

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **22 SEPTEMBER 2011** at the Council House
from 5.02 pm to 6.22 pm

- ✓ Councillor Morley (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Parton (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Culley
- ✓ Councillor Fox
- ✓ Councillor Longford

Community Representatives

- ✓ Mr D Allen) North Wollaton Residents' Association
- Mrs L Dilks)
- ✓ 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

- Mr J Straw - Arkwright Society

Officers In Attendance

- Mr A Mohammed - Area Manager)
- Mr r Inglis - Service Manager Museums and) Communities
- Galleries)
- Mr P Tansey - Senior Planner, Policy and)
- Information Team)
- Ms H Wallace - Project Officer Building Schools) Development
- for the Future and Capital Assets)
- Mr R Adkin - Project Support Officer, Building)
- Schools for the Future)
- Mr M Neal - Head of Building Schools for the)
- Future and Capital Assets)
- Ms S Walker - New Projects Development - Inspired Spaces
- Manager
- 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.

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16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Peck and Dr Swannell.

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made under this agenda item.

Councillors Longford and Morley advised the Area Committee that, as members of the City Council's Development Control Committee, they would listen to discussion on potential development sites DS54 – DS56 identified in the consultation on the Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document (agenda item 6, minute 21), but would indicate no personal opinion.

18 MINUTES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 August 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;**
- (2) that, further to minute 10(b) dated 24 August 2011, the intention of potential developers of a section of the Wollaton Allotments site (St Martin's Pond) to reconsider their proposals to revisit site access arrangements be noted and that observations by the Area Committee that its previously raised concerns regarding the development remained and the need for further investigation to be undertaken regarding the potential for contamination leakage from development works into Tottle Brook and to arrive at a definitive position regarding the background to the retention, or otherwise, of the Site of Natural Importance (SINC) status of part of the allotment site and the effects of any proposed development upon it and the adjoining nature reserve;**
- (3) that, further to minute 10(c) dated 24 August 2011, the programmed removal of invasive giant hogweed from Tottle Brook and assistance being given to Wollaton Vale Residents' Association in the development of a website, be noted.**

19 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

**Katrina
Curnow**

Mrs Marshall requested that the Neighbourhood Management Team progress the following outstanding matters from discussions at previous Area Committee meetings:

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- arrangements for a previously agreed visit by Community Representatives to view the workings of a local recycling plant;
- a financial contribution towards the production of a booklet for delivery to all households in the Middleton Boulevard Conservation Area, giving guidance to residents on their responsibilities and permitted works to properties.

Mrs Marshall also drew attention to a forthcoming meeting to discuss the future of library services in the locality at which support for the service in general, and for the mobile service, in particular, should be stressed.

20 INDUSTRIAL HALL MUSEUM, WOLLATON HALL – UPDATE

The Chair welcomed Mr Straw of the Arkwright Society to the meeting.

Further to minutes 4 and 10(d) dated 21 June and 24 August 2011 respectively, Mr Inglis and Mr Straw provided the following update on progress in maintaining the operation of the Industrial Museum at Wollaton Hall:

- support for the Arkwright Society had continued. The organisation had reviewed its operation and a refresh of its purpose had resulted in a recruitment drive for new members, increasing the volunteer base to 61. The need for further progression having been acknowledged, the Society still intended to change its governance and membership structure in preparation for assuming responsibility for the Industrial Museum, and the 61 volunteers had been organised into four themed working groups: Marketing, Management, Research and Museum Development;
- the original committal of individual ward member budgets, together with the Society's refreshed outlook would enabled an increased number of applications for financial assistance to be made. To date, approximately £91,000 of financial assistance had been obtained to assist the Society and the City Council in taking forward the further development of the Museum. The financing secured thus far would be used to refresh the existing facility experience as full refurbishment was dependent on a wider renovation of the Hall stable block which currently housed the Museum;
- a Project Director had been appointed to oversee development of the Museum and Mr Straw expressed his, and the Society's appreciation from the support received from colleagues thus far and explained that the Museum would be open four days per week plus one monthly steaming day from January 2012, with an official opening in March 2012. Attendance at the last steaming day had exceeded 600 paying visitors. Links had also been established with individuals with the necessary skills to maintain and operate the lace making machines;

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- in the longer term it was hoped that the Museum could forge links with current Nottingham industries in addition to reflecting more aspects of older, former, industries, such as the Nottingham lace industry, where costumes from collections currently stored at Newstead Abbey and examples from the Nottingham Trent University collection of glass negatives could be used to illustrate the product and place the local industry within a wider creative and aesthetic pattern and international context.

RESOLVED that the position be noted and Mr Straw, on behalf of the Society, be thanked for the work undertaken thus far and which, the Committee hoped, would result in an improved visitor attraction.

21 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (Corporate Director of Development)

The Chair welcomed Mr Tansey to the Meeting.

Mr Tansey explained that the current report prefaced an initial public consultation exercise between September and late November 2011 on proposals included within the Development Plan document for potential development of up to 100 sites across the City suggested by a variety of sources including the public, businesses and developers. Of the three local sites which lay within the Area Committee's boundary, all involved proposals to redevelop for all or part residential use, either the Radford Bridge Allotments off Torville Drive or at Woodyard Lane off Lambourne Drive.

The continuing concerns of the Committee and Community Representatives regarding the background to sites DS54 and DS55 - Radford Bridge Allotments off Torville Drive were recorded at minute 18(2), above and the need for clarification of the background to current issues in order for local community representatives to participate effectively in the consultation process was reiterated. Proposed residential development at Woodyard Lane off Lambourne Drive (DS56) was a new proposal arising from a suggestion on behalf of the landowner through the 'call for sites' process.

Referring to section 1.3 (a) of the report (economy), Mrs Marshall drew attention to the potential adverse effects of proposals to charge for vehicle parking on the viability of the City and neighbourhood shopping and which was also being affected by out of town shopping developments with free parking.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report and deadline of 21 November 2011 for receipt of comments on the consultation phase, be noted;**
- (2) that the Corporate Director of Development be requested to provide further background information to Community Representatives on development sites DS54 – 56.**

Paul Tansey

ACTION**22 SITE OF BLUECOAT SCHOOL, WOLLATON – BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR TH FUTURE BRIEFING**

The Chair welcomed Ms Walker, Ms Wallace, Mr Neal and Mr Adkin to the meeting. Mr Neal and Mr Adkin provided background on original proposals to re-build the Bluecote School under the previous government's Building Schools for the Future initiative. Following suspension of the scheme funding as part of the current government's spending review, it was now intended to implement an amended scheme of refurbishment of the existing school buildings on the site. This would include:

- partial demolition of main block (building 6), retention of dining area, internal remodelling and new external cladding;
- new build, 2 storey general teaching block on existing hard play area to the north of building 6, incorporating ICT suite(s) and 10 classrooms, and hard play area re-surfacing;
- new retaining wall between the new build and team game area;
- building entrance works for Disability Discrimination Act compliance;
- soft landscaping replanting;
- additional vehicular parking.

The proposed timetable for works was:

Consultation of Proposals:	mid October 2011
Submission of planning application:	November 2011
Construction begins:	end March 2012

Concerns of Community Representatives at the loss of the existing Community Room and effects on the coffee morning for older and younger people were noted and it was intended that there should be flexible use of space within the buildings, although this may be without permanent dividing structures. Retention of existing site entrances was noted and coach access and turning arrangements would continue at the end of the road. The Committee felt that traffic congestion could be improved if a dedicated waiting/pupil drop/collection area could be provided. Proposals to seek additional funding from Sports council England and the European Union to develop a sports activity area may be affected by any proposal to improve the vista from Wollaton Hall by removing the playing field provision.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

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23 FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Further to minute 15 dated 24 August 2011, the Committee considered three options for a revised meeting cycle. Based on returns provided by Councillor and Community Representatives to a questionnaire on availability, the third option of meetings on Mondays at 5.00 pm later in the month affected the least number of people.

RESOLVED that the Committee meet in the Council House, Old Market Square, at 5.00 pm on the following Mondays:

28 November 2011

30 January 2012

26 March 2012

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 28 November 2011, beginning at 5.00 pm