

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### AREA 8 COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Clifton Cornerstone, Southchurch Drive, Clifton, Nottingham on 1 March 2017 from 18.30 - 20.16**

#### Membership

##### Present

Councillor Josh Cook  
Councillor Chris Gibson  
Councillor Nicola Heaton  
Councillor Michael Edwards  
Councillor Corall Jenkins  
Councillor Andrew Rule

##### Absent

Councillor Pat Ferguson  
Councillor Steve Young

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

Mark Armstrong	- Town Centre Co-ordinator
Clare Ashton	- Good Companions
Sophie Ayubi	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Inspector Donna busuttil	- Nottinghamshire Police
Ron Cutts	- Silverdale Community Association
Mary Daly	- Meadows Dance and Social Group
Graham De Max	- Housing Strategy and Partnerships Manager
Abdul Ghaffar	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Miriam Gifford	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Richard Gutteridge	- 26 <sup>th</sup> Nottingham (the Meadows) Scout Group
David Hobbs	- Operations Manager, HMOs
Gary Humble	- Clifton Community & Family Support Group
Jane Jeffrey	- Queens Walk Community Association
Rav Kalsi	- Senior Governance Officer
Rupinder Kooner	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Colin Mackie	- Silverdale Community Association
Leila Mills	- Biodiversity and Green Space Officer
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Sharon Mills	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Gary Nelms	- Tenancy and Estates Manager at Nottingham City Homes
Roy Nettleship	- Carter's Educational Foundation
Tracy Osborne	- Parkgate Community Centre
Mr J Potter	- Clifton Resident resident
Roger Steel	- Wilford Community Group

#### **40 CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS**

In the absence of the both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, Councillor Corall Jenkins was elected to chair the meeting.

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Corall Jenkins as Chair for the duration of the meeting.**

**41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Pat Ferguson – personal  
Councillor Steve Young – personal  
Patricia Nicholson – New Beginnings  
Jonathan Hughes – Friends of Victoria Embankment  
Parbinder Singh –Neighbourhood Development Officer  
Margaret Spencer

**42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**43 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**44 POLICE UPDATE**

Inspector Donna Busutill provided a policing update to the Committee, highlighting the following information:

- (a) the police met with Councillors in the Meadows on 28 February 2016 to discuss concerns around crime and drug prevalence. The police have used a covert operation, alongside a uniform presence to locate drug dealing. This work has been supported by with the use of a passive drug dog which is a new tactic for the Meadows;
- (b) Although statistics show an increase in drug crime in the Meadows this reflects positive and proactive work for the area. Six individuals have been remanded in Clifton who has been responsible for dwelling burglaries in the area;
- (c) It is possible that reports of beggars being identified in the Meadows follow the work that took place last year in the City Centre and could be displacement. Work will continue with City Centre colleagues to address some of these concerns;
- (d) The police will be providing an opportunity for two lay citizens to join and observe a police operation. It will be a unique opportunity for the public but also represents an opportunity for the police to gain some valuable feedback;
- (e) The Committee welcomed Rupinder Kooner, Senior Community Protection Officer, to the Committee who has taken up the role of Senior CPO for the Meadows and Clifton. He will support policing in the area. The Committee took the opportunity to thank Sophie Ayubi, Senior Community Protection Officer, for her dedication and commitment to policing in the area.

**RESOLVED to thank Inspector Busatill and CPO Rupinder Kooner for their information update.**

**45 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE AND APPROVALS**

Gary Nelms, Tenancy and Estate Manager at Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the report providing summary updates on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major works;
- Area regeneration and environmental issues;
- Key measures from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Resident Associations updates;
- Area performance;
- Good news stories and positive publicity.

The following points were made during the discussion:

- (a) There have been some reports of anti-social behaviour from tenants in the Meadows. A proactive approach from NCH is required to respond to reports and resolve where appropriate.

**RESOLVED to**

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

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes approved	Schemes committed	Remaining budget
Bridge	£187,869.10	£39,960.00	£39,960.00	£147,909.10
Clifton South	£172,830.82	£27,321.11	£27,321.11	£145,509.71
Clifton North	£65,804.68	£0	£0	£65,804.68

- (3) **approve the Area Capital Programme funding request as set out below:**

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Banbury Drive – Clifton South	Contribution to the major regeneration project in this area.	Improve amenity, parking and external space to this area.	£70,000.00
10 Raleigh Close – Nobel Road Estate	Carry out remedial works to the rear garden and install a new timber fence to the rear boundary	Help to prevent fly tipping and improve the appearance of the area.	£2,457.00
39 Wilkins Gardens	Remove dangerous palisade fencing and	Improve the appearance of the area and	£15,015.71

– Nobel Road Estate	upgrade to bow top, resurface and install planters.	maximise security.	
19 Wilkins Gardens – Nobel Road Estate	Remove dangerous palisade fencing and upgrade to bow top, resurface and install planters for the residents to enjoy.	Improve the appearance of the area and maximise security.	£12,308.23
Low rise schemes at: 45 – 55 Manor Farm Lane 1 – 11 Leverton Green x 2 green spaces 48 – 58 Stainsby Rise 14 – 32 Stainsby Rise 1 – 6 Thorold Close 3 – 11 Langstrath Road 57 – 65 Langstrath Road	To upgrade the current fencing with new metal ball finial railings.	To improve the security and appearance across the ward.	£45,668.93 (NCH Contribution )

**46 SECTION 106 FUNDING FOR QUEEN'S WALK RECREATION GROUND**

Leila Mills, Biodiversity and Greenspace Officer at Nottingham City Council, presented a report outlining proposals for the spend £34,000 of Section 106 funding. The following information was highlighted:

- (a) Queen’s Walk Recreation Ground has been identified for improvements to the public realm. The proposals include improved access at the pedestrian entrance off Queen’s Walk, the installation of a new section of a tarmac footpath, fitness equipment, refurbishment sensory garden bed and repainting of railings around the bowling green;
- (b) the proposals have been development based on discussions with councillors, local people and the Neighbourhood Development Officer in the area.

**RESOLVED to endorse the allocation of £34,000 of Section 106 funding (from planning application 02/00365/PFUL3).**

**47 PROPOSAL FOR A SCHEME OF SELECTIVE LICENSING FOR PRIVATELY RENTED HOUSES**

Graham De Max, Housing Strategy and Partnerships Manager and David Hobbs, Operations Manager at Nottingham City Council, presented a report informing the

Committee of the analysis work that has been completed to inform a decision to consult on a proposal to introduce a selective licensing scheme for privately rented houses. The following information was highlighted:

- (a) Executive Board have approved the proposed designation in principle and a public consultation process is now underway (between January and March 2017);
- (b) The proposed use of selective licensing powers will provide an opportunity to effectively influence higher standards of privately rented houses and to ensure effective management through more extensive control;
- (c) the Council currently runs a mandatory licensing scheme for Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) with three or more storeys or, 5 or more occupiers, and a discretionary scheme of additional licencing which covers HMO's of 2 storeys or more, or, 3 or more occupiers;
- (d) the Council is currently consulting on a proposal to introduce a citywide selective licensing scheme that will cover all of the Private Rented Sector (PRS), it is thought that this will bring over 40,000 properties into the licensing scheme within Nottingham City. The consultation runs until the end of March and feedback can be given here:  
<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/consultation-engagement-and-surveys/#housing> ;
- (e) this scheme aims to drive up standards of homes, improve living conditions and reduce levels of deprivation for residents and contribute to reducing levels of antisocial and criminal behaviour by tackling Rogue Landlords and working with landlords and tenants to provide advice and assistance;
- (f) the scheme will require the use of 75 additional staff members who will be funded through the licence fee. Out of the additional staff resource, 10 members of staff will carry out proactive work in identifying landlords around the city.

Following questions and comments from the committee the following information was highlighted:

- (g) no other local authority has been successful in introducing a city wide scheme. Most recently, in 2015, Redbridge Council had their application refused by the Secretary of State;
- (h) if the scheme is approved, there will be a legal requirement for landlords to apply for a licence with a fine for those who do not. Recent legal changes have empowered councils to issue civil penalties and issue fines without needing to pursue court case;
- (i) there is no legal obligation to report private rented arrangements so it will be challenging to ensure that the necessary licenses are obtained. Despite this challenge, the Council will continue to build its intelligence;

- (k) selective licensing fees are restricted by the government and are only allowed to cover the cost of running the licensing scheme. Licences for HMO's currently stands at £910 per property over 5 years, the fee for the selective licensing scheme has been set at £600 per property over 5 years. Discounts of up to £140 can be claimed by landlords accredited through DASH or Unipol;
- (l) the total cost for implementing the scheme of the 5 years is be £22 million, although cost neutral for the Council. Executive Board will need to consider whether the £600 licence fee is likely to be passed onto the tenant as part of their decision;
- (m) the Council will run training sessions for landlords as part of the licence which will involve a classroom type session, lasting one day;
- (n) views from other, partnership agencies, such as Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire Service are also being sought. Views would be welcomed from residents and tenants associations but individual responses would be more representative.

**RESOLVED to thank Graham De Max and David Hobbs for their attendance and to note the content of their informative report.**

#### **48 CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE**

Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Co-Ordinator, updated the Committee on work due to take place in Clifton, highlighting the following information:

- (a) work is due to start imminently on remedial work to the pavement along Southchurch Drive. This work will also include the removal and replanting of trees which is hoped will attract more people and businesses into the area;
- (b) the work will take 26 weeks to complete and will be carried out in 15 phases to minimise the level of disruption to shop frontages along Southchurch Drive;
- (c) All of the trees along Southchurch Drive need replacing and work to do this will start this weekend, given the proximity to nesting season. Every tree that is taken out will be replaced with two trees, one being placed at the original site and another at a different location in the ward;
- (d) upgrades are also required to the footpath leading to Morrison's and the entrance leading to the new flower park. The programme will be progressed in a way to minimise disruption.

Following questions and comments from the Committee, the following information was highlighted:

- (e) future development work to shop frontages will be dependent upon funding. The service road is also in need of remedial work and although there is no easy solution to fixing this, early discussions have taken place with shop owners about the costs involved.

**RESOLVED to note the content of the update.**

**49 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE**

Clare Ashton, Good Companion, reported that there were some concerns around the lack of progress being made with the bollards around the Village Green in Clifton and a meeting will be arranged with Councillors to discuss making progress. There is also an older persons' event taking place on 23 March at Highbank Community Centre between 10am – 2pm.

**RESOLVED to thank Clare Ashton for the update.**

**50 WARD REPORT – BRIDGE, CLIFTON NORTH & CLIFTON SOUTH**

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report focussing on current priorities and issues facing Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards and provided the Committee with details of forthcoming events and activities. The following information was highlighted:

- (a) The Meadows Advice Group will be hosting a screening of the film, 'I, Daniel Blake' at the Bridgeway Hall, with food also being provided. Those interested in attending are being asked to book early so that the Group have an idea of how many people they should cater for. There is a desire to host a similar screening in Clifton, subject to funding being sought.

**RESOLVED to note the priorities, current issues and supporting information for Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards.**

**51 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2016/17 PROGRAMME**

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report detailing the proposed projects under the Area Capital Fund including highways, traffic and safety, and public realm, and circulated a revised appendix to include schemes for Bridge and Clifton South.

**RESOLVED to**

- (1) **note that the following money is available:**

<b>Bridge</b>	<b>£688</b>
<b>Clifton North</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Clifton South</b>	<b>£6,619</b>

- (2) **approve the following schemes:**

**Bridge Local Transport Plan Schemes:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Details</b>
Meadows area 2	Parking	£13,750	Resident parking scheme for rest of Meadows
Bridge Ward	Road safety	£1,750	School signs in vicinity of

schools			Robin Hood Way / Soudan Drive
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**Bridge Public Realm Schemes:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Meadows parks	Play equipment	£2,700	Contribution to provision of football goals on New Meadows Green and goal protection on Queens Walk recreation ground
Meadows area 2	Parking	£26,250	Resident parking scheme for rest of Meadows (PR contribution)
Bridgway Centre	Security	£40,000	Car park automatic number plate recognition

**Bridge withdrawn Schemes:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Bathley Street	Carriageway	£3,118	Underspend – micro-asphalt surface treatment on Bathley St

**Clifton South Local Transport Plan Schemes:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Summerwood Lane	Footpath	£28,857	Resurface footpath on Summerwood Lane (odd number side) from Breckswood Drive to Brecks Plantation
Silbury Drive / Barbury Drive	Road safety	£3,600	Installation of two pairs of tactile pedestrian crossings at identified sites

**Clifton South Public Realm Schemes:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Barbury Drive area	Area improvement	£57,268	Contribution to scheme to provide parking, fencing, and footpath. Joint work with NCH

**Clifton South withdrawn Schemes:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Barbury Drive	Footpath	£11,993	Scheme superseded – large scale patching and reduced limits.



## 52 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS AND WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGETS

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations for the financial year 2016/17 and the Ward Councillors Revenue Budget allocation for 2016/17.

### RESOLVED to

- (1) note the actions agreed by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations in respect of projects and schemes within Area 8, as detailed below:

Bridge Ward	Project/scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
	Bridgeway Centre floral display	Heaton & Edwards	£2,516.00
	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens events	Heaton & Edwards	£1,195.00
	Nottingham Carnival	Heaton & Edwards	£240.00
	Trent Bridge Community Trust – Street cricket sessions	Heaton & Edwards	£1000.00
	25ft Christmas tree, Bridgeway Centre	Heaton & Edwards	£2,378.56
	Safe Alternative Centre CIC –fun day	Heaton & Edwards	£1000.00
	Your Choice Your Voice Dragons Den	Heaton & Edwards	£2,500.00
	Manzil – Cohesion event and outing	Heaton & Edwards	£1,145.00
	Eid event	Heaton & Edwards	£590.00
Total allocated at 16/02/17			<b>£13,964.56</b>
Balance brought forward 2015/16 inc Dec commit at 09/03/16			£11,016.89
Allocation 2016/17			£10,000.00
Returned/De-committed at 03/01/17			£243.52
<b>Total available allocation</b>			<b>£21,260.41</b>
Total allocated at 16/02/2017			£13,964.56
<b>Total unallocated at 16/02/2017</b>			<b>£7,295.85</b>

Clifton North Ward	Project/scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
	Wilford Community Group – May Day event	Rule	£300.00
	Drive in cinema at NET Park & Ride	Cook & Ferguson	£1,200.00

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Wilford Community Group – Queen’s Birthday community event	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£300.00
Nottingham Music School	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£360.00
Literacy volunteers	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£170.00
Clear-up at rear of shops on Varney Road	Rule	£473.00
Gazebo for Clifton Community Family Support Group	Cook & Ferguson	£660.00
Ruddington Lane Recreational Ground family funday	Cook & Ferguson	£750.00
NG11 Clifton Foodbank – racking, tables and chairs	Rule	£605.00
Clifton Area travel grants	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£1,173.00
Wilford children’s bonfire	Rule	£535.00
Silverdale Park and Fairham Brook – litter bin and seating	Cllr Ferguson	£972.00
Clifton All Whites (Clifton FC) Fireworks display	Cllrs Cook and Ferguson	£1,000.00
Silverdale Senior Citizens xmas event	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£600.00
Fireworks display at Ministry of Restoration	Ferguson	£100.00
NG11 childminders – purchase of toys/training	Cook	£840.00
Clifton remembrance day wreath	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£22.50
Clifton Christmas Light Event	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£2,000.00
Christmas Fayre at Clifton NG11 Foodbank	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£450.00
Good Companions Christmas Party	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£300.00
Christmas Tree at Wilford Green	Cllrs Cook and Ferguson	£1,120.00
Picnic in the Park	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£1,750.00
Official Opening of Clifton Flower Park play area	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£500.00
Teddy Bear’s picnic	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£500.00
Total allocated at 01/02/17		<b>£18,172.00</b>
Balance brought forward 2015/16		£17,532.00
Allocation 2016/17		£15,000.00
<b>Total available allocation</b>		<b>£32,532.00</b>

Total allocated at 01/02/17			£18,172.00
<b>Total unallocated at 20/10/16</b>			<b>£14,360.00</b>
<b>Clifton South Ward</b>	<b>Project/scheme</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Amount (total)</b>
	Literacy volunteers	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£810.00
	Nottingham music school	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£240.00
	Drive in cinema at NET Park and Rise	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,800.00
	Defibrillator at Peacock public house	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,400.00
	MPT travel grants	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,172.00
	Clifton All Whites bonfire night	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,500.00
	Parkgate Community Centre santa train	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£900.00
	Highbank Community Centre urban village project	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£2,500.00
	Clifton christmas lights event	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£2,000.00
	Clifton NG11 foodbank – Christmas fayre	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£450.00
	Lark Hill Christmas Decorations	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£100.00
	New bin for Winscombe Mount	Cllr Gibson	£454.00
	Good companions Christmas Party	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£300.00
	Whiteways Court Christmas Party	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£600.00
	Picnic in the Park	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,750.00
	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£500.00
	Official Opening of Clifton Flower Park play area	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£500.00
	Christmas Light Event	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£2,000.00
	Bin for Whitegate / Tintagel cut-through	Cllrs Gibson and Jenkins	£454.00
Stirling Grove Park	Cllrs Gibson and Jenkins	£5,000.00	
Total allocated at 17/02/2017			<b>£24,896.00</b>
Balance brought forward 2015/16			£11,928.00
Allocation 2016/17			£15,000.00
Returned/De-committed at 17/02/2017			£3,500.00
<b>Total available allocation</b>			<b>£30,428.00</b>
Total allocated at 17/02/2017			£24,896.00

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<b>Total unallocated at 24/10/16</b>	<b>£5,532.00</b>
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