

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at LB 31-32 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 14 September 2016 from 5.30pm- 6.45pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Wendy Smith
Councillor Graham Chapman (from minute 20)
Councillor Mohammed Saghir
Councillor Marcia Watson (Vice Chair)
Councillor Malcolm Wood
Councillor Patience Uloma Ifediora

Absent

Councillor Carole McCulloch
Councillor Glyn Jenkins

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Rob Gabbitas	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Mervin Goring	- Nottingham Focus on Wellbeing
Heidi May	- Locality Manager Central
Gill Bainbridge	- Bell's Lane and Aspley TRA
Gayle Aughton	- Commissioning Manager, Nottingham City Council
Kristian Murden	- Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Sgt Gary Bulmer	- Nottinghamshire Police
Steve Burch	- Groundwork Greater Nottingham
Jo Phelan	- Groundwork Greater Nottingham
Joanne Smyth	- Carer's Support group, Bilborough
Jeni Smith	- Aspley Partnership
Christine Willetts	- Nottingham Tartanares
Noel McMenamin	- Governance Officer

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Carole McCulloch – personal
Councillor Glyn Jenkins – personal
Liam Searle – Neighbourhood Development Officer, Aspley.

In Councillor McCulloch's absence, the Chair was taken by Councillor Marcia Watson, the Vice-Chair.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

13 MINUTES

Subject to Councillor Saghir requesting that his apologies be recorded, and to removing a second reference to 'Apologies for Absence', the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2016 were agreed as a true record and they were signed by the Chair of this meeting.

14 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Rob Gabbitas, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, inviting the Committee to note the community representative nominations for the municipal year 2016/17, and to welcome new community representatives to the meeting.

In the brief discussion which followed, Jeni Smith confirmed that she represented the Aspley Partnership (not the Aspley and Bell's Lane Partnership).

RESOLVED to note the accepted community representative nominations to the West Area Committee for the municipal year 2016/17 as listed in Appendix 2 to the report.

15 POLICE UPDATE

Sergeant Gary Bulmer, Nottinghamshire Police, provided verbal update on Nottinghamshire Police actions and issues in West Area, highlighting the following points:

- (a) Nottinghamshire Police has worked with other agencies to address crime and anti-social behaviour on Tenbury Drive associated with a specific property. A co-ordinated strategy of assigning officers to individuals, involving social services and Nottingham City Homes colleagues and upping patrols to disperse those visiting the property has calmed the situation;
- (b) a similar approach is being adopted to tackle aggression and anti-social behaviour arising between 2 competing sets of youths congregating on Beckley Road;
- (c) a Criminal Behaviour Order has been issued to a private landlord on Bell's Lane to address criminal activity at the property;
- (d) targeted work will be put in place to address the emergence of a large group of youths congregating in Bilborough ward;
- (e) action is being taken to tackle incidents of rough sleeping on allotments in Leen Valley ward.

During discussion, the Committee made the following points:

- (f) there was unanimous support for the sensible, co-ordinated and effective approach to dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour on Tenbury Crescent;
- (g) the issue of anti-social behaviour caused by misuse of mini-motorbikes and quad bikes was raised by several community representatives. Sergeant Bulmer agreed that this was an issue, but cautioned that the most effective solution involved reinforcing how dangerous the misuse of these machines were, alongside using intelligence from the community to identify and tackle individuals when the vehicles were not on the road. Pursuing min-motorbikes

and quad bikes on the road was not favoured by the Police, as it put citizens and officers at increased risk;

- (h) Sergeant Bulmer also invited the Committee to inform the Police about popular 'circuits' used by individuals on mini-motorbikes and quad bikes.

RESOLVED to commend the Police for its approach to addressing crime and anti-social behaviour, and to note the verbal update.

16 UPDATE FROM WEST AREA LEAD ORGANISATION

Steve Burch and Jo Phelan of Groundwork Greater Nottingham introduced an updated report, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, informing the Committee of progress on delivering Area Based Grant schemes in West Area, and highlighting the following:

- (a) Employment and Skills outcomes: 3 subcontractors (GGN, EMPLEO and Strelley Community Club) delivered universal work club provision for citizens aged 29 and over. 66 work club sessions were delivered, with 44 people accessing work clubs, both of which met or exceeded targets. 5 jobs and 3 placements had been secured, with 9 volunteer positions and 2 L2 training opportunities delivered;
- (b) Targeted and Diversionary Youth Activity outcomes: 157 young people had accessed 27 diversionary sessions, while 95 targeted sessions had been delivered 47 were considered to be less at risk as a result of interventions. Delivery and access exceeded targets;
- (c) Support for Older People: 38 activities delivered and 58 older people supported through a variety of interventions;
- (d) Community Centres: open hours targets were exceeded in quarter 1;
- (e) Voluntary Support: there was a delay in finalising the Service Level Agreement with Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service, which has in turn delayed delivery 'on the ground'. The Small steps Big Changes family Mentor Team have recruited 10 volunteer mentors in Aspley.

The Committee welcomed the activity being delivered. During discussion, Mr Mervin Goring from the Nottingham Focus on Wellbeing group thanked the Groundwork representatives for helping the group continue to operate, and expressed the view that there was a significant gap in provision of mental health outreach work.

RESOLVED to note the update from the Lead Organisation.

17 AREA COMMITTEE - IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CITIZENS

Gayle Aughton, Commissioning Manager, introduced a report of the Director of Public Health, updating the Committee on actions being taken to involve councillors and communities in informing the needs assessment, service provision and promotion of the health and wellbeing agenda in their Area.

Ms Aughton explained that a particular priority was to identify barriers to accessing services, and to inform the health and wellbeing agenda at the local level. Ms Aughton also requested that a one-page document, capturing the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

The Committee welcomed the report and councillors and community representatives undertook to provide detailed comments to Ms Aughton by email.

RESOLVED to note the report and to comment on next steps for health and wellbeing improvements for citizens by separate correspondence.

18 AREA COMMITTEE PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN 2016-2017

Rob Gabbitas, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, outlining the Area Committee priorities agreed following a round of area cluster meetings. The 4 priorities were: Glaisdale Drive Development, Jobs and Training, Health and Community Safety.

Mr Gabbitas advised the Committee that actions for Community Safety will be drawn up following the next West Area Cluster review, and expressed the view that while solid progress has been made Jobs and Training, more work was needed on the Health priority.

The Committee noted the report without substantive discussion.

19 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES REPORT

Kristian Murden, Tenancy and Estate Manager, introduced a report of the Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes.

RESOLVED to:

(1) **note the performance information contained in appendices 1 and 2 of the report;**

(2) **note the allocation of funds;**

Ward	Remaining budget
Aspley	£22,073.48
Bilborough	£264,413.23
Leen Valley	£37,693.87

(3) **approve the Area Capital Programme funding requests;**

Location	Request / Reason	Cost
Ainsdale Crescent, Bell's Lane	Completion of hardstanding project	£21,391.35
Naburn Court, Leen Valley	Install new lockable gate at rear to secure car parking area	£839.20
Orchard Court, Leen	New metal fencing at	£5,960.00

Valley	rear of communal gardens	
111 Southwold Drive	Replacement rear gate	£533.00

- (4) circulate information on the curtailment of the cladding discount scheme to private home owners to those affected.

20 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2016 -17

Rob Gabbitas, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report on the Area Capital Fund.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the funds available as follows;

Ward	LTP element remaining	Public realm element remaining
Aspley	£80,726	£41,577.00
Bilborough	£0	£25,164.00
Leen Valley	£47,224	£21,830.00

- (2) approve the following Area Capital schemes.

Ward / Type	Cost	Location / Details
Aspley LTP Schemes	£674.00	Measures to protect kerbs on Melbourne Road central reservation
	£6,500.00	Junction protection on Wallbrook Close – traffic safety measures
	£1,600.00	Pedestrian safety barrier and bollards at Denton Green – traffic safety measures
	£2,500.00	Installation of H-bars to improve traffic flow and safety – Seaton Crescent
Aspley Public Realm Schemes	£18,523.00	Partnership scheme with Nottingham City Homes to contribute to works on Lindfield Road walls
Bilborough LTP schemes	£24,752.00	Reconstruction of footpath on both sides of Burnside Road

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Leen Valley LTP schemes	£2,126.00	Dropped crossings at Robins Wood Road – further contribution to previously agreed scheme
	£1,000.00	Amendments to experimental TRO on Old Nuthall Road
Leen Valley Public Realm schemes	Nil	Nil

21 WARD REPORTS

The Committee noted the issues and priorities being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team, and details of local activities and future events, without substantive comment.

22 PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Rob Gabbitas, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report on projects approved under delegated authority.

RESOLVED to note the funding decisions approved by the Director of Neighbourhood Services under delegated authority.

Ward	Councillors	Project / Group	Cost
Aspley	Graham Chapman, Patience Uloma Ifediora, Carole McCulloch	Bell's Lane Surprise Play Project	£500.00
Bilborough	Wendy Smith, Marcia Watson, Malcolm Wood	Bilborough Library Garden Project	£2,100.00
		DATRA 10th Anniversary Event	£500.00
Leen Valley	Glynn Jenkins and Mohammed Saghir	Nil	Nil