

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **30 SEPTEMBER 2009** at the

Council House from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Present

Councillor Lee	(Chair)
Councillor Grocock	(Vice Chair) (minute 32 only)
Councillor Arnold	
Councillor Newton	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Wildgust	

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

Mr G Hall	-	Basford Neighbourhood Watch
Ms M Hemphill	-	Bestwood Park Tenants' and Residents' Association
Mr P England	-	Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch
Mr A Morris)	St Matthews Church
Ms J Morris)	

City Council Officers

Ms P Gamble)	Children's Services
Mr D Widdowson)	
Ms H May	-	Community and Culture
Miss R Mottram	-	Resources

Others in attendance

Ms C Haywood)	Nottingham City Homes
Mr S Clark	-	City of Nottingham Scouts
Mr G Cawthorne)	Bestwood Partnership
Ms K Taylor)	
Inspector R Wilson)	Police
PS J Woolley)	

Ms H Shewell-Cooper - Ellis Guilford EIP
Mr A Carr - Big Top EIP

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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27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ms P Chambers (Bestwood Estate Community Centre) and Mr P Stanley (Nottingham City Homes).

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

29 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 29 July 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

(b) Matter Arising – Nottingham City Homes – Housing Environmental Schemes

Further to minute 18, Ms C Haywood agreed to look into the concerns about the cost of some of the schemes and report back to the committee.

**Ms C Haywood –
Nottingham City
Homes**

30 MINUTE 18(b)(2) COMMUNITY WELLBEING SELECT COMMITTEE – 20 JULY 2009

The Neighbourhood Manager advised that Area 2 had a Friends of Vernon Park Group with a membership of 30. A Friends of Whitemoor Park would be set up that had some funding already in place and extra Section 106 monies expected. Discussions were ongoing with Area 1 regarding a Friends of Southglade Park which although based in Area 1, Area 2 wanted to be actively involved.

RESOLVED

- (1) that minute 18 (b)(2) of the Community Wellbeing Select Committee dated 20 July 2009 regarding supporting organisations of ‘friends’ of local facilities be noted;**
- (2) that a letter be sent to the Parks department on behalf of the committee to thank them for all of their efforts in Area 2.**

31 EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (EIP) – WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Alan Carr and Heidi Shewell-Cooper gave a presentation on Education Improvement Partnerships (EIPs).

The following information was provided:

- EIPs were local collaboratives of schools and partners;
- the purpose of EIPs was to take collective responsibility for addressing the issues affecting children and families, raising standards of attainment and achievement, improving the life experience of families and implementing Every Child Matters outcomes;
- unique features of EIPs included Headteacher and Partner Management Groups, close neighbourhood/community working, shared resource and staffing, shared knowledge and expertise, income and resource generation and locally agreed priorities;
- funding for the Big Top EIP had been confirmed until 2011;
- the activities provided had to be sustainable and each school chose a number of priorities to focus on each year;
- the schools had taken children and parents to university to raise aspirations which had been very successful and was still provided;
- a Big Top Band had been formed that was looking to form an orchestra with around 60 pupils across the city being involved;
- family support workers were provided in every school to work with families who were struggling through difficult times;
- every child starting at nursery received a starter pack that included a leaflet with activities that could be carried out with the child at home;
- counselling sessions had been provided for older children but funding had not been available to continue this project;
- Ellis Guilford had a focus on reading for pleasure and the book voucher scheme granted by the Area Committee had a very positive impact;
- all schools had an international focus and Ellis Guilford was partnered with a school in Madrid which allowed pupils to learn about different cultures, a trip to Madrid was planned for March 2010;
- links with schools in Kenya and Rwanda would be developed by Ellis

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Guilford over the next few years;

- a maths project group had been set up for staff to share expertise;
- library take up had been good and more children had seen that through to completion in summer reading;
- extended services included provision of childcare for every child attending school, after school activities, study support and schools being more available to the community outside of school time;
- the schools were keen to provide activities such as tea dances for older people.

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

- Ellis Guilford had offered to host the finale of the Basford 'week of action';
- applications for funding had been made to Sport England but the majority of funds had been allocated to the 2012 Olympic Games;
- Top Valley dance group started off with 30 people taking part which had risen to 90 spread over three age groups;
- Sports Coordinators in schools organised area competitions and regular festivals across the City;
- drama groups were difficult to resource.

RESOLVED that the appreciation of the committee for the information and presentation provided be recorded.

32 UPDATE ON YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION IN AREA 2
(Acting Director of Targeted Services)

Pamela Gamble, North Locality Manager and Dene Widdowson, Lead Youth Worker provided the committee with the following information:

- the Youth Service had been through a period of significant change as a result of national drivers for change such as Youth Matters and Aiming High for Young People,
- the City Council's Workforce Reduction Programme had resulted in the removal of a layer of management and the remodelling of the role of locally-based managers and area based lead youth workers;
- weekend provision for young people in the Basford area was being developed and they were hopeful of introducing the successful BAIT

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project currently provided in Bestwood;

- young people would be consulted to ask exactly what provision they would like to see in their area.

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

- the low numbers of children taking part in projects was being addressed through discussions with the local community and in particular young people;
- a mapping exercise had been carried out across Area 2 and leaflets had been produced and delivered detailing the activities available for young people but the numbers attending the last two sessions had not increased;
- publicity of projects needed to improve and discussions with young people found they wanted smaller groups so they felt less intimidated;
- consultation with groups and churches would be carried out to establish what was already being provided;
- it was acknowledged that inconsistency in the activities/projects provided was affected by a high turnover of staff.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that suggestions for other developments be discussed with the local Youth Service Manager in the context of current resources.**

**Area 2
Committee**