness of the speed limit
Hambledon Drive	Footpath	£24,837	Reconstruction of a footpath on the odd numbered side

Wollaton West Public Realm Schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Hambledon Drive	Footpath	£1,289	Reconstruction of a footpath on the odd numbered side
Wollaton Road	Bus stop cage	£2,000	Improve the safety for public transport users by introducing measures to prevent parking at bus stops
Wollaton ward bins	Litter bins	£1,462	Supply and fit litter bins on Derby Road, Bramcote Lane and Grangewood Estate
Wollaton Park play area	Café	£20,000	Contribution to the provision of a café in the existing building by the play area
Ringwood Crescent	Survey	£3,000	Survey to examine issues around commuter parking

25 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, introduced the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report providing updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes.

Paul informed the Committee that there is a request for funding included on page 92 of the agenda which approval is sought for.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the update report;**
- (2) approve the allocation of £1,000 from the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey environmental budget towards the upgrade of Enderby Square allotments, noting that this funding was previously agreed towards the upgrade of the Brook Road allotments but now needs to be decommitted.**