

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on 28 JULY 2010 at the

Cherry Trees Resources Centre from 4.39 pm to 6.55 pm

Present

Councillor Lee (Chair)
Councillor Grocock (Vice-Chair) (minutes 55-61 inclusive)
Councillor Arnold
Councillor Newton
Councillor Smith
Councillor Wildgust

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

Rev A Morris - St Matthews Church
Mrs J Morris - St Matthews Church
Miss M Hemphill - Bestwood Park Tenants' and Residents' Association
Mr P England - Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch

City Council Officers

Mr A Breeton	- Executive Director, Crime and Drugs Partnership)	
Ms K Follows	- Implementation Officer, Crime and Drugs Partnership)	
Mr A Greener	- Waste Strategy And Energy Strategy Manager)	
Mr A Henry	- Neighbourhood Environmental Manager)	Communities
Mr A Holdsworth	- Highways Construction and Maintenance)	
Ms H May	- Neighbourhood Management)	
Mr P Saunders	- Waste Management Projects Officer)	
Miss C M Jackson	- Committee Administrator)	
Miss R Mottram	- Committee Administrator)	Resources
Mr G Newton	- Traffic and Safety)	
Mr S Freek	- Traffic and Safety)	Development
Mr Y Gough	- Play Work Development Officer)	
Mrs C Ioannou	- Family Community Team Service)	Children and Families

Others in attendance

Mrs S Newham
Mrs L Standen

Nottingham City Homes
Nottingham City Homes

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

1 THANKS OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to Lysle Renwick from the Committee expressing their best wishes for the future and appreciation for her hard work and dedication whilst working for Basford and Bestwood wards.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Lee be appointed Chair for the municipal year 2010/11.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Grocock be appointed Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2010/11.

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4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Arnold, Ms K Quigley (Heathfield Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association), Mr G Hall (Basford Neighbourhood Watch), and Ms H Shewell-Cooper (Ellis Guilford EIP).

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Grocock declared personal interests in agenda items 7 and 9 – Draft Waste Strategy (minute 8) and The Ridge Adventure playground (minute 10) as the Chair of Waste Recycling Consultation Group, and as a Board member of The Ridge Pathfinder Play Facility respectively, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on those items.

6 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 March 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

7 BESTWOOD WEEK OF ACTION REPORT

Ms K Follows, Implementation Officer, Crime and Drugs Partnership gave a presentation to the Committee on the Bestwood Ward Week of Action that took place during week commencing 12th July 2010.

The following information was provided to the Area Committee:

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- the aim of the week was to address issues raised by communities through beat surgeries and Councillor feedback;
- the week involved the following organisations; Neighbourhood Management, City Services, Public Health Children's Services, Nottinghamshire Police Community Protection, City Councillors, Nottingham City Homes, Vehicle and Operators Services Agency (VOSA), Bestwood Directions, Bestwood Park Church, Leen Valley Community Centre, Cherry Trees Residential Home, Nottinghamshire Fire Service, Trading Standards, Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership Burglary Reduction Team, HM Revenue and Customs UK Borders Agency;
- The following activities were undertaken:

- Cleaner

targeted cleansing of community identified sites, including Hucknall linear walkway, alleyways and scrub land and the old hospital site;

work to prevent dog fouling with dual-use bins and 'No Dog Fouling' signs installed. The 'Poover' was also present during the week;

businesses were visited to explain their responsibilities on trade-waste;

children from the Top Valley School engaged with City Services to help with gardening at the Carnforth Court and Cornfields housing complexes, helping to build a partnership with the residents;

eco Teams provided Eco-warrior training to Top Valley pupils who also helped to clear Hucknall Road walkway and promoted the mobile messaging service.

- Safer

the Police had undertaken a number of activities to reduce crime, improve road safety and improve community engagement including the following:

- warrant execution had taken place against target properties and individuals;
- the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) team had been active in dealing with vehicle related offences;
- Operation Cleansweep, targeting vehicles and driving offences including waste carrier stop and search;
- the off-road motorcycle team had tackled nuisance illegal off-road vehicles;
- beat surgeries and visits to local events and the residents'

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association had been undertaken;

- joint work had taken place with TV licensing, Trading Standards and the Business Premises Crime Prevention Officer;
- assisting in the deployment of SmartWater and Neighbourhood Priority Surveys.

the Community Protection Teams had supported the work of the police as well as undertaking anti-dog fouling, litter and ASB operations;

the Community Protection Officer's traffic operation had enforced road safety in the area;

the Fire Service had undertaken visits to sheltered housing complexes and to local schools and attended the Picnic in the Park event with both a modern and antique fire appliance.

○ Neighbourhood

a range of community activities had taken place with a range of agencies;

Nottingham City Homes (NCH) had undertaken patch walks and tenancy visits, identified environmental work and made various referrals to relevant services;

surgeries and surveys had been used to gather further information from residents;

coffee mornings, a summer fair and a picnic event provided a forum for services to engage with residents;

Bestwood Park Church organised a Big Lunch event as a finale for Sunday;

○ Healthy, Family and Working

the Youth and Play services offered a range of activities during the week including talks at schools and health advice at William Olds Youth Centre;

the William Olds Youth Centre enjoyed a re-launch event, showcasing its services to the community;

the Bestwood Partnership Health Trainer provided walking sessions and Change of Heart sessions during the week;

Bestwood Directions provided a job fair offering information and guidance to jobseekers;

Catch 22 and the Youth Service arranged football sessions for young people in the area.

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○ Results and Successes

ANPR and Cleansweep operations had stopped 95 vehicles resulting in a range of actions against the offending drivers, including an arrest for drink driving;

the warrant executions had produced six arrests, the seizure of 57 cannabis plants and the recovery of heroin;

Oxclose Lane officers made seven arrests during the week including the arrest of a wanted prolific burglar;

SmartWater was delivered to 178 properties in Bestwood along with 155 Neighbourhood Policing Surveys;

Independent Business Association volunteers delivered domestic violence information and posters to 32 locations in Bestwood;

among their activities, Community Protection issued 14 fixed penalty notices, 13 enviro notices and delivered 350 Anti Social Behaviour Hotline leaflets;

44 people attended the Bestwood Jobs Fair;

16.5 tons of rubbish were removed from the area;

47 mobile phones received littering awareness messages;

172m² of graffiti was removed;

23 'No Dog Fouling' signs were installed;

gardens were attended at Carnforth and Cornfields residential homes;

53 NCH tenancy visits were undertaken;

14 possession notices were issued;

over 200 children were engaged in activities and presentations;

10 Fire Service Home Safety Checks were undertaken with further referrals made.

● What happens next in Bestwood ?

A Sustainability Plan led by Neighbourhood Management with key elements to include:

to train Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team (NEAT) team operatives to deliver a SmartWatering service;

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to continue to work in Partnership to reframe the Area via a programme of community engagement;

to book VOSA to conduct 6 monthly checks on vehicles in the area;

to increase the number of Community Champions;

to develop an ongoing action plan to utilize the community payback resource in the area;

to secure a dog control order for Chediston Vale Park.

The following comments were made by Councillors and community representatives:

- dog fouling was still a major problem, particularly in open areas. Community Police Support Officers needed to be encouraged to challenge offending owners;
- Councillor Grocock produced a letter received from a resident, to the meeting concerning the poor state of a number of gardens on the Bestwood Estate. Nottingham City Homes (NCH) and the police were to be informed. NCH confirmed that they were aware of a number of problem gardens on the Estate and had sent out a number of warning letters and also 36 'Good Garden' letters. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to take the letter to the next NAT meeting with a view to delivering a multi-agency response;
- there was an agreed need to attract more youngsters to recently refurbished William Olds Youth Centre by putting it on the map through advertising. The Ridge Adventure Playground should be used as a feeder. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to talk to Bestwood Directions about using their minibus to ferry youngsters to the Centre;
- community engagement appeared to be improving but it was acknowledged that there was still much work to be done and the continued commitment of officers and residents was appreciated by the Area Committee.

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RESOLVED

(1) that officers and other agencies involved be thanked for their efforts during the Week of Action;

(2) that Ms K Follows be thanked for her presentation.

8 WASTE STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, copies of which had been circulated, entitled 'A waste-less Nottingham - draft municipal waste management strategy consultation for Nottingham' which proposed a framework and timetable for achieving an even more sustainable waste service for the City and was reflective of Nottingham's leading position on

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issues of sustainability, energy and waste.

Mr A Greener, Waste and Energy Strategy Manager, introduced the draft Municipal Waste Strategy (2010 to 2030) and highlighted the following issues:

- the draft waste strategy was available in hard copy and on-line and a more consumer friendly summary had been distributed with the Arrow. Presentations had also been given to all the other Area Committees. The consultation period was 12 weeks and had commenced on 12 June 2010;
- the waste hierarchy diagram was a guide to the most environmentally acceptable waste management approach set down in order of preference - Waste Prevention (most sustainable) → Reuse → Recycling → Energy recovery → Disposal (least sustainable). The diagram set out a succession of decisions up to more sustainable solutions;
 - § disposal –approximately 15% of waste was currently taken to landfill, which produced greenhouse gases and had a significant effect on the carbon footprint. The target was to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill, working towards zero waste to landfill by 2020. Problems had arisen when, for maintenance reasons, the Eastcroft Incinerator was not available. Landfill was then the only alternative at present but solutions needed to be found.
 - § energy recovery – the target was to save an additional 6000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year by recovering resources and energy from waste, helping to combat climate change. Approximately 42-43% energy was recovered from waste taken to the Eastcroft Incinerator. The energy was used in connection with the district heating scheme which heated over 4500 homes in St Ann's as well as the Victoria and Broadmarsh Centres and the Ice Stadium. There was a clear link between this and using more sustainable energy. The current Energy from Waste (EfW) contract expired in 2030 and the post 2030 options needed to be considered. There was potential for the development of an Anaerobic Digester plant for organic fractions of municipal solid waste and also bio waste. A business case was being developed for an Anaerobic Digester in Nottingham. There would be a need to move towards combining food waste and garden waste in one bin. Public acceptability was an issue.
 - § recycling and composting in Nottingham were running at 36%, with the aim to increase this figure for household waste to 50% by 2020 and 55% by 2025. and for trade waste 50% by 2025 and 55% by 2030. To achieve this, particular waste streams would have to be targeted e.g. food waste. There was a need to maximise performance of, and expand current collections City-wide. New materials would have to be added to co-mingled collections. Trade waste collections could be transformed to be recycling led. Education would be a big factor in all of this.
 - § reuse – this activity contributed directly to recycling targets. There were no specific targets at present. There was a need to work with the

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third sector to develop re-use opportunities e.g. Family First. Freecycle was an on line swap shop for unwanted items and could be promoted by the Council by a direct link from its website to raise awareness and to encourage the re-use of unwanted goods from households and businesses, thereby avoiding disposal. Again education was a key factor.

§ waste prevention - in recent years recycling had expanded but prevention was better and more sustainable. Compared to other Core Cities, Nottingham aimed to be the best at reducing waste. The target was to reduce the amount of household waste generated to 400 kilograms per person per year by 2020 and to 390 kilograms per person per year by 2025. This would be challenging and would require significant education and lobbying.

- a graph was produced showing the approximate carbon balance of the current household waste collection and that Landfill had the most potential for improvement.
- comments on the draft strategy would be welcomed from individuals and from organisations.

Arising from the presentation, a number of issues and questions were raised:

- black bags were still being used in the City's litter bins. However, they were not taken to landfill. The contractor had a dirty materials recovery facility and soft plastics were re-used in one of two ways, depending on the state of the commodity markets. Bio-degradable alternatives were being considered;
- a pilot scheme for kerbside recycling of batteries had been carried out in Clifton and Wilford. A small bag was provided with the Arrow magazine which enabled citizens to fill it with old batteries and tie it to their wheelie bin for collection. The bag was then replaced on collection day. This was a popular scheme and may be rolled out in other areas of the City;
- representatives of Family First were taking part in a new scheme to shadow bulky waste service drivers to identify electrical items for recycling and then collect them in bulk, repair the items and re-distribute them for re-use. This could be extended to smaller electrical items;
- better ways of dealing with bottom ash needed to be identified. It was currently taken to landfill sites and used as the 6-9 inch daily cover which was required to prevent vermin. Building materials and road aggregates could be made from it and this was being looked at;
- Sneinton had been used as a pilot project for food waste collection. A 42% recycling rate had been achieved due to the good work of a team of people educating to change public behaviour by door stepping and increasing visibility to the extent that Sneinton was now regarded as a success story in terms of inner city recycling. This approach required considerable levels of resources;

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- there was an acknowledged need to get the waste message to citizens at an early stage. A waste education officer was visiting schools to highlight the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling waste to children. There was a big demand for the service and the resource was currently being reviewed, but financing any additional support would be an issue;
- food waste collection needed to be convenient for the householder. This was all part of the consultation process. Since the foot and mouth outbreak the Government had tightened up on food waste disposal due to the potential risks of contamination;
- home composting schemes were to be encouraged by getting 'master composters' into the community giving advice on composting to citizens;
- the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) at Redfield Road, Lenton, was available for householders to deposit household waste, including furniture, appliances, white goods and garden waste free of charge. It was operated by Wastecycle. The possibility of another HWRC site on the northern side of the City was being considered as part of the strategy;
- it was anticipated that an Anaerobic Digester could provide employment for approximately 24 people if a business case were made. Two brownfield sites in Basford were suggested as possible sites- Basford Gas Works and the former Sketchley site.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the appreciation of the Committee for the information and presentation be recorded;**
- (2) that Mr Saunders ascertain whether Basford Library had a battery recycling point and report back to the Committee via the Neighbourhood Manager.**

8 CLEAN AND PROUD PLAN

Alvin Henry, Neighbourhood Street Environmental Manager addressed the Committee on the Clean and Proud Ward Action Plans for Basford and Bestwood. The following points were drawn to the Committees attention:-

- The objective's of Clean and Proud Plans included:
 - formalising a Public Realm Plan (solving problems solution focused);
 - engaging with Councillors, Citizens, stakeholders etc;
 - safe, clean and well managed neighbourhoods;
 - putting Neighbourhoods at the heart of the service and reflecting local priorities;

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- planning rather than reacting;
- the delivery of Clean and Proud included:
 - proposed seasonal priorities;
 - work alongside partners and Nottingham's communities;
 - tailored solutions for different Neighbourhoods;
 - joined up working at Neighbourhood level;
 - local Ward Supervisor to deliver.
- Key themes in Basford Ward were:
 - reducing littering from school children by encouraging them to dispose of litter properly;
 - tackling dog fouling on Heathfield Park and Park Lane Estate;
 - the reduction of wheelie bins located on the open highway.
- Key themes in Bestwood Ward were:
 - the management of untidy gardens;
 - support of un-adopt estate (400 houses);
 - improve overall estate cleanliness and appearance of all adopted internal footpath;
 - reduction in fly tipping in the local ward.

RESOLVED that the Area Committees' thanks for the work carried out in Area 2 by Mr Henry and his team be noted.

9 RIDGE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Yan Gough, Play Work Development Officer for Bestwood and Leen Valley gave the Committee an overview and progress report on the Ridge Adventure Playground (RAP) and outlined the future development plans for the playground. Mr Gough highlighted the following issues:

- RAP was an open access staffed play provision for 5-13 year olds to engage in a wide range of activities e.g. den building and cooking;
- the playground funding was initially from the Pathfinder programme, but this had been added to from local area capital, Waste Recycling

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Environmental Limited (WREN) and the Council;

- the playground had attracted 1227 children in the 3 months since it had opened. The average attendance at the playground on the 6 play sessions delivered each week was 134;
- during school holidays, ten sessions a week were delivered and RAP had also hosted school visits and developed a weekly 'stay and play' session in term time;
- the playground had been welcomed by the community and feedback had been positive;
- the staff and management committee saw RAP as having the potential to serve the wider community and were currently exploring ways to attract and retain volunteers, developing the Service Level Agreement with the management committee, working with the youth service and others to deliver access for older children, encouraging disabled children to attend and generating revenue.

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

- the opening times were Monday – closed, Tuesday - Friday 15:15-18:15 Saturday 10:30-12:30 & 1.30-4.00 School Holidays 10:30-12:30 & 1.30-4.00;
- a mapping exercise was being undertaken to ascertain more precisely where the attendees came from;
- more volunteer helpers were required at the scheme. Concern was expressed that Criminal Record Bureau checks process was holding up start times for some volunteers. Once a volunteer programme had been finalised, details would be brought back to the Area Committee;
- the importance of giving praise and recognition to volunteers was noted as was the importance of progression routes for volunteers as being a good way of getting people back into employment.

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

10 BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA ALLOCATION 2010/11
(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

The report outlined the Ward Councillor budget allocation for 2010/11

RESOLVED:

- (1) that decisions regarding funding from the Community Influence and Engagement budget within the Area Allocation budget be delegated to the Area Manager or in their absence, the Director for Neighbourhoods**

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and Communities, and that any such decisions be reported to the next available Area Committee for information;

- (2) that the following be noted:**
- (a) each Councillor had been allocated an individual Ward Councillor budget allocation of £9,000, which Area Committees were required to divide between an Area Allocation Budget and individual Ward Support Budgets;**
 - (b) additional monies had been made available to the top 5% most deprived wards in the City based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007 and population as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report;**
 - (c) any unspent monies in individual Ward Councillor Support Budgets at the end of the Municipal Year would be reallocated to the relevant Area Committees Area Allocation budget.**

11 USE OF DELEGATED POWERS – INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ALLOCATION
(Director for Neighbourhood and Communities)

The report advised the Area Committee about the disbursement of individual Councillor allocations under powers delegated to the Director for Neighbourhood and Communities.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

12 AREA 2 AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME
(Director for Neighbourhood and Communities)

The report provided information about the area-based funding governance structure, corporate guidance on the prioritisation of Area Capital Funding, details of area capital funds available for each ward and information about proposed schemes needing the approval of the Area Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;**
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Ward Councillors to select the works from the proposed schemes in appendix 2 under the heading 'proposal' to be undertaken.**