

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

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

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **15 FEBRUARY 2011** at the Council House

from 2.05 pm to 3.26 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Officers In Attendance**

- Mr S Harrison - Area Manager )
- Ms C Elmhirst - Nottingham in Bloom ) Communities
- Partnership Manager )
- Mr S Pepper - Area Manager - Nottingham City Homes Ltd
- Mr P Smith - Conservation Officer, - Development
- Development Management
- 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**

#### **27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Benson and Mrs Meese.

**ACTION**

**28 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Morley declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Sutton Passeys Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan (minute 31) in that her residence was adjacent to the proposed Sutton Passeys Conservation Area and that she had participated when the matter was discussed at a recent meeting of Wollaton Park Residents' Association. The personal interests did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

**29 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 November 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;**
- (2) that confirmation by Mr Harrison, that the issue of cross-hatch road markings at the junction of Derby Road with Charles Avenue (minute 23(c)) had been forwarded to, but not resulted in any action by, the Highways Agency or its partners, be noted;**
- (3) that the agreement to and progress on the grant of up to £1,000 towards the costs of books for the Fernwood Imagination Library (minute 23(d)), be noted;**
- (4) that confirmation by Mrs Marshall that colleagues responsible for organising a 'coffee morning' event in Aspley intended to approach the West Area Committee for financial support for an event on Thursday afternoons, be noted.**

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

**(a) Children's Play Area – Sutton Passeys Crescent**

Mrs Peck and Mrs Marshall reported deterioration in the current state of the play area where it appeared that railings to its main entrance had been removed and the slide stolen. Dog fouling on the site was now a problem. The matter had been discussed with the Neighbourhood Action Officer, Dawn Simpson, and an application for financial assistance to refurbish the site and replace the slide would now be made to East Midlands Airport, via the Wollaton Park Residents' Association. Costings for a bespoke replacement slide were now being obtained and it was suggested that the Area Manager be requested to consider using the Community Payback scheme to replace the railings.

**Steve  
Harrison**

**ACTION**

**(b) Industrial Museum, Wollaton Hall**

In response to a request from Mrs Marshall, Councillor Morley reported that the City Council still awaited progress from the Arkwright Society in assuming responsibility for operating the facility. A visit would be made on the next steaming day.

**(c) Litter – Sutton Passeys Crescent /Selston Drive**

Mrs Peck reported an increase in the amount of litter in the area around Sutton Passeys Crescent and Selston Drive. Mr Pepper reported that, when canvassed for their opinions, local residents had been against a proposed environmental change that might have reduced the problem.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the reports be noted;**
- (2) that a progress item on the future of the Industrial Museum at Wollaton Hall, be included on the agenda for the 15 March 2011 Area Committee meeting.**

**Steve  
Harrison**

**31 NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOOM 2011  
(Director of Sport, Culture and Parks)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Sport, Culture and Parks, copies of which had been circulated. The Chair welcomed Caroline Elmhirst, Nottingham in Bloom Partnership Manager, to the meeting.

Ms Elmhirst confirmed that, whilst allocation of funds to each area for 2011/12 had been reduced due to City Council budget constraints, sufficient funds remained to provide floral displays. This would result in 40 barrier baskets and 10 floor planters being provided, but no green space improvements. In light of previous experience, the species of planting would be altered to provide for better quality, longer-lasting displays

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the levels of displays to be provided in the Committee's area from Spectacolour budgets in 2011/12 be noted;**
- (2) that local neighbourhood groups be encouraged to participate in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' division of the competition and applications for additional, minor expenditure to support this be submitted and agreed by the Area Manager after consulting the Chair of the Area Committee;**

**Councillor  
Morley/  
Steve  
Harrison**

**ACTION**

**32 SUTTON PASSEYS CONSERVATION AREA  
CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

(Interim Head of Development Management)

The Chair welcomed Peter Smith, Conservation Officer, to the meeting.

The Committee welcomed the proposed designation and referred to the effects of roundel street signs and hedge height in helping to define the character of the area. The general view was also expressed that the current title did not sufficiently accurately reflect the geographical area, which could cause confusion and should be amended. References in section 6.8 to the removal of chimney stacks should be deleted and the definition of the total number of persons required to reside in a property before it was classed as a house in multiple occupation should be amended to reflect the current limit of six.

Mr Smith confirmed that, although vehicle hard standings in excess of 5 square metres (section 11), would be resisted, the planning authority would consider each application on its merits and would look at all aspects of a proposal. Under conservation area arrangements, proposed works to trees on private property would also be subject to permissions.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the proposed designation of the Conservation Area be welcomed but consideration be given to amending its title from the Sutton Passeys Conservation Area to the Wollaton Park Estate Conservation Area, as a means of reflecting better its broader geographical area;**
- (2) that, subject to obtaining estimated costings, approval in principle be given to the production and distribution of an information leaflet outlining rights and responsibilities for those living within a conservation area to all households affected by the designation, to be funded from the Area Committee budget;**
- (3) that the importance of roundel street signs in defining the character of the area, their regular maintenance and replacement with 'like for like' as necessary, be re-emphasised.**

**33 YOUR CITY YOUR SERVICES  
PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**  
(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities, copies of which had been circulated. The report presented the results of a City-wide consultation by the City Council on its budget for 2011/12.

**ACTION**

Councillors and Community Representatives considered that a City-wide return rate of only 3,111 for the Survey was poor and led to doubts about the veracity of the findings, their application or relevance to communities locally and whether value for money, in reality, could be obtained from such an exercise.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that, in the light of such a low response rate to the survey, the Executive Board be asked to provide the total cost of undertaking the survey, what usable information had been obtained from its findings and how and which findings were being used to inform City Council policies.**

**Committee  
Section**

**34 FINANCIAL POSITION OF AREA COMMITTEE  
- UPDATE**

Mr Harrison reported that it was currently expected that Nottinghamshire Police beats would be aligned with Area Committee boundaries. Mr Harrison expected to be in a position to submit a report on the financial position of the Area Committee to its March meeting.

**Steve  
Harrison**

**RESOLVED that the position be noted.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, 15 March 2011, at the Council House, beginning at 2.00 pm.**