

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, NG2 3NG on 25 May 2016 from 4.30pm to 6.02pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Brian Grocock
Councillor Cat Arnold (Chair)
Councillor Alex Norris
Councillor David Smith (Vice Chair)

Absent

Councillor Michael Wildgust
Councillor Linda Woodings

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

Chris Easton	-	Bestwood Park Church
Gary Cawthorne	-	Bestwood Partnership
Mark Leavesley	-	Governance Officer
Dale Griffin)	Locality Management Officer
Gursharan Nijran)	
Wade Adams	-	Nottingham City Homes Officer
Michael Savage	-	Nottingham City Homes (Tenant Representative)
Inspector James Woolley	-	Nottinghamshire Police

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Cat Arnold as Chair for the municipal year 2016/17.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor David Smith as Vice-Chair.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Wildgust	-	personal
Councillor Woodings	-	other Council business
Heidi May		
Stuart Bell)	Right Track
Nick Parr)	

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

5 MINUTES

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 were a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

6 AREA 2 COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The report was presented by Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer.

RESOLVED to approve the following as Area Committee Community Representatives for the 2016/17 municipal year:

Chris Easton	Bestwood Park Church
Dianne Finnie	Bestwood Park Community Association
Sharon Fullerton	Bestwood Estate Community Centre
Kim Pavier	Bestwood Advice Centre

7 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Woolley updated the Committee as follows:

- both wards have seen a reduction in overall crime over the same quarter in 2015, and during the last 12 months;
- the main focus for this quarter was robbery and knife crime (Basford) and dog fouling, litter and parking issues (Bestwood);

He also stated that the new Neighbourhood Inspectors for the area were Gordon Fenwick (Basford) and himself (Bestwood).

Councillors thanked Inspector Woolley for the work he and his team did, and the resulting reduction in crime in the area, but raised concerns that any future proposals to reduce staffing levels may lead to a rise in crime again.

RESOLVED to note the update.

8 BESTWOOD PARTNERSHIP

Gary Cawthorne, Bestwood Partnership (BP), provided the following information in regard to the work being undertaken by the Partnership:

- BP have been awarded the Area Grant for 2016-17;
- its main priorities are employment and skills;
- during its first year, 200 people will be helped with improving their skills, of which 50 so far have found employment;
- it is working with the community, in places such as gyms, to provide something for the local youths to engage in;
- have set up activity groups, (2 batches of 5 groups of 20) to engage with the community;
- there are funds set aside for use by community / tenant groups and partnership councils.

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- BP Council meetings should be linked to ward forums to ensure consistency and no duplication of work;

- the Area Committee is the lead for the area so should feed into any discussions about the 'needs' of the wards and communities;
- creation of a system for groups etc to apply for funding should be a priority;
- as this area is the only one to have changed the provider of this scheme, it should be noted that communication with the community and Councillors is key to success.

RESOLVED to note the update.

9 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES

(a) Performance update

Wade Adams, Tenancy and Estates Manager, NCH, updated the Committee on performance against key issues, such as anti-social behaviour, rent collection and repairs, which are linked to local priorities.

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- if there was a need within Bestwood (as provision is customer led), fitness sessions could be organised at a local venue;
- in regard to the Hazelhill site, discussions are ongoing between the developer, NCH and the ward Councillors and the public will be informed shortly on the final proposals.

RESOLVED to note the performance against key indicators, as detailed in the report.

(b) Environmental schemes

RESOLVED to note that there are no environmental schemes to be approved at this meeting and, therefore, the remaining balances of £44,420 (Basford) and £30,975 (Bestwood) were available for future environmental schemes.

10 RIGHT TRACK: PERFORMANCE TO DATE

As no representative from Right Track was present at the meeting, the Committee agreed to note the performance to date without discussion.

11 AREA COMMITTEE FINANCE AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY – Q4 JANUARY TO MARCH 2016

Dale Griffin and Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing decisions taken under delegated authority during January to March 2016.

RESOLVED

- (1) that all future commitments for delegated projects must be targeted at those residing in the respective wards or areas of this Committee;**

- (2) to note the allocation for 2016/17 of £5,000 for each ward Councillor, and the actions taken under delegated authority by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects in Area 2 as follows:

<u>Basford Ward</u>	<u>(£)</u>
HVTRA Brooklyn Park Playground opening event	500
Literacy Club volunteers	340
Nottingham Carnival	290
Total available allocation	15,580
Total allocated at 31/03/2016	<u>9,780</u>
Total available at 31/03/2016	<u>5,800</u>
<u>Bestwood Ward</u>	
Lionhearts Marching Band uniforms	1,500
Leen Valley Community events 2016	1,000
Bestwood Community Brochure	460
Total available allocation	33,466
Total allocated at 31/03/2016	<u>27,765</u>
Total available at 31/03/2016	<u>10,176</u>

12 AREA 2 COMMITTEE PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN

Dale Griffin presented the report, updating the Area Committee on actions taken in respect of the priorities previously agreed (Crime and Grime, Youth provision, Bring derelict sites into use and Social isolation of older people).

During discussion, it was stated that the word 'Addressing' or 'Tackling' should be put before 'Social isolation of older people' to make it more specific.

RESOLVED to note the progress to date, as detailed in the report.

13 BASFORD AND BESTWOOD PRIORITIES AND KEY ISSUES

Dale Griffin presented the report, which detailed current priorities and issues facing the Basford and Bestwood wards and provided details of forthcoming events and activities. Going forward, this report replaced the previous 'Performance' report, which used operational data supplied by the Crime and Drugs Partnership.

During discussion, it was stated that a day of action was required at Oakleigh Lodge as it was overgrown and needed tidying in general.

RESOLVED to note the report.

14 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Dale Griffin and Gursharan Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report, detailing spend under the Area Capital Fund for 2015/16 and 2016/17

(ACF), including highways (LTP - Local Transport Plan) and parks etc (Public Realm).

RESOLVED

(1) to approve the following schemes for Bestwood:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Arnold Road shops (Landcroft Crescent)	TRO study - parking issues around shops	£8,525
Arnold Road shops (Leen Valley)	TRO - construction of layby	£22,000

(2) to note the end of year 2015/16 positions and available balances for 2016/17 as follows:

<u>Basford</u>	<u>£</u>
2016/17 LTP allocation	64,900
LTP carried forward from 2015/16	0
2016/17 Public Realm allocation	38,900
Public Realm brought forward from 2015/16	<u>13,312</u>
Total available 2016/17	<u>117,112</u>
 <u>Bestwood</u>	 <u>£</u>
2016/17 LTP allocation	75,400
LTP carried forward from 2015/16	0
2016/17 Public Realm allocation	45,200
Public Realm brought forward from 2015/16	<u>8,805</u>
Total available 2016/17	<u>129,405</u>
 Less LTP schemes	 <u>30,525</u>
Total remaining available 2016/17 balance	<u>98,880</u>

15 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED to meet at Loxley House at 4.30pm on the following Wednesdays:

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
28 September	29 March
14 December	