

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES of the meeting held at Dining Room - at the Council House on 27 February 2017 from 17:02 to 18:41

Membership

Present

Councillor Steve Battlemuch (Chair)
Councillor Sally Longford (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sam Webster (from minute 86 onwards)
Councillor Georgina Culley (from minute 86 onwards)

Absent

Councillor Jim Armstrong

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| ✓ Friends of Wollaton Park | - Rob Kirkwood |
| ✓ Lenton Abbey Residents Association | - Adam McGregor |
| ✓ North Wollaton Resident Association | - Dr Chris Bignell |
| ✓ Sheila Roper Community Association | - Bill Smith |
| University of Nottingham Students Union | - Abel Hartman or Ismail Sadurdeen |
| Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society | - Alan Hall |
| ✓ Wollaton Park Community Association | - Pauline Peck |
| ✓ Wollaton Park Residents Association | - Sue Twyford and Sylvia Taylor |
| ✓ Wollaton Vale Residents Association | - Anthony Swanell |

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

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| Jennifer Cole | - Principle Planning Officer |
| Graham de Max | - Housing Strategy and Partnership Manager |
| Paul Howard | - Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes |
| Lorraine Raynor | - Environmental Health and Safer Housing Officer |
| Lylse-Anne Renwick | - Neighbourhood Development Officer (WW Ward) |
| Pauline Dorey | - Neighbourhood Development Officer (WE&LA Ward) |
| Adrian Simpson | - Observer and former allotment holder |
| Inspector Robert Wilson | - Nottinghamshire Police |
| Phil Wye | - Constitutional Services Officer |

84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Jim Armstrong – personal reasons
Inspector Gordon Fenwick

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Georgina Culley expressed an interest in item 4 and did not take part in the discussion.

86 PROPOSAL FOR A SCHEME OF SELECTIVE LICENSING FOR PRIVATELY RENTED HOUSES

Graham de Max, Housing Strategy and Partnerships Manager, gave a presentation and introduced a report consulting the Committee on a proposal to introduce a citywide selective licensing scheme for privately rented houses. Graham highlighted the following:

- (a) the scheme forms part of the Council Plan, and is part of a wider housing strategy to improve standards and living conditions, make improvements for residents and communities and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour;
- (b) licensing is already mandatory for larger Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), and there is additional licensing in place for smaller HMOs. This proposal would potentially cover the majority of the remainder of the privately rented houses in the city;
- (c) Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward has a high proportion of privately rented houses, with significant property condition issues and deprivation and large parts of the ward suffering from antisocial behaviour and crime. Wollaton West ward has a smaller proportion of private rental, but has been included for coherence of the scheme;
- (d) further consultation on the scheme and the consultation can be found at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/qualityhousingforall with an online survey at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/selectivelicensing. The deadline for the consultation is 31st March 2017;

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (e) the existing licensing scheme for HMOs has improved behaviour. The majority of landlords have good standards, but some don't and this scheme will bring them all up to standard;
- (f) inspection of properties will be done on a reactive basis rather than all properties being routinely inspected. The cost of this will be covered by the license fee. Tenants will be encouraged to report any problems that need resolving;
- (g) there is no legal requirement to register rented properties so some may stay under the radar. However, these will be at a disadvantage legally if discovered. If there is blanket coverage of private rented properties across the city, tenants should realise that their homes should be licensed.

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

87 POLICING UPDATE

Inspector Robert Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police, gave a verbal update on policing and crime in the area, highlighting the following:

Wollaton West

- (a) there are ongoing parking issues around the ward. Leaflets are placed on inconsiderately parked cars and around schools. Parking outside schools is a citywide problem and there is ongoing work on this;
- (b) since April 2016, overall crime has reduced by 69 offences, burglary from homes has reduced and theft from cars has considerably reduced. However, antisocial behaviour has increased by 12%;
- (c) there are ongoing speeding operations taking place in the Torvill Drive area, with some success in the afternoon, and more work expected in the mornings;

Councillors noted that cameras procured for tackling antisocial behaviour have since been moved to other areas and never returned, and sought assurance that this would not happen again. Inspector Wilson ensured that this would be fed back.

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey

- (d) there has been a decrease in antisocial behaviour, but an increase in domestic violence. There has been an reduction of home burglaries but an increase of shed or garage burglaries, mostly at the university;
- (e) there has been a large increase in cycle theft since Christmas of 24 offences. Operations have taken place to tackle this with a tracker bike and CCTV footage;
- (f) the university does have a security team who can gather intelligence and pass information to the police, but they cannot make arrests.

88 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH) : PERFORMANCE AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATES AND PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the report which provided summary updates on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

Paul highlighted the work to improve the Sheila Roper Centre in Lenton Abbey which is almost complete. NCH recorded their gratitude to Councillors Longford and Webster for their support, as well as the contractors who offered their services for free.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the update and performance information in appendices 1 and 2;

(2) note the allocation of funds for 2016/17, detailed below:

Ward	Actual	Schemes	Schemes	Remaining
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	budget	approved	committed	budget
Wollaton West	£6,077.83	£0	£0	£6,077.83
Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey	£38,467.37	£3,872.00	£3,872.00	£33,945.87

(3) approve the Area Capital Programme funding request below:

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Sheila Roper Centre	Installation of new flooring to the centre	Improve community facilities	£3,500.00
Sheila Roper Centre	Installation of a new lighting system to the centre	Improve community facilities	£4,540.00

(4) request a presentation on the Sheila Roper centre at the next Area Committee meeting.

89 RADFORD BRIDGE ROAD ALLOTMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Jennifer Cole, Principle Planning Officer, updated the Committee on developments taking place on the Radford Bridge Road allotment site.

Jennifer told the Committee the planning permission has recently been granted for phase 1 which is work on new allotments, and the application for phase 2 has recently been received. The developers have asked for advice on phase 3, the housing element, and will be meeting with the Planning department on Wednesday 1st March.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (a) in the Local Plan the allotments were designated as open space. However , they are private allotments so not statutory;
- (b) phase 1 was due to start in February but there has been problems with access and the developers are assessing options. The Highways department turned down permission to access the site from Reynolds Drive, stating that is is unsuitable for heavy vehicles;
- (c) there is likely to be very little reason to refuse permission for the housing, unless the developers stay within their boundaries or they increase the number of houses;
- (d) hedgerows and trees that have been cut down around the site have been agreed by Planning officers. These will be replanted and there will be a fence erected around the site.

North Wollaton Residents' Association are supportive of the reinstatement of the allotments and moving forward, and would like to be informed on progress where possible.

RESOLVED to

(1) thank Jennifer for the verbal update;

(2) approach the Highways department to negotiate about access to the site.

90 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

The following updates were given by Community Representatives:

- (a) there have been parking problems in the Lambourne Drive area, and residents would welcome a parking scheme;
- (b) trees on Russell Drive are being removed as there have been problems with roots affecting the pavements and a number of diseased trees;
- (c) there have been problems with erosion of grass verges on Wollaton Vale, and funding from next year's Area Capital Fund is being considered for this;
- (d) the new café in Wollaton Park is now at the final stages of planning, and should be open for the summer.

91 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Lylse-Anne Renwick and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the report providing the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund (ACF) including highways and footways.

RESOLVED to

- (1) **note the monies available to Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey, and Wollaton West wards as outlined below:**

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward

2016 – 2017 LTP allocation	£36,400
LTP carried forward from 2015 – 2016	£7
2016 – 2017 Public Realm allocation	£21,900
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£9,758
Total available 2016 – 2017 ACF	£68,065
Less LTP schemes	-£37,207
Less Public Realm schemes	-£17,604
De-committed funds	+£1,150
Remaining available balance	£14,404
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£14,404

Wollaton West Ward

2016 – 2017 LTP allocation	£31,900
LTP carried forward from 2015 – 2016	£0
2016 – 2017 Public Realm allocation	£19,100
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£2,218
Total available 2016 – 2017 ACF	£53,218
Less LTP schemes	-£31,900
Less Public Realm schemes	-£21,780

De-committed funds	+£500
Remaining available balance	£38
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£38

- (2) approve the Area Capital Programmes of schemes for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey and Wollaton West, as set out below:

Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey Public Realm Schemes

Location	Type	Date prioritised	Estimate	Details
Woodside Road footpath	Footpath	9 February 2017	£3,500	Reconstruction of footpath on Hathern Green side of Woodside Road to complement the Woodside Road Cycle Corridor scheme
Wollaton Park Estate	Street Name plate	13 December 2016	£200	Installation of street name plate in Farndon Green area

Wollaton West Public Realm Schemes

Location	Type	Date prioritised	Estimate	Details
Wollaton West ward	Litter bins	9 January 2017	£1,200	Installation of litter bins at identified sites on Grangewood Estate and Bramcote Lane

92 WARD REPORTS

Lylse-Anne Renwick and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the report focussing on current priorities and issues facing the area and providing details of forthcoming events and activities.

Councillor Webster thanked the Parks and Open Spaces team and the Princes Trust for their work on restoring the pavilion at Lenton Abbey Park.

RESOLVED to note the priorities, current issues and supporting information for the Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Wards.

93 DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Pauline Dorey and Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the report informing the Committee of decisions taken under delegated authority that support the local community.

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

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey

Item	Recipient	Total
Lenton Abbey Fun Day 2017	Lenton Abbey Friends and Fun Day Association	£426.00
WELA Christmas Light switch-on and other celebration events from 2017	Nottingham City Council	£4,000.00
WELA Good Garden Awards schemes 2017 and future years	Nottingham City Council	£1,000.00
WELA community engagement	Nottingham City Council	£2,000.00
Neighbourhood Transformation WELA ward	Nottingham City Council	£4,000.00
Sheila Roper Community Centre development/activities	Nottingham City Council	£2,500.00

Balance brought forward 2015/16 (Including historical funds)	£1,500 (£8,744)
Allocation 2016/17	£10,000
Total available allocation	£20,244
Total allocated at 26/02/2017	£16,111.00
Total unallocated at 26/02/2017	£4,133.00

Wollaton West

No actions taken under delegated authority for this period

Total allocation 2016/17	£15,000.00
Plus uncommitted 2015/16 allocation	£13,247.00
Less committed funds 2016/17	£4,000.00
Total uncommitted balance to date	£9,247.00

94 PROPOSED FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting is provisionally proposed 5th June 2017 at 5pm in the Dining Room of the Council House, and that further meeting dates are proposed for 18th September 2017, 11th December 2017 and 26th February 2018.