

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CLIFTON AND WILFORD AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 9) **(CLIFTON NORTH AND CLIFTON SOUTH WARDS)**

MINUTES

of meeting held on **14 MARCH 2012** at

Clifton Leisure Centre, Clifton, from 7.04 pm to 8.50 pm.

Present

- ✓ Councillor Packer (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Malcolm (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor Jeffery
- ✓ Councillor Gibson
- ✓ Councillor Steel
- ✓ Councillor Spencer

✓ indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives and Citizens

- Mrs C Ashton - Clifton Good Companions
- Miss N Judd) Nordtra
- Mr P Roberts)
- Mr P Mackie - Silverdale Community Association
- Mrs P Nicholson - New Beginnings
- Mr J Potter - Resident
- Mr A Rule - Wilford Residents Association

City Council Colleagues and Others in Attendance

- Steve Harrison - Area Manager
- Rachel Mottram - Constitutional Services Officer
- John Pell - Horticultural Service Manager
- Marcus Shelley - Clifton Leisure Centre

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 Mavis Harrison (Clifton Diabetic Support), and Reverend Clarke.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were made.

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 January 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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

John Pell, Horticultural Service Manager, provided the following key information on the Urban Forestry Strategy:

- the City Council were responsible for over 100,000 trees on City Council land;
- the strategy applied to all trees in the city, regardless of who owned the land they were on;
- trees had a major impact on the character of the city and played an important part in biodiversity and climate change;
- trees reduced carbon dioxide by absorption and reduced heat in city centres;
- the City Council received around 2,000 tree related enquiries from citizens such as obstruction of satellite dishes and solar panels, perceived danger of trees and sap on pavements causing a hazard;
- future planning was an important part of the strategy and needed to take account of diseases affecting particular species, and plan for replanting schemes, if that happened.

During discussion the following additional information was provided in response to the questions and comments made:

- there had been reports of bleeding canker affecting horse chestnut trees in southern Europe, and there was evidence it was moving North but at a slow pace;
- a list of contractors who carried out tree work could be provided by the Council, but specific companies or individuals could not be recommended;
- planting trees for the Queens diamond jubilee would be a great way to mark the occasion;
- an advisory sheet should be included for residents about the type of trees suitable for planting in private gardens and trees native to Nottingham;
- the replanting and landscaping for NET phase 2 was currently being considered;
- fruit trees had been planted in St Ann's as a pilot scheme and, if successful, fruit trees could be used in other areas of the City;
- the planting of trees needed to be carefully considered so they did not obstruct sunlight into buildings and the thermal benefits that could bring;

- there was an increase in queries relating to solar panels and more information on this topic would be included within the strategy;
- Nottingham City Homes did not appear to replant many trees;
- when replanting, native trees should be used wherever possible;
- trees added value in terms of privacy between buildings and acted as a windbreak in some cases;
- more wild flower meadows were planned in the coming year;
- white oak or lime trees would be good to use in single specimen planting schemes.

RESOLVED that the Draft Urban Forestry Strategy be noted and comments made be submitted for consideration as part of the consultation.

44 AREA COMMITTEE CHANGES

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Steve Harrison, Area Manager, presented the report which provided information about agreed changes to Neighbourhood Working boundaries, as part of an agreement with the Police and Nottingham City Homes to align operational boundaries to deliver a more efficient way of working. This meant that future meetings of this Committee would include Bridge ward councillors and community representatives.

Whilst acknowledging the need to reduce costs, there was a concern at the future level of support that would be available to local groups and residents as a result of these changes.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the officers and community representatives involved with the Clifton and Wilford Area Committee be thanked for all their hard work.**

45 CLIFTON NORTH AND SOUTH WARDS FINANCE

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Steve Harrison, Area Manager, presented the report.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the information contained in Appendix A to the report be noted;**
- (2) that the recommended schemes to be written back be approved;**
- (3) that the following funding be approved be approved, with the proviso that any funding for voluntary sector groups would need to be formally signed off in the normal way after being assessed by the Council's Single Gateway Unit:**

- (i) £25,535 for Tintagel Park (Clifton South budget);
- (ii) funding for literacy volunteers (Clifton South budget), sum to be confirmed by Chair;
- (iii) £5,000 for queens jubilee event in Wilford (Clifton North budget) (submitted by Wilford Community Group);
- (iv) £2012 for Game on (Clifton North and South budgets).

46 CLIFTON NORTH AND SOUTH WARDS ACTION PLANS 2012/13

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Steve Harrison, Area Manager, presented the report.

RESOLVED that the content of the report and action plan be noted with the following amendment:

- (i) a commitment to support elderly and vulnerable residents by supporting projects that reach out to such individuals, such as Clifton Companions.

47 CLIFTON NORTH WARD AREA CAPITAL FUND PRIORITIES

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Steve Harrison, Area Manager, presented the report.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the priorities for expenditure of the Clifton North Ward Area Capital Fund be approved;
- (2) that £27,000 for the Glapton Lane scheme be approved.

48 NEXT MEETING DATE

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Bridge, Clifton North and South Committee be held on 16 May 2012, time and venue to be determined.