

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 18 May 2016 from 17.30 - 18.40

Membership

Present

Councillor Merlita Bryan (Chair)
Councillor Azad Choudhry
Councillor Anne Peach
Councillor Sarah Piper
Councillor Dave Trimble

Absent

Councillor Liaqat Ali
Councillor Ilyas Aziz

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Peter Beynon	- Resident, Radford and Park
Dave Brennan	- Chief Executive, Castle Cavendish
Janine Broomhall	- Chair of Pleasants and St Pauls Residents Association
Jamie Dickinson	- Student Living Co-ordinator (outreach), University of Nottingham Students' Union
Moby Farrands	- Partnerships Council
Paul Howard	- Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Jasmin Howell	- Tenancy and Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Iffat Iqbal	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Heidi May	- North Locality Manager
Nick Packham	- Resident
Samuel Peake	- University of Nottingham Student's Union
Tim Preston	- Lenton Local History Society
Richard Taylor	- Environmental Health and Safer Places Manager
Deborah Wilson	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Inspector Robert Wilson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Zena West	- Governance Officer
Linda Wright	- Neighbourhood Development Officer

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Merlita Bryan as the Chair of the Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Liaqat Ali as the Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Liaqat Ali

Zenn Athar
Ursula Dove
Maya Fletcher
Rosie Jarett
Lucas Willen

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6 AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH IN NOTTINGHAM

Richard Taylor, Environmental Health and Safer Places Manager, gave a presentation on air quality and health in Nottingham, highlighting the following points:

- (a) air is comprised of 79% nitrogen and 20% oxygen. The remaining 1% is "other" such as natural emissions and particles and emissions from human activities. Near to roads, around 3/4 of emission contributions are from road transport. In addition to gases there are particles (such as sand, dust, carbon, and diesel particulate emissions) present in the air;
- (b) air pollution shortens lives, the great smog shortened 12,000 people's lives in London alone. In 2008 it was estimated that 29,000 people died early due to particle pollution, this figure was later revised upwards to 40,000 when the effects of nitrogen dioxide were re-assessed;
- (c) during air pollution episodes with higher concentrations of pollutants, these issues become much more apparent. When there is an episode this is usually due to air not moving around enough, so pollutants build up. There was a big episode in April 2014 affecting a significant proportion of the country;
- (d) there is discrepancy between WHO recommended levels of pollutants and national and EU limits, so we may reach our own targets but we are still not within WHO recommended safe levels;
- (e) the Clean Air Acts (1956, 1968, 1993) each caused a significant change in visible air pollutants and improved situations significantly. Air pollution is now far less visible. Black particles of smoke and sulphur dioxide reduced dramatically due to the introductions of these acts. In 1995 some older measurement equipment could no longer measure the levels as they were now so low. The current pollution problem is road transport related. The 1995

act introduced local air quality management, Councils are required to assess air quality and come up with a plan to improve air quality to meet objectives;

- (f) concentrations of nitrogen dioxide in Nottingham follow the major roads into the city. Air quality management areas have been introduced to reflect these areas. Nottingham City Council has attempted to change behaviours by encouraging walking, cycling, and public transport use. All local authorities had to do this, and neighbouring local authorities are also working together. It is still a problem though as car use is still very high. Nottingham is meeting legal air quality objectives, but not WHO guideline levels. There is a general trend down on particulate pollutants;
- (g) Public Health England plotted background particle concentrations for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, which confirmed that dense urban areas have higher particle levels. This helped the argument for what needs to be done to improve air quality;
- (h) in Nottingham we recognise that air pollution has an impact on health. Air quality is now included in the joint strategic needs assessment, and a range of behaviours and programmes to improve air quality are promoted;
- (i) the government has announcement clean air zones, Nottingham will be one of a number of city's mandated to declare one. DEFRA have slightly different qualifiers, so their areas don't match the areas identified by Nottingham City Council. The proposal is to have a "class B" clean air zone, which would involve restrictions on busses, taxis, coaches, and heavy goods vehicles. The zone may extend past city boundaries;
- (j) city centre traffic was reported a short time ago, with the ring road rerouted to keep traffic moving smoothly. The NET tram lines have been extended, with possible further extension plans. Nottingham also has a fantastic bus service with modern more environmentally friendly vehicles, and steps have been taken to encourage walking and cycling. Individual actions seem to be the solution, and unless everyone does what they can to reduce emissions, it will be a struggle to meet objectives.

There were some questions and comments from the Committee:

- (k) as there is only one monitoring station in the City, which records significantly different pollutant levels to those of other cities, there was concern that the monitoring station may not be located properly. However, Nottingham's monitoring station is next to a main road with a busy bus route, whilst the equivalent station in Leicester is located well away from any roads. Nottingham's monitoring station is probably located correctly;
- (l) it is not yet known what form the restrictions on certain vehicle types within the Clean Air Zone will take (such as exclusion, time restriction, charging etc.) or what the geographical boundaries of the zone will be. Work is continuing with DEFRA to ascertain the scope;

- (m) whilst it seems odd to charge for or restrict busses, when they could be a valuable part of a solution to air pollutants, the vehicle types are set by DEFRA;
- (n) when developers submit proposals for new schools or nurseries, the safety of pupils with regards to air quality is considered. For example, a school located next to a flyover, with a busy road at an elevated height had requirements for windows on the road-facing side to be sealed, all ventilation systems to be placed on the opposite side of the building, and for the ventilation system to contain “scrubbing” and air quality filters. A planned nursery was refused permission a few years ago due to air quality concerns for the pupils;
- (o) trees and greenery form a surface to which particulate pollutants can adhere, but this has minimal effect as much of the UK’s greenery is seasonal. Further planting is still encouraged wherever possible. Whilst plants can remove some toxic gasses from the air, they can be harmed by others;
- (p) as Nottingham is close to the M1, we often have commuters travelling from further afield, so better public transport or provision for electric vehicles is unlikely to offer an alternative for those commuters, as range can be an issue;
- (q) Public Health England unequivocally say that the health benefits of cycling far outweigh any negative impact of exposure to air-borne pollutants, however, the health benefit would be even greater if routes away from main roads are used;
- (r) amongst air quality professionals with knowledge of the causes and issues of air pollution, it is felt that more will be needed. The Clean Air Zone restrictions stop short of affecting private vehicles, but DEFRA feels that they can demonstrate an adherence to EU air quality objectives by 2020 by only placing restrictions on commercial vehicles;
- (s) the process for air quality monitoring and improvement can be quite slow, so ideally air quality would be reported back to the Committee in 2 years’ time, to allow for further monitoring to take place.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the information contained within the report and the presentation, including the health impacts of air pollution, the measures being taken by Nottingham City Council and its partner organisations to regulate, reduce and minimise emissions, and that the measures that individuals can take to reduce emissions also improve physical and mental health and wellbeing and are financially neutral or beneficial;**
- (2) schedule a further report on air quality to come to the Area Committee in 2018.**

7 POLICING UPDATE

Inspector Rob Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police, provided a verbal update on policing in the area to the committee:

- (a) the Police are now based in a modern building at the top of maid Marian Way, along with some Nottingham City Council teams such as Licensing and Trading Standards. There have been some teething problems, but overall it is a good facility. There is a front counter with service during office hours;
- (b) there have been some staffing changes around police inspectors covering different areas. The total number will be reduced, but the number of front line officers will be kept as stable as possible. Effectively there will be no immediate change in this area;
- (c) all 3 wards have had an overall decrease in crime based on the end-of-financial-year figures;
- (d) Arboretum has seen a total reduction of 75 crimes. Anti-social behaviour has reduced by 224 calls. Burglaries have reduced by 13. There have also been reductions in crime so far in this financial year. There were some robberies towards the end of the last financial year, but a significant number of arrests were made. Future work includes tackling street drinking as the weather improves;
- (e) Radford and Park has seen a total reduction of 21 crimes. Home burglaries increased by 24 which is concerning - there are a number of Houses in Multiple Occupations (HMOs) in the area which are often particularly affected by home burglaries. Work continues to try to combat this, with patrols, investigations, and a number of arrests having recently been made. Anti-social behaviour has increased by 5 offences. Future work includes tackling noise, begging and violence linked to drug supply;
- (f) Dunkirk and Lenton has seen a total reduction of 10 offences, with Anti-Social Behaviour reduced by 20 calls. Dwelling burglaries reduced by 15. Future work includes tackling noise, drug related crime, and un-licensed scrap metal dealers;

There were a number of questions and comments from the Committee:

- (g) some member of the committee expressed concern regarding the removal of the City Division of Nottinghamshire Police. In light of fantastic crime reductions, they felt this re-organisation was ill-advised, and could place partnership working in jeopardy. Inspector Wilson reassured the committee of Nottinghamshire Police's commitment to partnership working and crime reduction, regardless of whether there is a separate Chief Superintendent for the City and the County;

- (h) the committee asked for feedback on what issues there have been in Bridlington. Inspector Wilson confirmed that there have been some youth related and drug related issues, and will feedback in more detail to Councillors;
- (i) a citizen expressed concerns regarding a bookmakers in Hyson Green, where customers have been drunk, dealing drugs, exposing themselves, and engaging in violent crime. Citizens, residents associations and councillors have repeatedly asked for security cameras to be placed in this area. Inspector Wilson will follow up with these issues with the citizens concerned after the meeting.

RESOLVED to note the information in the policing update.

8 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager at Nottingham City Homes (NCH), presented an update to the Committee, highlighting the following points:

- (a) there have been some staffing changes at NCH which affect the areas covered. These are the last planned staffing changes for a while;
- (b) NCH is hoping to complete works on any bathroom or kitchen that was missed in the last upgrade. If anybody knows of an NCH tenant whose kitchen or bathroom is in need of works, please have them contact NCH;
- (c) the community mediation service now up and running, and NCH will update Area Committees on its progress;
- (d) at the Inside Housing awards, held by the Chartered Institute of Housing, NCH won the Equality and Diversity category award for their Women in Construction initiative, and were runners-up in their approach to anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) **note the update and performance information as set out in appendices 1 and 2 to the report;**
- (2) **note the allocation of funds for 2016/17:**

Arboretum	£25,619.28;
Dunkirk &	£48,944.60;
Lenton	
Radford & Park	£51,547.42;

(3) approve the Area Capital Programme funding requests as below:

Address	Request	Cost
Willoughby Street Lenton	Upgrade the current damaged and tired wooden fencing with a high quality timber replacement, to improve the appearance of the estate.	£7,252.50
Wyville Close, Warner Street, Byfield Close Radford	Replace current fencing with new high quality black metal railings, to improve the appearance of the estate.	£40,000.00

9 WARD REPORTS

Linda Wright, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the Ward reports to the Committee.

The new style of ward report focuses on ward priorities, provides details of community events, and replaces the old ward performance reports. The recent community cohesion events have been very successful.

RESOLVED to note the information in the ward reports.

10 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Deborah Wilson, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report on the Area Capital Fund, requesting approval for a number of schemes. Iffat Iqbal provided an updated appendix detailing these schemes at the meeting (attached to the minutes).

RESOLVED to approve the following Area Capital Fund schemes:

<u>Arboretum LTP Schemes</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>	<u>Details</u>
Arboretum Ward parking feasibility study	£4,500.00	Study to determine options around parking issues in the Alfreton Road area - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Forest Road West zebrites	£5,750.00	Upgrade zebra crossing to zebrites near Unity Primary School - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Craven Road safety programme	£10,250.00	Installation of VAS on Craven Road - lead service: Traffic & Safety

<u>Arboretum Public Realm Schemes</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>	<u>Details</u>
Kirkstead Street improvements	£17,600.00	Installation of outdoor gym, refurbishment of fencing and additional play equipment at Kirkstead Street playground - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Hazelwood Street/ St Pauls Avenue alleyways	£2,307.00	Improvement of alleyways off Hazelwood Street and St Pauls Avenue - lead service: Neighbourhood Management
The Forest/ Gregory Boulevard improvements	£4,000.00	Improvement to verges adjacent to The Forest tram stop, to include new path and other surfacing works - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Radford Road lighting	£12,000.00	Provision of Christmas lights for Radford Road - lead service: Street Lighting

<u>Dunkirk and Lenton LTP Schemes</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>	<u>Details</u>
Maxwell Close parking scheme	£3,000.00	Contribution to parking scheme on Maxwell Close - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Warwick Road carriageway improvements	£10,500.00	Micro-asphalt surface treatment to carriageway on Warwick Road - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Dunkirk Area signage	£2,015.00	Refurbishment of cast street name plates in Dunkirk area - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Dunkirk & Lenton schools road safety	£15,000.00	Package of TROs to address road safety issues at identified sites near schools across the ward - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Dunkirk Road/ Gibbons Street road safety	£720.00	Widening of cycle access under railway bridge to accommodate mobility scooters and wheelchairs - lead service: Highway Maintenance

<u>Dunkirk and Lenton Public Realm Schemes</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>	<u>Details</u>
Priory Park pathways	£15,000.00	Reconstruction of existing and construction of new paths in Priory Park - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Willoughby Street/ Maxwell Close improvements	£19,155.00	Contribution to NCH area improvement scheme on Willoughby Street and Maxwell Close - lead service: NCH

<u>Radford and Park LTP Schemes</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>	<u>Details</u>
Hartley Road signage	£1,300.00	Relocation of road sign to safer location - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Faraday Road parking	£20,000.00	Double yellow Line junction protection in Faraday Road area with dual use parking bays between Derby Road and Kittiwake Mews - lead service: Traffic & Safety

<u>Radford and Park Public Realm Schemes</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>	<u>Details</u>
Radford Ward CCTV	£2,864.00	2x yearly SIM rental for mobile CCTV cameras, plus 7 moves, and residual costs from decommitted CCTV scheme
Wyville Close, Warner Street & Byfield Close improvements	£42,000.00	Contribution to NCH area improvement scheme on Wyville Close, Warner Street, and Byfield Close - lead service: NCH
Grimston Road gating	£1,500.00	Gating scheme in Grimston Road area - lead service: Neighbourhood Management

11 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Deborah Wilson presented a report on delegated authority projects.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority, as set out below:

<u>Schemes</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Amount (total)</u>
Mobile Heritage Museum	Arboretum	Merlita Bryan	£100.00
Addison Street Clean up		Merlita Bryan and Azad Choudhry	£961.00
Parks and Open Spaces			£1,000.00
Hyson Green Festival			£1,000.00
Community Engagement			£650.00
Arboretum Fun Day 2015			£1,500.00
Zodiac All Stars Carnival Troupe			£500.00
BOB's Summer Play Scheme 2015			£760.00
Unity Families Engagement Event			£1,000.00
CLN and UPKO			£950.00
International FGM Conference			£200.00
ADO Pigeon Signs			£600.00
Gating Kenslow			£690.00
Canning Circus Lights Switch On			£300.00
Hyson Green Festival Event 2015			£150.00
Refugee and Asylum Seekers Event			£300.00
Pilot Cohesion Project			£1,500.00
Alleyways Improvement Scheme			£2,307.00
Dark Angels Premier			£700.00
Penn Ave Consultation by Groundworks	Dunkirk and Lenton	Dave Trimble and Sarah Piper	£495.00
Canning Circus X-mas event			£200.00
Research on Older people's need in Dunkirk and Lenton			£150.00
Lenton Blvd Improvements, plants on Park St			£500.00
Dragon's Den 2015			£1,800.00
Hear to hear project- Ear Foundation			£200.00
Recycling indoor bins for Lenton Boulevard properties			£1,500.00
Older Person's health and wellbeing project in partnership with Thomas Helwy's church, DOLCA and local churches			£5,000.00
Martin-mass fair 2015			£5,000.00
Dunkirk Community Centre Spectacular displays 2015			£83.71
Hillside railings			£448.80

Jigsaw group time capsule			£178.00
Computer screens for THBC Community Cafe			£250.00
Supporting Crocus Café to move to Lenton Blvd			£5,000.00
Primary Arts Studio – Ilkeston Road Memorial Park Event			£310.00
Hyson Green Festival Group – Hyson Green Festival			£300.00
Muslim Women’s Organisation – Family Sports and Fun Day			£1,000.00
Nottingham City Council – Curry in the Park			£900.00
Nottingham City Council - Community Engagement – Various events			£900.00
Primary Arts Studio - Carnival Costume Workshops			£750.00
Dunkirk and Lenton Forum – Events on Radford Recreation Ground			£1,524.00
Zodiac All Stars – Zodiac All Stars Carnival Troupe			£512.00
4 B’s - 4Bs summer activities	Radford and Park	Liaqat Ali, Ilyas Aziz and Anne Peach	£535.00
Mojatu – International Female Genital Mutilation Conference			£300.00
Nottingham Carnival Trust – Nottingham Carnival			£600.00
Nottingham City Council Design and Print – Good Garden Award Postcodes			£102.00
Nottingham City Council Neighbourhood Management - Canning Circus Christmas Lights Switch on Event			£900.00
Skn Heritage Museum - Mobile Caribbean History Heritage Museum			£200.00
Radford Care Group – 2 Ipads to support digital inclusion			£958.00
Nottingham City Council - Radford and Lenton Library Frontage improvements			£1,000.00

12 FUTURE MEETING DATES

AGREED to meet at 5:30pm on the following dates:

- 21 September 2016
- 23 November 2016
- 22 February 2017