

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY SUB-COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

of meeting held on **11 JUNE 2009** at the

Council House from 6.18 pm to 7.23 pm

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

#### Also Present

##### Community Representatives

- |                   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Mrs N Briggs      | - | Wollaton Park Community Association                       |
| Mr T Kerry        | - | Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve                  |
| ✓ Mrs T Marshall  | - | Wollaton Park Tenants' and Residents' Association         |
| ✓ Mr A Oliver     | - | Wollaton Care Group                                       |
| ✓ Mrs P Peck      | - | Wollaton Park Community Association                       |
| ✓ 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                       |
| Mrs S A Squire    | - | Wollaton Park Community Association                       |
| ✓ Dr A J Swannell | - | Wollaton Vale Residents' Association                      |
| Mr D Verity       | - | North Wollaton Residents' Association                     |

- indicates present at meeting

##### Officers In Attendance

- |               |   |   |   |                             |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Mr T Coulson  | - | Area Manager                            | ) |                             |
| Ms M Saunders | - | Neighbourhood Action Officer            | ) | Community and Culture       |
|               |   |   | ) |                             |
| Ms K Follows  | - | Implementation Officer Community Action | ) | Crime and Drugs Partnership |
| 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 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Mr Breeton, Executive Director (Operations), Crime and Drugs Partnership.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that, subject to indicating that Mr Smith was a member rather than chair of the Lenton Abbey Friends and Family Fun Day, the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 February 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**4 LENTON ABBEY WEEK OF ACTION**

(Chief Executive, Crime and Drugs Partnership)

Ms Follows of the Crime and Drugs Partnership attended the meeting to provide an update on activities which had formed part of the recent Lenton Abbey Week of Action (a summary provided by Ms Follows of her comments is appended to these minutes). Members welcomed the effectiveness of the activities undertaken, but would have preferred a written summary of them to digest before the meeting.

Referring to comments by Councillor Oldham regarding, the Area Manager was already aware of problems at Lenton Abbey Park regarding entrance gates not being locked at night and fencing and Park equipment being damaged by fires. With the cessation of the bowls club as a formal user organisation meant that the Park no longer qualified for visits by the Park Ranger service. However, Neighbourhood Action Officers would be holding further discussions with the service regarding the locking arrangements for the park gates.

Ms Follows confirmed that, although a further Week of Action for the Wollaton West Ward could be requested, it was unlikely to take place during the current financial year. The Crime and Drugs Partnership, together with Age Concern, were currently looking for additional funding sources to enable them to carry out additional activities in the community such as providing a help and advice for older people on how to answer the door to callers.

**RESOLVED that the position be noted.**

**5 FUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITIES**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Approval was sought to the further allocation of up to £1,775 to support consultation activities across the Committee's area during the current financial year. Activities undertaken as a result of the funding would be the subject of further reports to the Committee throughout the year.

**ACTION**

**RESOLVED that £1,775 be allocated from Area Committee budgets towards supporting consultation activities during the current financial year.**

**6 WOLLATON WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM  
- PROJECTS UPDATE  
(Acting Director of Local Communities)**

Councillors appreciated the function of the Neighbourhood Action service in ensuring ‘joined-up’ working across all areas between service providers and partner organisations.

Although Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings may provide opportunities for officers to share issues and progress on them in an informal atmosphere, a distinction was evident, where discussions were capable of informing policy formation for local areas and where councillors therefore expected to have an input, either by being invited to attend team meetings, possibly on a rotational basis (and to chair the meetings they attended), or by receiving the minutes of Team Meetings.

As a minimum, councillors requested that meetings of the Area Committee or Sub-Committee as appropriate receive copies of the minutes of meetings for information in order to avoid confusion when considering matters.

The Area Manager confirmed that elected members and residents would continue to be involved in area working and minutes of NAT meetings would be available. He confirmed that, for consistency, he would clarify with the Acting Director of Communities, the involvement of Members and residents at such meetings across the City.

**Tim Coulson**

The meeting welcomed Mr Oliver’s intention to raise the issue of unenforceable disabled parking bays with the ‘Mobilise’ organisation. Mr Coulson confirmed that he intended to continue discussions with the traffic management division in an attempt to persuade it that a longer delay in the traffic light sequence would be beneficial to the flow of traffic at Priory Island.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that to the content of the report and supporting action plan, be noted;**
- (2) that the intention of the Area Manager to discuss the issue of Councillor attendance at Neighbourhood Action Team meetings, be noted;**
- (3) that copies of future Neighbourhood Action Team meeting minutes be sent to Ward Councillors and residents at appropriate meetings for information.**

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**ACTION**

**7 USE OF INDIVIDUAL WARD MEMBER BUDGETS**  
**- COUNCILLORS SUTTON AND OLDHAM**  
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

**RESOLVED** that the decision to allocate £1,879, in equal amounts from the individual Ward Member budgets of Councillors Oldham and Sutton, to fund fencing to plot 61 to the rear of 2 Manton Crescent, be noted.

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

**(a) Wollaton Park - closure of Yard Gallery and Industrial Museum**

Mrs Marshall was advised of progress regarding the expected closure of the Industrial Museum at Wollaton Park and of the submission of two petitions on the matter opposing the proposed closure to Council meetings in May and June by Councillor Morley. If the situation was capable of being recovered, the funding arrangements presently used at the pumping stations should be examined.

**(b) North Wollaton Residents Association Annual General Meeting 23 April 2009**

Mrs Marshall expressed the thanks of the organisation to Councillor Culley and Ms Saunders for their attendance and participation at this event.

**9 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED**

**(1) that meetings of the Area Sub-Committee be held at 6.15 pm on the following Thursdays**

**2009**

**30 July  
8 October  
10 December**

**2010**

**February (date to be confirmed)  
8 April**

**(2) that the Area Manager continue to explore alternative meeting venues within the Area Committee's locality and alternative starting times for committee meetings, reporting back to the July meeting of the Sub-Committee;**

**Tim Coulson**

**(3) that the date of the Sub-Committee meeting in February 2010 be confirmed in due course.**

**Tim Coulson/  
Martin Parker**

**ACTION**

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

<b><u>Meeting</u></b> <b><u>(6.15 pm)</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>Area Committee</b>	<b>9 July 2009</b>
<b>Area Sub-Committee</b>	<b>30 July 2009</b>

**MINUTE 4 – LENTON ABBEY WEEK OF ACTION**

**Lenton Abbey Week of Action Feedback**

**Crime and Anti-social behaviour**

- Targeted work on burglary reduction; provided Computrace and Smartwater as well as provided reassurance through patrols by uniformed officers and mounted section.
- 69 Smartwaters completed with 14 more expressions of interest. 23 Computrace completed with 12 more expressions of interest. These initiatives will continue to be promoted throughout the estate.
- Test purchase operation with Trading Standards and the Police and there were 3 prosecutions of premises who sold alcohol to young people
- Search warrant executed, resulting in one arrest and a number of cannabis plants being found and destroyed.
- Engagement with community and enforcement agencies through high vis patrols, having presence outside Woodside Road Shops and through Community event.
- Concerns were highlighted about residents parking on the grass verges, and causing an obstruction. There is no highways legislation to prohibit this but some action needs to be taken.

**The environment and estate maintenance**

- Patch walk of by NCH, Street Scene, Councillors, CDP and local residents week before the week of action to identify key issues for the week.
- Untidy gardens identified – where appropriate tenants linked in with the garden assistance scheme, or were issued with warnings.
- Graffiti team were active in the area, although not much graffiti to be found.
- Street Scene cleared fly-tips and alleyways.
- Mural on Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Centre protected with clear coating.

**Community Engagement**

- Event held at Lenton Abbey Park on the Wednesday, supported by Youth Service, Play Service, CDP, University of Nottingham, Safer Neighbourhoods Team, Street Scene, Fire Service, Compass, Nottingham City Homes and Sure Start. Event was very well attended by children and families

- Play service used the event to kick start new play provision on the park, launched at the playground opening on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. 68 children were engaged with at the week of action event and many of these have continued to attend the weekly sessions on Lenton Abbey park. Also looking to recruit parent volunteers to make the project sustainable.
- Local residents were engaged with the planning and delivery of the week of action, one in particular was a new volunteer who took an active role in the event on the park and will now be involved in the residents group.
- The highlight of the week was the clear-up of the disused allotment site on Wensor Avenue, which has been adopted by a group of residents to transform into a community garden. Street Scene devoted the whole week to clearing the site and on the Wednesday they were joined by their senior managers and other volunteers, plus offenders completing Community Payback. A considerable difference was made to the site during the week and Street Scene and the Probation Service will continue to work with the residents group to transform the garden.

### **Sustainability**

The following issues from the week should be progressed and monitored by Neighbourhood Management and the Area Committee

- Issue of parking on grass verges needs to be addressed – could investigate possible environmental impact as a means of enforcement?
- Garden assistance – what support is available for elderly residents who are not NCH tenants?
- Play Service should be supported to engage with parents to build volunteer base and ensure the play provision on the park is sustainable.
- Residents should continue to be supported to maintain the Wensor Avenue allotment site.