

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 23 September  
2015 from 5.31pm - 7.29pm**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Anne Peach (Chair)  
Councillor Merlita Bryan (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Liaqat Ali  
Councillor Ilyas Aziz  
Councillor Azad Choudhry  
Councillor Sarah Piper

##### Absent

Councillor Dave Trimble

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

John Aghoghogbe	-	Belong Hyson Green
Peter Beynon	-	Resident, Radford and Park Ward
Dave Brennan	-	Chief Executive, Castle Cavendish
Moby Farrands	-	Partnership Council
Rob Gabbitas	-	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Dorothy Holmes	-	Locality Manager South
Tom Humphries	-	Transport Strategy, Nottingham City Council
Rosemary Jarrett	-	Pleasant and St Paul's Residents' Association
Peter Milligan	-	The Lenton Centre
Keith Morgan	-	Transport Strategy Planner, Nottingham City Council
Nick Packham	-	Resident, Radford and Park Ward
Tim Preston	-	Lenton Local History Society
Chanel Richards	-	Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Matthew Wilson	-	Regeneration Project Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Inspector Robert Wilson	-	Nottinghamshire Police
Linda Wright	-	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Phil Wye	-	Governance Officer

#### **12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor David Trimble (leave)  
Zenn Athar  
Ursula Dove  
Melanie Futer  
Ruth Greenberg  
Iffat Iqbal  
John Marsh  
Luke Willen

**13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 and they were signed by the Chair.

**15 NOTTINGHAM'S CYCLE CITY AMBITION PROGRAMME - WESTERN CYCLE CORRIDOR**

Keith Morgan, Cycling and Roadspace Transformation, gave a presentation on the Western Cycle Corridor, highlighting the following:

- (a) cycling is an important part of the transport mix in Nottingham, and investment is planned at a rate of £10 per head of the population;
- (b) a Cycling Action Plan has been written which prioritises certain routes to improve, one of the first of which will be the western cycle corridor which will go from the city centre to Priory Island along Castle Boulevard, Abbey Bridge, University Boulevard and Woodside Road. This will form part of a wider network of routes to link important destinations in Nottingham, including routes alongside the tram tracks and the River Leen;
- (c) the number of cyclists in Nottingham is increasing year on year and a target has been set for 10% of journeys to work to be by bicycle by 2025. This is an ambitious target as the figure is currently 3%;
- (d) £6.1million funding for the cycle network was made available from the D2N2 local economic partnership, as it will create jobs and help Nottingham to grow;
- (e) the western cycle corridor will create a facility that cyclists will be happier to use along busy roads as it will be safe and segregated as well as fast and direct. Current cycle lanes are not user-friendly as they are unsegregated from pedestrians and become blocked by parked cars and trees;
- (f) different types of route will be created: along Castle Boulevard and over Abbey Bridge there will be a segregated cycle super highway on the same level as the road but segregated from it with priority over cars exiting from side roads, whereas in other areas the cycle lanes will be at the same level as pedestrians. Shared space with cyclists and pedestrians is being kept to a minimum but is required in some areas;
- (g) at the Abbey Bridge roundabout, cyclists will not need to cycle on the road and a new pedestrian crossing will be created over Abbey Bridge;
- (h) alongside the Queens Medical Centre (QMC), the QMC has agreed to give up some of its land to enable the path to be widened and the boundary wall will be

removed to improve visibility;

- (i) the corridor will link into local neighbourhood schemes such as the Lenton green corridor;

The following answers were given in response to questions from the Committee:

- (j) the current cycling layout on Castle Boulevard is not dangerous, but underused as it is perceived to be dangerous and difficult to use. Evidence from Sustrans demonstrates that the Cycle Super Highway will be more attractive to users;
- (k) construction will begin soon and be finished by April or May 2016 as the funding needs to be used over 2 years. All the funds to build the route are in place;
- (l) the council has engaged with local communities and organisations during the planning and consultation phase, and is happy to continue to do so during construction and implementation;
- (m) there are no current plans for Radford Road but this can be looked at as part of future plans;
- (n) the canal towpath is becoming very busy with cyclists and this route aims to provide a more direct and pleasant route to cycle along;
- (o) the Castle Bridge Road and Gregory Street junctions will remain open for vehicles, with separate traffic signals for cyclists and car drivers.

**RESOLVED to thank Keith for the presentation**

**16 AREA 4 GRANT UPDATE FROM CASTLE CAVENDISH**

Dave Brennan, Chief Executive, Castle Cavendish gave a presentation updating the Committee on use of the Area 4 grant in 2014/15 and 2015/16, highlighting the following:

- (a) Castle Cavendish is the lead organisation in area 4 and receives a grant from the council to spend on, primarily, funding for children and young people in the area;
- (b) the main provision in 2014/15 was linked to the needs analysis endorsed by the Area Committee in September 2014. It funded 16 delivery partners, which was an increase from 8 the previous year. Over 600 young people were engaged, with over 40,000 hours of supported activity at £1.39 per person, per hour;
- (c) The funding in 2014/15 totalled £129,964 and was made up from £92,882 from the Nottingham City Council area based grant, and £37,082 from Castle Cavendish funds;
- (d) For the 2015/16 programme, all but one of the providers successfully passed their performance review. The activity programme for 2015/16 is as follows:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>CYP Activities</b>
Dunkirk and Lenton (grant commitment of £14,000)	The Lenton Centre	Free gym & swim sessions, and various after-school activities
	Lenton Health & Wholeness Project	After-school club
Radford and Park (grant commitment of £19,500)	Shiefton Youth & Community Enterprise	Diversionary programmes for ages 5-18, min. 6 hrs/wk. Educational programme around homework support & lifestyle.
	Building Bridges Breaking Barriers	Weekly youth club (ages 11-16).
	Notts County Football in the Community	Football sessions to increase positive behaviour and confidence.
	Switch Up CIC	Boxing & team sports, mentoring and coaching involvement
	Independent Street Carnival Troupe	Weekly dance class
	9 <sup>th</sup> Nottingham Girls Brigade	Weekly Girls Brigade sessions on Lenton/Radford border, covering ages 5-15
Arboretum (grant commitment of £26,000)	Hyson Green Youth Centre	Weekly 2 nights open access youth club, 2 sessions parent & play (Roma), 2 sessions homework support, 2 sessions basketball, outreach with families, 6hrs table tennis, 6hrs boxing, music inclusion project, 3 football sessions. Set up Youth Forum.
	New Horizon Trust	Tutorial classes and youth club
	Nottingham Health & Education Support (NHES)	Saturday morning 3hr sessions at Djanogly, educational support and sports break.
	Take 1 Studios	Dance, running, KS2 workshops
	East African Education Centre	Basketball, recreational activities, informal learning sessions, health food, parents/young

		people meetings, 1:1 advice and guidance
	The Bridge Centre	Reading and homework club for parents and KS2 children
Across all wards (grant commitment of £5,500)	Think Children	1:1 support for around 20 children with personal issues impacting on ability to concentrate at school, in partnership with schools.
	New Art Exchange	Activities in partnership with other organisations.

(e) £25,000 was also used to fund a summer activities programme. In Summer 2015 23 groups were funded to deliver activities including sporting events, arts and craft based activities, dance courses and fun days for local communities;

(f) The summer activities programme 2015/16 is as follows:

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Grant awarded</b>
New Horizon Trust (Bobbersmill Community Centre)	Sports and education activities, 4hrs/day for six weeks	£1,500
Take 1 Studios	Various activities and trips, 4 days/week for 3 weeks	£1,500
Hyson Green Youth Club	Sports/arts/crafts; beauty therapy course; weekly pamper and fitness sessions; trips out; Roma sessions	£1,500
BOBS	Parent & Play sessions ; bike rides, seaside trip, fun day, litter picks	£1,400
Nottingham Health & Education Support	Sports & Education activities	£1,500
7 <sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scout Troupe	International Scout Activity Camp	£1354
Dunkirk Community Centre	Sports, crafts, trips etc.	£640
Lenton Health & Wholeness Project	Seaside trip – adults pay, kids free	£550
Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges	Football & activity day at John Carroll	£1,500
The Bridge Centre	Reading and homework support; seaside trip	£1,366
The Lenton Centre	Sporting and other activities; weekly swimming sessions	£1,500
FC Cavaliers	Football tournament, 30 <sup>th</sup> August	£1,400
Hyson Green Cultural Festival	Crafts, stalls, food, kid's play	£1,000

Notts Clubs for Young People (Monty Hind)	Family fun day; roller disco	£750
Primary (with Independent Street Carnival Troupe)	Costume making workshops for ISCT	£750
Switch Up CIC	Multi-sports sessions	£1,000
East African Education Centre	Weekly swimming sessions	£750
Muslim Women's Organisation	Family sports & fun day	£500
New Art Exchange	'Around me' workshop; dance course	£1,200
Al-Madad Trust	Cricket at Forest Rec	£500
Playworks	Play and craft sessions at Tennyson Play Centre	£1,340
Hoop Dreams	Basketball sessions	£1,000
United Communities Network	Games, sports, craft activities at The Vine	£500

- (g) the funding available for children and young people in 2015/16 totals £103,655 and is made up from £88,291 from the Nottingham City Council area based grant and £15,364 from Castle Cavendish funds;
- (h) other community activities planned for 2015/16 include continued funding for the Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association (DOLCA); funding a community cohesion grant to the Mojato Foundation, the Nottingham Arimathea Trust and the Vineyard Arches Trust; and a potential European transnational young people's exchange to Romania, under the Erasmus+ programme;
- (i) other schemes supported by Castle Cavendish include the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the Step Into Work scheme, and local job clubs.

**RESOLVED to thank Dave for the presentation**

**17 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE REPORT**

Matthew Wilson, Regeneration Project Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), gave a presentation on the redevelopment of the Lenton tower blocks as a part of the Building a Better Nottingham programme. Matthew highlighted the following:

- (a) the forecast number of properties built as a part of the Building a Better Nottingham programme is over 700 by 2018/19, with 141 complete already and 145 under construction. Modern methods of construction are being used and the sites use local workers where possible;
- (b) the tower blocks in Lenton were no longer fit for purpose, with antisocial behaviour issues. Other future redevelopment sites nearby include the former Sandfield Centre site and Church Square;
- (c) Palmer Court is the first new building to be opened on the site. It provides 54 flats in sheltered accommodation for former residents of Newgate Court. The first

residents moved in in August 2015;

- (d) the new flats are spacious and have much more light than the previous tower blocks and they all have access to a private courtyard garden. The flats are also much more energy efficient and could save residents on average £300 annually on energy bills;
- (e) demolition of the final tower block should be complete by the end of this financial year.

Chanel Richards, Tenancy and Estate Manager, NCH, then introduced the Chief Executive of NCH's report updating the Committee on NCH's performance on the following key themes:

- capital programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance figures;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

**RESOLVED to note the information**

## **18 AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1**

Inspector Robert Wilson, Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Nottinghamshire Police updated the Committee on crime within the area, highlighting the following:

- (a) updates were given on crime levels for each ward, compared to the same period last year:
  - in the Arboretum ward, overall crime has increased, burglary has increased and vehicle crime has decreased;
  - in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward, there is no change in overall crime levels, however burglary and vehicle crime have decreased;
  - in the Radford and Park, overall crime has increased slightly, shop theft, criminal damage and burglary have all increased, and vehicle crime and bicycle theft has decreased;
- (b) students have recently returned to the area for term time. The police are working with the council and the universities to prevent crime, antisocial behaviour and bin issues. A large programme of engagement will be carried out with students to encourage them to be considerate neighbours and to prevent late night noise;
- (c) there has been a review in the level of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Nottinghamshire due to budget cuts; however the number of PCSOs the area 4 will not change;

**RESOLVED to thank Inspector Wilson for his update, and to note that the Committee values the contribution of PCSOs in the area and is pleased that the number will not reduce**

Dorothy Holmes, Locality Manager, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report providing updates on key issues and themes which link to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020, including:

- ward priorities;
- community engagement;
- finance;
- safer theme – crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);
- neighbourhood theme – environmental issues;
- working theme – unemployment rates;
- housing;
- community protection;
- fire;
- health theme – local health priorities.

Neighbourhood Development Officers highlighted the following successes in individual wards:

- (a) in the Arboretum ward the Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) has successfully secured a role in the Blue Project, which aims to tackle street drinking in the area. Two steering groups will be developed, looking at enforcement issues with shops and developing training opportunities for offenders in the area;
- (b) in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward funding has been secured for a green outdoor gym at Lenton recreation ground;
- (c) in the Radford and Park ward a joint fencing scheme is taking place with NCH in the area around Coleridge Road and Norton Street, in order to improve the environment in that area.

**RESOLVED to note the key information from the ward performance reports for Quarter 2**

## **19 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2015/16**

Rob Gabbitas, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report seeking approval for schemes recently prioritised and detailing the latest spend under the Area Capital Fund, including highways, traffic and safety and public realm schemes.

**RESOLVED to**

**(1) note the monies available to the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards:**

<b>Arboretum</b>	<b>£94,767</b>
<b>Dunkirk and Lenton</b>	<b>£56,819</b>
<b>Radford and Park</b>	<b>£65,673</b>

**(2) approve the new schemes prioritised by Ward Councillors since the last Area Committee, as detailed below:**

**Arboretum Public Realm schemes**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Details</b>
Hyson Green	Fencing	£6,500	Additional contribution to joint NCH fencing project in Hyson Green area

**Dunkirk and Lenton Local Transport Plan schemes**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Details</b>
Dunkirk and Lenton ward	Litter bins	£5,953	Programme of installation of 13 litter bins in identified locations across the ward

**Radford and Park Local Transport Plan schemes**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Details</b>
Radford and Park ward	Dropped crossings	£10,000	Provision of four pairs of dropped crossings at identified locations across the ward

**Radford and Park Public Realm schemes**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Details</b>
Radford Boulevard	Gating	£1,238	Gating scheme in Radford Boulevard/ Ilkeston Road area

**20 AREA COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

**RESOLVED to formally note the appointments of Area Committee Community Representatives from the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards below:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>
St Pauls and Pleasant Row TRA	Rosie Jarrett
Nottingham Action Group (NAG)	Maya Fletcher
Radford and Leen Residents Group	Ursula Dove
Addison Street TRA	Carol Laverick
All Souls Church and Community Centre	Mark Gilmore
Muslim Women's Group	To be confirmed
BELONG	John Aghoghogbe
Nottingham City Homes (Area 4 Tenants Representative)	David Lockwood
Bridlington, Oldknow and Birkin Avenue (BOBS) TRA	Jane Hartley

The Lenton Centre	Zenn Athar
Lenton Local History Society	To be confirmed
Nottingham Sports Group	Abdoulie Jah
Holy Trinity Lenton	To be confirmed
Partnership Council	Moby Farrands

**21 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED to agree the appointments to outside bodies listed below:**

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association Management Committee	Manage Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre	Cllr Trimble
Lenton Centre	Manage the Lenton Centre	Cllr Piper