

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **13 JULY 2010** at the Council House

from 2.03 pm to 3.30 pm

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

Community Representatives

- Mr D Allen - North Wollaton Residents' Association
- ✓ Mrs P Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association
- Mr T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
- ✓ Mrs T Marshall - Wollaton Park Residents' Association
- ✓ Mrs P Meese - Lenton Abbey Family and Friends Funday/
Lenton Abbey 15th Nottingham Scout Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Care Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Village and Park Conservation Society
- ✓ 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

Also Present

- Ms M Futer - University of Nottingham

Officers In Attendance

- Mr S Harrison - Area Manager)
- Mr A Greener - Waste Strategy And Energy Strategy)
- Manager)
- Mr A Houldsworth - Team leader, Highways Construction and) Communities
- Maintenance)
- Mr P Saunders - Waste Management Projects Officer)
- Mr R J Simpson - 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 VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Culley be appointed Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2010/11.

2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mr D Allen.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Although not bound by the Members' Code of Conduct, Mr B Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 - Items identified by Area Community Representatives (minute 70), as a trustee and director of Nottingham Energy Partnership Limited which did not preclude him from speaking.

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED

(1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 May 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair

(2) that the following updates be noted:-

(a) further to minute 48 dated 4 March 2010, Mr Harrison said he would welcome any suggestions as to venues in the community which would be suitable for future meetings of the Area Committee;

(b) further to minute 60 relating to the proposed closure of Derby Road, it was understood that the scheme of works had been considerably reduced and would be undertaken during night time working.

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5 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made and Steve Harrison was welcomed to his first meeting as the Area Manager for the Arboretum, Berridge, Radford and Park Area Committee (Area 4) and for this Area Committee.

6 DRAFT WASTE STRATEGY

(Director for Neighbourhood Services)

Mr A Greener, Waste and Energy Strategy Manager, and Mr P Saunders, Waste Management Projects Officer, introduced the draft Municipal Waste Strategy (2010 to 2030) which proposed a framework and timetable for achieving an even more sustainable waste service for the City and was reflective of Nottingham's leading position on issues of sustainability, energy

and waste.

ACTION

Mr Greener advised the Committee of the following issues:-

- the draft waste strategy was available in hard copy and on-line and a more consumer friendly summary was currently being distributed with the Arrow. The consultation period was 12 weeks and had commenced on 12 June 2010;
- the waste hierarchy diagram was a guide to the most environmentally acceptable waste management approach set down in order of preference - Waste Prevention (most sustainable) → Reuse → Recycling → Energy recovery → Disposal (least sustainable). The diagram set out a succession of decisions up to more sustainable solutions;
- waste prevention – in recent years recycling had expanded but prevention was better and more sustainable;
- compared to other Core Cities, Nottingham aimed to be the best at reducing waste. This would be challenging and required a reduction of 3% reduction over the period of the strategy;
- recycling and composting in Nottingham were running at 36%, with the aim to increase this figure to over 50%. To achieve this, particular waste streams would have to be targeted e.g. food waste. Anaerobic processing was planned with a view to generating fuel e.g. for vehicles;
- energy recovery - approx 42-43% was recovered from waste taken to the incinerator. There was a clear link between this and using more sustainable energy;
- disposal – approximately 16% of waste was currently taken to landfill, producing greenhouse gases, but the draft waste strategy target was for zero waste to go landfill;
- Mr Greener produced a graph showing the approximate carbon balance of the current household waste collection. Landfill had the most potential for improvement.

Comments on the draft strategy would be welcomed from individuals and from organisations.

In the discussions which followed, the following issues were covered:

- A community representative commented that anaerobic digesters were an effective way of dealing with food waste, but it was understood that there was a problem with locating one at Eastcroft depot as this did not have capacity for increased traffic. It was suggested that the product could be bottled and used as liquid petroleum gas for vehicles. Mr Greener explained that no options were being ruled in or out at present but it was intended to locate an anaerobic digester where most demand existed. The business case suggested that the Council would need to process

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30,000 tonnes of organic matter but could source 17,000 to 20,000 at present, with the potential to use material from other local authorities or businesses to meet the balance. While garden waste could not be used in an anaerobic digester as it affected the quality of the product, other options were being considered;

- food waste was challenging in that there was a need for more frequent collections due to its smell, particularly during the summer, and for food waste to be separated at the household;
- there was a need for complementary systems/processes to make best use of waste;
- there was a need to target students and their landlords and to engage them on waste issues. Students were a perennial challenge due to their turnover, and had proved to be resource intensive. Ms Futer, from the University of Nottingham, confirmed a willingness to assist in the engagement of students and that they liked to recycle. However, she commented that, because the consultation period coincided with the students' summer break, it would not be possible for them to be involved at this stage. She also suggested that student landlords could be targeted and Mr Greener confirmed that it was intended to use landlord forums for this purpose;
- waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) was a major problem as regulations prevented these items being taken to charity shops for re-sale, though there was an acknowledged need to ensure re-use of such items wherever possible. Mr Saunders anticipated that more businesses may be set up to repair small electrical items during recessionary times. Family First was willing to take larger electrical items and pass them onto those citizens who could not afford new items.
- the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) at Redfield Road, Lenton, was available for householders to deposit household waste, including furniture, appliances, white goods and garden waste free of charge. It was operated by Wastecycle. The possibility of another HWRC site was being considered as part of the strategy;
- Freecycle was an on line swap shop for unwanted items and could be promoted by the Council by a direct link from its website to raise awareness and to encourage the re-use of unwanted goods from households and businesses, thereby avoiding disposal;
- there were a lot of events coming up in the summer months to promote waste services and ideas for possible participation in other events would be welcomed. There was a need for waste champions who could help e.g. training gardeners in composting;
- packaging generally had improved over the last 12 months. The Courtauld Commitment was a voluntary agreement aimed at improving resource efficiency and reducing the carbon and wider environmental impact of the grocery retail sector. There had been a 48% reduction in

the use of plastic bags in England in the last 12 months. Tetra-Paks were part of a re-cycling scheme but currently were sent to Sweden for re-cycling, though discussions were being held with Children's Services about options for school milk supplies;

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- the Council could use its influence to improve packaging etc through its purchasing power;
- the closing date for the consultation was 17 September 2010. Community representatives were asked to take the forms to their organisations for completion and bring them back to the next meeting or complete them via the Council's website;
- Wastecycle at Colwick received paper, tin and plastics etc for recycling and re-sell the materials, with the Council receiving a share of the income. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the Committee to tour the plant. Mr Greener agreed to organise a visit. Any member of the Committee who was interested in attending were to contact S Harrison;
- Kerbside recycling could be used to divide different types of waste. There were two ways of doing this i.e. a single bin or divide. There was a costs issue for division at the kerbside. 19 out of 20 top local authorities operate the same on bin system as the City.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the publication of the Draft Waste Strategy be noted and Mr Greener and Mr Saunders be thanked for their report and attendance;**
- (2) **that community representatives be requested to take the forms to their organisations for completion and bring them back to the next meeting or complete these via the Council's website;**
- (3) **that Mr Greener and Mr Harrison arrange a visit to the Wastecycle plant at Colwick for up to 10 councillors and community representatives.**

Community
representatives

A Greener
S Harrison

7 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Mr Smith raised the issue of traffic management arrangements at the junction of Derby Road with Church Avenue and asked whether a 'keep clear' restriction could be introduced as traffic was unable to emerge from the junction due to the pedestrian crossing and was causing congestion;
- (b) Wollaton Park - a judge for the Green Pennant award had suggested the provision of a board for the display of awards etc and that could be sited just inside the Harrow Road Gardens;
- (c) Mrs Ryley commented that she was still awaiting a response to an enquiry previously submitted to Mr Coulson, the former Area Manager, in relation to parking restrictions at Harrow Road;

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- (d) Mrs Marshall asked why an empty shop at Bramcote Lane had been boarded up for about two years and was not being used for retail purposes;

Mr Harrison undertook to look into each of these issues and report back.

S Harrison

8 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2010/11

(Acting Director for Local Communities)

Mr Houldsworth commented that planning permission had been obtained for the works arising from parking issues at Arleston Drive but would check whether it would be necessary to seek further permission if it was now decided to construct a designated parking area.

**A
Houldsworth**

In response to a question about when CCTV would be provided at Woodside Road, Mr Harrison explained that this work was not being funded from Area Capital Resources but he would pursue this enquiry and report back.

S Harrison

Councillor Culley expressed disappointment that the Area Committee was being asked to fund some traffic management schemes which were first discussed two years ago. She asked to record her objection to the expectation that the Area Committee should fund these retrospectively.

Mr Houldsworth explained that Area Capital Resources and the Local Transport Plan contribution had been allocated on the basis of deprivation and population. Traffic management schemes had been included within the remit of these funds after this Area Committee had received its allocation. There was no provision within the Medium Term Financial Plan for continuing Area Capital funding in its present form.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposed works be approved and the committed and completed works be noted as detailed in appendices 1(a) and 1(b) attached to the report;**
- (2) that the proposals, and associated cost estimates, for inclusion in the future programme as detailed in appendices 1(a) and 1(b) attached to the report, be noted;**
- (3) that the Committee note the remaining funds in each Ward as detailed in appendices 1(a) and 1(b) attached to the report.**

9 WARD MEMBER BUDGET ALLOCATION 2010/11

(Acting Director for Local Communities)

RESOLVED that the following be noted:

- (1) that each councillor had been allocated an individual Ward budget allocation of £9,000 to be divided between an Area Allocation Budget and individual Ward Support Budgets;**

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- (2) that any unspent monies in individual Ward Support Budgets at the end of the Municipal Year be reallocated to the relevant Area Committees Area Allocation budget.

10 **APPROVALS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

RESOLVED that the following financial assistance from Ward Member Allocations, approved by the Director of Local Communities under delegated authority, be noted:

- (1) £1,787 from Councillors Oldham and Sutton's allocation to purchase and install a gate and fencing to the public footpath leading from Wingfield Drive, Lenton Abbey, to Derby Road;
- (2) £1,832 from Councillors Oldham and Sutton's allocation to Lenton Abbey Fun Day Committee for equipment hire and entertainers for the Fun Day;
- (3) £83 from Councillors Oldham and Sutton's allocation to the Sheila Roper Memorial Birdtable.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 September 2010 at 2.00pm. Venue: Council House