

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 14 June 2017
from 6.32 pm - 8.25 pm**

Membership

Present

Councillor Corall Jenkins (Chair)
Councillor Josh Cook (Vice Chair)
Councillor Michael Edwards
Councillor Chris Gibson
Councillor Nicola Heaton
Councillor Andrew Rule

Absent

Councillor Pat Ferguson
Councillor Steve Young

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Mark Armstrong	- Senior Regeneration Officer
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Mary Daly	- Meadows Dance and Social Group
Sergeant Paul Ferguson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Abdul Ghaffar	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Miriam Gifford	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Jonathan Hughes	- Friends of Victoria Embankment
Jane Jeffrey	- Queens Walk Community Association
Donna Lawton	- Nottinghamshire Police
Colin Mackie	- Silverdale Community Association
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Sharon Mills	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Garry Nelms	- Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Patricia Nicholson	- New Beginnings
Mr J Potter	- Ward Resident
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Margaret Spencer	- OMTRA
Roger Steel	- Wilford Community Group
Dee Whitworth	- Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer

6 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Josh Cook is appointed as Vice-Chair for the 2017/18 municipal year.

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Pat Ferguson (illness)
Councillor Steve Young (illness)
Clare Ashton
Roy Nettleship
Ed Peterson

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017 were confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

10 OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT

The Chair of the Committee agreed that this item, although not on the agenda, could be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to ensure that the Committee fulfilled its role in relation to making appointments to outside bodies.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Josh Cook to sit on the Silverdale Community Association Management Committee.

11 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Donna Lawton and Sergeant Paul Ferguson, Nottinghamshire Police, gave a verbal update on policing in the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards, highlighting the following:

- (a) passive drugs dogs have been used in both the Meadows and Clifton since the last meeting, and these have successfully recovered drugs, knives and identified wanted criminals. Three more operations are planned, with the next being on 30th June;
- (b) community event days are planned at Clifton Police Station (22nd July) and Meadows Pavilion (29th July) around animal welfare;
- (c) in Clifton there has been an overall reduction in crime in comparison to last year, with a decrease of ten offences. There has been a small increase in shed burglaries over the past 7-10 days which the police are investigating;
- (d) in the Meadows there has been an overall increase in crime in comparison to last year, with an increase of 19 offences. 10 of these were as a result of the drug operations with the dogs.

The following additional information was given in response to questions from the Committee:

- (e) additional offences in the Meadows include 1 robbery and 2 thefts;
- (f) two newly planted fruit trees that were dug up and stolen in the Meadows will be investigated;
- (g) warrants for drugs offences are executed as soon as the police have them. There will be a review of the positions of fixed cameras as the areas where drugs offences occur change regularly;
- (h) there has been an increase of police staff in the Meadows area, with an additional 2 PCSOs and other staff.

RESOLVED to note the information and thank Inspector Lawton and Sergeant Ferguson for their update.

12 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES

Gary Nelms, Tenancy 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 messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- Area performance;
- Good news stories and positive publicity.

New housing stock will be available for letting in June in the Meadows and Clifton areas on Risley Drive, Middle Furlong Gardens, Hawthorn View and Colesbourne Road.

RESOLVED to

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

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

Ward	Actual budget	Schemes approved	Schemes committed	Remaining budget
Bridge	£192,832.98	£0	£0	£192,832.98
Clifton South	£64,928.68	£0	£0	£64,928.68
Clifton North	£101,721.87	£0	£0	£101,721.87

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

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Barbury Drive – Clifton South	Contribution to the major regeneration project in this area.	Improve amenity, parking and external space to this area.	£12,500

13 EARLY HELP SERVICES

Donna Sherratt, Community Family Support Manager, introduced the report giving a view of Early Help Services available in the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards, highlighting the following:

- (a) Children's Centres deliver services for 0-5 year olds in the Meadows and Clifton, offering nursery provision and services such as parenting support;
- (b) Children's centres are supported by an Advisory Board, which includes councillors, parents and other partners;
- (c) services for 5-19 year olds are delivered at Meadows Youth Centre and Clifton Community Centre. Workshops on issues such as cyber bullying are available for young people, but the centres also provide a safe place where young people can go to discuss their problems;
- (d) NGY is a youth provision based on Castle Gate in the city centre, and a number of young people from the Meadows and Clifton use this.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (e) the nursery provision is very popular and has a waiting list. They will give advice to parents on other suitable nurseries in the area;
- (f) there are increasing issues in the Meadows with drugs, and funding for extra provision is being sought;
- (g) the number of sessions at Youth Centres has regrettably been reduced due to funding cuts.

RESOLVED to note the information thank Donna for her update.

14 AREA BASED GRANT END OF YEAR REPORT

Sharon Mills, Meadows Partnership Trust, gave a presentation, highlighting the following:

- (a) there is a year on year increase in the number of young people waiting to access provision in the Meadows and Clifton, with the Meadows Partnership Trust facing threats from cutbacks which presents a challenge;
- (b) there are three work club sessions available in Clifton and a one stop shop in the Meadows, offering support with CV building, confidence and interview technique etc. 202 local residents have been supported, with 107 progressing into training, education, employment or volunteering;
- (c) 376 youth sessions have been delivered by Youth Partners, with 552 young people engaged at an average cost of £110.74 per year. Examples of these are

listed below:

- i. Switch Up CIC is based in Portland Leisure Centre and offers boxing and other sports activities, as well as mentoring for young people affected by crime and gangs;
 - ii. the Enthusiasm Trust is based in Clifton, and works in schools and youth centres with children who are at risk of becoming disengaged;
 - iii. Clifton Amateur Boxing runs boxing sessions for young people at Clifton Community Centre three days a week. Grants to the group allow young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to take part when they ordinarily would not be able to afford to;
 - iv. Summerwood Community Gardens works with schools to help young people with learning difficulties or at risk of disengagement;
 - v. Notts County Fit in the Community runs free sessions that are open to everyone. They particularly encourage girls to take part in sport;
- (d) Meadows Partnership Trust also supports the community through organising local events, producing newsletters, supporting local groups with marketing and promotion, offering one to one support, awarding small grants and training volunteers. Examples of local events are listed below:
- i. the Bridgeway Community Information Event gave citizens an opportunity to find out about support and activities available in the area, and also allowed organisations to network with each other. A further event is planned in August this year;
 - ii. the Parkgate Family Funday showcased the work of the Friends of Nobel Road. A number of people successfully accessed the centre for the first time;
 - iii. Christmas events were organised in the Meadows and Clifton such as Christmas lights switch on events. There were also celebrations in December 2016 with Marcellus Baz who won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Unsung Hero award.

15 CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Co-ordinator, gave a presentation highlighting the following:

- (a) at the Clifton Central shops, trees have been replaced, new street furniture installed, and new paving laid. The cut-through to Morrisons will be improved with paving, and a raised pedestrian crossing;
- (b) a new entrance to Clifton Flower Park is being designed to be more welcoming and prominent;

- (c) Clifton Library's frontage will be repaved and a commercial space established, possibly for a high quality coffee shop;
- (d) Nottingham City Council has no involvement with the drive-in cinema event at Clifton this year and it is being run commercially. The price per car has increased to £20 but there will be a greater variety of films shown;
- (e) work will begin on the Fairham House site in August, with an aim to open next summer. Discussions are currently ongoing about additional trees on the site.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (f) the bridge across the cut-through to Morrisons is a problem area as it attracts smokers and mould. The bridge does contain load bearing joists but removal will be investigated. Downpipes in the cut-through will be removed or replaced with plastic pipes;
- (g) there are ongoing discussions about the Post Office sorting office site, with a possible move of the market to this area, though this is at an early stage.

RESOLVED to thank Mark for his update.

16 ISSUES AND GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following issues and good news stories were provided by Community Representatives:

- (a) Silverdale Community Centre has been at the heart of Silverdale estate for many years. The centre has 17 different groups who use the centre and is in use every day for groups and activities. It is managed by a monthly committee of volunteers. A 'get to know you' yard sale event is planned, and the centre is investigating ways to reach vulnerable older residents;
- (b) Clifton Community Family Support Group supports local families and the wider community with activities and projects that reduce social isolation. Recent projects and activities include May Day celebrations, a family fun day, and a memorial bench;
- (c) the pond at the War Memorial at Meadows Embankment has been beautified with lilies. An event is planned at the Embankment for a centenary event in 2018 for armistice weekend;
- (d) Good Companions has been nominated and taken second place in community awards;
- (e) Wilford Community Group received funding from Tesco to create a community orchard and footpath improvements at Iremongers Pond;
- (f) a plaque to Albert Ball will be unveiled at the Victoria Embankment war memorial on 15 June at 10.30am.

RESOLVED to note the updates and thank Community Representatives for their contributions.

17 WARD REPORT - BRIDGE, CLIFTON NORTH & CLIFTON SOUTH

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report giving details of current priorities and issues facing Bridge, Clifton North & Clifton South wards and providing details of forthcoming events and activities.

It was highlighted that bollards at Clifton Village Green will be installed during the week commencing 26th June.

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

18 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2017/18 PROGRAMME

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways, traffic and safety and public realm.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the monies available to Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South as outlined below:

Bridge	£53,561
Clifton North	£12,144
Clifton South	£43,110

(2) approve the following schemes:

Bridge Local Transport Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Lammas Gardens	Footpath	£12,277	Surface treatment of footpaths on Lammas Gardens

Bridge Public Realm schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Bridge tree replacement	Tree works	£20,000	Programme of tree works at identified locations around the ward

Clifton North Local Transport Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Midhurst Way	Footpath	£45,613	Footpath reconstruction on Midhurst Way (odd numbered side only)

Clifton North Public Realm schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Clifton Grove estate	Parking	£15,000	Implementation of residents parking scheme further to recent feasibility study
Clifton North ward	Tree works	£3,325	Further contribution to 3 year city-wide programme of felling inappropriately placed trees and replacement tree planting

Clifton South Local Transport schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Summerwood Lane	Footpath	£29,177	Resurface footpath on Summerwood Lane (odd numbers side) edge of Brecks Plantation to Clarewood Grove

Clifton South Public Realm schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Barbury Drive area	Area improvement	£25,232	Further contribution to scheme to provide parking, fencing and footpath
Stirling Grove Park	Park Improvement	£5,000	Third party contribution to WREN bid for Stirling Grove park improvement works

19 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS AND WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee on the use of delegated authority by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations for the financial year 2017/18, and the Ward Councillors Revenue Budget allocation for 2017/18.

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)
	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens - events	Cllr Edwards, Cllr Heaton	£1,225.00
	Bridgeway Centre Floral Display – NCC	Cllr Edwards, Cllr Heaton	£2,642.05
	Early Help – Families seaside outing	Cllr Edwards, Cllr Heaton	£650.00

Total allocated at 25/05/17	£4,517.05
Balance brought forward 2016/17	£7,296.00
Allocation 2017/18	£10,000.00
Total available allocation	£17,296.00
Total allocated at 25/05/17	£4,517.05
Total unallocated at	£12,778.95

Clifton North Ward	Project/scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
	Litter bin behind Harvester in Wilford	Cllr Rule	£454.00
	Hope Church – Get Fit & Keep Fit	Cllr Cook	£288.00
	Floral display in Wilford Village 2017	Cllr Rule	£580.00
	May Day family fun day	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£1,223.00
	Good Companions	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£900.00
	Litter bin at Hamilton Court area	Cllr Cook	£454.00
	45 th Boys Brigade	Cllrs Ferguson (£150); Cllrs Cook & Rule (£337.50 each)	£825.00
	Clifton Donation Group	Cllrs Cook & Rule	£266.00
	Ruddington Lane family fun day	Cllr Ferguson (£100); Cllrs Cook & Rule (£300 each)	£700.00
	Early Help South 2 Team – Summer trip	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£195.00
Total allocated at 01/06/17			£3,340.00
Balance brought forward 2016/17			£11,817.00
Allocation 2017/18			£15,000.00
Total available allocation			£26,817.00
Total allocated at 01/06/17			£3,340.00
Total unallocated at 01/06/17			£23,477.00

Clifton South Ward	Project/scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
	Wicker sculptures	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£900.00
	May Day family fun day	Cllrs Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,221.00
	Hope Church –	Cllr Gibson	£288.00

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	Get Fit & Keep Fit		
	Stirling Grove consultation event	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£400.00
	St George's Day event	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£750.00
	Rainbow stripes at Park Gate Community Centre	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£1820.00
	Good Companions	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£600.00
	45 th Boys Brigade	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£675.00
	Clifton Donation Group	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£440.00
	Clifton Village Green solicitors fees	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£750.00
	Early Help South 2 Team – Summer trip	Cllrs Gibson & Jenkins	£455.00
Total allocated at 31/05/17			£5,890.00
Balance brought forward 2016/17			£3,123.00
Allocation 2017/18			£15,000.00
Total available allocation			£18,123.00
Total allocated at 31/05/17			£5,890.00
Total unallocated at 31/05/17			£12,233.00

(2) note the individual Ward Councillors Revenue Budget allocation of £5,000 for 2017/18