

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

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

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **24 NOVEMBER 2010** at

Southglade Access Centre, Southglade Road, Nottingham from 4.32 pm to 5.40 pm

#### **Present**

Councillor Lee	(Chair)
Councillor Grocock	(Vice-Chair) (minutes 20-24 inclusive)
Councillor Arnold	
Councillor Newton	(minutes items 23-26 inclusive)
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Wildgust	(minutes items 20-24 inclusive)

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
Ms M Hemphill	-	Area 2 Panel

#### **City Council Officers**

Mr T Coulson	)	
Mr A Henry	)	
Mr A Houldsworth	)	Communities
Mrs H May	)	
Mrs C Ioannou	-	Children and Families
Mr R Adkin	)	Development
Mr P Hemphill	)	
Miss C M Jackson	-	Resources

#### **Others in attendance**

Mr C Holloway	)	
Mrs S Newham	)	Nottingham City Homes
Ms L Standen	)	
PC J Woolley	-	Nottinghamshire Police
Ms S Walker	-	inspiredspaces

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

**ACTION**

**20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Wilson and Mr D Scothern.

**21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Lee declared a personal interest in agenda item 4, 'Update on the Redevelopment of Ellis Guildford School' (minute 25) as his children attended the school. This did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

**22 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 29 September 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**23 PROPOSED DOG CONTROL ORDER - CHEDISTON VALE OPEN SPACE PARK**

(Director, Community Protection Service)

Mr T Coulson of Community Protection presented the report as a means of addressing the problems associated with the control of dogs using Chediston Vale open space/children's play area (shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report) which impacted on the quality of life of both residents and visitors to the play area. There was no intention to interfere with responsible dog owners who kept their pets under control and cleaned up after them. The order, if made, would give additional powers to authorised City Council officers to take action to curb problems caused by irresponsible owners failing to remove dog faeces, not keeping dogs on leads and taking more than a reasonable number of dogs onto the play area, thus providing a safer and cleaner environment for the residents and users of the play area.

The first stage in the process required to bring the order into force was that the local community would be asked to comment on the proposals. The matter would be re-submitted to the Area Committee in March 2011 when the results of the consultation were known. If it was then decided by the Area Committee to make the order, it could be put into effect in May 2011.

During the discussion, a number of questions and comments were raised, as follows:

- Councillor Grocock emphasised that there was no intention to ban dogs, just to penalise irresponsible owners. He pointed out that the land was a children's play area and not a park. The issue had come about following a number of complaints from residents and a petition which he was due to receive shortly. The land was regarded as a hotspot and on one day of monitoring, 41 incidents had been noted on the land;

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- it was pointed out that the proposal fitted in with a national campaign;
- it was suggested that if the order were put into effect and was successful in achieving its purpose, it could be rolled out City-wide.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the proposal be noted and support given to consult on the introduction of a Dog Control Order for the Chediston Vale open space/park;**
- (2) that the costs associated with bringing the order into force, especially the erection of advisory signs on the land be jointly funded from the ward allocations of the Bestwood Ward Councillors and Community protection;**
- (3) that the following control measures under the Order be supported:**
  - (i) a requirement to remove dog faeces;**
  - (ii) a requirement to keep a dog on a lead;**
  - (iii) a restriction on taking more than a specified number of dogs onto the land, the specified number to be determined by the Area Committee.**

**24 AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

(Director of Neighbourhoods 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. Mr A Houldsworth, Highways, Construction and Maintenance advised the Area Committee that the following additional major patching works to footways/carriageways were proposed to be added to the Bestwood schemes:

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| • Pedmore Valley,                                | £14,500; |
| • rear of dentist, Chippenham Road,              | £43,000; |
| • outside school no's 137-170, Wendling Gardens, | £44,500; |
| • Beckhampton Road outside 88 down to plateaux,  | £25,000. |

If all of these went ahead it would take the programme over budget. One of the items could be removed or the overspend could be carried forward. After a discussion as to the merits of the various items it was agreed to proceed with them all and to carry over the excess.

The additional works in Basford ward were:

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| • Vernon Park, road hump,           | £2,500;  |
| • Highbury Vale, information board, | £1,500;  |
| • Stockhill Park,                   | £60,000; |
| • Cycle stands x 7,                 | £550;    |

**ACTION**

- Vernon Road, vehicle activated signs, £15,000
- Vernon Road/Vernon Park Drive junction protection, £750
- Vernon Road, Westcotec beacons x 4, £8,000

This still left funds for 2009-11 of £4300. Various ways of using the under spend were considered by the Committee.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director for Communities in consultation with the Ward Councillors to select the works from the proposed schemes in Appendix 2 to the report under the heading 'proposal' to be undertaken.**

**25 UPDATE ON THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF ELLIS GUILDFORD**

Further to minute 53 dated 27 January 2010, Peter Hemphill, Building Schools for the Future (BSF), Design Manager provided an update to the Committee on the BSF Programme proposals for Ellis Guilford School. The key elements to note were:

- the scheme had been approved by the Executive Board on 21 September 2010. There was a confirmed government grant of £11,991,000, City Council Wave 2 contribution of £800,000 and added capital contribution from the school of £400,000. The total budget available was £13,191,000;
- investment in the existing school buildings had been made over many years, resulting in a 'disjointed' school with very poor quality external spaces. The BSF Programme had given the Council the opportunity to complete the Ellis Guilford School 'estate', including all outside spaces to ensure that all 1,350 pupils could remain on site for the duration of the school day;
- there had been consultation and engagement with the school in the design process, setting minimum design standards which ensured that the design met the school's 'education vision' and ensured the design fitted the BSF budget;
- consultation had lead to proposals to demolish the existing Guilford and maths blocks, remove all temporary buildings, provide new build English, maths, humanities, drama, music, kitchen and dining and additional needs buildings, enhanced external spaces for recreation and enjoyment, improvement of departmental adjacencies, different learning environments, enhanced existing buildings where funds allow. There was to be no refurbishment or re-modelling work to the existing science block and sports hall and the existing multi-storey science block would have electrical condition issues resolved;
- an ICT vision has been developed with the school which included an area wide central 'learning platform' to support educational developments across the whole site This would enable pupil and staff access to 'Student Pathways

**ACTION**

for Learning' and other educational functions that may be developed across the school;

- sustainable and energy conscious design principles included natural ventilation and day-lighting, maximisation of insulation to reduce heat loss, heat gain and reduce energy demand and carbon footprint. Renewable technologies e.g. biomass boilers, solar thermal and photovoltaic panels would be thoroughly assessed for cost/benefit;
- stage 2 - detailed design started in September 2010 and was due to be completed in December 2010. This involved consultation with the wider community, submission of a planning application in November 2010, development of Stage 2 design into construction drawings and ensuring that the detailed design matched the BSF budget;
- stage 3 - construction design was due to commence in December 2010 for completion in March 2011, at which time there would be financial close to confirm the scheme was affordable, and there would then be contract signing to prepare for a start on site in April 2011 with the school buildings being completed in September 2012 and site works completed in January 2013.

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

- the scheme was welcomed by Councillors, but it they questioned as to whether the scheme would be affected by the cuts to BSF funding recently announced by the Government. Ms S Walker of inspiredspaces advised the Committee that, as the scheme was so far down the design process, it was unlikely that funding would be cut but a definite answer on this would be known shortly;
- a Councillor asked for confirmation that the works would be undertaken by local contractors and sub-contractors. After an exhaustive tendering process, Carillion was the chosen contractor. It had a local base and had extensive experience, with work on other local schools. The Council was working closely with Carillion to ensure local jobs for local people wherever possible;
- Mr Hemphill agreed to look at the re-siting of the floodlight columns inside the pitch boundary, the possibility of using PFI funding to light the footpath at the rear and erecting CCTV on the rear boundary at the request of a Councillor;
- the importance of addressing security issues at the school to tackle anti-social behaviour on the site was discussed. The erection of CCTV on the rear fence would assist in deterring such behaviour. It would however, be difficult to fully secure the site frontage due to public access being required to the sports centre.

**RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and that the thanks of the Area Committee to Mr Hemphill for his attendance be recorded.**

**FOOTNOTE: Next meeting to be held at 4.30 pm on 26 January 2011 at Ellis Guildford School**