



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **13 APRIL 2012** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, from 10.00 am to 10.30 am.

Membership

	Councillor S Fielding	(Chair)
	Councillor J Hemsall	
^	Councillor J Packer	
	Councillor L Yates	
	Councillor J Zadrozny	(minute items 23-24 inclusive)
	Councillor B Grocock	(as substitute for Councillor Packer)

Members absent are marked ^

Councillors Pulk and Cooper were in attendance as observers.

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Yates declared a personal interest in agenda item 4, (Misterton – ‘Risky Rooms’ and Ashfield ‘SWAN’ Project), as Misterton was her division. This did not prevent her from speaking or voting.

23 MINUTES

(a) Matters arising

Councillor Grocock advised the meeting that he had drawn the attention of the City Council to minute item 18, ‘Sprinklers’, with a view to encouraging the provision of residential sprinklers in

new build public housing as a means of contributing to saving lives. Councillor Pulk added that the Chief Fire Officer was attempting to set up a meeting with the Leader of the City Council and other relevant City Councillors with a view to progressing the matter. It was agreed that as there would be a large number of buildings being erected over the next few years, it was important that this issue was tackled at the outset, before any substantial building work commenced.

John Buckley, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, reported that he had met with the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes in order to put forward a business case for including sprinklers in new build homes. Other social landlords would be similarly targeted. If a large social housing provider became involved in the market it was hoped that this would drive the market and enable manufacturers to develop cheaper solutions and that more developers would then become involved.

It was agreed that it was a more difficult task to get private developers on board as it would have cost implications for them.

The Local Government Association was keen to get the concept on the National agenda.

The members requested further updates from the Assistant Chief Fire Officer at future meetings of the Committee.

(b) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 January 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

24 MISTERTON – ‘RISKY ROOMS’ AND ASHFIELD ‘SWAN’ PROJECT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating the Committee on community safety activities within North Group. John Buckley, Assistant Chief Fire Officer presented the report.

Two of the more notable station based projects were ‘Risky Rooms’ at Misterton and the ‘SWAN’ (Safety, Water Awareness, Nature) project at Ashfield.

The Misterton Risky Rooms were launched in June 2011. The rooms had been created in a portacabin funded by donations from the Misterton Gala Committee and Southmoor Lodge Residential Home. They represented a typical family home. Visitors were given a short presentation on fire safety in the home and then shown into the Rooms where they were given a list of hazards and were asked to discuss simple safety measures which could be life saving.

Over 100 visitors had benefited from the innovative resource including local Cub scouts, Worksop Young Mums, Misterton Mums and various Surestart Groups.

It was planned to extend the project by adding a garden shed.

The project was seen as a way of getting local engagement at minimal cost.

The Ashfield Fire Station 'SWAN' project was used historically to encourage school children to be safe around water. It was now a broader resource for an educational experience for the children of Ashfield.

The Station was to host the yearly multi agency Safety week.

The project had been tailored with the Schools Personal, Social and Health educational key stages in mind.

The aim of the project was that every child in Ashfield of primary school age would be taught how to keep themselves safe in their home, in and around water along with a an understanding of the consequences of making hoax calls and setting deliberate fires.

The dedicated classroom at the Station had graffiti style pictures depicting safety images to assist the children in their understanding of the subject. The images had been coloured by the children themselves to give them 'ownership' of the issues raised during the input.

Children were encouraged to discover plants and wildlife in the Stations own woodland and learn about the consequences of deliberately setting grass fires.

The Chair recommended that the station staff involved in both projects should be applauded for their work.

It was agreed that wherever possible, all Members should take the opportunity to visit these projects with a view to cascading the messages learned from them back to their communities.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the creative ways in which the resources of the Authority were used to educate young people and reduce risk be supported.