

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 30 September 2015 from 16.35 - 17.40

Membership

Present

Councillor Brian Grocock (Vice Chair)
Councillor Cat Arnold
Councillor David Smith
Councillor Michael Wildgust (Chair)

Absent

Councillor Alex Norris
Councillor Linda Woodings

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Wade Adams	- Nottingham City Homes
Nancy Barnard	- Governance Manager
Dianne Finnie	- Bestwood Park Community Centre
Sharon Fullerton	- Bestwood Estates Community Association
James Fullerton	- Bestwood Estates Community Association
Dale Griffin	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Gursharan Nijran	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Michael Savage	- Highbury Vale Tenants and Residents Association
Insp James Woolley	- Nottinghamshire Police

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Alex Norris (Non-Council Business)
Councillor Linda Woodings (Non-Council Business)
Heidi May

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

17 MINUTES

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2015 and they were signed by the Chair.

18 HENRY MELLISH SPORTS CENTRE - MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Community Based Fitness, which now runs Henry Mellish Sport Centre, were again unable to send a representative to the meeting and Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officer, therefore provided the Committee with an update highlighting the following points:

- a) Community Based Fitness took responsibility of the centre during 2014. Since then membership has tripled and significant improvements to the centre have been carried out including the installation of new equipment.
- b) The sports hall is solidly booked during the day and the centre is offering playschemes to younger children during the school holidays.
- c) Community Based Fitness is currently in negotiation with the Council as they are seeking a 25 year lease on the property. They currently hold a 3 year lease.

The Committee expressed its disappointment and concern that Community Based Fitness had been unable to send a representative to the meeting.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) Request a further update from Community Based Fitness, via a letter from this Committee, to the November meeting in the form of a written report rather than a presentation;**
- (2) Note the update provided by Gursharan Singh.**

19 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report proposing the appointment of Community Representatives for the 2015/16 municipal year.

In addition to the information contained within the report, she reported that Bestwood Park Community Association had nominated Dianne Finnie as their Community Representative.

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

**Dianne Finnie, Bestwood Park Community Association
Sharon Fullerton, Bestwood Estate Community Association
Patrick Jordan, Bestwood Advice Centre
Michael Savage, Highbury Vale Tenants and Residents Association**

20 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Nancy Barnard, Governance Manager, introduced the report asking the Committee to approve appointments to outside bodies.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) Agree the following appointments to outside bodies:**

**Bestwood Estate Community Association – Cllr Grocock
Bestwood Park Community Association – Cllr Grocock.**

- (2) Agree the addition of Leen Valley Community Association to the register of outside bodies for the Bestwood and Basford Area.**
- (3) Agree the appointment of Cllr Grocock to Leen Valley Community Association.**

21 PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Wade Adams, Nottingham City Homes, introduced the report updating the Committee on Nottingham City Homes' performance. During discussions the following points were highlighted:

- a) If a tenant leaves a property in a state of disrepair they are pursued to recover damages but they often also have rent and council tax arrears which take priority over other debts making it difficult to recover money to cover the cost of repairs;
- b) When a property is vacated it will be brought up to a lettable standard before it is relet, for example ensuring it has a combi-boiler, and windows and doors that are to standard. If the new tenant wishes to move into the property before the works are completed they can, but this will not prevent the works from being carried out;
- c) There are currently very few two bedroomed properties available in Bestwood and some parts of the area have no two bedroomed properties at all;
- d) Tenancies can now start on any day of the week, marking a change in previous practice which saw all tenancies start on a Monday;
- e) Practice regarding seeking feedback on antisocial behaviour cases is also changing. Feedback was previously sought via a postal questionnaire to those who had raised an antisocial behaviour case. This will now be sought via a telephone survey in order to increase the extremely low response rate.

RESOLVED to note the report and discussion.

22 ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

There were no new Environmental Schemes for approval at this meeting but the Committee expressed the view that works undertaken on Raymede Drive had enhanced the area and requested a satisfaction survey of local residents.

RESOLVED to note the Committee's comments.

23 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT - Q1, APRIL TO JUNE 2015

Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which provided an update on key issues and themes in the wards linked to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan.

RESOLVED to note the performance update

24 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector James Woolley, Nottinghamshire Police, gave an update to the Committee on crime and antisocial behaviour in Basford and Bestwood wards during quarter one (Q1) of 2015. He highlighted the following issues:

Basford

- a) Overall crime has fallen by over 3% compared to the same period last year and antisocial behaviour has reduced by 7%.
- b) Robbery saw an increase during this quarter but a recent arrest saw an individual charged with eight offences and, as a result, the rate is now expected to fall.
- c) Dwelling house burglaries decreased following several arrests and the remand of individuals in custody.

Bestwood

- d) Overall crime has risen by 7% compared to Q1 of 2014 but antisocial behaviour has decreased by 11%.
- e) Dwelling house burglaries have decreased by more than 74% (32 offences) and several individuals are now serving custodial sentences.

General

- f) Nottinghamshire Police are working with neighbourhood colleagues to establish whether investment could be made in additional security cameras.
- g) The consultation process regarding reducing the number of Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) posts is nearing completion and is now in the appeal stage which concludes next week.
- h) This would be Inspector Woolley's last meeting at this committee as he was moving on to a new role.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) Thank inspector Woolley for his significant contribution to the area and to Area Committee meetings;**
- (2) Note the update.**

25 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2015/16 PROGRAMME

Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which proposed schemes to be funded from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Public Realm (PR) budgets and informed the Committee of the remaining funds available. He confirmed that there were no new schemes for approval for Bestwood ward but two new schemes for Basford ward.

RESOLVED to approve the following Area Capital fund schemes, and to note the remaining available funds for Basford (£87014) and Bestwood (£27285).

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
<u>Basford</u>		
Bracknell Crescent/ Hayling Drive (LTP)	Junction protection at the junction of Bracknell Crescent and Hayling Drive to address parking issues at Whitemoor School.	7,000
Selwyn Close (PR)	Additional contribution to Groundworks plan to include landscaping, parking spaces, fencing and space for communal use.	4250

26 DELEGATED AUTHORITY SPEND - Q1, APRIL TO JUNE 2015

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report detailing completed and ongoing projects and schemes in the Basford and Bestwood areas funded from councillors' individual delegated ward allocations.

RESOLVED to note the projects and schemes funded from ward councillor delegated budgets since the last meeting, and the latest funding position as follows:

Basford Ward

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>(£)</u>
Basford Library Notice Board	1,500
Vernon Park Summer Fun Day	1,500
Heathfield Over 16s Summer Programme	1,000
SALTAR Summer 2015 Programme	1,000
Healthfield Summer 2015 Programme	1,000
Zodiac All Starts Carnival Troupe	500
Balance brought forward 2015/16	580
Allocation 2015/16	15,000
Total Allocated at 30/06/2015	6,500
Total Unallocated at 30/06/2015	9,080

Bestwood Ward

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>(£)</u>
Bestwood's Got Talent	200
Carers Roadshow	500
Balance brought forward 2015/16	18,466

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Allocation 2015/16	15,000
Total allocated at 30/06/2015	700
Total unallocated at 30/06/2015	32,766