

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES of the meeting held at Dining Room - at the Council House on 10 November 2014 from 17.05 - 18.50

Membership

Present

Councillor Steve Battlemuch (Chair)
Councillor Sally Longford (Vice Chair)
Councillor Georgina Culley
Councillor Sam Webster

Absent

Councillor Eileen Morley

Community Representatives

✓ Alan Hall	Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society
✓ David Allen	North Wollaton Residents Association
✓ Lynne Dilks	
✓ Rob Kirkwood	Friends of Wollaton Park
✓ Anthony Swannell	Wollaton Vale Residents Association
✓ Nina Douglas	Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch Association
✓ Adam McGregor	Lenton Abbey Residents Association
✓ Gary Beavan	Wollaton Park Residents Association
✓ Bill Smith	Lenton Abbey Friends and Fun Day Association
TBC	Sheila Roper Community Association
Helen Rigby	Partnership Council
TBC	University of Nottingham Students Union

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Lysle-Anne Renwick	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Pauline Dorey	Neighbourhood Development Officer
John Marsh	Locality Manager (Central)
Lynn Standen	Nottingham City Homes
Paul Howard	Nottingham City Homes
Alison Challenger	Public Health Consultant
Insp Robert Wilson	Nottinghamshire Police

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Morley, Personal Reasons
Anne Marie Stanton, Nottingham City Homes

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2014 as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- a) **Minute 21**, amend the fourth paragraph to read: "The Governance Officer in attendance clarified that resolutions are only made by voting members of the Committee and the views of others recorded in the preamble to the resolution."
- b) **Minute 22**, amend the third paragraph to confirm that there are no policies to sell or decommission properties in Wollaton West Ward.

The amended minutes were signed by the Chair.

4 POLICE AND CRIME UPDATE

Inspector Robert Wilson of Nottinghamshire Police updated the Committee on the following issues:

- a) The Police are in the process of acquiring Byron House on Maid Marian Way and officers currently based at Canning Circus Police Station will be moving there at some stage. This will not affect policing in Wollaton. The Police Response Base, currently at Radford Police Station, will not move.
- b) Across the whole area there has been an 5% increase in crime between April and November when compared to the same period last year. Dwelling burglary has decreased but thefts from sheds and garages, and particularly bike theft, has increased. The Police have been encouraging people to secure their sheds and garages.

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- c) There has been a small increase (4%) in crime when compared to last year. Since the last update the Police have made a significant arrest of a resident. No charge was brought but offences reduced significantly. The same individual was then arrested in connection with a burglary in Lenton. He was charged and has been remanded in custody.
- d) Thefts from sheds and garages have decreased but bike thefts have increased. Policing activity has focused on tackling this through catching people in the act, the use of capture bikes, CCTV and challenging people found with tools such as bolt cutters without good reason who can be arrested for the offence of Going Equipped to Steal.

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- e) Thefts from sheds and garages and theft from vehicles have both increased significantly when compared to last year. This is partly down to the number of bike thefts in the area and work has been done to encourage residents to secure their bikes. More officers have been deployed in Wollaton overnight and those overnight patrols have resulted in some arrests.

- f) A joint initiative between the Police, Police Community Support Officers, Community Protection and Neighbourhood Management has been taken to mail crime prevention leaflets to all other addresses on a street when a theft of a vehicle or burglary occurs.
- g) Home burglaries have decreased by 5 (10%), theft of vehicles has reduced by 8 (60%) and capture cars have been deployed. Crime prevention roadshows have taken place at Bramcote Lane and Middleton Boulevard shops and more dates are planned in the run up to Christmas.

In response to questions from the committee and others present, Inspector Wilson provided the following comments:

- h) Around 50% of thefts from vehicles were from unlocked vehicles while, with the remainder, windows are broken or locks forced to gain access to the vehicle. It is possible that devices have been used to trigger the electronic door unlock signal on car key fobs and Inspector Wilson agreed to find out if measures could be taken to block this. Residents are advised to keep their car in a garage if possible and to hide their car keys to reduce the risk of their vehicles being taken.
- i) Lighting in the area is not of concern to the Police who are happy with the level of street lighting. The new lighting doesn't disperse light in the same way as the replaced lights and residents may need some time to get used to this.
- j) Inspector Wilson agreed to look into reports of a gang of four people causing concern in the area after dark.

RESOLVED to thank Inspector Wilson for his update.

5 URGENT ITEM - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to enable the new Community Representatives to take a full part in the meeting.

Lylse-Anne Renwick and Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officers, confirmed the names of the Community Representatives and the organisations they represent to the Committee.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) **note the appointment of the following Community Representatives for the municipal Year 2014/15 and welcome new representatives to the meeting:**

Organisation	Name
Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society	Alan Hall
North Wollaton Residents Association	David Allen Lynne Dilks

Friends of Wollaton Park	Rob Kirkwood
Wollaton Vale Residents Association	Anthony Swannell
Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch Association	Nina Douglas
Lenton Abbey Residents Association	Adam McGregor
Wollaton Park Residents Association	Gary Beavan
Lenton Abbey Friends and Fun Day Association	Bill Smith
Sheila Roper Community Association	TBC
Co-opted Organisations	
Partnership Council	Helen Rigby (in her absence Moby Farrands)
University of Nottingham Students Union	TBC

- (2) thank former Community Representatives Trina Marshall, Pamela Meese and Andrew Hamilton for their service to the Committee and to note that a letter of thanks was being sent to each of them.
- (3) thank Nina Douglas for her service to the committee as this was to be her last meeting.

6 DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONED SERVICES

Alison Challenger, Public Health Consultant, introduced the item by explaining she hoped this would be a two way conversation and that the Committee would be able to provide her with information about the communities in the area. She provided the following information to the Committee:

- a) Public Health became a responsibility of the Local Authority in 2013 and has the responsibility to integrate with other services across the council and address causes of ill health such as poor housing and transport.
- b) The budget for the services commissioned by Public Health also transferred to the Council and the services delivered within Area 7 are identified in a directory and include services such as Breastfeeding Support, School Nursing and New Leaf stop smoking services. The Services Directory is a moving picture. Services can change or move for example if they are not accessed or are in inappropriate venues.
- c) As well as commissioning services Public Health also has a Health Protection role in matters such as screening, infection control and preparation for epidemics.
- d) In developing the Ward Health Profiles, Public Health colleagues have tried to tell a story about what health is like in a ward. The profiles reflect the rankings on various health indicators and, for the wards in Area 7, they indicate that health is either better or not significantly different from the rest of the city. However, there are pockets of deprivation where health tends to be poorer.

- e) Particular higher needs groups across the two wards have been identified as older people suffering isolation and loneliness, students requiring sexual health services and children requiring nutrition, immunisation and accident prevention services.

In response to questions from those present Ms Challenger provided the following information:

- f) Public Health colleagues are aware of the impact the large number of students living in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey has on the ward health profile and the differences between their health needs and permanent residents' health needs. Reports have been produced which exclude the data relating to students giving a health profile of the permanent residents of the ward.
- g) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are commissioned by the Clinical Commissioning Group and not Public Health but are experiencing difficulties. Public Health produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which covers a wide range of health needs and analyses whether those needs are being met. The JSNA requires consultation and whilst it uses Public Health data, this is just a starting point. Forums such as Area Committees can help to inform the JSNA.
- h) Loneliness amongst older people and particularly older men is an emerging issue and more data is becoming available. Depression amongst older people has also historically been hidden and it requires a different response to that with younger people. This is a new and emerging area but Public Health are aware of it.
- i) Public Health England are the leads on Health Protection but Public Health has a local role and liaises with local health organisations. Screening is commissioned by NHS England but the Local Authority has a responsibility to ensure needs are being met. Take up of bowel cancer screening for example is very low at 56%, particularly when compared to cervical and breast cancer screening. Screening can make a real difference to outcomes for people and work is being done to encourage people to use the service.

RESOLVED to

- (1) thank Ms Challenger for her informative presentation**
- (2) commit to continue the dialogue between Public Health and Area representatives either through future meetings of this committee or through councillors.**

7 ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Community Representatives were invited to give updates to the Committee and the following information was provided:

- a) **Rob Kirkwood – Friends of Wollaton Park**

Friends of Wollaton Park had held a well attended initial Annual General Meeting and was now a formally constituted body with a large number of active members. Mr Kirkwood expressed his thanks to all involved with the organisation.

b) **Lynne Dilks - North Wollaton Residents Association**

There had been an increase in low level antisocial behaviour and petty vandalism, with groups of young people congregating in the old canal basin and local playareas. Plants had been pulled up in people's gardens and for sale boards pulled down. In response the chair suggested developing better links between the Local Action Group and the residents association.

c) **Adam McGregor – Lenton Abbey Residents Association**

Mr McGregor reported that the Association's focus is currently on recruiting new members as a number of people had moved on and had not been replaced. This is causing difficulties for the association.

d) **Antony Swannell – Wollaton Vale Residents Association**

Parking on grass verges remains an issue in the area. It is damaging the verges and creating a hazard as it restricts the view motorists and pedestrians have of the road. In response, Lyse Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer reported that it is often residents or their visitors that park on the verges. Letters had been sent to residents advising them that the verges would not be able to be repaired if they continued to park there.

e) **Gary Beavan – Wollaton Park Residents Association**

The entrance gates to Wollaton Park on Middleton Boulevard are in disrepair, in need of painting and held together with strapping. The Derby Road gates are also an issue. Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer responded that colleagues in Parks had advised her that the gates are in good working order and there are no health and safety concerns. They are in need of maintenance but because the gates are listed this cannot be done quickly as specialist work is required. There are currently no resources for this type of work but colleagues will seek up to date quotes for the work.

RESOLVED to thank the Community Representatives for their updates.

8 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS

John Marsh, Locality Manager, introduced the report of the Strategic Director of Commercial and Neighbourhood Services which details the performance of the Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards during quarter four 2013/14 against a range of performance indicators. The following points were highlighted in relation to Wollaton West Ward:

- a) The level of performance remained high with the number of incidents of graffiti down from 10 to 2. However, fly tipping and dog fouling incidents had both increased during the same period.
- b) There were 19 reported incidents of dog fouling during October, all of which were cleared within 48 hours of being reported. Across the city there has been an increase in reporting of dog fouling which may be attributable to the See It, Report It campaign.
- c) Key successes relating to the Youth Summer Programme and the designation of 140 hectares of Wollaton Park as a Local Nature Reserve were also reported.
- d) The Wollaton West Christmas Light switch on was to take place on 4 December.

The following information was then provided about the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward:

- e) Levels of cleanliness were slightly lower in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey than those in Wollaton West and the number of fly tipping incidents had increased slightly to 19 incidents. However, this level of incidents remains much lower than previous reports.
- f) The central reservation along Middleton Boulevard has been re-turfed following the works along the stretch of road and the appearance is much improved.
- g) Key successes were reported including the results of the consultation with residents over the development of Lenton Abbey Park and the Student Week of Action held between 6 and 17 October where students were welcomed to the ward and offered advice on a range of issues including personal safety, security, recycling and anti-social behaviour.
- h) On 24 November the ward will be hosting a Leader Listens event and the ward Christmas light switch on event will be held on 3 December.
- i) In response to a question about the repainting of the Keep Clear wording on Middleton Boulevard at the junction with Scaford Drive, Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Manager, reported that the Ringroad Improvement Team were scheduling those works.

RESOLVED to thank John Marsh for the update and note the content of the ward reports.

9 AREA CAPITAL FUND

John Marsh, Locality Manager, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the available remaining balances of £21,462 (Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey) and £30,918 (Wollaton West);
- (2) approve the following Local Transport Plan schemes for the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward:

Location	Type	Cost (£)
Woodside Road Shops	Traffic Regulation Order	7,775
Woodside Road Parking	Parking	25,000
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Relining	Road Lining	3,500
Total		36,275

- (3) approve the following Public Realm schemes for the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward:

Location	Type	Cost (£)
Lenton Abbey Park	Park Developments	3,010
Woodside Road	Gating	1,250
Wollaton West ward and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward	Twitchel	2,425
Total		6,685

- (4) approve the following Local Transport Plan scheme for the Wollaton West ward:

Location	Type	Cost (£)
Parkside	Traffic Regulation Order	2,500

- (5) approve the following Public Realm scheme for the Wollaton West ward:

Location	Type	Cost (£)
Trowell Road	Footpath	887

10 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Pauline Dorey, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing decisions made under delegated authority within Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey since the last meeting on 1 September. There was no further information to report in relation to Wollaton West Ward. This would be reported at the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority, as follows:

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward		
Item	Recipient	Cost (£)
Volunteer Awards 2014	Nottingham Council for	100

Event	Voluntary Service	
Replacement Refuse Bins on Woodside Road, Lenton Abbey	Nottingham City Council	2,300

11 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

Lynn Standen and Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Managers, Nottingham City Homes presented the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report on the organisation's performance in the area. They covered the following points:

- a) The end of the period within which refurbishments under the Decent Homes scheme could be carried out was approaching and, across the city, 167 properties had had no work carried out. Very few of these outstanding properties were located within this area. Patch Managers are contacting tenants in the relevant properties to see if they wanted any work doing.
- b) Tenants and leaseholders of Capitol Court, Wollaton had been consulted over colour schemes for internal decoration of the building but the response was tied between the three options.
- c) The position of Area 7 representative for the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress and Nottingham City Homes Area Committee remains vacant.
- d) A survey had been carried out on the Sheila Roper Centre which had found that the roof was in reasonable condition but that other work was required on the building.
- e) Nottingham City Homes had recently been identified as one of the top 50 social landlords in the country, coming 22nd out of 2000 organisations.

The Committee also considered the proposed Environmental submissions for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward. There were no submissions for Wollaton West ward this period.

RESOLVED:

- (1) To approve the spend of £18,677.23 to address parking issues on Woodside Road.**
- (2) To note the performance information and to thank Lynn Standen and Paul Howard for their presentation.**

12 URGENT ITEM - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, as it concerned the date of the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED to cancel the meeting due to be held on 9 February 2015 and to meet instead on 23 February 2015 at 17:00.