

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **25 MARCH 2009** at the

Council House from 4.30 pm to 6.40 pm

Present

- Councillor Wildgust (Chair)
- Councillor Arnold
- Councillor Grocock (minutes 56 to 61 inclusive)
- Councillor Lee
- Councillor Newton (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Smith

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

- Mr P England - Whitemoor 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)
- Ms S Shaw - Stockhill Lane

City Council Officers

- Ms H May) Community and Culture
- Ms L Renwick)
- Ms F Ashton)
- Mr A Henry) Environment and Regeneration
- Mr A Houldsworth)
- Mr S Sheils)
- Miss R Mottram - Resources

Others in attendance

- Mr G Cawthorne - The Bestwood Partnership
- Mr A Breeton) Crime and Drugs Partnership
- Ms K Follows)
- Inspector R Wilson - Oxclose Lane Police Station

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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56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Arnold and Lee, Paul Stanley (Nottingham City Homes) and Pat Chambers (Bestwood Estate Community Centre).

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

58 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 January 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

Further to minute no. 49, a meeting had taken place with traffic be submitted to the next meeting. It was also reported that the colour scheme chosen by Area 2 Committee was purple, silver and orange.

A Henry

Further to minute no. 54, it was confirmed that housing funds could only be spent on housing land.

59 BESTWOOD WEEK OF ACTION FEEDBACK

Ms K Follows and Mr A Breeton from the Crime and Drugs Partnership gave a presentation to the Committee on the Bestwood Week of Action that took place week commencing 23 February 2009.

The following information was provided:

- weeks of action involved many different agencies that aimed to target crime and anti social behaviour hotspots to make a visible difference to the community;
- community careers and job fairs took place at Top Valley School;
- some of the activities on offer included home safety checks, welfare/benefits advice, job fairs and armchair aerobics;
- a live and kicking event was held at the Southglade Centre involving youth and play, libraries, parks and the police;

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- some of the results from the week included, 18 arrests, 2 possession notices, 17 fixed penalty notices, 18 tonnes of waste removed and the installation of 5 new litter bins in the area;
- the profile of community payback was raised which highlighted how organisations could get the people who had committed crime to do work in their areas;
- idea's were submitted at the live and kicking event on how to spend £20,000 in a participatory budget with a vote being taken on 8 April.

The following comments were made by members and community representatives:

- the week of action was a fantastic team effort and very positive comments had been received from local people;
- an action plan should be put in place to carry on the good work from the week;
- concerns were raised about heavy goods vehicles using local roads in the early part of the morning; it was confirmed that monitoring had taken place on Beckhampton Road and this would continue;
- a community representative raised their concerns about a phone call they had made to the police and been placed on hold for 7 minutes; Inspector Wilson agreed to look into the matter and report back to the next meeting.

**Inspector
Wilson**

RESOLVED

- (1) **that Ms K Follows and Mr A Breeton be thanked for their presentation;**
- (2) **that the incident regarding the 999 call be investigated and the outcome be reported to the next meeting.**

**Inspector
Wilson**

60 BESTWOOD FAMILY FUN DAY

The report requested funding to contribute towards to the Community Family Fun Day proposed for 24 June 2009.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the report be noted;**
- (2) **that £1000 funding contribution to the Community Family Fun Day be approved.**

61 SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOLS AND ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROVISION

Francis Newton and Sean Shiels from Accident Investigation, Traffic and Parking Services gave a presentation to the Committee on the work undertaken by their section.

The following information was provided:

- the majority of the teams funding came from the Local Transport Plan with other funding being provided from the Safer routes to School budget and Local Safety Schemes;
- the City was within the target set for accidents as there had been no serious or fatal injuries for 15 – 20 years;
- a collaborative approach was being taken with the Building Schools for the Future team to ensure appropriate road safety measures were taken into account in the early design stages;
- at least five 20 mile per hour zones were introduced every year in locations where traffic calming measures were already installed;
- local safety schemes included the Bestwood Park Drive that was completed in 2008; collaborative working with highway maintenance and footpath improvements had been carried out to implement the scheme;
- cameras were due to be installed at Arnold Road and Western Boulevard due to accidents that had occurred there;
- recruiting to school crossing patrol services proved to be more difficult than it used to be;
- there was no one road safety solution for any particular area, each site had to be evaluated with measures tailored to meet specific needs;
- road safety information was provided to schools to be given to children when starting school and other initiatives were in place right up to and including young people who attended sixth form;
- future projects included Lifecycle and Sensible Passengers as it was known that drivers could be influenced by passengers.

The following additional information was provided in response to comments made by members and community representatives:

- two of the speed signs on the new Bestwood Park scheme were out of action and had never worked for more than two days in a row;

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- an initiative called Jumicar that provided an alternative approach to teaching children about road safety had been looked at by both the City and County Council's but it was considered that the educational benefit was not sufficient and the money would be better spent on cycling and responsible pedestrian schemes;
- to increase the number of 20mph zones from 5 to 10 a year, two full time staff members would be required due to the implementation of such schemes being resource intensive;
- schools that already had traffic calming schemes in place would be given priority for the implementation of 20mph zones;
- enforcement was undertaken outside schools where zig zag lines were in place; School Travel Plan officers also encouraged parents not to drive their children to school;
- seven injuries through accidents were recorded last year for Area 2, none of which were permanent.

RESOLVED

- (1) that Ms F Ashton and Mr S Shiels be thanked for their presentation;
- (2) that the reliability of speed signs at the new Bestwood Park Scheme be investigated.

F Ashton/
S Shiels

62 UPDATE ON YOUTH PROVISION IN AREA 2

The report provided an update on the youth provision across Area 2.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the update in Appendix 1 to the report that detailed where young people who live in Area 2 access services, and the variety of services they access, be noted;
- (2) that the update contained in Appendix 2 to the report, which detailed the range of known youth provision within Area 2, be noted;
- (3) that a youth action plan be developed to engage young people and community groups to provide an informed picture which would enable the Committee to lobby for additional resources in the future.

M Andrews

OTHER BUSINESS - INFORMAL NOTES

The meeting became inquorate immediately after the last item of business

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detailed on the agenda.

A community representative referred to an article in the Nottingham Evening Post on Thursday 5 March. It reported that calls were being made to renovate Basford Park in a bid to attract more visitors. It also mentioned that the Area Committee would discuss the funding proposals for the improvements at this Area Committee meeting.

Further to an enquiry from Stockhill tenants and residents, it was reported that an evaluation of the Street Sweeps would be carried out and then a decision would be taken as to whether they would continue.