

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES

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

from 2.00 pm to 3.10 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
 - vacancy - 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

- Mrs S McLaglen - Wollaton Care Group

Officers In Attendance

- Mr S Harrison - Area Manager)
- Ms L-A Renwick - Neighbourhood Action Officer)
- Mr R Inglis - Service Manager Museums and)
Galleries) Communities
- Mr M J Parker - Constitutional Services Officer - 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

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

37 MINUTES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 February 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;**
- (2) that the intention by Mr Harrison to look afresh at the Community Representation on the Area Committee in the new Municipal Year, be noted;**
- (3) that, with regard to local participation in the Neighbourhood Bloom 2011 event Community Representatives be requested to publicise the ability to apply the Area Manager for minor funds to support planting schemes via local publications and with their communities;**
- (4) that the Area Manager would continue to draw the attention of the relevant agencies to the Area Committee's desire for cross-hatch road markings at the junction of Derby Road with Charles Avenue.**
- (5) that the provision of a new floor and fire alarm facilities at Wollaton Park Community Centre be noted;**

38 PRESENTATION TO WOLLATON CARE GROUP

The Chair welcomed Lyse-Anne Renwick to her first meeting of the Area Committee as replacement Neighbourhood Action Officer for Madge Saunders, and Mrs Sheila McLagen of the Wollaton Care Group.

Mrs McLagen explained the reasons associated with the formation of the Care Group in 1976 and of its current work in providing weekly meeting facilities for up to 40 people at St Leonard's Community Centre and 20 people in Wollaton Vale. Other social events included excursions (weather permitting), Christmas Party, lunches and a programme of home visits and support for people with mobility difficulties. Fund raising via coffee mornings was also undertaken and an event organised by Madge Saunders had raised £120.

The valuable work undertaken by Group members in the local community was acknowledged and Ms Renwick made a presentation to Mrs McLagen on behalf of the Area Committee of a representative selection of gifts, the balance of which would be provided in due course.

L-A Renwick

RESOLVED that the continued efforts of Wollaton Care Group in the local community be commended.

ACTION**39 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES****(a) Children's Play Area – Sutton Passeys Crescent**

Further to minute 30(a) dated 15 February 2011, Mr Harrison was unaware of any proposal permanently to remove this facility and although a resident had expressed concern about dogs and deer being able to access the facility, on a recent visit by Mrs Marshall it had appeared tidy and well cared for but with hard play surfaces and a lack of play equipment. Quotations for a specialist replacement children's slide were still awaited and the venue was not, by itself, eligible for Heritage Lottery Grant assistance. Mr Inglis agreed to investigate progress on obtaining quotations for a replacement slide.

Ron Inglis**(b) Litter – Sutton Passeys Crescent /Selston Drive**

Further to minute 30(a) dated 15 February 2011, this issue remained outstanding.

Steve Harrison**(c) Provision of Community Notice boards**

Although Wollaton Park Community Association welcomed provision of a notice board, installation of a second board had caused some concern. The board which had originally been intended as a local church notice board on Farndon Green had, instead, been installed in front of Farndon Green Post Office and on Post Office, rather than City Council, land. A much needed and well-used litter bin had been removed and local councillors were not consulted in advance on the board's proposed location. Mr Harrison agreed to investigate the matter.

Steve Harrison**(d) Designation of Conservation Area**

Further to minute 32 dated 15 February 2011, Mrs Marshall referred to the decision by the Development Control Committee at its February 2011 meeting to note the Area Committee's representations regarding the title of conservation area but resolved, in any event, to approve a designation of Sutton Passeys Conservation Area.

Mrs Marshall expressed concern at the decision and reported that adverse comments made regarding the title at a recent meeting of Wollaton Park Residents' Association were likely to be replicated at a forthcoming coffee morning and that there was a strength of local feeling amongst residents that the title was inappropriate as it did not adequately or accurately reflect the geographical nature of the area. For instance, although designated Sutton Passeys Conservation Area, one half of the road was outside the area.

Residents felt that adoption of the current designation was potentially misleading both to existing local residents and people visiting or passing through the area, did not reflect the sense of community felt in the area and should be reviewed by the Development Control Committee without delay.

ACTION

Suggestions for possible alternative names offered by residents during their discussions had included Wollaton Park Housing Estate Conservation Area and Middleton or Middleton Boulevard Conservation Area.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;**
- (2) that the Development Control Committee be requested to reconsider its decision of minute 116 dated 23 February 2011 regarding the designation of the Conservation Area and either consider acting on the suggestions of local residents to approve an alternative designation which reflected the area better or provide reasons for choosing not to do so.**

40 WOLLATON PARK INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM - UPDATE

The Chair welcomed Mr Inglis to the meeting. Mr Inglis reported progress on the Area Committee's support for the Arkwright Society to become a charity as a pre-cursor to it seeking to take responsibility for providing personnel which would enable the Industrial Museum to remain a functioning attraction.

Mr Inglis reported the following:-

- the production of a draft licence agreement for discussion with the Arkwright Society;
- budgetary provision had affected progress on the matter, including an accurate estimate of running costs and the costs of steaming – although this would now be assisted by the installation of independent metering;
- improvement in the interception of oil waste;
- fortnightly meetings between Jeanette Warner and representatives of the Arkwright Society;
- the award of a grant to the Arkwright Society by the Archives Council from April 2011;
- the upgrading of interpretational signing and use of staff to check and update labelling details on exhibits;
- the use of a volunteers co-ordinator to recruit volunteers;
- that the stable block was considered of equal importance and required refurbishment.

ACTION

Councillor Culley welcomed Mr Inglis' comments and the progress being now made, but expressed the view that, hitherto, Councillors had felt marginalised in the process.

RESOLVED

- (1) that Mr Inglis be thanked for his attendance and comments and the progress be noted;**
- (2) that Mr Inglis provide the name and contact information of the Volunteers Co-ordinator to Councillors and Community Representatives;**
- (3) that progress items be included on the agendas for future meetings of the Area Committee in June and July 2011.**

Ron Inglis

**Steve
Harrison /
Ron Inglis**

**41 WARD MEMBER BUDGET ALLOCATIONS
(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities, copies of which had been circulated. The report presented the results of a rationalisation exercise into the organisation of current budgetary arrangements for the Area Committee. An addendum, provided at the meeting, provided a further update to the financial position and included amended recommendations.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the individual Ward Councillor budget allocation of £9,000 per Councillor for 2010/11 and the pooling into Ward Allocation Budgets for this Committee, be noted;**
- (2) that from 1 April 2011, any unspent monies in individual Ward Allocation Budgets at the end of a Municipal Year be reallocated to the relevant Area Committee Ward Budget, as detailed in paragraph 1.9 of the report;**
- (3) that the following uncommitted elements of Ward Allocation and Ward Budgets in Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey identified during the reconciliation exercise, be noted:**

ACTION

	Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey	Wollaton West	Total
	£	£	£
Area Committee Ward Budgets	41,838	84,307	126,145
Ward Allocation Budgets	6,585	20,500	27,085

- (4) that the apportionment of commitments to the appropriate Ward Budgets as outlined in Appendix A to the report, be approved;
- (5) that the projects approved under delegated authority detailed in Appendix B to the report, be noted;
- (6) that the proposed project closures detailed in Appendix C to the report be approved and the resulting uncommitted Area Committee Ward Allocation of £49,081 detailed below be noted:-

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	£16,360
Wollaton West	£32,721

- (7) that the amended financial summary contained in the Addendum in place of existing paragraph 1.6 of the report, be noted;
- (8) that information be provided at future meetings on the levels of Area Committee financial commitments and spending and remaining balances on the commitments;
- (9) that the Committee's appreciation of the efforts of Mr Harrison in this matter, be recorded.

Steve
Harrison

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Provisionally, Tuesdays at the Council House, beginning at 2.00 pm:-

21 June 2011
26 July 2011