

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Bulwell Riverside, Main Street Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 8QJ on 17 June 2015 from 17.35 - 19.07

Membership

Present

Councillor Eunice Campbell (Chair)
Councillor Alan Clark (Vice Chair)
Councillor John Hartshorne
Councillor Jackie Morris

Absent

Councillor Ginny Klein
Councillor Nick McDonald

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

- ✓ Michelle Cooke - Bestwood Partnership
- ✓ Reginald Knowles - Bradford Street Allotments
- Fr Andy Nicolls - Bulwell Churches Together
- Sheila Loades - Bulwell Hall Tenants' and Residents' Association
- ✓ John Hancock - Coventry Road Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Doreen Carruthers - Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch
- Luan Vickers - Malt Cross (Street Pastors)
- ✓ Roz Yousouf - Friends of Bulwell Bogs
- David Norman - My Sight Nottinghamshire
- Gillian Slack - Ravensworth Road Methodist Church
- ✓ Paul Bakajsa - Rise Park Action Group
- ✓ Paul Jackson - Royal British Legion Bulwell Branch
- Maria Shakespeare - Tenants and Crabtree Resident's Association
- ✓ Robin Goodwin - Top Valley Tenants' and Residents' Association

Celia Knight - Neighbourhood Development Officer
Teresa Allen - Alzheimer's Society Dementia Support Manager
Kate Fisher - NCC Dementia Practice Development Specialist
Inspector Christine Busuttill - Nottinghamshire Police
Toni Smithurst - Nottingham City Homes, Tenancy and Estates Manager
Nick Parr)
Sophie Hart)
Leo Musson)
James Vjestlca) Right Track Social Enterprise
Thomas Armstrong)
Lewis Severn)
Proem Patel)
Sharon Marshall)
Catherine Ziane-Pryor -Governance Officer

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Eunice Campbell is elected Chair for the municipal year 2015/16.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Ginny Klein and Councillor Alan Clark are appointed joint Vice Chairs.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Ginny Klein (Health)

Councillor Nick McDonald (Other Council Business)

Doreen Carruthers

Fr Andy Nicolls

Sheila Loades

David Norman

Gillian Slack

Maria Shakespeare

Suki Shergill) Neighbourhood Management Team

Heidi May)

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2015, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

6 DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Teresa Allen, Alzheimer's Society Dementia Support Manager, and Kate Fisher, Nottingham City Council Dementia Practice Development Specialist, delivered a verbal presentation on dementia, recognising symptoms, and understanding the condition.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) dementia is not a natural part of ageing but is a symptom of disease or damage to the brain;
- (b) at times everybody can be forgetful or confused but when someone can't live their day-to-day lives, this can be an indication of dementia;
- (c) 850,000 people, mostly female, have dementia 1/14 are over 65 and 1/6 are over 80 years of age. More than 40,000 people of working age have dementia;
- (d) if people are worried about themselves or someone else, they should refer to the 'worried about your memory' leaflet which can help identify early diagnosis of dementia which means that help and support can be provided to help people function in society and their own homes;
- (e) dementia is specific to each individual who will have individual needs and deterioration speeds vary for each individual;

- (f) Alzheimer's starts very slowly, but vascular dementia follows a stroke and has a staged progression;
- (g) Alzheimer's is not about losing memory, it starts with short-term memory loss, sufferers retain their long-term memory but they can find it difficult to concentrate and to recall and undertake normal day-to-day activities;
- (h) currently two thirds of people with dementia live in the community. It is important to ensure they can live independently as it is possible to live well with dementia but communities need to support and keep dementia sufferers engaged as isolation is very destructive;
- (i) there are a few drug treatments for people with Alzheimer's although these are more to slow the deterioration process as there is no cure. Vascular dementia cannot be treated with medication;
- (j) when people are diagnosed with dementia, plans for the future need to be drafted, sometimes with suggested changes to how they do things now, in preparation for the future;
- (k) it is estimated that there are approximately just under 3,000 people in Nottingham with dementia. As our society becomes more aware of the condition, early and appropriate diagnosis is increasing;
- (l) by 2050 it is estimated there will be 2 million people with dementia in England and by 2040 is estimated that there will not be enough care home facilities for people with dementia;
- (m) there are several projects for people in Nottingham with dementia including 'arts into care homes', swimming sessions specifically for dementia sufferers, a reading group and a dementia cafe with discussion underway to introduce a further cafe at Woodfield industries;

Further information on dementia can be found on the Alzheimer's Society website:
www.alzheimers.org.uk

7 RIGHT TRACK ANNUAL REPORT

Nick Parr, Right Track Social Enterprise Head of Employability and Communities, presented the Right Track Annual Report 2014/15, which provides an outline of the work and activities undertaken within the community during the past year. Some of the young people who initially had taken part in activities and are now involved in leading activities were also in attendance and at the invitation of the Chair briefly outlined their roles activity and achievements as follows:

- (a) session workers are fully trained with regard to safeguarding, help produce session plans and facilitate community activities;
- (b) events and activities are provided for a range of age groups, with different backgrounds and issues across the whole community;

- (c) session workers are able to work towards a qualification in Achieving Leadership, but by taking part in facilitating activities this also builds their confidence and increases their skills base, which can in turn enable them to encourage help support other members of the community to further develop their skills and confidence.

Nick Parr also commented:

- (d) recently, in acknowledgement of their achievements and out of 9,000 nominations, two Right Track session workers were invited to receive an award at the House of Lords;
- (e) with approximately 300 users per week and a contract value of £7 pounds per hour, Right Track have delivered provision at a cost of 4p per hour which has resulted in the ability to expand and attend and provide more events to benefit the community;
- (f) whilst the funding for Jobs Clubs has stopped, Right Track continue to provide the service at Bulwell Riverside and the Job Centre;
- (g) further bids are proposed to provide projects focusing on heritage, sport, and life skills;
- (h) it is important that young people are aware of what is available to them.

Having encountered Right Track session workers and participants at events and working within the community, members of the committee were very impressed with young people's attitude and abilities and were grateful for their assistance, stating that the young people are a credit to themselves and Right Track.

The Chair commended the achievements of Right Track and the young people involved, and, to better understand how they had benefited, requested further information on the progress of young people who had completed sessions and training with right track.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the Right Track 2014/15 Annual Report;**
- (2) for an update on Right Track activities and progress to be submitted to a future meeting.**

8 POLICING AREA UPDATE

Police Inspector Christine Busuttill verbally updated the Committee on policing priorities in the area.

Police were repeating the seasonal campaign to remind citizens to secure their homes, ensuring that the windows and doors were closed or secured during the warm weather. Burglars are becoming more creative so citizens are urged to ensure that their house and car keys are kept out of sight and away from doors and windows. Although burglars are rarely violent, if are aware that burglary is in progress people should call '999'.

Vulnerable and elderly people are often popular burglary targets so it is suggested that they use restrictors on windows and doors, especially as there have been repeat burglaries of some elderly people in the area.

There have been several reports of damage and antisocial behaviour by young people in the Bulwell area. It's important that parents are aware of who their children are hanging around with and what they are doing.

Violence has increased by 68 offences so far this year, but is this may be a reflection of the category now including malicious communications such as social media and texting abuse.

The majority of reported domestic violence incidents relate to known offenders.

In Bulwell, antisocial behaviour and grass fires are the main areas of concern. Dispersal orders are now easy to put in place and provide a 'quick fix' while further courses of action can be considered.

In Bulwell Forest Ward, nuisance behaviour relating to motorbikes has increased but as a result 4 Section 59 Orders have been issued and if the riders are caught again on the same issue, the vehicle will be seized and crushed. Police are aware that some nuisance motorcyclists are not from the Bulwell Forest area but are coming from the Broxtowe area. If a motorcyclist is found to be riding dangerously on the roads without tax and insurance, the bike can be seized, however some types of bikes are not designed for the road and therefore don't require tax and insurance. It's important that citizens report nuisance motorbikes to ensure the Police can focus on problem areas. In addition, it's incredibly helpful if the Police are made aware of the addresses of culprits as this has proved very successful in the past.

9 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND TENANT/LEASEHOLDER UPDATE

Toni Smithurst, Nottingham City Homes (NCH) Tenancy and Estates Manager, presented the report which identifies schemes requested by the NCH residents, residents living within the environment of NCH properties, and NCH staff.

While financial and project breakdown details were verbally presented at the meeting, Councillors and community representatives requested that all future reports provide a breakdown of what the final costs consisted of, along with more detailed information on what the improvements actually involved.

RESOLVED

(1) to approve the following Bulwell Ward schemes:

proposal	Issues	Estimated costs
Norwich Gardens	Contribution towards the external boundary improvements to this area, following a successful pilot project	£60,000

	already funded by NCH	
Hazelhurst Gardens Fencing Improvements to the front of the scheme.	New bow top metal fencing to be installed to the front of the scheme to complement the wider regeneration of this scheme through NCH's Grander Design works.	£9459.10
Hazelhurst Gardens landscaping and security improvements to the rear of the scheme.	Fencing improvements to the rear, tree removal, including several large tree stumps, to allow for the installation of the new fencing. Astro turf surface to be installed to enable residents to enjoy some green space without the maintenance issues.	£9459.80

(2) to approve the following Bulwell Forest Ward schemes:

Proposal	Issues	Estimated costs
Deptford Estate - Improvements to drying areas, including installation on some areas of double gates to give easier access for cleaning and creation of parking spaces.	Some tarmaced drying areas are no longer used and could possibly be used for additional car parking, others need to be brought up to a better standard so that they can continue to be used s drying areas. This will improve the appearance and maintenance of the estate. Consultation will take place with the affected tenants.	19,323.66

(3) to note the performance and tenant/leaseholder update information.

10 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2015/16 PROGRAMME

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which proposes Area Capital and Public Realm schemes.

RESOLVED

(1) to approve the following Schemes:

(i) **Bulwell Ward**

LTP Scheme	Estimate	Details
Ragdale Road Footpaths	£47,999	Resurfacing of footpaths on Ragdale Road adjacent to the school - lead service: Highway Maintenance

Public Realm Scheme	Estimate	Details
Bulwell Ward trees	£5,000	Contribution to 3 year city-wide programme of felling inappropriately placed trees and replacement tree planting - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Norwich Gardens	£11,849	Contribution to NCH area improvement scheme on Norwich Gardens - lead service: NCH

(ii) **Bulwell Forest Ward**

LTP Scheme	Estimate	Details
Revelstoke Way	£30,186	Reconstruction and adoption of footway running from Revelstoke Way to Bestwood Park Drive West – lead service: Highway Maintenance
Hucknall Road signage	£900	Assessment of identified signage issues in Hucknall Road Area – lead service: Traffic and Safety

Public Realm Scheme	Estimate	Details
Bakewell Drive	£12,582	Provision of secure fencing to deter anti-social behaviour – lead service: Rights of Way

(2) to note the following financial position:

(i) **Bulwell Ward**

2015-2016 LTP allocation	£82,000
LTP carried forward from 2013-2015	£0
2015 - 2016 Public Realm allocation	£49,050
Public Realm carried forward from 2013-2015	£82,467
Total Available 2015 - 2016 ACF	£213,517
*Less LTP schemes	- £47,999
**Less Public Realm schemes	- £16,849
***Decommited funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£148,669
LTP element remaining	£34,001
Public Realm element remaining	£114,668

(ii) **Bulwell Forest Ward**

2015-2016 LTP allocation		£49,000
LTP carried forward from 2013-2015		£0
2015 - 2016 Public Realm allocation		£29,250
Public Realm carried forward from 2013-2015		£526
Total Available 2015 - 2016 ACF		£78,776
*Less LTP schemes	-	£31,086
**Less Public Realm schemes	-	£12,582
***Decommitted funds	+	£0
Remaining available balance		£35,108
LTP element remaining		£17,914
Public Realm element remaining		£17,194

11 AREA COMMITTEE FINANCE AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Bulwell Forest, presented the report which updates the committee on the use of delegated authority by the Director for Communities, and provides an update on the financial position.

It is noted that while some schemes have received Councillor support in principle, the formerly required process has not yet been completed so these schemes are not included in the tables below.

RESOLVED

- (1) **to note the following completed delegated to decisions for Bulwell Ward funded by Councillors Klein, Hartshorne and Morris:**

Schemes	Amount (total in £)
Older Persons Event	150
Glee Club	3,000
Bulwell Riverside Choir	1,000
Moss machine	1,350
Hand held vacuum	2,85
Crabtree trip	9,00
Trampoline instructor	1,500
Gates	5,000
Sign	30
Bulwell Toilets Sunday Opening	2,047
Feasibility study	3,000
Bulwell Arts Festival	3,000
Bulwell Rangers Football pitch Hire & Equipment	1,200

- (2) **to note the following completed delegated to decisions for Bulwell Forest Ward by Councillors Campbell, Clark and McDonald**

Schemes	Amount (total in £)
Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground Interpretation Board	600

Additional Grit Bins	2096
Travelright Events	1500
St Philips Church Knit n Natter	150
Bulwell Rangers Pitch Hire and Equipment	576
Fun on Bulwell Forest	1200

(3) to note the updated financial position of Bulwell Ward as follows;

Balance Brought Forward 13/14	£44,706
Councillor Funding 14/15	£15,000
Councillor funding 15/16	£15,000
Deprivation Funds	£15,993
Total Funds	£90,699
Allocated 14/15	£79,400
De-committed Schemes	£10,603
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	£21,900

(4) to note the updated financial position of Bulwell Forest Ward as follows;

Balance Brought Forward 13/14	41,361
Councillor Funding 14/15	15,000
Councillor Funding 15/16	15,000
Deprivation Funds	0
Total Funds	71,361
Allocated 14/15	58159
De-committed Schemes	1875
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	15,077

12 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the Ward Performance Report which provides ward level statistical information from the City Council and partners, relating to ward priorities and emerging issues, including health and crime, in addition to reporting community events and engagement.

The following points were highlighted within the Bulwell Ward:

- (a) A 'Well Woman' event included information and awareness raising with regard to domestic violence for which reports are rising in the Ward;
- (b) anti-dog fouling, littering and dumping activity has taken place on the Crabtree Estate;
- (c) lung cancer has been identified as a significant issue in Bulwell Ward;
- (d) Neighbourhood Action Teams are to focus on addressing an increase in child obesity and ball games which are causing antisocial behaviour;
- (e) across the Ward, overall crime levels are rising, including hate crime.

Within the Bulwell Forest Ward, the following points were highlighted:

- (f) a 'day of action' has had a positive impact on dog fouling which has now significantly decreased;
- (g) large nuisance trees have been felled with new, more suitable trees being planted to replace them;
- (h) a long-standing fly-tip issue appears to have been resolved;
- (i) shed and garage burglaries have increased;
- (j) there is an increased emphasis on sharing information and communication between partners with regard to raising issues and promoting beneficial services and events;
- (k) the number of deliberate fires has decreased from the last quarter although the total to date is still a significant concern;
- (l) instances of graffiti have reduced by 75% compared to the same period last year;
- (m) overall dog fouling is reduced.

RESOLVED to note the report.

13 FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED to approve the following meeting dates:

23 September 2015
18 November 2015
17 February 2016

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair presented the opportunity for community representatives to suggest future agenda items to be considered by the Committee. Any suggestions needed to be presented at least six weeks before the meeting date to either Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Bulwell Forest Ward, or Suki Shergill, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Bulwell Ward.