

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council House on 16 SEPTEMBER 2013
from 5.00 pm to 6.38 pm

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

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 15th 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
- Mike Gladwell)
- Jean Gladwell) Local Residents (observing)

✓ - indicates present at meeting

City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance

- Chief Inspector Steve)
- Cartwright) Nottinghamshire Police
- Inspector Robert)
- Wilson)
- John Marsh - Locality Manager (Central Area))
- Lysle-Anne Renwick) Neighbourhood Development) Communities
-) Officers)
- Pauline Dorey)
- Paul Howard - Nottingham City Homes Ltd)
- Navid Arif) Engineer) Highways,
- Martin Bee) Senior Officer (Area Focus Team)) Development
- Martin Parker - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Lynne Dilks, Pamela Meese and Anthony Swannell.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

16 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Following discussions at the last meeting, Councillor Steve Battlemuch, the returned Labour Councillor for Wollaton West Ward (replacing former Councillor Steve Parton) has been appointed Chair of the Area Committee and Councillor Sally Longford has been appointed Vice-Chair.

Before introductions were completed, Councillor Battlemuch thanked Councillor Eileen Morley for her work on residents' behalf as outgoing Chair of the Area Committee.

17 MINUTES

The Area Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

18 BRAMCOTE LANE TRAFFIC CALMING

Lysle-Anne Renwick introduced this matter as a discussion item. The Area Committee is being asked for its reaction and comments on initial draft consultation proposals to modify the design of existing traffic calming measures on Bramcote Lane between Wollaton Vale and Wollaton Road. The proposals have been drawn up in response to comments by local residents that the current design is too harsh and causes other traffic problems by encouraging vehicle users to travel on other side streets to avoid the measures.

Martin Bee and Navid Arif of the Traffic and Safety Division of the City Council attended the meeting to explain their initial proposals to replace all existing speed cushions with crossing points or bituminous round-topped humps to give a smoother ride and to add give way and double yellow line road markings to the junction of each side street with Bramcote Lane. The junctions of Bramcote Lane with Wollaton Vale and Wollaton Road will each have 'gateway entry' treatments featuring cobbled sets. In addition, the Wollaton Road access will also feature planters and a zebra crossing to replace the existing nearby raised plateau feature.

A feasibility study indicates that the proposals, will cost £88,000 plus fees of £18,000, although these estimates are subject to revision if requirements change following any consultation exercise.

The discussion included the following comments/observations:

ACTION

- contributors agreed that the existing traffic calming solutions are inappropriate and need modifying in some way. This may be by incorporating additional tarmac at access and egress points of the humps, by providing features of more than one material such as road surface with concrete rumble strips, or by installation of speed cameras to facilitate prosecution of offenders;
- a recent survey in the area regarding the introduction of a 20mph speed limit indicating that there will be no speed bumps on Bramcote Lane, refers to a different section of the road to that presently under discussion;
- the original character of a village square (towards Wollaton Village, the water pump and the Admiral Rodney public house) will be better preserved by incorporating both sides of the section between Wollaton Road and Russell Drive into the 20mph zone and removing unsightly road signage. Widening verges will make the road more attractive and introducing pinch points will make the road less attractive for speeding;
- Bramcote Lane is unsuitable for the level of traffic which uses it. A 20mph speed limit is preferable to current arrangements and retention and modification proposals may only cause traffic problems to be displaced elsewhere in the area. Traffic policy should be reviewed for the area as a whole;
- proposals for alterations to existing speed humps will be subject to consultation with public transport providers, although it has been noted that transport companies have not complained about similar structures which are already in use within the Nottingham University Campus;
- the City Council prefers to modify rather than remove traffic-calming features. In this instance, retention and modification will help enforce a 20 mph speed limit. Road signage cannot be removed as it is a requirement to keep it. Widening existing verges is possible, but potentially very expensive and may affect underground utility works. Similarly, speed cameras could be installed, but maintenance costs are extremely expensive. Wollaton Vale may not be included in the finalised version of any 20mph zone proposal. Nothing in the current consultation proposals is definite and aspects can be altered to achieve a balanced scheme.

RESOLVED to note the intention to consult publicly on proposals to introduce a modified traffic management scheme on Bramcote Lane between its junctions with Wollaton Vale and Wollaton Road.

19 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Pauline Peck thanked the Area Committee for its financial assistance towards the purchase of fire alarms for the Wollaton Park Community Centre.

ACTION

Trina Marshall reported the concerns of the Wollaton Park Over 50's Coffee Morning Group that, although it had been awarded a Decade of Better Health grant of £1,400 in May 2013, the grant still remains unpaid. Pauline Dorey reported raising the matter on several occasions as a matter of urgency with colleagues in Public Health and John Marsh reported that colleagues were aware of difficulties which are attributed to the introduction and settling in of a new payments system.

RESOLVED to note the payment difficulties being experienced by some community-based organisations and to ask local groups which experience problems to forward the details to the Central Locality Manager to pursue on their behalf.

John Marsh

20 WARD PERFORMANCE JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2013

Inspector Robert Wilson and Chief Inspector Steve Cartwright provided an update on recent police-related activity in the Committee's area.

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 period July – September 2013.

(a) Statistical Summaries

<u>Incident Category</u>	<u>Year 2013/14</u>							
	<u>Wollaton West</u>				<u>Wollaton East & L A</u>			
	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>
Burglaries:								
Dwellings		9				5		
Unoccupied Dwelling		1				0		
Other		2				2		
Theft: of/from vehicles		7				8		
Criminal Damage		5				6		
Anti-Social Behaviour		19				26		
Totals:		43				47		

Notes: Q1 = February, Q2 = June/July (confirmed)

ACTION

Subject Area	Year 2013/14							
	Wollaton West				Wollaton East & L A			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cleanliness (%)		94			87	91		
Graffiti Reports	12	2			6	2		
Fly Tipping	6	3			4	8		
Ward Unemployment	266	207			151	136		
Community Protection Orders Issued		3				0		
Fixed Penalty Notices								
Anti-Social Behaviour		15				10		
Fires		2			3	3		

Notes: Q1 = February, Q2 = June (unconfirmed)

(b) Police Update

Chief Inspector Steve Cartwright and Inspector Robert Wilson commented that although crime has increased in comparison to 2012/13 levels, this is, perhaps not unexpected, given that levels during 2012/13 were particularly low.

A large proportion in increases in crime in both Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey are due to shoplifting, mirroring a trend nationally. Measures to address the increases include improving liaison with shop owners and/or local representatives and providing advice about store design and internal layout. Engagement with representatives of national store chains to improve their local focus is also having a positive effect.

Additional Police resources are being used to reduce the rise in domestic burglaries in both wards. Possible causes of crime also include national trends, seasonal factors such as the approach to Christmas, and the treatment of offenders by the penal system, where there is a greater tendency to recall offenders who are on licence to prison for only a period of any remaining sentence (usually 28 days) rather than the whole period.

(c) Neighbourhood Development Update

John Marsh reported that:

- although levels of fly-tipping in the area are relatively low compared to the City-wide total of up to 700, the numbers of abandoned refrigerators / freezers is increasing - possible due to changes in requirements for their safe disposal;
- maintenance issues regarding the quality of weed spraying on Derby Road/A52 is being addressed;
- following delays by the contractor during the current season, the issue of outsourcing the garden assistance hedge cutting contract will be reviewed - the first cut took 13 rather than 6 weeks to complete, with the second cut due to finish by the end of October 2013, due to the levels of operatives employed;

ACTION

- the ride-on mower fleet replacement programme is complete and tender processes are underway for the replacement of the existing sweeper fleet. It has been noted that further actions is needed to ensure attention to detail with sweeping streets and twitchells to avoid the accumulation of debris and under hedges.

John Marsh

RESOLVED to note the ward performance for quarter 2 2013/14.

21 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

- to note the allocation of £16,053.50 and £17,454.52 in 2013/14 for the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey and Wollaton West Ward respectively;**
- to approve environmental works by Nottingham City Homes at the following locations:**

<u>Location/Work</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>£</u>
Wollaton West No Proposal(s)	0
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey 15-17 Anslow Avenue (at rear):	
Resurface Pathway to rear and side	4,421.94
Supply and fit metal security gate to side alleyway	600.98

- to note that following approval of these works £11,030.78 and £17,454.52 remain in the environmental works budgets for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey and Wollaton West Wards respectively.**

22 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.

ACTION

RESOLVED to approve the works listed in Table 1 below, funded under the Local Transport Plan (LTP) element of the Area Capital Programme and, in Table 2, to note the resulting state of LTP and Public Realm (PR) elements and de-commitments of the Area Capital Fund Programmes for 2013-15:

Table 1 – LTP Approvals:

<u>Ward/Location</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Estimated Cost £</u>
<u>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey</u>		
Baslow Drive	Community Centre Sign	74.00
Area-wide	Replacement Tree Planting	1,785.00
Area-wide	Continuation of Previous Re-lining scheme	1,500.00
Total:		3,359.00
<u>Wollaton West</u>		
Bramcote Lane/ Harrow Road	Feasibility study	3,000.00
Hambledon/ Hocklington footpath	Install drop down bollard	933.00
Trowell Road	Resurface footpath	5,554.00
Charlecote Drive / Wollaton Vale	Resurface footpath	9,703.00
Total:		19,190.00

Table 2:

<u>Budget Element</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	
	<u>Wollaton West</u>	<u>Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Capital Programme Allocation	95,994	93,838
- LTP Scheme Costs	19,190	3,359
- PR Scheme Costs	3,000	0
+ De-committed Funds	233	12,350
Total Funds Available to spend:	74,037	102,829

23 DELEGATED AUTHORITY – WARD ALLOCATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) to note further financial allocations, since the last meeting on 3 June 2013, towards the following schemes from Ward Councillor budgets:

ACTION

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Individual</u>		<u>Councillor Allocation</u>
				£
<u>Wollaton West</u>				
Wollaton Walled Garden	Installation of Fencing	Culley)	1,500
		Morley)	
Bramcote Lane Traffic Calming	Bramcote Lane and Harrow Road Traffic and Safety Scheme Feasibility Study	Battlemuch)	1,000
		Culley)	
		Morley)	
<u>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey</u>				
Lenton Abbey Fun Day 6 July 2013	Additional Publicity and Fun Day activities	Longford)	500
Fabulous Fun Day on Farndon Green	Additional Fun Day and Waste Electricals Collections Publicity and Fun Day activities	Longford)	450 (max)
		Webster)	

(2) to request an update at the next meeting by the Parks Service and Neighbourhood Development staff on proposals for the future development of the Wollaton Walled Garden following the outcome of discussions with the recently formed Friends group;

Lylse-Anne
Renwick/
Eddie Curry

(3) to request a further report from Neighbourhood Development staff on proposals to address parking issues at the Middleton Road Primary School caused by parents taking or collecting their children at the School.

Lylse-Anne
Renwick

PLEASE NOTE: The date of the next Area Committee Meeting will be Monday 11 November 2013