

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)**

#### **MINUTES**

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

Council House from 4.30 pm to 6.05 pm

#### **Present**

Councillor Lee	(Chair – minutes 39 – 44 inclusive)
Councillor Grocock	(Vice-Chair )
Councillor Arnold	(minutes 33 – 40 inclusive)
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 H May	)	
Ms L Renwick	)	
Mr E Curry	)	Community and Culture
Mr R Glew	)	
Ms F Walker	)	
Miss R Mottram	-	Resources
Mr G Jenkins	-	Children's Services
Mr A Houldsworth	-	Environment and Regeneration

#### **Others in attendance**

Mr P Stanley	-	Nottingham City Homes
Mr G Cawthorne	-	Bestwood Partnership
Inspector R Wilson	-	Police

Ms K Follows - Crime and Drugs Partnership

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

**ACTION**

### **33 CHAIR OF MEETING**

In the absence of Councillor Lee at the start of the meeting, the Chair was taken by the Vice-Chair, Councillor Grocock.

### **34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Newton (on other Council business), Ms P Chambers (Bestwood Estate Community Centre), Mr A Breeton (Crime and Drugs Partnership) and Inspector G Kaur (Local Area Commander).

### **35 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **36 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

### **37 JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE – COMMUNITY PAYBACK UPDATE**

Ms Follows provided an overview of the Justice Seen, Justice Done and Community Payback initiatives, introduced in Nottingham, as one of 60 'pioneer' areas, to increase public awareness of steps being taken to fight local crime and provide restitution to individuals and communities affected by crime.

Measures already in place included work being undertaken in local communities by those convicted of crimes (Community Payback) and support for the victims of crime and those who had assisted by providing assistance or witness statements to obtain convictions once offenders had been released.

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

- Ms J Clark based at Central Police Station was responsible for Neighbourhood Watch signs;
- a research project would take place in the Meadows area to obtain hard facts about the effectiveness of the project; more detailed analysis was expected after 12 months;

**ACTION**

- the community payback team were fully booked until the end of the year and they were already scheduled for the week of action.

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

**38 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN REVISION 2009/10**  
(Director of Children's Services)

Mr Jenkins reported that, as part of its review of the current Children and Young People's Plan, Nottingham Children's Partnership Board, of which the City Council was a member, was undertaking a consultation exercise to obtain the views of groups and individuals on the current range of priorities in preparation for revising the Plan in April 2010.

The committee was asked to identify their most important priorities out of the 17 within the plan.

The top three priorities identified by the committee were as follows:

- improving support to parents and carers (particularly young parents and carers);
- lowering the numbers of children who drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and take drugs;
- making sure more young adults have qualifications or are in training.

Mr Jenkins advised that he would report back on what happened to those priorities at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED that the progress on the committee's top priorities be reported at the next meeting.**

**G Jenkins**

**39 LOCAL SUCCESS IN THE BRITAIN IN BLOOM**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS**  
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lee arrived and took the Chair for this and the remaining items on the agenda.

Consideration was given to the report and video presentation produced by the Council in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society as part of the Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009 highlighting local community initiatives.

**RESOLVED**

**ACTION**

- (1) that a letter be sent to the local groups in Area 2 to thank them for their efforts and congratulate them on their awards;**
- (2) that the efforts of the local people to improve their neighbourhoods be commended;**
- (3) that the report be noted.**

**40 ALLOCATION OF SECTION 106 FUNDING ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IMPROVEMENTS**

(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

The report set out proposals for the allocation of over £379,000 of Section 106 funding in Area 2.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the allocation of £379,205.32 of Section 106 funding on parks and open spaces improvements in Area 2, as detailed in appendix A, be endorsed;**
- (2) that the reallocation of £140,000 of Section 106 funding to the Area Capital programme funds for the Bestwood ward be endorsed.**

**41 LEISURE CENTRE USAGE TREND DATA 2005/2006 UNTIL 2008/2009**

(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Consideration was given to data relating to patterns and trends of activities and attendance at leisure centres operated by Nottingham City Council across the City. This data had been submitted to all area committees for information as a recommendation from the Community Wellbeing Select Committee held on 20 July 2009.

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

- a scheme similar to the one for City Council employees for employers and independent organisations would be welcomed;
- it was acknowledged that the lack of transport links to Southglade Leisure Centre made it difficult to access the facility and discussions with Tesco were ongoing regarding utilising the free bus they provided to improve access to the centre;
- activities provided through the 50 pence scheme were excellent.

**RESOLVED that the following be noted:**

**ACTION**

- (1) usage patterns and trends between activities and attendances at Nottingham City Council operated leisure centres;
- (2) the information published from the most recent Sport England Active People Survey for Nottingham City Council in relation to adult physical activity and sport participation;
- (3) the key achievements of local leisure centres in the area.

**42 AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report provided details of area capital funds available for each ward and proposed schemes identified in appendix 2 under the heading 'proposal' to be undertaken.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Ward Councillors to determine the works from the proposed schemes in appendix 2 to be undertaken.

**43 USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY – INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ALLOCATION**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report advised about the disbursement of individual Councillor allocations under powers delegated to the Acting Director for Local Communities.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**44 FINANCIAL PAPER AREA 2 COMMITTEE**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

**RESOLVED that the available uncommitted Ward and Councillor balance as at 30 September 2009 of £42,461 be noted.**