

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2013** at

Bulwell Riverside, Main Street Bulwell, Nottingham, from 5.35 pm to 7.03 pm
(At 7.03pm the meeting became inquorate but continued as an informal discussion, the notes of which were recorded separately)

✓ indicates present at meeting

- ✓ Councillor Eunice Campbell (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Alan Clark (Joint Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ginny Klein (Joint Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor John Hartshorne
- Councillor Nick McDonald
- ✓ Councillor Jackie Morris (minutes 37 to 45 inclusive)

Community Representatives

- ✓ Mr Reginald Knowles - Bradford Street Allotments
- Father Andy Nicolls - Bulwell Churches Together
- ✓ Ms Sheila Loades - Bulwell Hall Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Mr John Hancock - CRESTA Tenants' and Residents' Association
- ✓ Ms Doreen Carruthers - Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch
- ✓ Ms Roz Yousouf - Nottingham Elders Forum
- ✓ Mr David Norman - My Sight Nottinghamshire
- ✓ Ms Gillian Slack - Ravensworth Road Methodist Church
- ✓ Mr P Bakajsa - Rise Park Action Group
- ✓ Mr John Millington - Rise Park Community Association
- ✓ Mr Paul Jackson - Royal British Legion Bulwell Branch
- ✓ Ms Sally Wilson - Snapewood Community Centre

Guests, Partners, Observers and Others

- Mr Steve Parkinsen - Bulwell Toy Library
- Mrs Alison Thomas - Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum
- Mr Stuart Bell - Right Track Social Enterprise Ltd

Nottingham City Council Colleagues

- Mrs Irene Andrews - Market Development - Children and Families
- Programme Manager
- Mrs Heidi May) Neighbourhood Management)
- Ms Celia Knight)) Communities
- Mrs Emma Eckhardt))
- Mr James Tilford - Parks and Open Spaces)
- Ms Catherine - Democratic Services - Resources

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

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nick McDonald (on other Council Business), Father Andy Nicolls, Bulwell Churches Together, Inspector Andrew Goodall, Nottinghamshire Police, and Eileen Stacey.

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

With regard to agenda item 11, 'Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector: Update on Applications for Area Grants', having sought legal advice from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, and clarified which organisations had been involved in the process, Councillors Clark, Klein and Hartshorne, declared interests in this item. All three Councillors were Board Members of 'One Vision Partnership' which was managed by Bestwood Partnership, a partner organisation of a Lead Organisation which had submitted a bid. They considered this interest sufficient to prevent their participating in the debate and resolved to leave the room for the duration of the item. It was noted that legal advice had been received from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, stating that, in this instance, by the very nature of their involvement in the Committee, community representatives were not required to declare interests, and could take part in the discussion of the item.

39 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the Area 1, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee meeting held on 21 November 2013, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;

(b) Matters Arising

Further to minute 32 dated 21 November 2012, Mrs Nicky Jarvis, Tenancy and Estate Manager for Nottingham City Homes (NCH), had responded to the issues raised as follows:

32(2) Broken bench on Norwich Gardens; The bench on this site has deteriorated and is unsuitable for use. This has been discussed on numerous occasions at Tenants and Residents meetings and with Councillors;

32(4) Lee Hall, Surveying Technician for NCH, had commented as follows on the procedures applied in seeking quotations for work identified to be funded from NCH Environmental Budget:-

'Contractors are procured based on value for money, quality of works and health and safety. The process of procurement, which was completed earlier

this year for the next few years, has been completed for the delivery of environmental schemes throughout the City.

Thomas Bow won the contract for ground / general building work and Rushcliffe Fencing won the contract for fencing and gating works. These were both local contractors employing local people, including apprentices.

Where NCH are unable to use one of our procured contractors, we will obtain three quotations to ensure that get value for money is achieved. All schemes have to adhere to financial regulations and this requires 3 quotations to be obtained for any schemes with a value over £500.00.'

RESOLVED that the response of the Tenancy and Estate Manager for Nottingham City Homes be noted.

40 AREA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Further to minute 19, dated 12 September 2013, Emma Eckhardt, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which identified a community representative nominated by a community organisation and appointed by Councillors to the Area Committee.

RESOLVED that the Committee note the accepted nomination of Mr Reginald Knowles as a community representative for Bradford Street Allotments in Bulwell.

41 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST

Mr James Tilford, Parks Development Officer, presented the report which outlined the major investments made to the area's parks, open spaces and playgrounds from Section 106 funding, which had been awarded from the redevelopment of sites in the area.

The Committee were informed that there was potential for further funding to be available for the Moorbridge Pond and Springfield Corner site, if a match funding application to the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust was successful.

The following points were made:

- the proposed new play area at Right Track would be near the site of the old community centre. Nottingham Trent University students had undertaken a consultation in the area and found that play equipment provision was lacking for children up to 6 years of age. However, concern was expressed at the meeting that not all local people had been consulted on the proposed play area;
- community concerns had been noted in regard to the history of the proposed play area site, and as a result, it was to be served by CCTV, bright lights and the gates closed at dusk. It was understood that, as the park would be accessible during daylight hours (eg. open for longer periods during the

summer months when days were longer), it still met the requirements of Section 106 funding allocation;

- o the developer, Lovells, which had contributed the Section 106 funding from its development, were comfortable that the funds were to be spent on such projects as the play area. It was noted that the current pot of funds had to be spent by September 2013 as there was a 5 year limit for funds to be held.
- o clarity was requested as to the ownership of, and therefore responsibility for, some sections of the Hucknall Road linear walkway;
- o the work completed at Southglade Park had been very welcome, as were the potential improvements at Moorbridge Pond;
- o mothers of young children in the area welcomed the proposed play area at Right Track.

It was noted that the café at Woodthorpe Grange Park had been funded through the GreenPlaces Fund and that the play equipment company Proludic Ltd had pledged 4% of its Nottinghamshire sales to the GreenPlaces Fund.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the improvements made to parks and open spaces in the area, be noted;
- (2) that, in addition to the £4,600.00 allocated to Hucknall Road Linear Walkway by the Committee at its meeting on 18 January 2012, the remaining £77,105.00 Section 106 funding be allocated as follows:

	£
Bulwell Forest Play Area	35,000.00
New Play Area at Right Track (subject to satisfactory local consultation)	42,105.00

- (3) that the following sites be approved for future investment from Section 106 funding:

Bulwell
Hempshill Lane
Bulwell Bogs
Moorbridge Pond and Springfield Corner

Bulwell Forest
Hucknall Linear Walkway
Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground

- (3) that the ability of the 'GreenPlaces' Fund, to attract funding into the area for the improvement of parks and open spaces, be noted;

- (4) **that Mr Tilford provide Ward Councillors with confirmation of the ownership of the Hucknall Road Linear Walkway bordering Rugby Close and Wall Close.**

42 POLICING PRIORITIES AND UPDATE

Although not able to attend the meeting, Inspector Andrew Goodall had provided an update for the Committee on some of the issues raised previously:

Reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) around Merchant Street

Following public consultation in October 2012, citizens wanted the Neighbourhood Policing Team to focus on Anti-Social Behaviour and associated criminality such as small fires being set to rubbish in the area on Merchant Street, Bulwell.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team responded as follows:

- dedicated patrols had been conducted in the area and had led to a reduction in reported incidents;
- 14 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued for leaving Bins on the street after 24hrs of the bins being emptied;
- 41 warning notices had been issued to people who have failed to remove bins 24hrs after they had been emptied;
- Nottinghamshire Fire Service and Police gave a talk to school pupils on 6th February 2013 around the dangers of starting fires;
- having been identified as a potential future risk, 1 individual had been referred to the 'Fire Setters' programme with Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service, and had successfully passed the course;
- dedicated street sweeps had been completed in conjunction with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service. A number of properties had gardens tied, smoke alarms were fitted at properties which didn't have any, and where potential fire hazards were identified, they were removed.

Dedicated patrols of Merchant Street continued until the implication of the new priorities.

Anti Social Behaviour– Bulwell Forest

Following public consultation in October 2012, citizens wanted the Neighbourhood Policing Team to focus on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) on Bulwell Forest North. The location of this priority had been given as centring around Witney close and the surrounding area.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team responded as follows:

- there had been regular mobile patrols in a marked police vehicle on a Friday and Saturday night throughout the last 3 months as part of operation Cacogen;
- there had been regular high visibility patrols by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams during core times;
- ASB letters were delivered to all houses on the street to warn of action that could be taken against potential offenders;
- home visits were made to all parties involved to establish the core of the issues;
- for those citizens associated with ASB, home visits and tenancy warnings were issued to those living in Council owned properties;
- Neighbourhood Police liaised closely with victims and their families;
- intervention had taken place to help both victims and suspects.

Dedicated patrols continued in the area to prevent a recurrence of the above issues. Door to door collections- Councillor McDonald had undertaken to write to the company concerned.

Cycling on the Market Place - there was a designated cycle route along Main Street and across the Market Place therefore cycling along this route was not an offence. However, advice was offered where appropriate and the Policing Beat Team had been advised of this issue. Where cycling on a footpath was an offence, PCSOs had the power of enforcement.

Damage to Rise Park Community Centre- this was being dealt with through the Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) and was a current Local Action Group priority.

Rise Park Primary School Parking- this is being dealt with through the NATs. Police powers only applied to offences of obstruction.

Citizens were requested to continue to support the work of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and report any anti social behaviour by telephoning 101.

The following comments and requests were made at the meeting;

- the priorities had been escalated to the North Locality Board and, as of the 4 March 2013, there was to be a pilot on multi-agency civil enforcement to address the priorities. Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) had each identified three hot spots which were to be targeted. Results were to be fed back to the Local Action Group meeting in April. It was noted that one of the priorities identified was parents parking near Rise Park Primary School;
- regarding the prosecution and fines issued to people who left their refuse bins on the street for an unreasonable time after collection, one or two large fines might have resolved issues much earlier;

- following several near misses, citizens were concerned that, as a result of parked vehicles adding to congestion issues, there may soon be an accident on Belgrave Road (by Skills);
- despite having a designated parking space outside their office, Central Taxis were continuing to disregard parking restrictions and were parking on double yellow lines in and around the bus station. A photographic record was being compiled and would be forwarded to Parking Enforcement Officers in due course.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Constitutional Services Officer forward the comments of the Committee to Inspector Goodall to respond to at a future meeting;**
- (2) that the Committee's thanks to Inspector Goodall for his update, be recorded.**

43 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs Alison Thomas, Children and Young People Manager at Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum was in attendance and delivered a presentation, a copy of which was submitted to the online agenda following the meeting.

The Home Office definition of Domestic Abuse (DA) was as follows:

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass, but is not limited to, the following types of abuse: Psychological, physical, sexual, financial, and emotional.

It was estimated that locally, only 44% of violent crime in Nottingham City was reported to the Police, who had received 11,906 domestic incident telephone calls in a year.

Across the City, the second highest number of calls had been from Bulwell Ward at 42 calls per 1,000 population, Bulwell Forest Ward ranked lower at 23 calls per 1,000 population.

National statistics included:

- between 1 in 3 and 1 in 4 women experienced domestic violence in Britain at some point in their lives;
- two women every week were killed by a male partner or ex-partner in England and Wales;
- 3 in 30 Children were likely to be living with domestic violence;

- there was significant evidence to link domestic violence with elevated levels of child abuse;
- up to 17,000 women in Britain were being subjected to 'honour' related violence, including murder, every year;
- 1 in 6 teenage girls had been hit by their partner, and 1 in 16 raped;
- 70% of teenage mothers had experienced domestic violence.

The Committee were informed that the Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum (NDVF) were working closely with partner organisations to promote healthy relationships in every area of life, and to create a negative stigma, such as that to drink driving, against domestic abuse.

Work within the Bulwell area included;

- training and seminars;
- working within Children's Centres to promote healthy relationships and challenge domestic abuse;
- delivering the 'GREAT' project, Good Relationship, Equal And Trusting, in local schools, to date successfully delivering the project to 175 pupils in 6 schools;

It was noted that the GREAT project had been considered such a success that Comic Relief had approached NDTV and requested that a scheme be developed for delivery to Secondary School pupils.

Comments and questions from the Committee were responded to as follows:

- domestic abuse and violence was overwhelmingly perpetrated by men against women, however, it also occurred between same sex couples and women against men. The focus of work was on promoting healthy relationships across the board;
- bullying in schools was linked to potential domestic abuse or violent behaviour;
- the Police had not always been seen as sympathetic, but since the change in legislation which made domestic violence a crime, there had been a change in attitude and there was a positive drive to inform and develop the awareness of officers and partners;
- statistics relating to reported domestic abuse by immigrant populations was not believed to be higher in any particular group. Abuse occurred wherever there were common threats such as the desire to seek superiority in a relationship, or the belief that women were not equal. Abuse occurred regardless of any specific area, class or profession;

- NDOs had identified gaps in the promotion of support available for those subject to domestic abuse. Twenty partner agencies were willing to promote the work of the NDVF by distributing leaflets etc;
- Ward Councillor funding had ensured that every community maintained school in Bulwell Forest would receive the GREAT project. In Bulwell Ward, the schools programme was funded through the Education Action Zone. All sessions were evaluated.

The information cards were considered a good idea, but where abuse was happening, the victim was unlikely to keep one so a clearly memorable telephone number was also advantageous.

There had been a successful pilot scheme run in the Aspley Ward where help numbers were publicised everywhere from bus stops, toilets, libraries and shops, to encourage victims to access the support available.

RESOLVED

- (1) that a representative of the Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum be invited to the September meeting of the Committee, to update members on the progress of its work in the Area;**
- (2) that the Committee's thanks to Ms Thomas be recorded for her interesting and informative presentation.**

44 AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 3

Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) Emma Eckhardt (Bulwell), and Celia Knight (Bulwell Forest Ward), presented a brief summary of the performance information on each of the following topics:

- Safer Theme
- Neighbourhood Theme
- Community Engagement
- Working Theme;
- Consultation Planned.

It was noted, and applauded, that crime figures had significantly reduced across the area

In addition to the report, the Committee were informed:

NDOs had held a networking event where a draft action plan had been produced. There was to be an annually maintained programme of promotion and further work was required to promote the value of faith groups and the voluntary sector and encourage their better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Committees as there was a lack of training and awareness in both voluntary and paid workers.

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RESOLVED

- (1) that the quarter 3 ward performance reports be noted;
- (2) that, in light of Bulwell Ward ranking highest across the City for fires, a representative of the Fire and Rescue Service be invited as a guest speaker, to the next meeting.

45 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2011/13 PROGRAMME

The report informed the Committee of the schemes previously approved by Committee and those proposed, for which approval was sought.

- (1) that the following additional Area Capital funded schemes be approved:

<u>Bulwell Ward</u>		£
Minerva Street	footpath	25,501.00
<u>Bulwell Forest Ward</u>		
Spring Road	Signals	2,000.00
Piccadilly	Bollards	2,200.00
Bestwood Road	VAS	

- (2) that the under spend of £1,500.00 on the signing project on Bestwood Park Drive West, be noted;
- (3) that the Area Capital monies available for each ward, as follows, be noted:
 - (a) Bulwell £6,050.00;
 - (b) Bulwell Forest £3,864.00.

46 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The report informed the Committee of the funding from Ward Budget Allocations, and projects supported by Ward Councillors and approved, through delegated authority. Further applications were listed in the report but had not yet received approval.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following Ward Budget Allocations be noted:

<u>Bulwell</u>	£
(Councillors Klein, Hartshorne and Morris)	

Bulwell and Bulwell Forest food bank	500.00
Technical Support Snape Wood	480.00
Knit and Natter Group	300.00
Bulwell Hall Park Development Group - sculpture and running costs	810.00
Bulwell Girls Group - Bulwell Community Toy Library	2,000.00
Snape Wood Arts Group	288.00
(Councillor Hartshorne)	
Snape Wood Christmas activities	300.00
(Councillor Morris)	
Music and Choir staff costs	36.00
<u>Bulwell Forest</u>	
(Councillors Campbell, Clark, and McDonald)	
Delivery of Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum's 'Good Relationships, Equal And Trusting' project	
Westglade Primary and Nursery School	550.00
Cantrell Primary and Nursery School	1,200.00
Rise Park Primary School	550.00
Westglade School - allotment development project	900.00
Bulwell Riverside Community Choir	382.00
Bulwell Athletic Football Club - winter training kit	360.00
Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Foodbank	600.00
Southglade Multi Games Area launch	225.00
(Councillor Campbell)	
Tick Tock Mobile Crèche	117.00
(Councillor McDonald)	
December Ward walk (Highbury Hospital)	20.00

- (2) that the uncommitted balances for each ward be noted;

Bulwell	£41,447.00
Bulwell Forest	£30,565.00

- (3) that the update of previously approved schemes, attached as appendix B to the report, be approved.

Prior to consideration of the next item

Councillors Clark, Klein and Hartshorne, declared interests as all three Councillors were Board Members of 'One Vision Partnership' which was managed by Bestwood Partnership, a partner organisation of a Lead Organisation which had submitted a bid. They considered this interest sufficient to prevent their participating in the debate and left the room. At this point, the meeting became inquorate but continued as an informal discussion, a record of which was recorded separately.

POLICING PRIORITIES - FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2013

Area priorities had been identified following consideration of reported crime, issues raised through the on-line consultation system, the Local Action Group, and Tenant and Resident meetings. The revised priorities were to be the focus of the Neighbourhood Policing Team for a three month period from the start of February to the end of April 2013.

Policing priorities were identified as follows:

Bulwell Ward

Environmental issues to include Fly Tipping, Littering, Dog Fouling and associated Anti-social Behaviour. Two specific areas that had been identified as hotspots were the Commercial Road corridor which would include Rufford Walk, Musters Walk, through the underpass to Duchess Gardens and Wayford Walk up to Hoewood Road, and the Lawton Drive and Golf Close area of Bulwell Hall. This issue was identified as the leading priority from the online surveys completed by residents in Bulwell during the last 3 months of 2012, and had also been raised through ongoing public consultation. This was clearly a priority that could be tackled with the assistance of Community Protection colleagues.

Bulwell Forest Ward

Anti-social use of pedal cycles, including cycling without lights and cycling on the pavement. This issue had been raised through the LAG process as a local priority and at other meetings. Where appropriate there will be an education and enforcement approach, working with partners to promote the safe use of pedal cycles.