

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **29 SEPTEMBER 2010** at

Southwark Primary School, Park Lane, Old Basford from 4.47 pm to 6.19 pm

Present

Councillor Lee	(Chair)
Councillor Grocock	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Arnold	
Councillor Newton	(minutes 17 to 19 inclusive)
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Wildgust	

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

Rev A Morris)	St Matthews Church
Mrs J Morris)	
Mr G Hall	-	Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association
Mr P England	-	Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch

City Council Officers

Mr T Coulson)	
Miss D Griffin)	Communities
Mr A Houldsworth)	
Mrs H May)	
Mr D Baillie)	
Mr R Glew)	Development
Mr J Gudalajtys)	
Miss L Wilson	-	Resources

Others in attendance

Ms L Standen	-	Nottingham City Homes
Mr B Ottewell	-	Observer
Ms S Uprichard	-	Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association

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

ACTION

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Smith, Ms M Hemphill and Mr A Henry.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

15 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 July 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

16 PRESENTATION ON SOUTHWARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs M Saunders, Head Teacher of Southwark Primary School, welcomed the Committee and invited all present to arrange to have a tour of the school. There was also a website for the school (southwarkprimary.net) that people could look at if they did not have time to look around in person.

Mrs Saunders informed the Committee that the school used to operate on split sites and had had a major transformation to how it looked today. The school was an exemplar building as every single part of the school had been designed for an educational outcome.

The children had been fully involved in the process of the development and had visited the school wearing protective clothing and hard hats to observe the work being done. They were very proud of the building and enjoyed the changing colours as they moved round the school and outside areas. The courtyard in the centre of the school was a quiet area but the play areas had adventure activities, a multi-use sports pitch and a basket ball court. All of the facilities were accessible to the community.

The children were very eco-conscious and there were compost bins around the school, as well as a vegetable patch that the children helped looked after.

There were currently 605 children on roll but a capacity of 720. The school was in an area of social and economic deprivation so over half the children were entitled to free school meals and approximately 40% had special educational needs.

The school helped the children achieve well and most achieved upper level 5 by the time they left.

RESOLVED that Mrs Saunders be thanked for her informative presentation.

ACTION

17 SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN AND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION (SSAFA) – SOUTHGLADE HEALTH CENTRE - PROGRESS

Ms S Uprichard, Project Manager, tabled an additional briefing note at the meeting regarding the services that would be available at the health centre.

In addition to the two briefing notes Ms Uprichard informed the Committee that space for a pharmacy had been designed in the building but the Primary Care Trust would make the decision as to which pharmacist would be awarded the contract. The health centre would have to have 6,000 registered patients by year 5 of the contract so it was important that people knew the facility was available to them.

Mrs H May, Area Manager, informed the Committee that 2,000 leaflets regarding the development were in the process of being delivered to neighbours and feedback so far had been positive.

Community representatives expressed the view that although the services on the Southglade site were beneficial to the community, the bus services to the site were poor and needed to be improved.

RESOLVED that Ms Uprichard be thanked for the progress update.

18 PROPOSALS FOR CONTROLLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES ACROSS BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Mr T Coulson, Community Protection, introduced the report and circulated a timetable for the introduction of a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) and a briefing note on how a DPPO worked.

The Committee welcomed the report but expressed concern at the length of time it would take to put the Order in place, as they had been led to believe by Community Protection Officers (CPOs) and the Police that the process would only take a matter of weeks, rather than 6 months as detailed in the timetable that had been circulated. It felt that the Police and CPOs were not doing enough to address anti-social behaviour and should be pressed to do more.

It was also felt that, to avoid displacement from Vernon Park, the DPPO should be extended to cover the whole area. Displacement was an issue and this had been proven by previous DPPOs that had been put in place and that because of this evidence consideration should be given to making a City-wide Order.

Mr Coulson informed the Committee that the process had to be followed to avoid challenge and that there had to be evidence available for a DPPO to be introduced. The Corporate Leadership Team would be informed of the Committee's concerns and the possibility of a City-wide Order would be investigated.

ACTION

RESOLVED

- (1) that the disappointment of the Committee at the lack of attendance by Community Protection Officers and the Police be recorded and that a letter expressing this be sent on behalf of the Committee; Heidi May
- (2) that the proposal to introduce a DPPO be supported and that the DPPO be extended to cover the whole of Basford and Bestwood Wards; Tim Coulson
- (3) that the ward Councillors jointly fund, with Community Protection, the costs associated with bringing the Order into force, including the erection of signs;
- (4) that the possibility of introducing a City-wide DPPO be investigated. Tim Coulson/
Heidi May

19 USE OF DELEGATED POWERS – INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR’S ALLOCATION

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Mrs H May, Area Manager introduced the report and informed the Committee that the attachments to the report detailed the use of the disbursement of individual Councillor allocations under delegated powers to the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities.

Councillor Newton requested that the money for ‘smart water’ signs, as detailed in Appendix 6 to the report, be extended to replace signs that had been vandalised or pulled down.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that, after consultation with Councillor Newton, the funding for ‘smart water’ signs be increased to replace existing signs that had been vandalised or pulled down. Heidi May