

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street on 16 September 2015 from 5.30pm to 7.40pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Carole McCulloch (Chair)	(for minutes 15 to 22 inclusive only)
Councillor Wendy Smith	
Councillor Graham Chapman	(for minutes 15 to 19 inclusive only)
Councillor Glyn Jenkins	
Councillor Malcolm Wood	(for minutes 15 to 22 inclusive only)
Councillor Patience Ifediora	(for minutes 15 to 19 inclusive only)

Absent

Councillor Mohammed Saghir
Councillor Marcia Watson

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

Jeni Smith	-	Aspley / Bells Lane Partnership
Bryan Mann	-	Beechdale Community Centre
Sue Vickers	-	Bilborough Carers Support Group

Colin Bradley)	Groundwork
Steve Burch)	

Sioban Campbell)	
Julianne Christou)	
Danny Goodwin)	Nottingham City Council
Dave Halstead)	
Mark Leavesley)	
Deborah Wilson)	

Elira Mano	-	Nottingham City Homes
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Maggie Lambert)	Small Steps Big Changes
Esme Macauley)	

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Saghir
Councillor Watson
Jill Bainbridge
Mervin Goring
Heidi May
Chris Watson
Christine Willetts

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

17 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

18 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Deborah Wilson, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing persons from external organisations nominated to be community representatives on this Committee.

It was stated that in the future, consideration should be given to how 'community focused' nominated representatives were as, although the work done by some groups was laudable, it was more self-serving than for the good of the community.

RESOLVED to approve the following as Community Representatives for the 2015/16 municipal year:

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Ward</u>
Jeni Smith	Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership	Aspley
June Kirkham	Hope Centre, St Martha's Church	Aspley
Gill Bainbridge	BELSATRA	Aspley
Michelle Docherty	Benefits Support Group, St Martha's Church	Aspley
Sue Vickers	Bilborough Carers Group	Bilborough
Mervin Goring	Nottingham Focus on Wellbeing	Bilborough
Bryan Mann	Beechdale Community Association	Bilborough
Christine Willetts	Nottingham Tartanaires	Leen Valley

19 SMALL STEPS BIG CHANGES - GOOD NEWS STORY

The Committee received a presentation by Maggie Lambert and Esme Macauley, Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) Area Coordinators, detailing the work undertaken by the SSBC scheme.

The main points were as follows:

- SSBC is a 10 year Big Lottery Funded Programme aimed at improving the lives and life chances of children;
- the programme focusses on pregnancy and the first 3 years of life, and currently operates in the Aspley, Bulwell, St Ann's and Arboretum wards;
- in the Aspley ward:
 - Aspley, Bells Lane & Broxtowe SSBC Community Partnership have held 4 meetings, with great commitment and input/outputs from the community;
 - there are 2 Aspley parents on the SSBC Board;
 - there are currently 36 family mentors in Aspley;
 - the contract to progress the programme has been awarded to a local consortium led by Groundwork;
 - recruitment information events were held on 18 August (at BEST Creative (ACTC) and 20 August (at Bulwell Riverside), with interviews and assessments during September, and starting to meet families from December;
- example activities in Aspley ward include:
 - enhanced Supported Book Gifting;
 - an 'Imagination Library' (for all babies in Aspley born on or after 1 April 2015);
 - the Health Visitor Team performing 6-8 week checks;
 - 'Bump, Birth and Baby' scheme successfully re-launched in Aspley by the Health Visiting Team;
 - Infant Massage scheme - pilot training complete (with 3 recruits from Aspley).

During discussion, it was stated that future recruitment events should be notified to Councillors to ensure the greatest audience possible is reached and that mentors should be from the local areas.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Ms Lambert and Ms Macauley for the informative presentation be recorded.

20 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The Committee received a joint presentation by Danny Goodwin, Nottingham City Council, and Steve Burch and Colin Bradley, Groundwork, detailing unemployment trends, employment and skills outcomes, delivery / contribution towards the City and UK Youth Contracts and performance against Nottingham Jobs Fund targets.

The main points were as follows:

- in July 2015 there were 7,700 JSA claimants in the City, of which 630 are in Aspley, 433 in Bilborough and 182 in Leen Valley. This is a reduction on July 2014 of 208, 126 and 52 respectively;

- performance against the City employment and skills outcomes was:
 - to date, a total of 1,405 people into work, against a 2015/16 target of 4,100;
 - of 504 people commencing work via the Employer Hub, 60 are from West Area;
 - of 93 people commencing work via Nottingham Jobs Fund, 15 are from West Area;
 - of 994 people starting the Step Into Work Programme, 309 have gained employment, with West Area accounting for 166 starters and 40 into employment;
- the Youth Contract includes mentoring, promotional activity to increase self-referrals and identifying potential employers.

During discussion, it was questioned whether the scheme was performing well enough to justify the £3million funding as, since commencement in June 2014, only 40 Aspley residents have entered employment.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Mr Burch and Mr Bradley for the informative presentation be recorded.

21 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2015/16

Deborah Wilson, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing the latest spend proposals from the Area Capital Fund 2015/16 and the Nottingham, City Homes Environmental Fund.

RESOLVED

(1) to approve the following schemes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
<u>Aspley</u>		
Green Parking Bay 1) Aspley Parking	- 60,000
Green Parking Bay 4) Programme	- 34,000
<u>Bilborough</u>		
Oakmead Avenue	- Improvement	- 17,912
<u>Leen Valley</u>		
Ennismore Gardens) Footpath	- 18,394
Cherrywood Drive Area)	- 9,198
School Road Safety	- Signage / lining	- 1,300
Canterbury Road	- Signage	- 1,250

- (2) to note the remaining unallocated Area Capital Fund 2015/16 and NCH Environmental Improvement monies of Aspley (£39,945), Bilborough (£110,531) and Leen Valley (£36,499).

22 AREA BASED OUTSIDE BODIES' REPRESENTATIVES

Mark Leavesley, Governance officer, presented a report of the Corporate Director for Resilience, requesting confirmation of Councillor appointments to outside bodies relevant to the area, and notification / agreement of any other local bodies the Committee wanted to add to the Register of Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED that the following appointments be confirmed:

<u>Outside Body</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Beechdale Community Association Management Committee	Manage the Community Centre	Marcia Watson
Birchover Community Centre Management Committee	Manage the Community Centre	Wendy Smith
Sheila Russell Community Association Management Committee	Manage the Community Centre	Malcolm Wood
Vale Community Association Management Committee	Manage the Community Centre	Marcia Watson

INQUORACY

At this point the meeting became inquorate and, although the following items were discussed by the remaining 2 Councillors, colleagues and those still in attendance, no decisions were taken:

- Delegated Authority Spend - April to September 2015;
- Ward Performance - 2nd Quarter 2015;
- Nottingham City Home - Update.

IN1 DELEGATED AUTHORITY SPEND - APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2015

Deborah Wilson, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing completed and ongoing projects and schemes in the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley wards funded from Councillors' individual delegated ward allocations.

Those present noted the projects and schemes funded from ward Councillor delegated budgets, and the latest funding position, as follows:

<u>Aspley Ward</u>	(£)
Broxtowe Festival 2015	- 1,500.00
Bells Lane camp 2015	- 800.00
Bells Lane summer activities	- 500.00
Bells Lane autumn activities	- 500.00
Citizens Advice training	- 1,400.00
Unity football (Minver Sport centre)	- 840.00
Hope Centre summer programme	- 1,500.00
Hope Centre after-school club	- 1,500.00
Balance brought forward 2014/15	- 16,818.93
Allocation 2014/15	- <u>15,000.00</u>
Total available 2014/15	- 31,818.93
Total allocated	- <u>13,258.00</u>
Total available	- <u>18,560.93</u>
<u>Bilborough Ward</u>	
Zodiac All Stars carnival	- 800.00
Tick Tock Nursery	- 1,500.00
Bilborough Boxing Club	- 175.00
Shabach summer activities	- 1,000.00
CLN & UPKO event	145.00
Balance Brought forward 2014/15	- 62,214.80
Allocation 2014/15	- <u>15,000.00</u>
Total available 2014/15	- 77,214.80
Total allocated	- <u>15,631.00</u>
Total available	- <u>61,583.80</u>
<u>Leen Valley Ward</u>	
Moorfield allotment - phase 2	- 700.00
Kashmiri / Pakistani awareness week	- 200.00
Balance Brought forward 2014/15	- 51,747.00
Allocation 2014/15	- <u>10,000.00</u>
Total available 2014/15	- 61,747.00
Total allocated	- <u>17,710.00</u>
Total available	- <u>44,037.00</u>

IN2 WARD PERFORMANCE: 2ND QUARTER 2015/16

Deborah Wilson, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, which provided an update on key issues and themes in the wards, linked to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020. The report provided summary updates on the following key themes:

- Ward priorities;
- Community engagement;
- Finance;
- Safer Nottingham - crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Neighbourhood Nottingham – cleansing and Environmental issues;
- Working Nottingham - unemployment rates;
- Healthy Nottingham – local health priorities;
- Housing;
- Community Protection;
- Fire.

Those present noted the latest position in regard to ward performance against local priorities and strategic themes of the Nottingham Plan 2020.

IN3 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Elira Mano, Nottingham City Homes, presented the report, detailing the latest position in West Area in regard to the Decent Homes Standard, regeneration and environmental schemes, key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress and updates from Tenant's and Resident's Associations. The main points were as follows:

- **Lindfield Road, Aspley**

Phase 2 of the wall and railing installation commenced in June 2015 and is progressing well.

- **Oakmead Avenue, Bilborough**

In addition to the agreed Area Capital funding of £17,912 (see minute 21), NCH has agreed £42,350.90 environmental funding, giving a total of £60,262.90 for the fencing project in this area, which has a proposed start date of late October 2015.

- **Kennington Road / Ashwell Gardens, Leen Valley**

NCH working with ward councillors and housing and neighbourhood development officers to identify possible improvements to the area.

Those present noted the latest position in regard to Nottingham City Homes' works and performance in West Area.