

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **28 JANUARY 2009** at the

Council House from 5.00 pm to 6.45 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 M Diamond	-	Stockhill Tenants and Residents
Mr P England	-	Whitemore Neighbourhood Watch
Mr G Hall	-	Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association
Ms M Hemphill	-	Bestwood Park Tenant
Ms J Morris)	St Matthews Church
Mr A Morris)	
Mr A O' Sullivan	-	Resident

City Council Officers

Ms A Davies)	
Ms C Elmhurst)	
Mr R Glew)	Community and Culture
Ms H May)	
Ms C Probert)	
Ms L Renwick)	
Ms T Furlong)	
Mr A Henry)	
Mr A Houldsworth)	Environment and Regeneration
Mr J Lee)	
Mr T Luckcuck)	
Ms V Simmons)	

Miss R Mottram - Resources

Others in attendance

Mr G Cawthorne - The Bestwood Partnership
Mr I Drakeford) Basford Childrens Centre
Mr L Jackson)

Mr A Donoghue)
Ms V Mattinson) New College Nottingham
Mr D White)

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

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43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lee, Paul Stanley (Nottingham City Homes) and Inspector G Kaur (Local Area Commander).

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Newton declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 (minute 47), Basford Hall College as a Council appointed Member of New College Nottingham, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

At the time of consideration of agenda item 4 (a) (minute 46 (a)), request to gate a footpath at Neston Drive, Cinderhill, Councillor Grocock declared a personal interest as a member of the Local Access Panel, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

At the time of consideration of agenda item 7 (minute 47), Basford Hall College, Councillor Arnold declared a personal interest as a former student, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

45 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 November 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

Further to minute no. 42, the Committee was advised that the feedback received in relation to the Dispersal Zone had been positive and the Police were optimistic for the future effectiveness of the zone.

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46 REQUESTS FOR FOOTPATH GATING ORDERS

(a) Neston Drive, Cinderhill

The report provided information to enable the Committee to consider whether to authorise the making of a gating order to restrict public access along a footpath adjacent to 125 and 127 Neston Drive, Cinderhill, to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

The following comments were made by members:

- the length of alternative routes should be taken into account when considering gating orders;
- a number of anti-social behaviour complaints had been received within the Neston Drive area;
- monitoring of displacement activity should be ongoing.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the making of a full time gating order to restrict public access along the footpath adjacent to 125 and 127 Neston Drive, Cinderhill to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, be authorised;**
- (2) that the decision by the Executive Board to allow an Area Committee to authorise more than one gating order per financial year as set out at paragraphs 3.3 to 3.5 of the report be noted.**

J Lee

(b) Between Bagnall Road and Greenwich Avenue, Basford

The report provided information to enable the Committee to consider whether to authorise the making of a gating order to restrict public access along a footpath which ran between 124 and 126 Bagnall Road and 20 and 21 Greenwich Avenue, Basford, to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

The following comments were made by members and community representatives:

- a petition had been submitted to Full Council to request that this order be made;
- incidents that had been reported to the police had not been reported by residents who lived on Greenwich Avenue or Bagnall Road;
- it was felt that longer timescales of reported crime/anti social behaviour information may be more appropriate when considering

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whether to make an order.

RESOLVED

J Lee

- (1) that the making of a full time gating order to restrict public access along a footpath that runs between 124 and 126 Bagnall Road and 20 and 21 Greenwich Avenue, Basford to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, be authorised;**
- (2) that the decision by the Executive Board to allow an Area Committee to authorise more than one gating order per financial year as set out at paragraphs 3.3 to 3.5 of the report be noted.**

47 BASFORD HALL COLLEGE

David White, Andy Donoghue and Val Mattinson from New College Nottingham provided an update on the proposed new Basford Hall College.

The following information was provided:

- the old college campus was built in the 1960's and was no longer fit for purpose, OFSTED had commented that the building was inappropriate and hindered learning;
- the new building would incorporate a Community Learning and Skills Centre including a nursery;
- the construction centre would be improved to provide for 1500 learners;
- local access for higher education would be provided for around 400 learners;
- the new building would be sited on Stockhill Lane and Nuthall Road to increase the prominence of the college within the local area;
- the latest green technology would be used in the building such as solar panels, grey water recycling and ground source heat pumps. The BREAM excellence rating would be aimed for;
- the new building had been designed large but was low level to be in character with the surrounding area;
- the cost of the new build was in the region of £57m for which a bid had been made into the Local Skills Council, a decision was expected to be announced after 4 March 2009;
- the footpath from the old college and Bagnall Road would be retained but improved with additional lighting;

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- the college already provided sexual health clinics and this would continue to be provided in the new college in the community block;
- Connexions already had a base at the college which would continue and discussions had been held with Job Centre Plus with a view to offering them a base;
- a link had been made with Surestart to look at providing support for very young parents;
- consultation with Nottingham Play would take place to consider the location of play areas and any necessary lighting improvements etc.

RESOLVED that the Neighbourhood Manager be requested to send a letter to the Learning Skills Council to express urgency on the decision for funding of the New Basford College.

H May

48 LOCAL COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PLAN 2008-2011
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report provided information about local plans by the Neighbourhood Management Team to bring about empowerment opportunities amongst local communities in the area.

The following information was provided:

- partnership working would be vital in delivering the plan;
- a review of Area Committee membership would be carried out to look how this currently represented the community;
- the plan would be submitted to the Committee twice a year.

RESOLVED that the Local Community Empowerment Plan 2008-11 be noted.

49 NOTTINGHAM IN BLOOM NEIGHBOURHOOD INITIATIVES
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

The report highlighted the success of Nottingham in Bloom on a regional and national level and how this had inspired a great amount of community interest. A renewed focus was planned on a local level for 2009 and proposals outlined in the report would ensure consistent high standards and floral impact across the City.

The following information was provided:

- each area would be provided with 40 barrier troughs and ten extra planters;

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- the Area 2 Operational Team Leader had been approached for key locations of where the troughs and planters could be sited;
- one colour scheme could be chosen by the Committee from a choice of red, white and blue; orange, purple and silver or pink, blue and white;
- until lamp posts were replaced across the City under the Private Finance Initiative scheme, hanging baskets would not be an option due to health and safety reasons.

The following comments were made by members and community representatives:

- most people who lived on estates have pride in their local area and it was a good idea to get them involved in this way;
- working with children's centres would be a good way of engaging with the community;
- the name of 'Blooming Neighbourhoods' should be reconsidered.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that a meeting with traffic management be arranged to determine the most appropriate places to locate the barrier troughs;** **A Henry**
- (2) **that the locations and colour scheme for the 'Blooming Neighbourhood' campaign be reported to the Nottingham in Bloom Partnership Managers by 1 April 2009;** **H May**
- (3) **that the Committee notes and commits its support for local neighbourhoods taking part in the Grass Roots campaign.**

50 SURESTART CHILDRENS CENTRE - BASFORD

Lawrence Jackson, Basford Children's Centre Manager and Ian Drakeford, a father and volunteer at the centre presented a progress update to the Committee.

The following information was provided:

- the centre was launched to the community in July 2008 and was required to be fully operational by March 2010, projections suggested this would take place earlier;
- in five months the centre had reached over 450 families, including over 120 fathers;

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- the centre was essential to early intervention and prevention and would be a catalyst for empowering families with young children, whilst tackling under achievement, low aspirations and complex family needs in Basford;
- the centre was central to encouraging true integrated multi-agency working that was vital to ensure services were effectively connected and worked together to meet the whole needs of children and their families;
- the centre provided good quality early learning and play, access to day care provision, parental outreach and family support, child and family health services including ante-natal care, support for children and parents with special needs, good quality teacher input, a base for a childminder network and effective links with Jobcentre Plus;
- issues that were addressed with fathers included parenting, play, showing love to a child, relationship with the mother, work, learning, benefits, housing and health.

The following additional information was provided in response to questions by the Committee:

- a structured training programme over a six week period would be devised for volunteers including a personalised development plan, mentoring and support and support for interviewing skills and completing applications;
- a full time jobcentre officer would be based at the centre to reach excluded groups and offer welfare rights advice.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the volunteers at the centre to pass on the Committees appreciation for their contributions to the community.

51 FINANCIAL POSITION OF AREA TWO COMMITTEE AT 30 NOVEMBER 2008

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report detailed the financial position of Area Two Committee at 30 November 2008.

RESOLVED that the available uncommitted balance for 2008/09 of £63,470 be noted.

52 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS – BASFORD WARD MEMBER'S ALLOCATION

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report advised the Committee of the use of delegated powers by the Acting Director of Local Communities.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

53 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2006-2009

(Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Regeneration)

The Area Capital Fund 2006-2009 was a three year Capital Programme to improve footways, street lighting, fencing and other area that would enhance the public realm.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:

- (1) the total spend of £2.493m to 13 January 2009, as detailed in appendix A at the locations in appendix B to the report;**
- (2) that 93 footpaths and 79 works to the public realm had been completed;**
- (3) the value of works committed for 2008-09 at £551k, as detailed in appendix A at the locations in appendix C to the report ;**
- (4) that 23 footpath and 7 public realm works were expected to be completed by 31 March 2009;**
- (5) the exchange of £92k of Housing funds from Area 2 to Area 1 and that in return Area 1 would reimburse Area 2 with £92k of funds from their Non-Housing allocation;**
- (6) the available funds of £30k for Housing works only for the remainder of the programme ie. March 2009, as detailed in appendix A;**
- (7) that the over-programming of Non Housing works to the value of £445k to be deducted from the 2009-11 allocation.**

54 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2009-11

(Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Regeneration)

The Area Capital Fund 2009-2011 was a two year Capital Programme extension to improve footways, street lighting, fencing and other area that would enhance the public realm.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:

- (1) the total Area 2 allocation of £1.256m over the two financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11, as detailed in appendix A to the report;**
- (2) the Basford Ward allocation of £554k over the two financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11, as detailed in appendix A to the**

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report;

- (3) the total spend of £2.493m to 13 January 2009, as detailed in appendix A at the locations in appendix B to the report;
- (4) that the over-programming of £445k from the 2006-09 programme be carried forward as a commitment to 2009-11, as detailed in appendix A to the report;
- (5) that clarification be provided to the Committee regarding what Housing Funds can be spent on.

A Houldsworth

55 STANTON TIP, BULWELL – DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
(Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Resources)

RESOLVED that the following be noted:

- (1) the contents of the report to be submitted to and considered by Executive Board on 20 January 2009 recommending that approval be granted to complete the Stanton Tip Development Agreement between the City Council and Omnivale Limited;
- (2) that a further report, considering the options for future involvement of the City Council in the site, would be taken to Area Committees and Executive Board once remediation and infrastructure works had been completed.