

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **27 JANUARY 2010** at the

Council House from 4.30 pm to 6.35 pm

Present

Councillor Lee	(Chair)
Councillor Grocock	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Arnold	(minutes 48 – 54 inclusive)
Councillor Newton	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Wildgust	

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

Ms P Chambers	-	Bestwood Estate Community Centre
Mr G Hall	-	Basford Neighbourhood Watch
Ms M Hemphill	-	Bestwood Park Tenants' and Residents' Association
Mr P England	-	Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch
Ms K Quigley	-	Heathfield Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association

City Council Officers

Mr J Bunting)	
Mr E Curry)	
Mr R Glew)	Community and Culture
Ms J King)	
Ms H May)	
Miss R Mottram	-	Resources
Ms P Gamble)	
Mr P Hemphill)	Children's Services
Mr J Posaner)	
Mr D Widdowson)	
Mr A Henry)	Environment and Regeneration
Mr A Houldsworth)	

Others in attendance

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

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

ACTION

45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

46 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

47 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 25 November 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**48 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN REVIEW 2010
(Corporate Director of Children's Services)**

Further to minute 38, dated 25 November 2009, the report sought the views of community representatives on the latest draft of the revised Children and Young People's Plan by 2 April 2010, in time for a final draft to be considered and approved by the Children's Partnership Board at its meeting on 28 April 2010.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted and community representatives and other local residents be asked to forward their comments on the revised list of Plan priorities to the Neighbourhood Manager by 15 March or directly to Mr Posaner by 2 April 2010;** All/J Posaner
- (2) that the Neighbourhood Manager add the Children and Young People's Plan review to the agenda for the ward councillor meetings in February to form a collective view on the Plan priorities from the Area Committee;** H May
- (3) that the Neighbourhood Manager invite the Acting Director of Targeted Services to a future meeting of the committee to discuss youth provision between Bestwood and Basford wards.** H May

ACTION

49 BESTWOOD PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Further to minute 21, dated 29 July 2009, Gary Cawthorne of the Bestwood Partnership gave a presentation on the partnership's performance during 2009/10.

Mr Cawthorne related that during the period April to December 2009:

- 22 voluntary/community organisations/groups had been provided with support;
- 58 people who had showed an interest in becoming a volunteer had been supported to develop their involvement;
- 322 individual residents had been encouraged and supported to participate in dialogue in local consultation opportunities;
- 11 events had been supported to enhance community cohesion;
- 403 unemployed clients had been supported with information, advice and guidance and 203 had received in-depth further support into employment;
- 280 work seeking clients had been referred to training;

He also informed that the development of a voluntary sector forum in the area was ongoing.

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

- different levels of support were available to volunteers such as in house training and advice on the types of groups seeking volunteers;
- financial support for volunteers to reimburse them for genuine costs such as telephone calls, transport and childcare costs should be made available to encourage more people to volunteer;
- there had been a community initiatives fund block that could be made available for volunteer costs and discussions with Nottingham Community Voluntary Sector were ongoing to see if that could be operated again.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the appreciation of the committee for the information and presentation provided be recorded;**
- (2) that information behind the figures provided be passed to the Neighbourhood Manager so the groups being supported could**

**G Cawthorne/
H May**

be identified.

50 YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE

Further to minute 32, dated 30 September 2009, Dene Widdowson, Lead Youth Worker provided the committee with an update on the youth service within the area. Following the presentation, three young people from the local area performed a song for the committee.

The following information was provided:

- 3 groups from Basford had applied for funding through the Youth Opportunities Fund and were awarded £1,000 each;
- 11 bids had been made to the Christmas cash box with all of them being successful with £500 being awarded between the two wards;
- a youth club had been opened at Heathfield on a Monday night and had been well received;
- youth forum elections were due soon and when established, the forum would meet every week;
- negotiations were ongoing for a youth club at Vernon Park.

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

- the youth service would attend a future meeting of the Friends of Vernon Park to provide information about the proposed youth club;
- around £500,000 was provided to the Youth Opportunities Fund;
- larger bids would be submitted next year when the youth clubs were established and young people would be supported to submit those bids;
- there was usually one youth forum per area.

RESOLVED that the appreciation of the committee for the information and presentation provided be recorded and particular thanks be paid to Caitlin, Benjamin and Saffron for their performance after the presentation.

51 NEIGHBOURHOOD IN BLOOM 2010 (Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Further to minute 39 dated 25 November 2009, a report was introduced by Eddie Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, detailing the proposals for the 2010 Neighbourhood award schemes.

ACTION

During discussion, the following comments were made and additional information provided:

- the cost of this year's 40 barrier troughs and 10 planters would be £5,640, leaving a surplus of £4,870 from the 2010 allocation;
- the Muirfield roundabout display looked fantastic in 2009;
- by David Lane and Arnold Road in Old Basford and outside Basford library would be ideally locations for displays;
- the display at the Co-op shops last year had been vandalised within 3 hours and the committee requested that the area be assessed to see if any security improvements, such as fixed troughs, could be used to try to prevent future displays being vandalised;
- starter packs provided to residents would include an element of food growing, i.e. lettuce seeds;
- the team worked with the police when they had a supply of compost that was used as a soil improver for allotments.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the red, white and blue mix be agreed as the colour scheme for the 2010 floral displays;**
- (2) that the unallocated £4,870 be utilised for a programme of additional horticultural and environmental improvements within Area 2;**
- (3) that this Committee supported and encouraged local neighbourhoods to take part in the Britain in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards;**
- (4) that the areas listed above be investigated as possible locations for floral displays and the area at the Co-op shops, Bestwood, be assessed for any security improvements to prevent vandalism on future displays.**

E Curry

52 FOOD GROWING FRAMEWORK – A STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING FOOD GROWING OPPORTUNITIES IN NOTTINGHAM – DISCUSSION DRAFT 1
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

The report detailed a framework for developing and coordinating food growing opportunities across the city and requested the Committee's comments and feedback on the strategy to help develop a clear picture of food growing opportunities across the city and in Area 2 and prioritise delivery of the 9 work strands within the report.

ACTION

The following comments were made:

- it would be good for the peripheries of allotment sites and outside parks to be left to be wild gardens;
- the availability of community gardens/allotments would be welcomed as only 8% of residents within the local area were eating five portions of fruit and vegetables a day;
- community gardens in schools should be better utilised.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Food Growing Framework as attached at appendix A to the report be endorsed;**
- (2) that the proposal to retain allotments, options for setting up a new allotment site and establishing a community garden hub in Area 2, as detailed in appendix B, be supported;**

53 ELLIS GUILFORD UPDATE

Peter Hemphill, Building Schools for the Future Design Manager provided an update on the BSF Programme proposals for Ellis Guilford School.

The following information was provided:

- the project was in the very early stages of consultation with the school community;
- stage 1 design would commence in February 2010 and involved the following:
 - consultation with the wider community;
 - develop concept to sketch plan stage;
 - re-consult with community and Area Committee;
 - ensure design concept matches BSF budget;
- stage 2 design would commence in June 2010 and involved the following:
 - developing stage 1 concept to detail plan stage;
 - consultation with wider community and Area Committee;
 - ensure design concept matches BSF budget;
 - submission of planning application ;
 - preparation for next stages to enable start on site April 2011;

ACTION

RESOLVED

- (1) that the amount of funding available for the Ellis Guilford construction be confirmed;**
- (2) that it be ascertained whether the works required to the footpath and boundary from Nuthall Road at the back of the site could be funded from the BSF Programme funds.**

P Hemphill

54 AREA 2 DELEGATED AUTHORITIES REPORT

(Director of Communities)

The report advised the committee about the use of the disbursement of individual member allocations under powers delegated to the Director for Local Communities.

RESOLVED

- (1) that appendix 1 to the report be amended to reflect that the recommendation was for the approval of £100 for the purchase of five thousand daffodil bulbs;**
- (2) that the report be noted.**