

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **13 FEBRUARY 2013**

at Loxley House, Station Street from 7.00pm to 9.30pm

Present

- ✓ Councillor Malcolm (Chair) (for minute 33 to 39 inclusive and 41 to 46)
 - ✓ Councillor Heaton (Vice-Chair)
 - ✓ Councillor Edwards
 - Councillor Gibson
 - Councillor Jeffery
 - Councillor Packer
 - Councillor Spencer
 - ✓ Councillor Steel
- ✓ indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives and Citizens

- Mrs C Ashton - Good Companions
- Mr J Hughes - Friends of Victoria Embankment (FOVE)
- Ms N Judd - Resident
- Mr K McKormack - Resident
- Mrs C Moseley - Monday Club
- Mr R Moseley - Clifton Community Association
- Mr R Nettleship - Carters Education Foundation
- Mr J Potter - Resident
- Mr A Rule - Wilford Community Group
- Mrs M Spencer - Old Meadows Tenants & Residents Association (OMTRA)
- Mr M Varley - Resident
- Ms D Whitworth - Meadows Partnership Trust

City Council Colleagues and Others in Attendance

- Mr W Adams - Tenancy and Estates Manager
- Mr D Bulmer - South Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Mr E Curry - Head of Parks and Open Spaces
- Mr M Dawber - EPIC Partnership Trust
- Mr J Dymond - Parks Development Manager
- Mr A Ghaffar - Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Miss J Gresham - Active Communities Development Officer
- Ms D Holmes - South Locality Manager
- Mr R Kalsi - Constitutional Services Officer
- Mr N Lee - Service Manager Access To Learning
- Mr P Singh - Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Mr B Thurley - Targeted Families Support Manager
- Mr N Waldram - Nottinghamshire Police

Mrs J Walker - Nottingham in Bloom Partnership Manager

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Gibson, Councillor Jeffery, Councillor Spencer, Reverend Sarah Clarke, Di Causon and William Stewart (Queen's Walk Community Association).

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Malcolm advised the Committee that he had an interest in agenda item 9(b) (Ward Performance - Bridge) by reason of his son's position as an assistant manager of an establishment at the Bridgeway Centre and should, as he anticipated, the discussion focus on a potential scheme for the protection of the 3 car parks associated with the Bridgeway Centre he considered such interest sufficient to prevent his participating in the debate or voting on the decision(s) regarding the matter. He resolved to leave the room for the duration of this item.

35 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL - UPDATE

(Corporate Director of Children and Families)

Further to minute 29 dated 12 November 2012, Mr Lee, Access to Learning Service Manager, provided a verbal update on the Riverside School expansion.

The following key information was provided:

- Mr Lee reported that the initial consultation process on proposals to expand Riverside Primary School from 210 to 420 pupils had now ended;
- the vast majority of respondents to the consultation had been in favour of the proposal and permission had been sought from Executive Board in January of this year to recommend a move to the next stage of the consultation process, the issuing of statutory notices, for the expansion of the Primary School. Further approval would be sought from Executive Board for the release of the funding should the proposal be formally approved following the statutory notice period;
- Mr Lee reported that, following assurances made to the Committee in November 2012, he had met with colleagues in Clifton schools and were assured that Clifton schools were on board with school place planning issues;
- in response to comments, Mr Lee confirmed that he was aware of a petition regarding the potential use of the old Trent Bridge School and reported that a response would be forwarded to those concerned in due course.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

36 CONNECTING WILD CLIFTON – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

(Report of Corporate Director for Communities)

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director for Communities, which summarised Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trusts' (NWT) proposals for the management of 6 nature reserves across the Clifton area, aiming to improve the wildlife of Clifton as a

whole. The 6 nature reserves formed a network from the east of Clifton village to the west of Clifton Estate, and included a substantial amount of woodland, as well as wetland, notably Holme Pit and Fairham Brook.

The following points were made in relation to the report:

- there were still concerns regards tree felling in woodlands however the work was considered to be gentle and would enable the trees to re-grow. Following the work, there would be improvements made to the wild flowers and the wetlands which would reinvigorate the beds;
- concerns were raised over what was considered an inadequate process of consultation as a variety of trees had been marked without proper dialogue. In response, colleagues from NWT confirmed that there were posters on site as well as in local schools and GP offices. Following an initial error in markings, NWT had to mark trees with a circle to indicate that they were not being removed as well separate markings for those trees designated for removal;
- although some trees had been marked, there had been no let of contracts for the works which were due to commence in the winter. At this stage, NWT was required to demonstrate what work would be carried out in order to secure the funding. Once sufficient funding had been secured, a proper and robust consultation process would commence;
- colleagues from NWT were keen to liaise with local citizens at resident associations and similar meetings in the locality and would provide the schedule of planned work for public inspection. They confirmed that some remedial work concerning the safety of certain trees had already taken place;
- it was proposed that, prior to the commencement of any scheduled works, a robust consultation process be carried out with English Heritage and Clifton residents.

RESOLVED that, the Committee supports the proposals, subject to full consultation with English Heritage and Clifton residents prior to the commencement of works.

37 THE MEADOWS IN BRITAIN IN BLOOM
(Report of Director of Sport, Culture and Parks)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Sports, Culture and Parks which informed the Committee that The Meadows had accepted an invitation to compete in the Urban Community category of Britain in Bloom 2013. A financial contribution of £2,290 was sought from Bridge Ward towards enhanced floral displays.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Committee support the Meadows community's entry into Britain in Bloom 2013;**

- (2) that a financial contribution of £2,290 be awarded to the Meadows in Bloom Committee from the Bridge Ward towards additional floral displays at the Bridgeway Centre.**

38 VICTORIA EMBANKMENT & MEADOWS RECREATION GROUND MASTER PLAN

(Report of Director of Sport, Culture and Parks)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Sports, Culture and Parks which presented the concept master plan for Victoria Embankment & Meadows Recreation Ground and outlined the consultation process for the development. Funding opportunities, timescales and the next steps of the delivery of the plan were also outlined.

The following points were made in relation to the accompanying presentation:

- the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had recently paid for the installation of cricket wickets on the site and following receipt of £400k of funding, the following improvements had been made to the following areas: an outdoor gym, rockeries, children's play area, tree planting, benches, footpaths, lighting, War Memorial, Memorial Gardens;
- the final master plan had been developed in the context of a number of competing and different aspirations and the balancing these factors has been a challenge in creating the master plan. The final plan represented three main areas of influence: public needs and ideas, operational requirements for the site and the long term aspirations and wider strategic influences;
- phase 1 of the public consultation took place from November 2011 to March 2012 which included 10 community meetings and events. Following the conclusion of this, 429 improvements had been suggested with upgrades to toilet facilities being ranked highest in this regard;
- phase 2 of public consultation, from May 2012 to December 2012, had targeted sports teams and of the 27 suggested improvements, improvements the toilet facilities was prioritised along with the renovation of the pavilions and the paddling pool;
- a separate process of consultation was carried out in relating to improvements to the paddling pool and of 224 respondents, 76% felt that improvements were required. Following suggestions from both adults and a younger demographic, a mixture of the current facility with exciting improvements such as a 'splash' play area would be sought;
- following priority improvements suggested by the public, strategic factors and operational requirements of the site, the master plan presented improvements to the site under 5 project areas: memorial gardens, event space, play, sports and river frontage/general improvements;
- when the new tram stop was completed adjacent to the site effective management would be required to ensure that the site was not abused as a parking site for commuters into the City;

- the Committee welcomed the proposals for site improvements and were encouraged by the retention of the natural elements of the surroundings. Assurances were given that when contracts were negotiated with refreshment vendors, the availability of healthy food choices would be stressed and made available.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the master plan proposals for Victoria Embankment & Meadows Recreation Ground be approved;**
- (2) that the timescales and funding for the master plan be noted.**

39 CLIFF ROAD PROJECT – EPIC PARTNERSHIP

(Presentation by EPIC Partnership)

Consideration was given to a presentation made by EPIC Partnership which updated the Committee on a 6 week pilot project, funded by councillors, which engaged young people in structured supervised sport sessions on the Cliff Road Park.

The majority of participants within the scheme were female and there was a need to secure additional funding which would help increase participation of the wider community.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

40 WARD PERFORMANCE - BRIDGE

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on a variety of key issues and themes which linked back to the local priorities in Bridge and the strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020.

The following key information was provided:

- a scheme for the protection of the 3 car parks associated with the Bridgeway Centre based on the use of automatic number plate reading technology which would enable the car parking limit to be properly enforced would be sought and would include broader consultation.

RESOLVED that the Ward Performance report for quarter 3 be noted.

41 WARD PERFORMANCE – CLIFTON NORTH

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on a variety of key issues and themes which linked back to the local priorities in Bridge and the strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020.

RESOLVED that the Ward Performance report for quarter 3 be noted.

42 WARD PERFORMANCE – CLIFTON SOUTH

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on a variety of key issues and themes which linked back to the local priorities in Bridge and the strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020.

Further to the report circulated, Inspector Waldram presented the following information to the Committee:

- overall crime in the Meadows and Clifton had seen a reduction of 11.6% which amounted to 301 fewer crimes than the same point last year. Burglary and robbery had seen a reduction in comparison to last year and there was a detection rate of 38.9% for all crime;
- with regards to the areas for concern, common assault had increased by 34.2%. Hate crimes had seen an increase of 7.4% and shoplifting had increased by 15.6%;
- two new PCSO's were due to complete training in April and start on the beat in March 2013, a new Meadows Beat Manager was due to start March/April 2013 and three new CPO's were added to the team;
- there had been a reduction in incidents of anti-social behaviour in Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South;
- several local burglars had been imprisoned and stolen property had been recovered as part of cross border operations. Following several community meetings, it was reported that community confidence in the police had increased. This would facilitate an increase in partnership working;
- a key success noted was the move of Clifton police station to Farnborough Road.

RESOLVED that the Ward Performance report for quarter 3 be noted.

43 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH)

(Report of the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes)

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes which informed the Committee of the schemes which had been requested by residents of Nottingham City Homes (NCH) residents to be sourced from the Housing Revenue Fund.

It was reported that, subject to further discussions with councillors, proposals for the protection of the Bridgeway Centre's associated car parks using automatic number plate reading would be looked into.

The following additional information was provided in relation to the proposed environmental schemes 2012/2013:

- the cost of replacing the existing barriers at 27-34 Rochester Walk in Clifton was £3,851.55;

- a cost of £483.10 had been provided for the removal of three washing line posts and a section of the fence between 10 and 11 Wycombe Close, Clifton;
- it was reported that approval would not be sourced from the Committee concerning the proposal to install bollards/barriers on the green area on Wycombe Close, Clifton South. In addition to the report, the proposals for the external painting facing Listowel Crescent in Clifton South had been approved in principle.

RESOLVED

(1) that following receipt of the cost, the proposed schemes at Rochester Walk, Wycombe Close and Holbrook Court, be approved;

(2) that the contents of the report be noted.

44 AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2011/13 PROGRAMME

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services that provided the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways.

The Committee agreed that the approval of all three Clifton North ward Councillors would be sought prior to the commencement of scheduled remedial work on Winchor Close. This would allow for the cost and actions to be reviewed by appropriate councillors and officers.

RESOLVED

(1) that the Area Capital Fund Local Transport Fund Plan for junction improvements to Willersley Drive be approved at an estimated cost of £10,639.00;

(2) that the Area Capital Fund Local Transport Fund Plan for footpath patching work on Wichnor Close and Locksley Lane be approved at an estimated cost of £10,506.00;

(3) that the savings to the following schemes be noted:

<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>£</u>
Thrumpton Drive	Carriageway	7,477.00
Beardsley Gardens	Footpath	2,114.00
Birdcage Walk	Metal Poles	314.00
Queens Walk	Bollards	5,000.00
Bridge Area	Cycling signage	5,000.00
<u>Clifton North</u>		
Wichnor Close	Footpath	20,532.00
<u>Clifton South</u>		
Gaywood Close	Footpath	2,000.00

Glapton Lane	Parking	11,500.00
Ridgmont Walk	Lay by	7,000.00

(4) that the Area Capital monies available for each ward, as follows, be noted:

(a) Bridge	£	0;
(b) Clifton North	£	10,026.00;
(c) Clifton South	£	3,418.00.

45 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS
(Director of Neighbourhood services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Communities.

RESOLVED that the following Ward Budget Allocations, and the remaining funds, be noted:

<u>Bridge Ward</u> (Councillors pooled allocation unless stated)	£
Small Green Shoots	586.00
Iron lighting column (Cllr Edwards)	050.00
Ageing in Great Britain (Cllr Edwards)	495.00
Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens	610.00
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	607.00
26 th Nottingham (The Meadows) Scouts Group	419.00
Glapton Road – Gate keys (Cllr Heaton)	102.00
Med – Fest Music Day	1,830.00
Nottingham African Centre (Cllr Heaton)	300.00
Manzil (Asian Women’s Project)	825.00
Meadows Youth Club	694.00
Epic Partnership – Football coaching at Cliff Road	900.00
Dragons Den – December 2012	2,000.00
MPT – Christmas Tree, Event on 8 th Dec 2012	240.00
Renewal Trust, Volunteers Awards at Council House	400.00
Meadows Dance & Social Group	1,500.00
Nott’s County Football in the Community	3,000.00
(Remaining unallocated funds)	6,010.00)

CLIFTON NORTH (Councillors pooled allocation unless stated) £

Wilford Community Group	600.00
Game On – Go for Gold at Kingfisher Court (Cllr Jeffery)	340.00
Game On – Pyramid Acro Gymnastic Club (Cllr Jeffery)	114.00
Picnic in the Park (Game On)	1,700.00
Bench at Ruddington Lane Park (Cllr Spencer)	585.00
1 st Clifton Scout Group	505.00
Silverdale Community Centre website (Cllr Jeffery)	500.00

Silverdale Community Association Celebration & Grand Opening of new Park	450.00
Good Companions project (Cllrs Jeffery & Spencer)	3,000.00
Varney Road shops – Access road CCTV (Cllrs Jeffery & Spencer)	1,297.00
South Locality – Urban Skatepark event (Cllrs Jeffery & Spencer)	332.00
South Locality – Children’s Play Day (Cllr Jeffery & Spencer)	332.00
Security gates for footway linking Carew Road and Leafield Green	1,700.00
Wilford Church Luncheon Club	722.00
Clifton Christmas lights switch-on	500.00
South Locality Volunteers Achievements Awards (Cllrs Jeffery & Spencer)	400.00
Notts Wildlife Trust	500.00
Grit bin on Fabis Drive	1,430.00
(Remaining unallocated funds)	23,659.00)

Clifton South (Councillors pooled allocation unless stated) £

Clifton Village Jubilee Street Party	750.00
Picnic in the Park (Game on)	1,800.00
Clifton Aces Football Club (Game on)	300.00
Tintagel Park – Improvements	30,000.00
South Locality – Urban Skate Park event	498.00
South Locality – Children’s Play Day	498.00
Good Companions Project	3,000.00
Clifton Village Residents Association	750.00
Elderly / Disabled local residents Trent River Cruise (Cllr Packer)	700.00
Clifton Christmas Lights Switch-on	500.00
Notts Wildlife Trust	500.00
Springgs Sprogs parents and toddler group	500.00
(Remaining unallocated funds)	12,391.00)

46 TO AGREE CALLING AN ADDITIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED that an additional meeting of the Committee be held on 5 March 2013, at 7pm in Loxley House, to consider a report on Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector.