

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **ARBORETUM, BERRIDGE, RADFORD AND PARK (AREA 4) COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **22 MARCH 2012** at

Loxley House from 6.00 pm to 7.27 pm

- ✓ Councillor Ibrahim (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ali (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Aslam
- ✓ Councillor Bryan
- ✓ Councillor Choudhry
- ✓ Councillor Jones
- ✓ Councillor Neal
- ✓ Councillor S Williams

✓ indicates present at meeting

#### **Community Representatives and citizens present**

- Ms J Perry - Friends of the Forest
- Ms R Greenberg - Partnership Council
- Mr P Beynon )
- Ms U Dove ) Residents
- Mr N Packham )
- Mr C Newton - St Paul's Residents' Association

#### **City Council Officers and others present**

- Inspector R Wilson - Local Area Commander Canning Circus ) Nottinghamshire Police
- Ms K Curnow - Area Manager Central Locality )
- Ms K Jansen - Fitness Officer, Sport and Leisure )
- Ms N Smyth - Development Manager, Sport and Leisure )
- Mr T Papkiewicz - Neighbourhood Environmental Manager, City Services ) Communities
- Mr J Pell - Horticultural Service Manager, Parks and Open Spaces )
- Mr M J Parker - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

**Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.**

**40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr L Willen.

**41 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**42 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**43 POLICE UPDATE**

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to provide an opportunity to advise the Committee on recent policing issues in the locality prior to its next ordinary meeting.

The Chair welcomed Inspector Rob Wilson to his first Area Committee meeting since replacing Inspector Ahmed at Canning Circus. Inspector Wilson provided details of further reductions in the levels of burglaries against homes and people across the Radford West, The Park, Lenton Triangle and The Leen police beats.

He also reported a reduction of almost 20% over previous levels of criminal damage, but expressed some concern that incidences of theft showed a small increase in the area, mirroring a city-wide trend. A public education exercise was currently in progress regarding the best methods of storing and securing cycles, which had been a particular target for criminals.

Two area of current concern identified by local communities were an impending trial, in mid-April of an individual accused of using petrol bombs during the civil disturbances in August 2011 and the proliferation of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in the area bounded by Alfreton Road, Hartley Road and Independent Street. As a result of this, the area had been made a priority area to receive responses to calls within one hour.

**RESOLVED that Inspector Wilson be thanked for his attendance and comments.**

**44 URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGY  
(Director of Sport, Culture and Parks)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Sport, Culture and Parks, copies of which had been circulated.

The Chair welcomed Mr Pell to the meeting. Mr Pell outlined the proposal to develop an Urban Tree Strategy for the City which encompassed all tree stocks, whether publicly or privately owned and the intention to consult on the document which would set out, in a clearer way, the City Council's:-

- expectations for planned rather than reactive stock management and maintenance irrespective of the method of delivery - whether public, private or a partnership and which recognised the important part played by trees in promoting the ecological diversity and character of local communities; and
- a Responsible Neighbours' Guide explaining the City Council's strategy for dealing with insurance and other matters involving trees and the service which local residents could expect.

The resolution of issues involving the impact of trees on individual properties could sometimes be complex and could be affected by factors such as an awareness of the land ownership and whether the tree(s) had the benefit of a tree preservation order (TPO) and would need to reflect carefully the amenity value of any tree works to an overall solution. It was intended that a further report would be brought back to Area Committees following the end of the current consultation exercise.

The following additional matters were referred to in the ensuing discussion:

- alerting affected residents about impending tree works;
- the need for greater cross-agency/partnership working to improve the tree situation on the river Leen;
- the need to safeguard existing trees from the spread of disease and the benefits of using 'mongrel' varieties which were disease resistant to harden stock;

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**45 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN DOCUMENT – ADDITIONAL SITES**  
(Director of Planning and Transport)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Planning and Transport, copies of which had been circulated. The Area Committee's views were sought on the following two additional local development sites, identified during the recent consultation phase. Other suggested sites had failed to meet the 0.5 hectare development size threshold and had not, therefore, been included.

- **DS93 Severn Trent Water Depot, Hucknall Road:** firm proposals for future use were not available and assessment and appraisals for the site had not yet been completed. Possible uses included residential or employment. Initiatives such as Invest In Nottingham and Local People for Local Jobs recognised the benefits of a strong employment sector to the local economy and sought to ensure that range of suitable sites was available for different uses, bearing in mind current employment trends. However, there was also a recognition that older employment land sites were sometimes no longer viable and needed to be returned to alternative uses.

Representatives urged that the use for employment purposes should be encouraged and was preferred over residential use, which could lead to an increase in student numbers locally;

- **DS94 Salisbury Street:** planning permission currently existed for residential use, subject to completion of an agreement for 'planning gain' (Section 106 agreement) under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The principle of residential use was accepted. Monies derived from such agreements would normally be spent with a Committee's geographical area. A balance was required between expenditure of funds on existing open space provision, which was often considered a more appropriate use rather than the creation of many small(er) areas of open space, each with ongoing maintenance requirements.

It was confirmed that pre-application discussions would be held between the City Council and potential developers regarding the possible redevelopment of Sanfield Centre for residential use. The future development of the former Radford Mill site may be more complex. The site was considered challenging in that it was not currently considered viable for re-development until additional financial resources could be identified or land values rose sufficiently.

**RESOLVED that the report and intention to submit a further report to a future meeting following the outcome of consultations, be noted.**

#### **46 WARD PRIORITIES MARCH 2012**

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities, copies of which had been circulated.

The report provided a summary of a series of local priorities derived from consultations with local residents, partners and councillors and reflecting the current One Nottingham Plan, which would be used to develop Ward Action Plans.

Further refinement of the priorities and funding model were required, with services aiming to deliver outcomes in a way which would enable improved interaction between the deliverer, interested parties and the clients/local residents. Local groups would also receive assistance and support to apply for grants

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**47 AREA CAPITAL FUND**

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities, copies of which had been circulated.

The report provided the following summary of current activities under the Area Capital Fund allocations across the Committee's area:

<u>Ward/Location</u>	<u>Work*</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>
<b><u>Arboretum</u></b>		
Court Street	Resurfacing	64,500
Hawksley Road	Resurfacing	7,378
Portland Road (Area)	Installation of Gates to control anti-social behaviour	5,500
St Paul's Avenue (Terraces)	Installation of bollards	2,200
Oldnow Street	Reconstruct Footway	18,100
<b><u>Scheme Savings</u></b>		
Hyson Green Market	Wing Removal (Joint with Berridge)	2,000
Gregory Boulevard	Discontinued Survey	500
<b><u>Berridge</u></b>		
Russell Road	Footpath Reconstruction	117,550
Claremont Road/ Erskine Road	Road lining work	5,000
<b><u>Scheme Savings</u></b>		
Hyson Green Market	Wing Removal (Joint with Arboretum)	2,000
Fischer Street/ Gladstone Street	Road signing/lining work not progressed	500
	CCTV Underspend from 2009/11	6,500
Noel Street/Terrace Street	Duplicate Residents' Parking Scheme	5,000

<b><u>Radford and Park</u></b>		<b>£</b>
Lenton Triangle	Parking Bays	4,000
Castle Boulevard	Junction Protection Haslam Street, Palatine Street, Wharf Road	5,000
Forster Street	Double Yellow Lines nr Sutton House	5,000
Peveril Drive	Part Re-construction Castle Boulevard to Park gates	14,574
Radford Boulevard	Replacement slabbed footpath (part) with tarmac (Norton St to Player St)	25,600
Radford	Transfer to Berridge budget <sup>(1)</sup>	(7,101)
Radford Area	CCTV installations <sup>(1)</sup>	(90,000)
St Peter's Park	Repair Memorial Stone <sup>(1)</sup>	150
35 Cleveland Close	Installation of cycle barrier adjacent <sup>(2)</sup>	1,599

**Scheme Savings**

Wellington Circus	Wall Refurbishment	14,497
Radford	Neighbourhood Plan contribution	200,000

**Remaining LTP Balances following Adjustments**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Arboretum</b>	21,651
<b>Berridge</b>	22,212
<b>Radford and Park</b>	198,700

**\* All Local Transport Plan (LTP) Expenditure unless otherwise specified**

**<sup>(1)</sup>Public Realm expenditure<sup>(2)</sup>Environmental Expenditure**

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr Papiewicz provided the following updates on matters of interest:

Waste Collection Arrangements: garden waste collections would resume in the area on 2 April 2012. Separate food waste collections would cease after 31 March 2012. The amounts collected by the separate system had decreased and it had proved difficult to persuade residents to separate food from other types of waste. Letters informing residents of the changes had been sent out and a programme of house visits would be undertaken during the next two weeks. Residents were now becoming more familiar with changes to collection arrangements and arrangements were being made address incidences of increased litter in some areas. Comments regarding successes in the Radford Road area were welcomed and the need to examine bin collection arrangements in Gladstone Street and promote better public understanding of the issues around recycling, were noted.

RESOLVED that the report and updates be noted.

## **47 THANKS**

The Chair reminded Councillors and Community Representatives that this meeting was the final meeting under current arrangements. From May 2012 some area committee boundaries , including this Committee's, would alter and meetings would be held four times per year. The Chair thanked Councillors, Community Representatives and colleagues for their past participation.