

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 11 May 2016 from 19.03 - 21.05

Membership

Present

Councillor Michael Edwards
Councillor Pat Ferguson (Chair)
Councillor Chris Gibson
Councillor Nicola Heaton
Councillor Andrew Rule
Councillor Steve Young (Vice Chair)

Absent

Councillor Josh Cook
Councillor Corall Jenkins

Community Representatives (✓ indicates present A indicates apologies)

	Claudina Morris	Afro-Caribbean Women's Group	Bridge
✓	Deirdre Whitworth	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens	Bridge
✓	Jonathan Hughes	Friends of Victoria Embankment	Bridge
A	Mary Daly	Meadows Dance & Social Group	Bridge
	Basheer Ahmed Latif	Meadows Muslim Centre	Bridge
A	Margaret Spencer	Old Meadows Tenants & Residents Association (OMTRA)	Bridge
A	Jane Jeffery	Queens Walk Community Association	Bridge
✓	Richard Gutteridge	26 th Nottingham (Meadows) Scouts Group	Bridge
✓	Roy Nettleship	Carters Educational Foundation	Clifton North
	Robert Moseley	Clifton Community Centre	Clifton North
	Karen Humble	Clifton Community Family Support Group	Clifton North
✓	Colin Mackie	Silverdale Community Association	Clifton North
✓	Roger Steel	Wilford Community Group	Clifton North
	Tracy Osbourne	Barton Lane Community Association	Clifton South
A	Ian Malcolm	Clifton Advice Centre	Clifton South
✓	Kevin McCormick	Clifton Village Residents Association	Clifton South
A	Clare Ashton	Good Companions	Clifton South
	John Ball	Highbank Community Association	Clifton South
✓	Patricia Nicholson	New Beginnings Bereavement	Clifton South

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Tom Williams	- Smooth Radio
Steve Tough	- NET Team Leader
Inspector Donna Busuttil	- Nottinghamshire Police
Chanel Richards	- Nottingham City Homes
Parbinder Singh) Neighbourhood Development Officer

Abdul Ghaffar)	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Catherine Ziane-Pryor	-	Governance Officer
Sharon Mills)	Meadows Partnership Trust
Miriam Gifford)	

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Resolved that Councillor Pat Ferguson is appointed as Chair of the Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Young is appointed as Vice-Chair for the 2016/17 municipal year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Corall Jenkins (other Council business)
Councillor Josh Cook (personal)
Claire Ashton
Ian Malcolm
Margaret Spencer
Jane Jefferies
Mary Daly

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2016 are confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

6 TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL

Steve Tough, NET Team Leader, updated the Committee on the behalf of Nottingham Express Transit, with regard to the progress in completion of tram works within the Clifton area.

The following points were highlighted and the Committee's questions responded to as follows:

- (a) new street furniture, including bins, benches and bollard, have now been ordered for Clifton Town Centre;
- (b) whilst there had been a delay in re-connecting some 'real time' bus stop furniture, only one bus stop site on Farnborough Road is yet to be re-connected;
- (c) following feedback on the proposed tree pits, a resin bonded gravel method is now recommended for all 23 trees within Clifton Centre;
- (d) completion of the Clifton Centre paving remains an issue of dispute with the contractor but it will be completed as soon as the dispute is resolved;

- (e) resolution of general snagging issues is ongoing. This includes drainage improvements which are required within the Clifton and Wilford areas and which are not predicted to cause traffic disruption but are unlikely to be completed before the end of September;
- (f) third party 'land hand back' this is due to commence within the next three weeks but highways hand back will take longer as there are still outstanding works to resolve;
- (g) operations are good with the service proving reliable and patronage steady. Bus services will be realigned and further work will be carried out to co-ordinate travel between bus and tram, including the promotion of the Robin Hood travel card;
- (h) residents are unhappy that the damage on Coronation Avenue and Fern Road, possibly caused by huge concrete tankers, is yet to be repaired. However the Highways Authority is willing to instruct for reasonable corrective work to be done in Coronation Avenue, but not for Fern Avenue as the road is considered at the end of its life and damage caused purely by the concrete tankers cannot be proven;
- (i) trams should only wait at stops which are staging points and shouldn't block the flow of traffic beyond average 20-25 seconds to enable passengers to embark and disembark. Any reports of such waiting at non-staging points will be investigated;
- (j) the Highways Authority are not able to implement and enforce traffic regulation orders, including parking, until contractors' work is complete;
- (k) although concern has been raised since operation started regarding the width of pavements on the Wilford Toll Bridge, specifically by mothers with pushchairs and young children, there are no proposals to change the layout which provides routes for cycling pedestrians and the tram service. Driver behaviour has been examined and drivers are to reduce speed, particularly when younger people are crossing the bridge.

Citizens within the Wilford community do not welcome the pay to park scheme.

Community representatives requested that an officer from the Highways Team attend a future meeting to inform the Committee of the effect of the tram on highways.

Councillors requested that clarification is sought on the impact which the Broadmarsh redevelopment may have upon the numbers 48 and 1 bus services, including connections to Victoria Centre.

RESOLVED for a Transport and Travel Update to be provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

7 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICE UPDATE

Nottinghamshire Police Inspector Donna Busuttil, informed the Committee that following members' concerns at proposed changes to the local policing structure, she and Councillors had met with Lillian Greenwood MP.

Inspector Busuttil highlighted the following points and responded to the Committee's questions:

- (a) within the restructure, Inspector Busuttil now has responsibility for Policing in St Anne's, Sneinton, the Meadows and Clifton;

- (b) whilst the officers at Clifton generally remained the same, there had been a reduction of Meadows officers and 'beats' have been replaced by 'areas' with all officer contact details listed on the Neighbourhood Policing section of the Police website;
- (c) the restructure has presented the opportunity for further flexibility with regard to plain-clothes operations as officers from other areas who are not known within the local area can more easily be deployed;
- (d) the Committee and citizens were urged to contact either Inspector Busuttil or the Area Sergeants if there were any issues or concerns regarding the changed structure;
- (e) Inspector Busuttil was not able to confirm how long she would remain in her current role as she is currently covering the post during the maternity leave of a colleague, but assured the Committee that she was wholly dedicated to the area and would gladly remain;
- (f) with regard to processes around burglaries, cases were considered on an individual basis on the type of incident and the amount and type of evidence available. It is harder to identify the burglar if there is not physical, CCTV or forensic evidence and so cases may be 'closed' within days where there is no evidence or proof, even if there is a suspect. However, if relevant evidence later appears, the case can be re-activated;
- (g) resident of the Wilford Area who have experienced repeated incidents of 'non forced entry' car security tampering', were assured that the crimes had been taken very seriously and, acting on a raft of intelligence, plain clothes officers had been present in the area over six nights, stopping and challenging people who did not appear to have good reason for being in the area. As a result, five people were arrested and charged, two of whom were remanded;
- (h) although ideal, within the current staffing resource restraints, it was not possible to allocate Police Officer time to entering and publishing the new structure on the Police Alert system as other policing issues have to take priority. Providing such information on line or via leaflet drops would require additional resources which are not available, however, there is a greater emphasis on social media communications which are proving very successful although it is recognised that this does not reach all sections of the community.

Representatives of the 'Nott's-Watch' Neighbourhood Watch group were disappointed that although providing plenty of notice they had been unable to secure police officer attendance at any of their meetings, and requested that this be addressed.

Councillor Edwards expressed frustration that he had been made aware of three physical attack hate crimes which had taken place within the Meadows Area, but not all had been reported to the Police and emphasised that it was vital that criminal behaviour is always reported to ensure that the Police are aware of what is happening and can collate intelligence to focus resources on addressing issues. Inspector Busuttil was also very disappointed that the incidents had not been reported to the Police, adding that good quality local intelligence was vital as nothing can be done if the Police are not aware.

The Committee welcomed the success of the Wilford anti-car crime operation and acknowledged that in enforcing the law, Police Officers were amongst the community, and not necessarily as a visible presence always in uniform.

8 SUMMER EVENTS IN CLIFTON

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the item and circulated a promotional flier with the following summer events to be held in Clifton:

(Tbc) 11 June or Late July – Queen’s Birthday, The Peacock;
9 August – Picnic in the Park
13 August – Clifton Fun Day at Dovecoat School;
24 August – Teddy Bear’s Picnic;
9 and 19 September - Clifton Drive in Movie and Festival.

Tom Williams of Smooth FM Radio, announced that the Smooth FM Clifton Drive-in Festival is to be held in conjunction with Nottingham City Council and NET on 9 and 10 September 2016 at the Clifton Park and Ride Site, as a culmination of a series of summer events being held in Clifton.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) as a celebration of the completion of the tram works and to highlight the retail offer available in Clifton, the Drive-in film event will provide free but ticketed entry for approximately 600 cars during the two days when the films ‘Grease’ and ‘Back to the Future’ will be screened;
- (b) similar events have been very successfully held in Sheffield but this will be the first for the City of Nottingham;
- (c) Smooth FM have been intrinsic in progressing the event and from July will be promoting it within Clifton and across the City on radio, Facebook, newsletters and digitally with advertising, promotions and competitions;
- (d) ticket registration will be online;
- (e) the audio of the films will be available on the radio waves so that every car attending with a radio will be able to play the sound of the film through the car radio. It is anticipated that as the audio will be contained within each vehicle, there will be minimal or possibly no disturbance caused to the neighbouring Lark Hill Retirement Village;
- (f) people without cars will be able to view the film as there will be seating areas for citizens to bring their own deck chairs or blankets.

The Committee enthusiastically welcomed the launch of the event and thanked Tom Williams for his enthusiasm and dedication in organising the event.

9 WARD REPORTS

a BRIDGE WARD REPORT

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the Bridge Ward Report which identified the Area Based Priorities of:

- (i) Parking;
- (ii) Parks and Open Spaces;
- (iii) Regeneration and Environmental, and
- (iv) Drugs;

The Current ward priorities are listed within the themes of:

- (v) Safer Nottingham;
- (vi) Neighbourhood Nottingham;
- (vii) Families Nottingham;
- (viii) Healthy Nottingham;
- (ix) Working Nottingham.

The key issues which have been identified through community and partnership working, including the latest NAT review, include;

- (x) empty and problematic properties in the old meadows;
- (xi) drugs;
- (xii) dog fouling;
- (xiii) fly tipping;
- (xiv) rough sleepers;
- (xv) the gathering of certain nominals at specific sites.

In addition, a list of engagement events is attached to the report.

Members of the Committee commented:

- (a) fly tipping currently appears to be a specific problem between the streets on Queens Drive and Robin Hood Way. It is a concern that a new private landlord has control of some of the properties and is not acting responsibly;
- (b) the drug needle issue near to the Toll Bridge appears to have been resolved;
- (c) it was hoped that bins specifically for used needles could be installed for 'hot spot' areas, but this will not be possible. However, the derelict properties where drug users sometimes gathered have now been secured.

RESOLVED to note the report, priorities and issues.

b CLIFTON NORTH WARD REPORT

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the Clifton North Ward Report which identified the Area Based Priorities of:

- (i) Parking;
- (ii) Parks and Open Spaces;
- (iii) Regeneration and Environmental, and
- (iv) Drugs;

The Current ward priorities are listed within the themes of:

- (v) Safer Nottingham;
- (vi) Neighbourhood Nottingham;
- (vii) Families Nottingham;
- (viii) Healthy Nottingham;
- (ix) Working Nottingham.

The key issues which have been identified through community and partnership working, including the latest NAT review, include;

- (x) Vehicle crime;
- (xi) Parking issues;
- (xii) Damage to grass verges due to cars parking;
- (xiii) Dog fouling;
- (xiv) Fly tipping;

- (xv) The need for wireless CCTV

In addition, a list of engagement events is attached to the report.

Comments from the Committee included:

- (xvi) It is disappointing that all Ward Councillors are not regularly able to undertake ward walks together.

RESOLVED to note the report, priorities and issues.

c CLIFTON SOUTH WARD REPORT

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the Clifton North Ward Report.

Abdul Ghaffar circulated additional information to the report was regarding the proposals to prevent travellers causing damage to Clifton Village Green by parking/camping on the area. This issue has previously been discussed by the Committee but had required further legal clarification. The information was added to the online agenda following the meeting and provides a summary, including a map, of the proposed protection consisting of 1metre high wooden bollards along the southern sections of the grassed verges and to either side of the track that runs through the Village Green and metal drop-down bollards on the walkway at the northern point of the track.

It is noted that whilst the City Council did not own the Village Green, it does lease the land and therefore has a responsibility to protect it. Other options considered were explained with the merits of the current proposal supported by the Committee. Some resident's preference for a post and chain enclosure is noted.

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- (i) Parking;
- (ii) Parks and Open Spaces;
- (iii) Regeneration and Environmental, and
- (iv) Drugs;

The Current ward priorities are listed within the themes of:

- (v) Safer Nottingham;
- (vi) Neighbourhood Nottingham;
- (vii) Families Nottingham;
- (viii) Healthy Nottingham;
- (ix) Working Nottingham.

The key issues which have been identified through community and partnership working, including the latest NAT review, include;

- (x) Parking issues;
- (xi) Clifton Village Green protection from parking;
- (xii) Damage to grass verges caused by parking;
- (xiii) Dog fouling;
- (xiv) ASB issues at Holy Trinity Shops;
- (xv) The need to 3G wireless CCTV.

In addition, a list of engagement events is attached to the report.

Comments from the Committee included:

- (xvi) Community representatives requested that reasonable notice be given to enable them to attend ward walks. Recently this had not been the case.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the report, priorities and issues;
- (2) to support the Clifton Village Green protection proposal.

10 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2016/17 PROGRAMME

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which updates the Committee on the Area Capital Funds allocated and available within each Ward and requests consideration of proposed spend.

It was highlighted that the proposed joint purchase of CCTV equipment and associated running costs for two years, is supported by Councillors of all three wards, and this purchase would not be feasible on an individual ward basis.

RESOLVED

- (1) to approve the following Bridge Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme allocations:

(a) Bridge LTP schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Gritley Mews	Footpath	£10,077	Resurfacing of footway on Gritley Mews
Bathley Street	Carriage-way	£15,665	Microasphalt surface treatment on Bathley Street

(b) Bridge Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Bridge Ward CCTV	security cameras	£10,960	Provision of 2 x3G CCTV camera with 2 year licence and 8 relocations to identified sites

- (2) to note the following financial position of Bridge Ward:

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£53,200
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£0
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£31,900
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£47,048
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£132,148
Less LTP schemes	- £25,742
Less Public Realm schemes	- £10,960
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£95,446
LTP element remaining	£27,458
Public Realm element remaining	£67,988

- (3) to approve the following Clifton North Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme allocations and de-committed funds, acknowledging that there are no LTP schemes proposed at this time:

(a) Clifton North Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Clifton North Ward CCTV	security cameras	£16,440	Provision of 3 x3G CCTV camera with 2 year licence and 8 relocations to identified sites - lead service: Neighbourhood Management
Eddleston Drive	Fencing	£1,500	Fencing in Eddleston Drive and open area - lead service: Locality Management

(b) Clifton North Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Wilford	litter bins	Underspend	£296	Litter bins at Iremonger Pond & Ruddington Lane Park (Nov-13)
Silverdale	speed monitoring	scheme discontinued	£4,000	Speed Monitor indicator on Brookthorpe Way (Nov-13)

- (4) to note the following financial position of Clifton North:

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£47,500
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£0
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£28,500
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£7,518
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£83,518
Less LTP schemes	- £0
Less Public Realm schemes	- £17,940
De-committed funds	+ £4,296
Remaining available balance	£69,874
LTP element remaining	£47,500
Public Realm element remaining	£22,374

- (5) to approve the following Clifton South Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme allocations:

(a) Clifton South LTP schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Summerwood Lane	Footpath	£25,420	Resurface footpath on Summerwood Lane (odd numbers side) from Conifer Crescent link footpath to Breckswood Drive

(b) Clifton South Public Realm schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Clifton South Ward CCTV	security cameras	£16,440	Provision of 3 x3G CCTV camera with 2 year licence and 8 relocations to identified sites

(6) to note the following financial position of Clifton South:

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£59,900
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£1,663
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£36,000
Public Realm carried forward from 2015-16	£37,708
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£135,271
Less LTP schemes	£25,420
Less Public Realm schemes	£16,440
De-committed funds	£0
Remaining available balance	£93,411
LTP element remaining	£36,143
Public Realm element remaining	£57,268

11 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES PERFORMANCE, ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Chanel Richards, Tenancy and Estates Manager for Nottingham City Homes, presented the report of the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes which provided an update on:

- (i) Capital Programme and Major works;
- (ii) Area Regeneration and Environmental Issues;
- (iii) Key Messages from the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress;
- (iv) Tenant and Resident Associations Updates;
- (v) Good News Stories and Positive Publicity;
- (vi) Performance statistics.

The following points were highlighted and points raised:

- (a) occupancy and condition surveys of 1,053 garages on 72 sites, during the past couple of years, has resulted in the demolition of approximately 300 garages, whilst others have been refurbished. Residents have been consulted 4 weeks in advance of works and alternative garage sites suggested where demolition is proposed;
- (b) 54 new homes have been built on one former garage site;
- (c) the Meadows' open planters have worked well and the scheme will now be rolled out to other areas;
- (d) resolving antisocial behaviour cases is on target;
- (e) tenant satisfaction is up on repairs;
- (f) the numbers of new tenancies sustained is up in all wards.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the Nottingham City Homes update and performance reports;**
- (2) to note the remaining budget allocations as follows:**

Ward	Actual Budget (including carry over from 2015/16)	Remaining Budget
Bridge	£187,869.10	£187,869.10
Clifton South	£172,830.82	£172,830.82

Clifton North	£65,804.68	£65,804.68
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(3) to approve the following Area Capital Programme funding request:

Address	Request	Cost
Holbrook Court – Clifton South	CCTV upgrade	£5,236.11

12 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS AND WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which informs the Committee of the project funding which has been requested by Ward Councillors to be funded from ward member revenue budget allocations, and approved by the delegated authority of the Director of Neighbourhood Services.

RESOLVED to note the following funding decisions and remaining funds;

(a) for Bridge Ward as of 26/04/2016

BRIDGE Ward	Councillor(s)	£ (total)
Bridgeway Centre Floral Display	Heaton & Edwards	2,516.00
Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens Events – Spring Open Day, Summer Event & Autumn Harvest	Heaton & Edwards	1,195.00
Nottingham Music Service	Heaton & Edwards	240.00
Nottingham Carnival	Heaton & Edwards	500.00
	Total	4,451.00

Balance B’Fwd 2015/16	9,861.89
Allocation 2016/17	10,000.00
Returned/De-committed at 09/03/16	1,155.00
Total available allocation	21,016.89
Total allocated at 26/04/16	4,451.00
Total unallocated at 26/04/16	16,565.89

(b) for Clifton North Ward as of 18/04/16

CLIFTON NORTH Ward	Councillor(s)	£ (total)
Good Companions Project 2015	Ferguson & Spencer	1,500.00
Christmas Lights at Wilford Village Green	Steel	150.00
Good Companions Project 2015	Spencer	1,000.00
Family Community Team Summer Programme	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	900.00
The Nottingham Junior Hoods Basketball Club	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	1,200.00
The Old School in Wilford	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	2,500.00
Wilford Community Group – Community Event	Rule	175.00
Wilford Children’s Bonfire	Rule	1,300.00

Wilford Church Luncheon Club	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	1,500.00
Clifton 1st Scouts Group	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	1,000.00
Literacy Volunteers	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	640.00
Floral Display in Wilford Village 2016	Rule	552.40
Nottingham Music School	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	360.00
Wilford Community Group – May Day event	Rule	300.00
Wilford Community Group – Queen's Birthday community event with Open gardens trail	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	300.00
Drive in Cinema at NET Park & Drive	Cook & Ferguson	1,200.00
Total allocated at		14,577.40

Balance B'Fwd 2014/15	14,309.00
Allocation 2015/16	15,000.00
Allocation 2016/17	15,000.00
Total available allocation	44,309.00
Total allocated at 18/04/16	14,577.40
Total unallocated at 18/04/16	29,731.60

(c) Clifton South Ward Budget as of 18/04/2016

CLIFTON SOUTH Ward	Councillor(s)	£ (total)
Clifton First Aid Training	Gibson & Young	300.00
Children and Families' Summer Youth Trip and White Ribbon Project	Gibson & Young	1,150.00
Park Gate Community Kitchen	Gibson & Young	1,910.00
Think Children	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	1,125.00
SKN Heritage Museum	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	495.00
12th Clifton Brownies	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	884.00
Clifton South Remembrance Day Wreath	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	25.00
Literacy Volunteers	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	810.00
Nottingham Music School	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	240.00
Drive in Cinema at NET Park & Drive	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	1,800.00
Defibrillator at Peacock Public House	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	1,400.00
	Total allocated	10,139.00

Balance B'Fwd 2014/15	2,821.00
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Allocation 2015/16	15,000.00
Allocation 2016/17	15,000.00
Total available allocation	32,821.00
Total allocated at 18/04/16	10,139.00
Total unallocated at 18/04/16	22,682.00

13 FUTURE MEETING DATES

With regard to the new start time of 6.30pm, although the reasoning behind the change of start time was understandable, it was requested by some Councillors that for the following municipal year a venue is sought to enable the meeting to start at 7pm.

RESOLVED to meet on the following dates, at the following venues at 6.30pm:

14 September 2016, Clifton Cornerstone;

16 November 2016, Loxley House;

15 February 2017, Clifton Cornerstone.