

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **26 NOVEMBER 2008** at the

Council House from 5.00 pm to 7.20 pm

Present

Councillor Wildgust	(Chair)
Councillor Arnold	
Councillor Grocock	
Councillor Lee	
Councillor Newton	(Vice Chair)
Councillor Smith	

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

Ms P Chambers	-	Bestwood Estate Community Centre
Mr G Hall	-	Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association
Ms M Hemphill	-	Bestwood Park Tenant
Ms A Spetch	-	Basford Resident

City Council Officers

Mr J Dymond)	
Ms H May)	Community and Culture
Ms F Walker)	
Mr R Adkin)	
Ms D Crisp)	Children's Services
Mr P Hemphill)	
Mr D Widdowson)	
Mr A Houldsworth	-	Environment and Regeneration
Miss R Mottram	-	Resources

Others in attendance

CPO R Lindley)	
Inspector R Wilson)	Nottinghamshire Police
PCSO J Woolley)	
Mr N Timms	-	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Ms D Smith - Primary Care Trust
P Stanley - Nottingham City Homes

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

ACTION

30 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - PAT CHAMBERS AND KERRY QUIGLEY

The Committee paid tribute to Pat Chambers, Bestwood Estate Community Centre and Kerry Quigley for their hard work and commitment within the Community.

Pat had recently won the Nottingham Neighbour of the Year award for her commitment and dedication to her local area. Kerry had recently won a Community Champion award.

RESOLVED that a note of thanks from the Committee be extended to Pat Chambers and Kerry Quigley for their hard work, commitment and dedication within their local areas.

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lee, David Broughton, (Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service), Alvin Henry (Street Scene), Cheryl Cooper, Kerry Quigley, Lyse-Anne Renwick, (Neighbourhood Management) and Gary Cawthorne, (Bestwood Directions).

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

At the time of consideration of minute 39, Revenue Budget and Council Tax Consultation 2009/10, Councillor Grocock declared a personal interest as a council appointed member of the Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Fire Authority, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

33 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 September 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

34 BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE - UPDATE FOR AREA 2

Peter Hemphill, Building Schools for the Future Design Manager, gave a presentation on the plans for the new Southwark Primary School.

The following information was provided:

- the scheme for the school was approved by the Development Control Committee on 19 November 2008;

ACTION

- the total site area covered 26,000sqm and the proposed floor area of the building was 3,650sqm;
- work was due to start in January 2009 with a proposed first phase completion planned for February 2010;
- the existing primary school building would then be demolished and turned into a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and football pitch;
- the provision of excellent pedestrian access within the design was regarded as a key factor in the school being able to provide social opportunities for parents collecting and taking their children to school and to facilitate the whole community accessing the facilities on offer;
- the BRE Environmental Assessment Method of Excellent had been aimed for and achieved through the design stage.

In response to questions from members, the following additional information was provided:

- the use of public consultation to develop the design was excellent and this should continue so that local people were engaged with the services that would be provided at the school;
- traffic management for the wider area should be considered;
- sound proofing around the MUGA and play areas should be considered to protect the local residents from unnecessary noise disturbance;
- the contract was being delivered through the Local Education Partnership and once the contract was signed it would be a fixed price enabling all the design elements to be included;
- all parts of the building would be accessible.

RESOLVED that the Committees thanks be extended to the Building Schools for the Future team for the update on the new Southwark Primary School.

35 NEW GP PRACTICES IN BESTWOOD

Dawn Smith, Primary Care Trust provided the Committee with an update on new GP Practices in Bestwood.

The following information was provided:

- tenders for new practices in Bestwood had been invited in August/September 2008 but the returns had not met the criteria;

ACTION

- although the Department for Health had wanted contracts signing by the end of December 2008, they still had funding available and accepted that the tendering process had started;
- a 'bidder' day was proposed for the service providers to speak to local people to find out what they wanted in their area;
- a decision on where the services would be delivered from had not been taken, however, it was confirmed that it would be from a building located within the Bestwood ward;
- the services would be available to approximately 6000 people.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the thanks of the Committee to Dawn Smith for providing an update be recorded;**
- (2) **that an invitation be extended to the Primary Care Trust to attend the next meeting when the new Basford College will be an item for discussion.**

H May

36 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY BUS TRANSPORT
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report provided summary results of a six month trial community bus, funded by Area 2 Committee to transport elderly residents living in Basford to leisure opportunities in their local area.

The following information was provided:

- although the project had been well publicised, the lack of residents using the service made it unviable;
- discussions were ongoing with Claire Probert, (Area 1 and 2 Health Action Officer), regarding possible tai chi classes being held at the Old Basford Community Centre.

Members made the following comments:

- the confusion around the time the arrival time for the bus could have put some residents off from using the service;
- enquiries should be made with local schools, such as Ellis Guilford, on whether they had minibuses that could be utilised for a community purpose.

H May

RESOLVED

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- (1) that the summary evaluation report on the community mini bus be noted;
- (2) that the Area Manager be requested to contact local schools to enquire whether they have minibuses that could be utilised for a community purpose.

H May

37 AREA BASED GRANT
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report outlined the spending approved by the Local Implementation Group (LIG) for the 2008/09 financial year for the priority neighbourhood of Bestwood and Leen Valley.

RESOLVED that the spending outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, under the key priorities identified within the local community plan guided by the Safer Stronger Communities Fund Governance and Finance document be endorsed.

38 PATHFINDER PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2008/09 AND 2009/10
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks and Director of Targeted Services for Children and Young People)

The report sought to finalise the locations of playgrounds to be improved as part of a successful application to receive 'Pathfinder' funding from the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposals for the City as a whole be noted;
- (2) that the allocation of 'Pathfinder' funding to the selected playgrounds within the Basford and Bestwood Area, both for the remainder of Year One (2008/09) and the whole of the Year Two (2009/10) spend be supported;
- (3) that the use of the 'Pathfinder spreadsheet' as a mechanism for identifying future playground investment priorities within each area and Citywide across Nottingham be noted.

39 REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION 2009/10
(Chair of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority)

The report had been considered by the Finance and Resources Committee of Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority at its meeting on 24 October 2008. The Authority sought the Area Committees views and opinions on the range of services and priorities for 2009/10.

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At this point, Councillor Grocock declared a personal interest as a council appointed member of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Members made the following comments:

- Bestwood ward had benefitted from the Arson Task Force;
- when Fire Officers are carrying out direct community activities they should wear uniforms;
- the money spent on direct community activity seemed to benefit everyone by driving down the number of fires/incidents.

RESOLVED that the Committees comments and views be fed into the Revenue Budget and Council Tax Consultation 2009/10.

40 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES

(Director of Regeneration, Planning, Transport and Housing)

The report provided details on the Area Capital fund which was a three year capital programme to improve footways, street lighting, fencing and other area that enhance the public realm.

It was reported that all funds for the programme were committed but this had not been verified.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the total spend of £1.923m to 31 October 2008, as detailed in appendix A at the locations in appendix B attached to the report be noted;
- (2) that to date, 89 footpaths and 44 works to public realm had been completed; H May
- (3) that the value of works committed for 2008/09 was £689k, as detailed in appendix A at the locations in appendix C attached to the report be noted;
- (4) that 6 footpath and 45 public realm works were expected to be completed by 31 March 2009;
- (5) that the exchange of £92k of housing funds from Area 2 to Area 1 be noted, and that in return Area 1 would reimburse Area 2 with £92k of funds from their Non-Housing allocation;
- (6) that the non-availability of funds for housing works for the remainder of the programme (ie. March 2009) be noted;

ACTION

- (7) that the over-programming of non housing works to the value of £28k being deducted from the 2009/11 allocation be noted;
- (8) that the Executive Board on 19 February approved a further allocation of £5m for each of the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11 be noted;
- (9) that Area 2 had been allocated £1.256m over the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11, be noted.

41 PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS NOVEMBER 2008

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report set out a number of projects which sought funding from the Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) that in the absence of Councillor Lee, delegated authority be granted to the Acting Director of Local Communities, in consultation with the Basford Ward Councillors to approve the proposed new projects for November 2008 with the outcomes being reported to the next committee; L Taylor
- (2) that the following contributions from the proposed projects towards achieving the Local Area Agreement Targets be noted:
 - (i) NI 1 – percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area;
 - (ii) NI 4 – percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality;
 - (iii) NI 5 – overall general satisfaction in their area.

42 DISPERSAL ZONE

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 paragraph 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to enable the dispersal zone to be set up as soon as possible.

Inspector Robert Wilson provided the Committee with the following information:

- the dispersal zone would cover Lytham Gardens, Thompson Gardens and Kyle View;
- the zone would last for a period of six months;

ACTION

- local media sources such as lamp posts and notice boards would be used to advertise that the zone was coming into effect;

Members commented that although they were supportive of the dispersal zone, reassurance was sought that policing would take place around the other shopping areas,