

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Dining Room - at the Council House on 11 December 2017 from 5.00 pm - 6.09 pm**

#### **Membership**

Present

Absent

Councillor Steve Battlemuch (Chair)

Councillor Sally Longford (Vice Chair)

Councillor Sam Webster

Councillor Jim Armstrong

#### **Membership**

##### **Community Representatives (✓ indicates present)**

✓	Wollaton Park Residents Association	Sylvia Taylor
✓	Lenton Abbey Residents Association (LARA)	Adam McGregor
✓	Friends of Wollaton Park	Rob Kirkwood
✓	North Wollaton Residents Association	Dr Chris Bignell
✓	Wollaton Arts Festival Steering Group	Sue Twyford
✓	Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society	Alan Hall
	Wollaton Park Community Association	Pauline Peck
✓	Wollaton Vale Residents Association	Anthony Swannell
	University of Nottingham Student Union	Ellie Mitchell

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

Inspector Rob Wilson ) Nottinghamshire Police

Inspector Gordon Fenwick )

Peter Forster - Friends of Wollaton Park

James Dymond - Parks Development Manager

Lylse-Anne Renwick - Neighbourhood Development Officer (Wollaton West)

Pauline Dorey - Neighbourhood Development Officer (Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey)

Paul Howard - Tenancy and Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes

Catherine Ziane-Pryor - Governance Officer

## **26 COUNCILLOR GEORGINA CULLEY**

Councillor Georgina Culley sadly passed away in her sleep on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.

Councillor Jim Armstrong, fellow Wollaton West Ward Councillor, informed the Committee that Georgina had been a Councillor for more than 25 years. He had found her to be a very caring and supportive colleague and a strong and courageous Councillor. When working in the Ward it was amazing how many people knew her and she knew. This Committee was her favourite City Council meeting.

Her funeral will be held on 5 January at 2 pm at Bramcote Crematorium. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The Committee was silent for one minute as a mark of respect and in remembrance.

## **27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Pauline Peck

Councillor Toby Neal (who was due to present agenda item 6, 'Ward Antisocial Behaviour and Designing Out Crime').

## **28 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **29 MINUTES**

Subject to amending the second paragraph to minute 17 to refer to the newly formed group as the 'Lenton Abbey Resident's Association', the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## **30 LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

It is noted that due to changes in the way that crimes are now recorded, overall across the City there has been an increase in reported crime. This is due to reports, including calls to the Police telephone number 101, being recorded as a crime prior to any other confirmation that a crime has been committed.

Inspector Gordon Fenwick, Nottinghamshire Police, provided the following information regarding Wollaton West:

- overall there was an increase of 147 incidents compared to the same period last year;
- overall burglary has decreased by 11% in the past year, although during the summer there was an increase in motor crime and burglary. This became the focus of Police activity which has resulted in three criminals who worked together, being arrested, charged, sentenced and sent to prison. Since these arrests the number of incidents has fallen dramatically;
- there's been a reduction by 24 incidents of auto crime. This may be a result of heightened Police visibility whilst pursuing the fore- mentioned burglars;
- shop theft has increased considerably;
- a speeding check was undertaken on Torvill Drive. Of the 66 vehicles checked, 29 were travelling above the 20 mph speed limit and were dealt with appropriately. Further speed limit enforcement and education is planned;
- the Police CCTV van has been active and very visible in the area which has been welcomed by citizens.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that speeding and jumping of traffic lights continued to be a safety issue at the junction of Wollaton Road, Eton Grove and Woodhall Road. Councillors have received several complaints about speeding and also the

inappropriate use of the yellow box. The Chair commented that a Police presence at peak traffic times would be very welcome, to which Inspector Gordon Fenwick responded that this information would be passed on.

It was noted that the Police have been working very successfully on the Nidderdale Estate to reduce antisocial behaviour by facilitating a scheme at the Wollaton Vale Community Centre.

Police Inspector Rob Wilson updated the Committee with the following information regarding Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward's:

- the Ward is in a positive position with a reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour. There have only been 15 additional crimes which equates to a rise of 3.7%, whereas under the new reporting regime the Force average is nearer a 20% increase;
- burglaries have reduced by 12 (a decrease of 19%);
- violent crime has reduced with 15 fewer incidents (18% reduction);
- theft has increased, mainly due to bicycle thefts from University students;
- there has been a 4% reduction in antisocial behaviour;
- home burglaries have increased with 14 more incidents, mainly focused around the University campus and Lenton area due to doors and windows being left open or forced. A known offender has been identified, arrested and remanded. As a result there's been a significant drop in incidents and Police continue to work with the University to promote home security amongst students;
- car crime has increased, especially around Hillside Road by the Queen's Medical Centre, so patrols of the area have been increased.

The Beat Teams have been doing an excellent job but also rely on other policing sections such as response CID and specialist departments. Although having experienced extensive funding cuts, the force appears to be stabilising and is looking to recruit 200 new Police Officers next year, with a further 150 the year after. PC and PCS recruitment will continue, as will the recruitment of civilians to investigation roles where full Police qualification is not required.

Councillors and members of the Committee expressed gratitude that the consistency of local Police Officers had been maintained.

It was clarified that while a police officer may not always necessarily attend a shop theft incident, information on the crime, including CCTV footage, can be shared electronically with the Police who can then use it to try and identify the culprit. With the communications technology currently available, it is no longer necessary for Police Officers to physically attend every incident.

**RESOLVED to thank Inspector Gordon Fenwick and Inspector Rob Wilson for their attendance and updates.**

### **31     WARD ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DESIGNING OUT CRIME**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this item is deferred to the February meeting.

### **32     HIGHFIELDS PARK RESTORATION UPDATE**

James Dymond, Parks Development Officer, delivered a presentation to accompany the report which updates the Committee on the progress of the Highfields Park Restoration Project.

The restoration started in July this year at a cost of £4.8 million and is at a midway point and on track for completion by May 2018.

To date 450 lorry loads of silt have been removed from the Lake, enabling it to be fully accessible to rowing boats were previously a large section was inaccessible due to grounding. The boathouse roof has been repaired and the interior refurbished, stonework has been repaired, cleaned and repointed. The Pavilion is also undergoing extensive refurbishment.

The original cherry trees were found to be diseased and have been removed but will be replaced once works are nearing completion. The four original cast iron gas lamps will be restored and converted to electric and enable them to be used as lamps again. Disabled parking will be relocated to the main car park, and new information and direction signs installed. A new footpath will be created and tree works undertaken to recreate the views which were part of the original design.

Disappointingly, the only item of interest found during the de-silting of the lake, was a set of very small false teeth!

There are still some fish remaining in the lake which were rescued prior to desilting works, but there are no plans to restock the lake and it is not possible to move existing fish elsewhere due to potential cross infection if they are carrying any disease.

Members of the Committee commended the work undertaken to date which was already showing a great improvement. James and the Parks, Open Spaces and Investment Funding Team must be congratulated for the refurbishment schedule of work and sourcing the substantial funding required.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

### **33     COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP UPDATES**

North Wollaton Residents Association the allotments at the development site of Radford Bridge are due to be available to allotment holders in February, but do not appear to be in any way suitable as of yet. Residents are asking for timescale when realistically the site will be accessible. In addition it is asked what plans are there for the future allotment management?

The Chair responded that he is following progress very closely and has a planned site visit in January which will also to look at the site access roads. He had been assured that allotments would be fully accessible by March/April, but as this schedule has been revised

again, it is anticipated the allotment site will be available to former allotment holders during early summer. It is planned that previous allotment holders will have the first choice of new plots.

James Dymond informed the Committee that allotments are within his remit, that there is an allotment management plan in place which retains the February target for allotments to become available. The allotment management plan is as robust as possible so that it can be picked up and easily applied, and sustainability managed by almost anyone. The allotment area has been designated a 'new open space' which will protect it into future from potential development.

Friends of Wollaton Park commented that following the snow fall, traffic flow on Wollaton Road was significantly disrupted due to people parking on the road to access Wollaton Park. The Chair responded that investigations are taking place with regard to a potential parking scheme which will include this area.

With regard to ongoing concerns about the Wollaton Park Walled Garden, a meeting is to be held following the Area Committee with Councillors, community representatives and members the Parks, Open Spaces and Investment Funding Team.

### **34 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES**

Paul Howard, Area Housing Manager, presented the report of the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes (NCH) which updates the Committee on the activity of NCH.

Points highlighted included:

- (a) with regard to fire safety, in high rise blocks the 'sterile corridor policy' is now being successfully enforced following some initial resistance, particularly regarding bicycle storage. However response to a survey to ascertain if residents wanted bike sheds has been very poor. The next area of focus will be fire safety in low rise properties;
- (b) the performance statistics for the area provide a very positive view including feedback from residents that they feel they are listened to regarding antisocial behaviour issues;
- (c) with regard to the issue previously raised by Councillors, that some repairs appear to take an unnecessary period of time to complete, this was raised with the Head of Responsive Repairs, Wayne Smalley, who responded that not all repairs can be completed within 15 days target depending on the scale of the work and prioritisation. However, if Councillors feel that there are any specific cases where time taken is a significant issue, they should contact Wayne directly, who will then investigate;
- (d) the recent tenant survey provided a positive responses with residents stating that having good neighbours is one of the best things about the area in which they live, while parking problems was the worst aspect, followed by rubbish and litter. Solutions to parking problems will be investigated.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) to note the update and performance information in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;**

**(2) to note the allocation of funds as follows:**

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De-Committed	Remaining Budget
Wollaton West	£12,226.17	£0	£0	£0	£12,226.17
Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey	£45,817.57	£0	£	£0	£45,817.57

**(3) to approve funding of £3,970 to undertake the following tree works in Lenton Abbey:**

- (i) 36 Meriden Avenue -fell;
- (ii) Hathern Green alleyway near 8 -fell;
- (iii) 2 Wingfield Drive -fell;
- (iv) 21 Baslow Drive crown lift and fell:
- (v) 1 Austrey Avenue- fell
- (vi) 9,19,20,29 Anslow Avenue- fell and crown lifts;
- (vii) 9 Manton Crescent -fell;
- (viii) Alleyway near 1 Austrey Avenue- fell.

### **35 AREA CAPITAL FUND REPORT**

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton West Ward, and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward, summarised the report which informs the Committee of the Area Capital spend to date for 2017/18 for both wards and requests funding for further schemes.

#### **RESOLVED**

**(1) for the Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey Ward:**

- (a) to note that no further requests are submitted from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Scheme and Public Realm Scheme budgets;
- (b) to approve following de-commitment which is detailed with the report:

Location	Type	Reason	Amount
Lenton Abbey Park	park development	underspend	£386

**(c) to note the monies available:**

2017 - 2018 LTP allocation		£36,400
LTP carried forward from 2016 - 2017		£0
2017 - 2018 Public Realm allocation		£21,900
Public Realm carried forward from 2016 - 2017		£14,404
<b>Total Available 2017 - 2018 ACF</b>		<b>£72,704</b>
Less LTP schemes	-	£36,400
Less Public Realm schemes	-	£19,521
De-committed funds	+	£1,904
<b>Remaining available balance</b>		<b>£18,687</b>
<b>LTP element remaining</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Public Realm element remaining</b>		<b>£18,687</b>

**(2) for the Wollaton West Ward:**

**(a) to approve the following Local Transport Plan (LTP) schemes;**

Location	Estimate	Details
Appledore Avenue	£1,930	Survey of flow/speed on Appledore Avenue
Elvaston/ Bramcote Lane area	£12,408	Provision of 20mph roundel markings on Lambourne Dr, Torvill Dr, Woodhall Rd, Elvaston Rd and Bramcote Ln, and look at junction protection on Elvaston Rd, Brendon Rd, Ellwood Cl and Wollaton Rd
Fernwood Crescent	£1,500	Survey of flow/speed on Fernwood Crescent
Bramcote Lane (Wollaton Vale)	£2,351	Assessment study Bramcote Lane (Wollaton Vale to Thoresby Drive) to assess speeding issues
Woodbank/ Wollaton Vale area	£12,408	Provision of 20mph roundel markings on Woodbank and Bramcote Lane, and look at junction protection on Woodbank and Wollaton Vale

**£30,597**

**(b) to approve the following Public Realm schemes:**

Location	Estimate	Details
Lambourne Drive	£69	Additional contribution to Old Coach Road area scheme to complete final stage
Arleston Drive	£66	Installation of replacement litter bin

**(c) to approve the following de-commitment:**

Location	Amount	Details
Bramcote Lane	£680	Provision of planted willow sculptures at identified locations on Bramcote Lane (Jun-17) (change of arrangements)

**(d) to note the monies available:**

2017 - 2018 LTP allocation		<b>£31,900</b>
LTP carried forward from 2016 - 2017		<b>£0</b>
2017 - 2018 Public Realm allocation		<b>£19,100</b>
Public Realm carried forward from 2016 - 2017		<b>£38</b>
Total Available 2017 - 2018 ACF		<b>£51,038</b>
Less LTP schemes	-	<b>£30,597</b>
Less Public Realm schemes	-	<b>£5,789</b>
De-committed funds	+	<b>£1,367</b>
Remaining available balance		<b>£16,019</b>
LTP element remaining		<b>£1,303</b>
Public Realm element remaining		<b>£14,716</b>

**36 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET**

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton West, and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey, presented the report which informs the Committee of action taken under delegated authority following requests from Councillors for schemes to be funded from Ward Councillor Budgets. No new schemes have been formally approved since the last meeting.

**RESOLVED to note**

- (1) that schemes and events may have received Councillor support in principal but that the formal approval process is yet to be completed;**
- (2) the financial position for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward:**

<b>Balance brought forward</b>	<b>£4,133</b>
<b>Allocation 2017/18</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Total available allocation</b>	<b>£14,133</b>
<b>Total de-committed</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total allocated at 28/7/2017</b>	<b>£ 3,700</b>
<b>Total unallocated at 28/7/2017</b>	<b>£10,433</b>

- (3) the financial position for Wollaton West Ward:**

<b>Balance brought forward</b>	<b>£7,647</b>
<b>Allocation 2017/18</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Total available allocation</b>	<b>£22,647</b>
<b>Total de-committed</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total allocated at 18/09/2017</b>	<b>£5,900</b>
<b>Total unallocated at 18/09/2017</b>	<b>£16,747</b>

**37 AREA 7 WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA WARD REPORTS**

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer (NDO) for Wollaton West Ward, and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward, summarised the report which informs the Committee of the current priorities



and issues within each ward and the actions taken and planned to address those issues. The report also provides details of forthcoming events and activities.

Councillors and NDOs commended the valuable contribution of volunteers and the voluntary sector in working so very hard to support and benefit local communities.

It was at this point that Councillor Longford informed the Committee that last week Lylse-Anne had deservedly won the Neighbourhood Services Recognition Award for dedication in her role as Neighbourhood Development Officer, for which she should be congratulated.

**RESOLVED to note the progress:**

- (1) on Ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team;**
- (2) made against existing Councillor pledges.**

**38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED to note that the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 26 February 2018, 5pm in the Council House, Old Market Square.**