

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE EAST (A.C.E) DALES, ST ANN'S & MAPPERLEY

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 13 May 2014 from 7.03 pm to 8.24 pm

Membership

Present

Absent

Councillor Jon Collins
Councillor Emma Dewinton
Councillor Rosemary Healy
Councillor Sue Johnson (Chair)
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan
Councillor Neghat Nawaz Khan (Vice Chair)
Councillor Dave Liversidge
Councillor David Mellen
Councillor Thulani Molife

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Liz Edge) Citizens
Noel Martin)

Andrea Stone - City Heights

Katy Follows - Crime and Drugs Partnership

Richard Brown) Friends of Colwick Woods
Sam Musgrave)

Michelle Campbell - Renewal Trust

Greg Feltham - Sneinton Tenants and Residents Association (STARA)

Janet Summers - St Stephen's Church

Abu Belim - Principal Enforcement Officer)
Fi Cusick - Neighbourhood Development Officer)
Greg Foister - Neighbourhood Development Officer)
Michelle Graley - Neighbourhood Development Officer)
Laura Hoggard - Civil Enforcement Response Team Officer) Community Services
Dorothy Holmes - South Locality Manager)
Steve Stott - Operations Manager (Central))
Mark Sunderland - South Neighbourhood Operations Manager)
David Waters - Parking Engagement Officer)
Pete Wilkinson - Civil Enforcement Response Team Officer)

Laura Wilson - Constitutional Services Officer - Corporate Services

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

AGREED to appoint Councillor Sue Johnson as Chair of this Committee for this municipal year (May 2014 to April 2015).

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

AGREED to appoint Councillor Neghat Khan as Vice-Chair of this Committee for this municipal year (May 2014 to April 2015).

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andrew Campbell, African Caribbean and Asian Forum
Cynthia James, citizen
David Jones, Sneinton Festival
David Towers, Mapperley Park Residents' Association
Peter Wright, Sneinton Tenants' Outreach Programme

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

5 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

6 CONSULTATION PROCESS WITHIN THE STREET LIGHTING PFI

This item was deferred until the September meeting.

7 HIGHWAYS ENFORCEMENT WITHIN AREA 6

David Waters, Parking Enforcement Officer, attended the meeting to introduce himself and Laura Hoggard and Pete Wilkinson, the Community Protection Civil Enforcement Response Team members for the area.

Any issues with parking enforcement in the area should be addressed to David who can be contacted via the following methods:

In writing to Community Protection, 23 Handel Street, Nottingham, NG3 1JE

By telephone on 0115 8761863 or 07572 262258

Email – david.waters@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

8 RESPECT FOR NOTTINGHAM SURVEY RESULTS

Katy Follows, Community Safety Officer, South Locality, presented the Committee with the following information in relation to the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership Respect Survey 2013 findings:

- (a) face to face interviews were carried out with a random sample of 2,700 City residents that are representative of all wards and deprivation levels in the City;
- (b) the final data from the survey has been weighted to correct for the disproportionate sampling scheme used. The data has been weighted to the 2011 census on ward and age and gender at ward level;
- (c) the margins of error, confidence intervals and confidence levels are:
 - City wide +/- 2% (interval of 4%);
 - ward +/- 10% (interval of 20% (approximately));
 - Arboretum +/- 4% (interval of 8%);
 - Dunkirk and Lenton +/- 4% (interval of 8%);
 - Area 6 Committee +/- 6% (interval of 12%);
 - the confidence level is usually reported at 5%, ie 5% chance that the data collected in the sample just by random chance has abnormally high or low values that don't represent the population;
- (d) the overall feel from the survey is:
 - things continue to improve;
 - almost all types of anti-social behaviour (ASB) have seen a statistically significant improvement;
 - lowest levels of perception of ASB;
 - highest levels of confidence in the Police and Council;
- (e) before being prompted with types of ASB 70% of those surveyed had nothing they wanted to say, 13% said noise/loud music was an issue and 10% said drug use/dealing was an issue;
- (f) when asked who causes ASB the responses were:
 - teenagers (nearly 20%);
 - youths/youngsters/young people (over 15%);
 - specified address/person/family/group (nearly 15%);
 - students (over 10%);
 - children/kids/school children (over 10%);
 - other (10%);
 - neighbours/local residents (less than 5%);
 - drug users/dealers (less than 5%);
 - young men (less than 5%);
 - people in their 20s (less than 5%);
 - drunks/people leaving pubs (less than 5%);
 - unspecified groups or gangs (less than 5%);
 - adults and old age groups (less than 5%);
 - unemployed (less than 5%);
 - homeless (less than 5%);

(g) perceptions of ASB in the City Centre which are a very or fairly big problem are:

- people being drunk or rowdy in public spaces (40%);
- begging (38%);
- street drinking/drinking alcohol in the streets (36%);
- rubbish and litter lying around (25%);
- people using or dealing drugs (18%);
- intimidation as a result of groups/gangs of young people hanging around on the street (17%);
- vandalism/criminal damage (14%);
- fly posting (12%);
- graffiti (11%);
- dog fouling (11%).

All of these have reduced since 2011 except begging which has increased;

(h) perceptions of ASB in local neighbourhoods which are a very or fairly big problem are:

- dog fouling (34%);
- rubbish and litter lying around (31%);
- parents not taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children (18%);
- people using or dealing drugs (18%);
- people being drunk or rowdy in public spaces (17%);
- fly posting (17%);
- street drinking/drinking alcohol in the streets (16%);
- motorbikes/motorised scooters/mini motos/quad bikes (16%);
- intimidation as a result of groups/gangs of young people hanging around on the street (14%);
- noisy neighbours or loud parties (14%);
- vandalism/criminal damage (13%);
- fly tipping (13%);
- unkempt gardens (11%);
- graffiti (5%);
- begging (5%);
- abandoned or burnt out cars (2%).

The majority of these have reduced since 2011, with the exception of people using or dealing drugs, people being drunk or rowdy in public spaces, fly posting, noisy neighbours or loud parties and begging;

(i) Aspley, Berridge and Arboretum have the highest perception of ASB in the City. Leen Valley, Radford and Park and Wollaton West have the lowest perception;

(j) the Area 6 composite score of 18% is consistent with the City wide composite score of 17%;

(k) Area 6 scored higher than the City average for:

- fly tipping;
- dog fouling;

- rubbish and litter lying around;
 - people being drunk or rowdy in public spaces;
 - street drinking/drinking alcohol in the streets;
 - people using or dealing drugs;
- (l) Area 6 scored lower than the City average for:
- unkempt gardens;
 - fly posting;
 - motorbikes/motorised scooters/mini motos/quad bikes;
 - vandalism/criminal damage;
 - intimidation as a result of groups/gangs of young people hanging around on the street;
 - noisy neighbours or loud parties;
 - parents not taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children;
- (m) 64% of people feel very or fairly safe walking alone in the local neighbourhood when it's dark, compared to 69% City wide;
- (n) 55% of people strongly or tend to agree that there is a strong sense of community in the area, compared to 53% City wide;
- (o) 49% of people feel that the police and council seek their views;
- (p) 63% of people feel the police and council are dealing with the crime and ASB issues that matter;
- (q) Radford and Park, Aspley, Arboretum and Berridge have the highest perception that crime is a problem in the local area;
- (r) in summary:
- perceptions of ASB continue to improve;
 - almost all types of ASB have seen an improvement;
 - Area 6 is consistent with the City overall in terms of ASB;
 - the main issues in the area are litter, dog fouling and drugs;
 - people feel safer;
 - confidence in the police and council remains high.

The Committee thanked Katy for her attendance at the meeting.

9 DALES WARD PROPOSED DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Abu Belim, Principal Enforcement Officer, City South, introduced the Director of Community Protection's report detailing the two proposed Dog Control Orders for the Dales ward:

- an Order requiring the removal of dog faeces over the land detailed in Appendix 2 of the report; and
- an Order requiring dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 60 inches in length over the land outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

The Committee had previously discussed this at its 11 February 2014 meeting (minute 39).

He highlighted that Councillor David Mellen has received some representations about the green area within Greens Mill Park being included as it is the only location in that part of the ward where residents can exercise their dogs off a lead. In response to this a further plan has been prepared (Appendix 6 of the report) and if the Area Committee wished to use the amended plan the change would not need to be consulted on.

During discussion the Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (a) the Dales is the first ward in the City to introduce Dog Control Orders, but dog fouling is a big issue and there is also an issue with dog attacks when dogs are not on leads;
- (b) people feel safer when dogs are kept on leads in built up areas;
- (c) the children's playground in the green area at Greens Mill Park is fenced in so more consultation is required on whether it should be included in the Order requiring dogs to be kept on leads or whether it should be an exception;
- (d) Dog Control Orders should be introduced across the City;
- (e) dogs should be kept on leads on the green area at Greens Mill Park for the safety of children;
- (f) dogs not being kept under control is a longstanding issue and people are in favour of the Orders as it puts some control in place;
- (g) having different types of Orders in different areas and across the City could be confusing for citizens;
- (h) the Topper isn't widely distributed so many people wouldn't have seen the consultation notice;
- (i) an £80 fine isn't high enough, it should be £100;
- (j) there have been lots of responses to the consultation and a minimum of 3 public meetings to discuss the proposals;
- (k) dogs also need to be kept under control when they are on leads but the legislation doesn't appear to cover this;
- (l) residents need somewhere close by to exercise their dogs off the lead so the green area at Greens Mill Park should be excluded from the Order;
- (m) the use of the Topper for advertisements may need to be checked for appropriateness if it isn't widely circulated;
- (n) people often let their dogs into the playground on the green area at Greens Mill Park to keep them away from other dogs.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the evidence gathered and the results of the consultation on the proposal to introduce Dog Control Orders for the Dales ward;**
- (2) authorise the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the Legal Services Manager to make the following Dog Control Orders:**
 - (a) a Dog Control Order requiring the removal of dog faeces from the land outlined with a bold red line on the Plan Dog Control Order 2 at Appendix 2 of the report; and**
 - (b) a Dog Control Order requiring dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 60 inches in length over the land outlined with a bold red line in the plan at Appendix 6 of the report excluding the green area at Greens Mill Park;**
- (3) the Director of Community Protection to be authorised to carry out consultation processes required with regard to the making of a proposed Dog Control Order requiring dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 60 inches over the green area at Greens Mill Park (address description to be included);**
- (4) delegate authority to the Chair and Vice-Chair, in consultation with Dales ward Councillors, to, once the consultation at (3) above is complete to consider the results of that consultation and to decide whether a Dog Control Order requiring dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 60 inches in length over the green area at Greens Mill Park should be made;**
- (5) authorise the Director of Community Protection to carry out the necessary advertisements and arrange for appropriate signage to be erected for the Dog Control Orders at 2(a) and (b) above in accordance with the legislative requirements;**
- (6) set the Fixed Penalty amount for offences committed contrary to the above Dog Control Orders at £80.**

10 WARD PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 4

Michelle Graley, Neighbourhood Development Officer (NDO) for St Ann's, Greg Foister, NDO for Dales, and Fi Cusick, NDO for Mapperley, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report providing summary updates on key themes within the Nottingham Plan 2020 for Quarter 4 2013/14.

RESOLVED to note the ward performance for Quarter 4 2013/14.

11 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2013/15 PROGRAMME

Greg Foister, NDO for Dales, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund, including highways and footways. He informed the Committee of an

amendment to the Dales and St Ann's ward details as both wards have agreed to make a £2,500 contribution to the Greens Mill.

RESOLVED to

(1) note that the following money is available:

Dales £37,225
Mapperley £39,451
St Ann's £121,933

(2) approve the following new schemes:

Dales Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
St Christopher's Church	Contribution	£2,000	Contribution to the resurfacing of the path at St Stephen's Church
Greens Mill	Contribution	£5,000	Contribution to the replacement of windmill sails at Greens Mill

Mapperley Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Mapperley ward	Footpaths	£26,385	Continuation of the large-scale patching programme on Warwick Drive, Tavistock Drive and Cyprus Road
Mapperley ward	Footpaths	£7,000	Additional contribution to complete the large-scale patching of footpaths on Mapperley Road
Belvoir Street	H-bars	£1,750	Further contribution to the H-bar installation programme to cover further requests
Mapperley ward	H-bars (additional)	£450	Additional traffic management costs for the ward H-bar programme

Mapperley Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Mapperley ward	Footpaths	£23,615	Contribution to the large-scale patching works on Warwick drive, Tavistock Drive and Cyprus Road
Albert Road	Traffic	£8,000	Introduction of traffic

	calming		calming measures on Albert Road to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety
Kelvin Road/ Wheatfields Road	Bollards	£1,700	Installation of bollards on corners to improve pedestrian safety
Hungerhill Road	Fencing	£1,513	Contribution to the provision of mesh security fencing with gates for fire access at the Scout Hut on Hungerhill Road. This is a joint scheme with St Ann's ward
Albert Road	Tree works	£1,200	Tree planting works on Albert Road

St Ann's Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
St Ann's Well Road	Wall refurbishment	£792	Refurbishment of the wall adjacent to the pedestrian crossing on St Ann's Well Road

St Ann's Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Greens Mill	Contribution	£5,000	Contribution to the replacement of windmill sails at Greens Mill
Sycamore School	Floodlighting	£29,645	Contribution to floodlight works at Sycamore School for the community football club
Hungerhill Road	Fencing	£1,513	Contribution to the provision of mesh security fencing with gates for fire access at the Scout Hut on Hungerhill Road. This is a joint scheme with Mapperley ward
Hudson Street	Gating	£891	Realignment of the gate on Hudson Street for security purposes
Bellvue Court	Mobility access	£870	Widening of the gate for mobility access to the shared area at Bellvue Court

12 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Fi Cusick, NDO for Mapperley, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report updating the Committee on the use of his delegated authority.

RESOLVED to note the actions agreed by the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes within Area 6, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair informed the Committee that the 10 May 2015 meeting should read 10 February 2015 instead, and that dates of future meetings will be emailed to attendees as she needed to discuss the possibility of an additional meeting with the Locality Manager.