

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)**

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **14 MAY 2009** at the

Council House from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm

- ✓ Councillor Culley (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Benson (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor Morley
- ✓ Councillor Oldham
- ✓ Councillor Sutton

#### **Community Representatives**

- Mr D Allen - North Wollaton Residents' Association
- Mrs N Briggs - Wollaton Park Community Association
- Mrs P Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association  
(substitute for Mrs Briggs)
- Mr T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
- Mrs T Marshall - Wollaton Park Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Mr A Oliver - Wollaton Care Group
- Mr T Preston - Wollaton Village and Park Conservation Society
- Mrs S Roper - Lenton Abbey 15<sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scout Group
- Mrs E Ryley - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch  
Association
- Mr B Smith - Lenton Abbey Residents' Association
- Dr A J Swannell - Wollaton Vale Residents' Association

- indicates present at meeting

#### **Officers In Attendance**

- Mr T Coulson - Area Manager - Community and Culture
- Mr S Pepper - Area Housing Manager - Nottingham City Homes Ltd
- Mr M J Parker - Committee Administrator - Resources

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

**ACTION**

**1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that the appointment of Councillor Culley as Chair of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10, by Council at its meeting on 11 May 2009, be noted.

**2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Benson be appointed Vice Chair of the Area Committee.

**3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Morley and Mr Oliver.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**5 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 March 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**6 WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY SUB-COMMITTEE**

(Joint Acting Director of Local Communities and Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Services Director)

Mrs Marshall contrasted the membership arrangements for the Sub-Committee with that of the former Working Group structure, where Community Representatives had been regarded as members with voting rights. It was explained that this matter referred to the City Council's Financial Regulations, under which only elected members had the power to vote on expenditure, and that the role of Community Representatives on the Committee was not devalued in any way by this requirement.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Wollaton Lenton Abbey Area Sub-Committee be re-appointed for a further year;**
- (2) that Councillor Morley be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee for the current Municipal Year;**
- (3) that Councillor Culley be appointed Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee for the current Municipal Year;**



**ACTION**

- (4) that, subject to incorporating an amendment to indicate that Community Representatives would be regarded as members of the Sub-Committee with voting rights on all items, save for those where financial expenditure was required, the terms of reference for the Sub-Committee contained in section 2 of the report be approved;
- (5) that the Sub-Committee meet at 6:15 pm on the following Thursdays:-

**2009**

11 June  
30 July  
8 October  
10 December

**2010**

4 February  
8 April

- (6) that the Area Manager be requested to consider the meeting arrangements and venues for the Sub-Committee and report further to the July meeting of this Committee

Tim Coulson

**7 APPOINTMENT OF AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Coulson reported that the organisation as a whole was re-examining the role of Community Representatives - a matter which have not been undertaken since the inception of the original Area Committee structure.

It was hoped that this re-examination would lead to a revised role for Community Representatives and to the appointment of additional representatives. In the meantime, however, Mr. Coulson recommended that, having written to the existing Representatives, they be re-appointed for a further year.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the following Community Group Representatives be appointed to the Area Committee in an advisory capacity for the Municipal Year 2009/10:-

**Representative**

Mr D Allen

Mr D Verity

**Organisation**

- North Wollaton Residents' Association
- North Wollaton Residents' Association (for Area Sub-Committee)

**ACTION**

<b>Mrs N Briggs</b>	-	<b>Wollaton Park Community Association</b>
<b>Mr T Kerry</b>	-	<b>Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve</b>
<b>Mrs T Marshall</b>	-	<b>Wollaton Park Tenants' and Residents' Association</b>
<b>Mr A Oliver</b>	-	<b>Wollaton Care Group</b>
<b>Mr T Preston</b>	-	<b>Wollaton Village and Park Conservation Society</b>
<b>Ms S Roper</b>	-	<b>Lenton Abbey 15<sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scout Group</b>
<b>Mrs E Ryley</b>	-	<b>Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch Association</b>
<b>Mr B Smith</b>	-	<b>Lenton Abbey Residents' Association</b>
<b>Dr A J Swannell</b>	-	<b>Wollaton Vale Residents' Association</b>

- (2) that the Area Manager be authorised to consider and if deemed suitable, appoint further Community Representatives, as and when occasions arose.

**8 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Consideration was given to a revised report of the Acting Director of Local Communities, copies of which had been circulated. The report presented to the individual Ward member Allocations for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey and Wollaton West.

Referring to appendix 1 of the original report, Mr. Coulson commented on the following specific areas of expenditure:-

- Bramcote Lane Christmas lights: the approved amount of £3,500 for 2008/09 had not been fully spent and a more professional event would be staged in 2009;
- Allocations for local issues across the wards (3 x £1000): these applications were intended for small, one-off items;
- Lenton Abbey Funday: although the administering group had not been properly constituted the amount of £580 would be retained in the budget for the time being;
- Unspent elements of the following project areas would be brought back into the budget:-

**ACTION**

- Consultation exercise to proposed works on Woodside Road and Arleston Drive (£2,900);
- Badger watch (Individual Member Allocations) (£250);
- Wollaton Library - provision of furniture for Community Room (£100);
- CCTV cameras -provision at Farndon Green and redeployment of existing cameras (total £18,000).

Members referred to the allocation of ward member area budgets for 2010/11 contained in the original report, noting that wards such as Aspley, Bulwell, Bilborough, Arboretum, Leen Valley, St Ann's and Bridge, had all received enhanced allocations compared to other wards and based on their rankings against indices of multiple deprivation.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the financial position of the Area Committee, as at 31 March 2009, shown in Appendices 1-3 of the report and the individual ward member budget allocation of £10,000 in 2009/10, be noted;**
- (2) that the additional allocations being made available to the top 5% of the most deprived wards in the City, based on Indices of Multiple Deprivation for 2007, as outlined in appendix 4 of the report be noted and the Area Manager be requested to confirm separately to elected members the formulae used to arrive at these enhanced allocations;**
- (3) that any unspent monies in Individual Ward Member Support Budgets at the end of the Municipal Year be reallocated to the relevant Area Committee Area Allocation Budget(s);**
- (4) that decisions regarding funding for community-based actions within the area allocation budget be delegated to the Area Manager or, in their absence, the Acting Director of Local Communities, and that reports on such funding be provided by the Area Manager on a periodic basis.**

Tim Coulson

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**9 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES LTD - PERFORMANCE APRIL 2008 - MARCH 2009**

(Performance Review Manager, Nottingham City Homes Ltd)

Consideration was given to a generic report on the performance of Nottingham City Homes Ltd against a range of output measures identified in consultation with Area Housing Panels and to an abstract report showing matters of particular interest for this Committee's area.

**ACTION**

The meeting noted that this Committee had been proactive in obtaining several breakdowns by individual Ward and Committee Area, making information contained in the abstract more relevant.

Mr. Pepper confirmed that areas covered in the report and the derived data were used to inform a series of themed discussions at Area Housing Panel meetings. He also explained the means by which City Council 'tenant inspectors' contributed to Estate Condition Ratings and the use of the VMS Repairs Survey Data to highlight issues for further action by the company.

The meeting identified the following areas of additional interest on which information could be provided for consideration by the Area Housing Panel:-

- How many units of social housing were in each of the two wards comprising this Committee's area and similar information for other areas across the City;
- The numbers and types of empty properties broken down by ward with reasons why empty and an indication of what could be done to improve take-up.

The meeting also commented on the usefulness of receiving regular updates.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) **that the position be noted;**
- (2) **that, after consultation with the Area Manager and Area Housing Manager, Councillor Oldham as this Committee's representative on the Area Housing Panel be requested to provide updates on a quarterly basis on the progress of the Panel and activities which were of relevance to this Committee.**

**Councillor  
Oldham/  
Tim Coulson/  
Steve Pepper**

**10 LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT TO CROWN ISLAND,  
NOTTINGHAM RING ROAD  
(Acting Director of Local Communities)**

Further to minute 65 dated 5 March 2009, the Committee considered details of the proposed planting scheme for the refurbishment of Crown Island.

The Committee noted that there was virtually no difference between the costs of carrying out the work on a Sunday (£4,217.18) rather than during the working week (£4,298.31).

**ACTION**

In view of this, the Committee suggested that the work be undertaken mid-week, but at a time of least impact on traffic using the area, and that the Area Manager should consider approaching colleagues in the West Area regarding the possibility of funding refurbishment works to that part of the Crown Island site which lay within its area.

**Tim Coulson**

**RESOLVED that the position be noted.**

**11 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, PARKSIDE, WOLLATON**

**RESOLVED that the Area Manager continue to pursue this matter with the appropriate Head of Service.**

**Tim Coulson**

**12 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

**(a) Estate Walk - Wollaton Park Estate**

Mr. Coulson confirmed that this matter was in hand and that Dawn Simpson would be organising the event, possibly combined with a similar Neighbourhood Action Team and Nottingham City Homes activity.

**Dawn Simpson**

**(b) Parking on Sutton Passeys Crescent, Wollaton Park Estate and Bluecoat School**

The Area Manager agreed to contact the traffic management division regarding the legal standing of what were now, informal disabled parking bays.

**Tim Coulson**

**(c) Old Market Square Lettings**

It was confirmed that the siting of a Ferris wheel and the Nottingham Riviera in the Old Market Square were both commercial transactions, the details of which were considered private.

**13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED**

**(1) that the Area Committee meet at 6.15 pm on the following Thursdays during 2009/10:-**

**2009**

**9 July  
10 September  
5 November**

**2010**

**7 January  
4 March**



**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

<b><u>Meeting(s)</u></b> <b><u>(6.15 pm)</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>Area Sub-Committee</b>	<b>11 June 2009</b>
<b>Area Committee</b>	<b>9 July 2009</b>