

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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

**MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council House on 3 JUNE 2013  
from 5.05 pm to 6.30 pm**

- ✓ Councillor Georgina Culley (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Sally Longford
- ✓ Councillor Eileen Morley (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Sam Webster
- Vacancy

#### **Community Representatives**

- ✓ David Allen ) North Wollaton Residents' Association
- Lynne Dilks )
- Pauline Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association
- T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
- ✓ Trina Marshall - Wollaton Park Residents' Association
- ✓ Pamela Meese - Lenton Abbey Family and Friends Funday/  
Lenton Abbey 15<sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scout Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Care Group
- Andrew Hamilton - Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society
- ✓ Nicola Douglas - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch  
Association
- ✓ Helen Rigby - Partnership Council
- ✓ Bill Smith - Lenton Abbey Residents' Association
- ✓ Anthony Swannell - Wollaton Vale Residents' Association

✓ - indicates present at meeting

#### **City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance**

John Marsh	-	Locality Manager (Central Area)	)	
Lysle-Anne Renwick	)	Neighbourhood Development	)	Communities
	)	Officers	)	
Pauline Dorey	)		)	
Paul Howard	-	Nottingham City Homes Ltd		
Irene Andrews	-	Market Development Programme Manager		- Children and Families
Martin Parker	-	Constitutional Services Officer		- Resources
Inspector Robert Wilson	-	Nottinghamshire Police		

#### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Martin Parker reported that the recent death of Councillor Parton meant that pending the outcome of a by-election, no one political group currently has a majority on the Area Committee.

**ACTION**

To enable this meeting to proceed and take decisions, Ward Councillors discussed applying an interim arrangement for the current meeting to appoint Councillor Eileen Morley as Chair of the Area Committee until the outcome of the by-election on 6 June 2013 was known. Depending on the outcome, the Conservative and/or Labour Group Whip could then notify the Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director for Resources of the appointment for the rest of the 2013/14 Municipal Year (Solution 1).

The suggested temporary arrangement was not agreed by Councillor Georgina Culley, who proposed an alternative, ie that Councillor Eileen Morley should be re-appointed as Chair of the Committee until 16 September 2013. The outcome of the by-election would be known by then and an appointment or adjustment could then be made (Solution 2).

The two proposals were put to a vote by Councillors, with the following outcome:

<b><u>Suggestion</u></b>	<b><u>Votes</u></b>		
	<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>
Solution 1	3	0	1
Solution 2	2	2	0

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to appoint Councillor Eileen Morley as Chair of the Area Committee until 6 June 2013;**
- (2) following the by-election, to request the political group whips to inform the Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Resources of the individuals to be appointed to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Area Committee for the rest of the current Municipal Year;**
- (3) in the event that there is no overall control on the Area Committee following the by-election, to call an early meeting of the Ward Councillors to agree arrangements for chairing Area Committee meetings for the rest of the current Municipal Year and to inform the Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Resources.**

**2 COUNCILLOR STEVE PARTON**

Councillors and Community Representatives at the meeting recalled their involvement with former Councillor Steve Parton who died suddenly on 3 April 2013. He was a Ward Councillor for Wollaton West ward from May 2011 and a local resident for over 60 years.

The Area Committee stood in tribute to the memory of former Councillor Steve Parton and expressed their condolences to Mrs Parton and their children.

**ACTION****3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Lynne Dilks and Pauline Peck.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**5 MINUTES**

The Area Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair. The following reports on items appearing in the minutes, but not considered as part of the current agenda, were noted:

**(a) Minute 39(a) – Withdrawal of Mobile Library Service**

Lysle-Ann Renwick confirmed that the cost of a replacement vehicle (c£100,000) was too expensive to consider and that, regrettably it had been decided to close the service in its current form. Colleagues noted the popularity of the service amongst some people. Residents were asked to contact Wollaton Library directly to arrange community visits if still needed.

**(b) Minute 39(c) – Wollaton FC Football Pitch Moves**

The meeting noted that the club has outgrown the facilities at Wollaton Hall. In addition, English Heritage has requested that the Club be transferred to a different venue (Highfields Park).

**6 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES****(a) Financial Assistance – Coffee Morning Bluecoat School**

Trina Marshall thanked the Area Committee for its support of £400 from Ward Councillor budgets towards the costs the inter-generational coffee morning at Bluecoat School.

**(b) Arrangements for Awarding Area Based Grants to the Voluntary and Community Sector**

Trina Marshall also referred to minute 38 of the February meeting and to the further progress report on the agenda for the current meeting. She felt that the tone of the previous minute and supporting reports were too bureaucratic and made it more, not less difficult, for groups and local community groups in particular, to understand the 'why and how' of what the City Council hoped to achieve by altering its funding regime. Taking such an approach could discourage local groups from participating in the scheme.

**ACTION****(b) Local Development Plan and Options**

David Allen asked what progress had been made on this. Lysle-Ann Renwick confirmed that the consultation phase on proposals is due to end in late June and that there will be a further report after that date.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to note the views expressed;
- (2) to consider a progress report by the Corporate Director for Development on the Local Development Plan at the next meeting on 16 September.

John Marsh /  
David Bishop

**7 WARD PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATE**  
**- WARD ALLOCATIONS**

John Marsh, Pauline Dorey and Lysle-Ann Renwick provided a summary of projects and group which had received assistance from the Area Committee during the 2012/13 Financial Year, identified in the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services.

**RESOLVED to note the following list of organisations or projects supported by the Area Committee during the 2012/13 Financial Year:**

<b><u>Ward/Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Wollaton West</u></b>	
Wollaton Park Community Association Fire Alarm System	3,722
Bramcote Lane Area Week of Action	600
Grangewood Estate Days of Action	200
Wollaton Park Playground	35,000
Interpretation at Martins Pond	1,500
Railing along one side of the top half of Bramcote Lane	1,600
Rushford Park Community Garden	500
Wollaton Community Association – Neighbourhood In Bloom	200
Wollaton West Christmas Lights Celebration	6,763
Queens Jubilee Street Parties	2,000
Game On Programme	2,000
Nottingham Caribbean Carnival	200
Support 75 <sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scouts	250
Wollaton Sports Association Pavilion Re-development	24,360
Nottingham Arkwright Society	5,000
Wollaton Library	5,000
Community Engagement Costs – Local Area Group Meetings (LAG – Wollaton East/West)	750

**ACTION****Ward/Activity****Amount**  
**£****Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey**

Planting in Planter on Farndon Green, Wollaton Park Estate, Wollaton East	254.70
Bulb Planting projects in Lenton Abbey and Wollaton Park estate	Previous Years Budgets
<b>Week of Action:</b>	
• Domestic Violence and Abuse Project	84 + in kind
• Publicity for ' Safer Neighbourhood' events	250
• Clearance and levelling at Wensor Ave Old Allotment Site, Lenton Abbey	in kind
• Youth and Family Engagement Event at Wensor Ave Old Allotment Site, Lenton Abbey	238
• Large household WEEE collection and small WEEE collection	in kind
• new Gentle Exercise taster at WP Over 50's Coffee Morning Group as part of health event	25
• new Gentle Exercise taster at Lenton Abbey Lime Tree and Raglan Court as part of health Event	25
• Pop-Up Information Point	In Kind
Game On Programme Lenton Abbey Friends and Fun Day Association (LAFFDA)	Up to 420
Lenton Abbey Jubilee Celebration	150
Wollaton Park Residents Association Jubilee Celebration	200
Jubilee Celebration for 28 Links Youth Project with recipients from WELA (Leen Valley Councillors funded £500 contribution)	250
Start-up costs for After School Club At Sheila Roper Community Centre	575
Xmas Lights Switch On events for Lenton Abbey and Wollaton Park estate	Previous years budgets
Mental Health Awareness Training	In Kind
Welfare Reform Advice and information Sessions	In Kind
Wollaton Park Residents Association Room Rent For Temporary Venue Move	400

**8 STREAMLINING INVESTMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR – AREA 7 PROPOSAL**

Irene Andrews introduced the report of the Joint Interim Director, Quality and Commissioning / Head of Early Intervention and Market Development summarising the progress on Phase One of Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector and outlining the grant award process.

**ACTION**

Because no organisation has agreed to be the area Lead Organisation to administer the available voluntary sector funding, the Wollaton Park Community Association will be managed using a Service Level Agreement with Nottingham City Council. In addition, the Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) Youth Element of the budget is ring-fenced and administered by this Area Committee, in accordance with the specification for Area Based Grants.

The funds available for Community Association and PAYP allocations are:

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Funds Available</u></b>	
	<b><u>Part Year (2013-14)</u></b>	<b><u>Full Year (2014-15)</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Community Associations	2,966.25	
PAYP	3,818.00	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>6,784.25</b>	<b>7,773.00</b>

The £3,818 to be administered by the Area Committee in 2013-14 will be split 66% for responding to identified issues and 33% for diversionary activities for young people.

It was explained that these are annual allocations and any unused amounts at 31 March will be returned to central budgets. The arrangement for this Area Committee is intended as an interim solution only for 2013-14, whilst support and development work is put in place to enable an area-based organisation to take the role of Lead Organisation to administer arrangements from 2014-15 onwards.

Comments regarding the need for understanding of procedures had been made in other meetings and were appreciated. Regarding support for youth activities, past experience indicated that if these were to be successful, any successful applicant(s) would need to provide a fully staffed and reliable service during the period(s) concerned.

There is the possibility of attracting additional funding in future years. For contractual reasons it is not possible to disclose the amount which the City has received for use of Wollaton Hall during filming of the recent Batman film.

**RESOLVED to authorise the Locality Manager (Central Area) to approve applications for financial assistance from PAYP budgets, which meet the criteria specification for Area Based Grants, after consulting the Chair of the Area Committee and relevant Ward Councillors.**

**ACTION****9 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES**

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes introduced a report of the Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes, requesting the Area Committee's approval to carry out improvement works in the area. The cost of the works will be met from Nottingham City Homes budget for environmental works.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) **to approve environmental works by Nottingham City Homes at the following locations:**

<b><u>Location/Work</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b> <b>£</b>
<b>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey</b>	
Sheila Roper Centre – Fireproof Metal Letterbox	350.00
<b>Wollaton West</b>	
Aspinall Court:	
Installation of 26 Sensor Operated Lights to properties	2,930.32
Replace existing plastic seating and bench, supply external; wooden furniture	4,193.82
Remove shrubs, provide tarmac area to store 12 storage bins	2,282.15

- (2) **to note that following approval of these works £3,845.64 and £2,046.11 remain in the environmental works budgets for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey and Wollaton West Wards respectively.**

**10 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

John Marsh, Lysle-Ann Renwick and Pauline Dorey introduced and commented on two reports of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which detailed the performance of the Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards against a range of performance measures contained in The Nottingham Plan during the final quarter of 2012-13 as follows:

**Cleanliness Index:** Wollaton West at 97% is the cleanest ward in the City. Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey, though lower at 87%, is still above the target of 86%.

**Graffiti Reports:** totalled 222 for the year, an average of around nine incidents per ward, per month.

**Fly Tipping:** 87 incidences during the year out of a City-wide total of 7,680 is considered low.

**ACTION**

**Crime:** Inspector Robert Wilson reported a significant reduction of 95 fewer victims of crime compared to 2011-12. Although some categories of crime had increased in April 2013, figures for May 2013 have improved and other increases have been amongst the less serious types of crime. The Committee asked that in future reports crime statistics for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey are produced in a table format and that data provided by the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership is presented in a standardised format by month over a 12 month rolling period.

**Pauline Dorey  
John Marsh/  
Inspector  
Wilson**

**Traffic Issues:** the findings of a consultation exercise that all but two residents are not in favour of double yellow lines on Wollaton Vale will be discussed with colleagues in due course. Lining proposals for the area around Wollaton Vale and Parkside Rise will probably proceed. The issue of car speeds on Wollaton Vale is due to be discussed again on 12 June and a report will be considered at the Area Committee meeting on 16 September. Lining around Woodside Road near the University is not planned for the near future and although the introduction of no parking on verges will be considered, it will also be necessary to take into account the needs and wishes of local residents.

**Lysle-Anne  
Renwick**

**RESOLVED to note the ward performance for quarter 3 2012/13.**

## **11 AREA CAPITAL FUND – AREA APPROVALS**

The Committee discussed the report of the Director Neighbourhood Services, which updated councillors and local representatives on Area Capital Fund Programme schemes for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward and Wollaton West Ward. The table below summarises the current state of Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Public Realm (PR) elements and de-commitments of the Area Capital Fund Programmes 2011-13 and 2013-15:

**RESOLVED to note the spends and following availability of current funds for elements of the Area Capital Programme:**

<b><u>Budget Element</u></b>	<b><u>Wollaton West</u></b>		<b><u>Wollaton East &amp; Lenton Abbey</u></b>	
	<b><u>2011-13</u></b>	<b><u>2013-15</u></b>	<b><u>2011-13</u></b>	<b><u>2013-15</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Capital Programme Allocation</b>	<b>66,794</b>	<b>95,994</b>	<b>67,544</b>	<b>93,838</b>
- LTP Scheme Costs	<b>61,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73,422</b>	<b>0</b>
- PR Scheme Costs	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
+ De-committed Funds	<b>2,500</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>13,916</b>	<b>12,350</b>
<b>Total Funds Available to spend:</b>	<b>7,594</b>	<b>93,227</b>	<b>8,038</b>	<b>106,188</b>



**ACTION**

**12 ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY – WARD ALLOCATIONS**

**RESOLVED** to note the summary of grants and other financial assistance provided to organisations reported to the Area Committee between September 2012 and June 2013 (detailed at minute 7, above) and the decision of Councillors Longford and Webster to contribute up to £500 each from their Ward Councillor budgets to support the Lenton Abbey Fun Day on 6 July 2013.

**13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2013-14**

**RESOLVED** to meet at 5.00 pm on the following Mondays at the Council House, Old Market Square:

**2013**

**16 September  
11 November**

**2014**

**17 February  
12 May**

**ALL TO NOTE**

**PLEASE NOTE: The date of the next Area Committee Meeting will be Monday 16 September 2013**