

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 24 February 2016 from 4.33pm to 5.48pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Brian Grocock (Vice Chair)
Councillor Alex Norris
Councillor David Smith
Councillor Linda Woodings

Absent

Councillor Cat Arnold
Councillor Michael Wildgust (Chair)

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

James Fullerton)	Bestwood Estate Community Centre
Sharon Fullerton)	
Mark Leavesley	-	Governance Officer
Dale Griffin)	
Heidi May)	Locality Management Officer
Gursharan Nijran)	
Wade Adams	-	Nottingham City Homes Officer
Michael Savage	-	Nottingham City Homes (Tenant Representative)
Inspector Bruce Clarke	-	Nottinghamshire Police
Councillor Dave Trimble)	
Alex Brown)	ParkLives
Eddie Curry)	

38 CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Wildgust, Councillor Grocock chaired the meeting.

39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Wildgust (personal)

40 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

41 MINUTES

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2015 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

42 PARKLIVES HEALTHY LIFESTYLE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME 2016

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Sport and Culture, and received a joint presentation by Councillor Trimble, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, Eddie Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, and Alex Brown, Community Sport

and Physical Activity Officer, regarding the 2015 ParkLives programme, including how communities can get involved in the provision of, and participate in, a range of free to attend activities, sports and events delivered in local parks around the City throughout 2016 and beyond.

The main points were as follows:

- ParkLives is a project funded by Coca Cola GB, aimed at getting 1 million people 'active' by 2020;
- the 2016 programme of weekly healthy lifestyle, sports, activities and events in local parks across the City will have a key emphasis around activating the entire community, and training and developing a local network of people who can get involved and help sustain the programme in future years;
- for the 2016 programme, the ParkLives Team is looking to recruit local people to the following posts as volunteers to help promote and run the sessions:
 - ParkLives Ambassadors - will help promote the ParkLives sessions and be a local champion who can encourage local groups and individuals to get involved and be active in their local parks;
 - ParkLives Activators - will actively get involved in assisting / leading local ParkLives sessions. This could be as a walk leader, organising a weekly game of rounder's or Zumba class in the parks and/or community centres;
- as part of the programme, the ParkLives Team will help provide support and training on all aspects relating to the programme and show volunteers how to promote and deliver the sessions;
- the Programme will focus on delivering 3 areas of activity across the City:
 - Major ParkLives events and one-off activity days, such as Southglade Live, Cycle Live, Clifton Picnic in the Park, Radford Family fun day, Radford curry in the park, Vernon Park family fun day and Father's Day (19 June);
 - family activity weeks during the Easter holiday (2 - 17 April), May half-term holiday (30 May - 5 June), Love Parks week (15 - 24 July) and October half-term holiday (17 - 28 October);
 - continuous blocks of activity (a set timetable where activities will be taking place at the same time of day, in the same park each week for the duration of the block) during 6 June - 22 July (7 weeks spring-summer), 27 July - 31 August (5 week family focussed summer holidays) and 5 September - 14 October (6 week autumn block).

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- it is important that local people get involved and use their local park, therefore communicating the events etc needs to be done as widely as possible, not just relying on social media / electronic communication, as the project covers all age groups, some of which won't use the internet.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the 2016 ParkLives Programme of activities and events as detailed above;
- (2) that local representatives forward to the Head of Parks and Open Spaces nominations for ParkLives ambassadors and activators;
- (3) to note the contact email - parklives@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

43 EASYLINK BUS SERVICE - UPDATE

RESOLVED to note the information regarding Easylink Bus Service, a door to door service using fully wheelchair accessible buses, allowing passengers to get to shops, leisure activities and medical and other appointments, operated by Nottingham Community Transport on behalf of the City and County Councils. For more details, 0115 9691801 or www.ct4nottingham.co.uk/easylink

44 AREA 2 COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS UPDATE

RESOLVED

- (1) to approve the establishment of an employment and skills area 2 partnership, with terms of reference, membership, officers, reporting system and frequency of meetings to be decided at the next Area 2 Cluster meeting;
- (2) that consideration will be given at the next Area 2 cluster meeting to a possible merger with the Area 1 and/or 3 partnerships, to create a combined approach to the North area.

45 LOCAL PLAN PART 2: LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DOCUMENT

RESOLVED to note that

- (1) the Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Polices Document (Publication Version) and accompanying Policies Map, detailing the site plans and development principles of Basford and Bestwood sites, have been published for consultation, which ends at 5.00pm on 11 March 2016;
- (2) consultation documents can be viewed at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/localplan.

46 AREA COMMITTEE PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing the Area 2 Priorities which had been agreed at the November 2015 Area Committee. A series of actions had been developed at Area Cluster meetings, progress of which will be reported regularly to the Committee.

The main points were:

- Area committee priorities will link to the City Council’s current ambitions, as set out in the City Council Plan 2015-19 and the actions developed for each priority will be led by appropriate service teams and partnerships;
- by developing clear area focussed priorities, covering two or three wards, each Area Chair will be able to examine the work being undertaken at a ‘grass roots’ level to see where there may be gaps in provision and/or where targets and outcomes can be improved;
- there are 4 main priorities, with actions as follows:

Crime and grime

Action	By who	Timescale
To purchase a re-deployable CCTV camera in each ward that can be utilised in hotspot areas	Neighbourhood Management & Woodlands Surveillance Control	February 2016
To identify priority fly tipping / litter areas and ensure they are addressed in a maintenance regime	City Services	February 2016 - Ongoing works
To ensure that contaminated bins are addressed appropriately through reporting, education and enforcement	Waste management and Community Protection	Summer 2016
To support the role out of the ‘We’re Watching You’ campaign in Basford and Bestwood wards	Neighbourhood Management, City Services and Community Protection	April 2016
To implement a ‘good garden scheme’ in the Basford and Bestwood wards	Neighbourhood Management	April 2016
To support the application of a consistent approach to replacement fencing – both timescales and materials	Nottingham City Homes	Summer 2016

Youth Provision

Action	By who	Timescale
To undertake an audit of the current provision in Area 2	Neighbourhood Management, Family Community Team, Right Track	April 2016
To support the recruitment of volunteers to strengthen existing provision	Family Community Team and Right Track	Ongoing
Based on results of the audit, capitalise on existing resources e.g. MUGAs, Leisure Centres, parks, open spaces and schools	Neighbourhood Management, Family Community Team, Right Track, Henry Mellish Sports Centre and Community and Voluntary sector	Summer 2016

Bringing derelict sites into use

Action	By who	Timescale
City Council to work with City Homes to support the development of social housing	Housing Strategy and Regeneration	Ongoing
Support the progression of developments on garage block sites and small pockets	Housing Strategy and Regeneration	Ongoing

Social isolation of older people

Action	By who	Timescale
To undertake an audit of provision for elderly people within Area 2 to identify gaps	Neighbourhood Management	April 2016
To identify where socially isolated people are located, concentrating on one area in each ward	Neighbourhood Management and Nottingham City Homes	Summer 2016

RESOLVED to note the Area Priorities and Actions and that progress will be reported to future Committee meetings.

47 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

(a) Performance update

Wade Adams, Tenancy and Estates Manager, NCH, updated the Committee on performance against key issues, such as anti-social behaviour, rent collection and repairs, which are linked to local priorities.

RESOLVED to note the performance against key indicators, as detailed in the report.

(b) Environmental schemes

RESOLVED to note that there are no environmental schemes to be approved at this meeting and, therefore, the remaining balances of £44,420 (Basford) and £30,975 (Bestwood) were available for future environmental schemes.

48 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Clarke updated the Committee as follows:

Basford Ward

Compared to 2014, dwelling burglary has reduced 28%, and total crime is down 13%. There are also reductions in robbery (down 66%) and ASB offences (down 23%), but

increases in criminal damage, with 10 more offences, theft up 11 offences and 1 extra sexual offence.

Highlights of NPT activity during this period include:

- Local persistent offender found guilty at Nottm Youth Court of theft and sentenced to a youth referral order of 9 months, with 10 days activities.
- Robbery offender charged for offence on Vernon Road.
- Drugs warrant executed on Rempton Drive.
- Community Protection Warning Notices issued on Naworth Close and Acton Avenue for environmental issues.

The Community Priority continues to be off road bikes, which are causing nuisance around the whole ward. Recorded sexual offences have also seen an increase of 8, due to historic reports from the 1970s and 80s.

The focus currently is ASB. In July 2015, a 3G CCTV camera was used around Kyle View. However, the problem moved firstly to the Elmbridge area, then to the Chediston Vale Park area and the Ridgeway. A dispersal order was successfully used around Elmbridge, with numerous breaches pursued through to summons and the youths involved were also visited at home and issued warning letters. The youth service devised a program to deliver to a number of them. A number of them have now gone through the court and the Youth Offending Team is working with some of them.

Also contributing to an increase in ASB figures are a few persistent noisy neighbour complaints, which in some cases generated daily calls. These have been passed to Community Protection to lead on and the use of CPN warning notices have been utilised, along with noise referrals.

The street to street initiative around Elmbridge and Chediston Vale has continued, there have been 64 surveys completed and the agencies continue to promote Neighbourhood Alert. This has deliberately been focussed around the areas affected by ASB, with a view to increasing reporting, trust and confidence.

Bestwood Ward

Compared to 2014, there is a reduction in all but two crime categories. All crime is down 81 offences – nearly 25%. There were 21 fewer burglaries of homes, 3 fewer robberies and 3 fewer cars broken into or stolen. There are also reductions in burglary other (sheds garages etc), criminal damage and drug offences. There have also been overall decreases in violence, with 11 fewer offences in total, although there was a small increase (2 more) in 'violence without injury' offences. There was an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour, with 17 more matters being noted.

The main focus is ASB. Together with Community Protection, the Police have tackled youth ASB issues in and around the Elmbridge area and the Ridgeway, as well as a number of noisy neighbour complaints. There is a continued use CPN warning notices and Noise Pollution referrals for these matters.

The Police have continued the street to street initiative, as well as executing a number of drugs warrants (acting on intelligence supplied by the community) to tackle issues that cause concern, helping to increase reporting, trust and confidence.

The ward priority currently is in relation to the environmental issues in the Belconnen Road and Wyton Close areas.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the update provided by Inspector Clarke;
- (2) that future reports include numbers alongside the percentage figures.

49 FINANCE AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY: Q3 - OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2015

Dale Griffin and Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing decisions taken under delegated authority during October to December 2015.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects in Area 2 as follows:

<u>Basford Ward</u>	<u>(£)</u>
Highbury Vale Christmas Play scheme and Party	500
Total available allocation	15,580
Total allocated at 31/12/2015	7,400
Total available at 31/12/2015	8,180
<u>Bestwood Ward</u>	
Southglade Library Christmas 2015	200
<u>Scheme to be de-committed</u>	
Christmas Lights 2015	3,000
Total available allocation	33,466
Total de-committed	4,475
Total allocated at 31/12/2015	24,805
Total available at 31/12/2015	13,136

50 WARD PERFORMANCE: Q3 – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2015

Dale Griffin and Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing achievements and emerging issues in regard to key issues and themes, linked to the Nottingham Plan 2020. The report provided updates on the key ward priorities in relation to community engagement, finance, crime and ASB, cleansing and environmental issues, unemployment, housing, Community Protection, fire and local health priorities.

RESOLVED to note the performance in each ward in relation to themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020, as detailed in the report.

51 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2015/16 PROGRAMME

Dale Griffin and Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing the latest spend under the Area Capital Fund 2015-16 (ACF), including highways and footways.

<u>Basford ward</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>(£)</u>
Runton Drive	footpaths (from LTP funds)	337
Greenwich Avenue	signage	1,000
Mill Street playing field	litter bins	3,000
Runton Drive	footpaths (from public realm funds)	13,702
Heatherley Drive	footpaths	55,663
	2015-16 LTP allocation	66,000
	2015-16 Public Realm allocation	+39,600
	Public Realm c/f from 2013-15	+664
	Total Available 2015-16 ACF	<u>106,264</u>
	Less LTP schemes	-66,000
	Less Public Realm schemes	-26,952
	LTP element remaining	0
	Public Realm element remaining	<u>13,312</u>
	Total remaining balance	<u>13,312</u>
<u>Bestwood ward</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>(£)</u>
Various sites	dropped crossings	1,250
Ridgeway	Zebrites	5,750
Various sites	CCTV security cameras	5,480
Ridgeway	VAS units (from LTP funds)	8,253
Ridgeway	VAS units (from public realm funds)	9,747
	2015-16 LTP allocation	78,000
	2015-16 Public Realm allocation	+46,850
	Public Realm c/f from 2013-15	+32,182
	Total Available 2015-16 ACF	<u>157,032</u>
	Less LTP schemes	-78,000
	Less Public Realm schemes	-82,227
	Decommitted funds	+12,000
	LTP element remaining	0
	Public Realm element remaining	<u>8,805</u>
	Total remaining balance	<u>8,805</u>

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the remaining total balances of £13,312 (Basford) and £8,805 (Bestwood);**
- (2) approve the new Basford and Bestwood schemes as detailed above.**