

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Bulwell Riverside, Main Street Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 8QJ on 18 May 2016 from 17:30 to 19:05.**

#### Membership

##### Present

Councillor Ginny Klein (Chair)  
Councillor Alan Clark (Joint Vice Chair)  
Councillor John Hartshorne (Joint Vice Chair)  
Councillor Eunice Campbell

##### Absent

Councillor Jackie Morris  
Councillor Nick McDonald

#### Community Representatives (✓ indicates present)

Reginald Knowles	Bradford Street Allotments Association
Colin Bones	Bulwell Churches Together
Joseph Zulu	Covenant Ministries
✓ Paul Bakajsa	Rise Park Action Group
✓ Paul Jackson	Royal British Legion - Bulwell
✓ Ros Yousouf	HART TRA/Bulwell Bogs
✓ Robin Goodwin	Top Valley Tenant and Resident Association
✓ Doreen Carruthers	Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch
✓ Gillian Slack	Ravensworth Methodist Church
Lynn Beadsworth	The People's Choice
✓ David Norman	My Sight Nottinghamshire
✓ John Hancock	Coventry Road Estate Tenant and Residents Association

#### Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Sgt Nev McGeehan	- Nottinghamshire Police
Toni Smithurst	- Tenancy & Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Celia Knight	- Neighbourhood Development Officer (Bulwell Forest)
Suki Shergill	- Neighbourhood Development Officer (Bulwell)
Kristen Chapman	- Small Steps Big Changes
Geoff Oxendale	- Information and Research Officer
Catherine Ziane-Pryor	- Governance Officer

#### 1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED for Councillor Ginny Klein to be appointed Chair for the 2016/17 municipal year.**

#### 2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS

**RESOLVED for Councillor Alan Clark and Councillor John Hartshorne to be appointed as Joint Vice-Chairs.**

#### 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Nick McDonald – personal  
Councillor Jackie Morris - personal  
Reginald Knowles  
Joseph Zulu

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **5 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2016, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### **6 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Suki Shergill, Community Development Officer, introduced the report which provides details of the qualifications of Community Representatives and what the role involves.

Since publication of the agenda, several further nominations have been accepted.

**RESOLVED to note the appointment of Community Representatives for the municipal year 2016/17 as follows:**

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>
<b>Bulwell Hall Tenant and Resident Association</b>	<b>Sheila Loades</b>	<b>Bulwell</b>
<b>Bradford Street Allotments Association</b>	<b>Reginald Knowles</b>	<b>Bulwell</b>
<b>Coventry Road Estate Tenant and Residents Association</b>	<b>John Hancock</b>	<b>Bulwell</b>
<b>HART TRA/Bulwell Bogs</b>	<b>Ros Yousouf</b>	<b>Bulwell</b>
<b>Ravensworth Methodist Church</b>	<b>Gillian Slack</b>	<b>Bulwell</b>
<b>The People's Choice</b>	<b>Lynn Beadsworth</b>	<b>Bulwell</b>
<b>Bulwell Churches Together</b>	<b>Colin Bones</b>	<b>Bulwell Forest</b>
<b>Covenant Ministries</b>	<b>Joseph Zulu</b>	<b>Bulwell Forest</b>
<b>Rise Park Action Group</b>	<b>Paul Bakajsa</b>	<b>Bulwell Forest</b>
<b>Royal British Legion - Bulwell</b>	<b>Paul Jackson</b>	<b>Bulwell Forest</b>
<b>Top Valley Tenant and Resident Association</b>	<b>Robin Goodwin</b>	<b>Bulwell Forest</b>
<b>Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch</b>	<b>Doreen Carruthers</b>	<b>Bulwell Forest</b>
<b>My Sight Nottinghamshire</b>	<b>David Norman</b>	<b>City Wide</b>

#### **7 SMALL STEPS BIG CHANGES**

Kristen Chapman, Small Steps Big Changes Bulwell Co-ordinator, delivered a presentation on the progress to date of the 'Small Steps Big Changes' programme which has been operating in Bulwell for the past year. The Presentation was added to the online agenda following the meeting.

The £45 million lottery funded programme also operates in the Aspley, St Ann's and Arboretum areas of the City and focuses on communication and language, nutrition, and social

and emotional development of children from pre-birth, up to three years of age for a ten year period.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) Health, City Council and partner organisations are working together with a universal focus to build on improving existing services, provision, engagement and to support system change;
- (b) prior to the schemes launch, 1,500 parents were asked their opinions to identify their needs and preferences;
- (c) the progress of children is mapped both within the SSBC areas and against other areas within the City to enable a comparison to be made and the extent of progress tracked;
- (d) part of the funding has been used to update two community buildings which are used to host sessions;
- (e) Family Mentors are recruited from the community and are paid to help assist with progressing communication and simple play activity of children from birth to one year old;
- (f) as part of the programme a new resource has been developed for social workers to use with families during pregnancy in preparation for parenthood;
- (g) the Healthy Child Programme has been enhanced and has over 40 interventions to either directly improve children's outcomes or to target known risk factors. These interventions will be delivered by existing services, new family mentors and newly commissioned partner organisations;
- (h) activity is being monitored and evaluated so that the impact on children's outcomes can be understood. When an activity or intervention is proved to be working, it can be extended with consideration of how to deliver that activity across the whole of Nottingham;
- (i) during the first year in the area the following activity has taken place:
  - (i) the SSBC Team were recruited;
  - (ii) 2 community buildings have been upgraded;
  - (iii) the Family Mentor Service was designed and commissioned;
  - (iv) Family Mentors were recruited and trained;
  - (v) 'Small Steps at Home' programme developed for 0-12 month old babies;
  - (vi) 'Stay and Play' groups launched;
  - (vii) community partnerships established;
  - (viii) 'Bump, Birth and Baby Groups' enhanced;
  - (ix) 'Baby Buddy' phone app launched;
  - (x) Baby Massage introduced (20 staff across the City have been trained to teach this);
  - (xi) Triple 'P' Groups (Positive Parenting Programme) launched with 10 parents in Bulwell attending the 8 week course;
  - (xii) books delivered to 210 children (a book a month from birth);
- (k) During the second year of operating, the following are proposed:
  - (i) 'Small Steps at Home' developed for children aged 1-3 years;
  - (ii) new pregnancy nutrition groups;
  - (iii) extra help and support for post-natal depression;
  - (iv) more 'imagination library' books provided;
  - (v) fathers reading every day;
  - (vi) new groups with stories, songs and rhymes;
  - (vii) baby signing;
  - (viii) more baby massage;
  - (ix) Cook and Play;

- (x) expanding community partnerships;
- (xi) 'At home development book' from September 2016.
- (l) The programme has a Facebook page and a twitter feed.

The Committee's questions were responded to as follows:

- (m) baby signing is believed to help with baby development as they can communicate earlier and express frustration, ask for milk etc. all of which helps support emotional development;
- (n) the Family Mentor Service is delivering support to approximately 100 families with a 90% take-up when the service is offered;
- (o) although siblings may not be of an age to qualify for programme involvement, service providers are able to signpost families with sibling issues;
- (p) services can be provided at home visits and at group meetings which are often held at Snapewood Healthy Living Centre and Children's Centres, but it is planned that further activities will also be held in other community facilities;
- (q) whilst the programme is scheduled to run for ten years, and will affect how other services are provided, it is predicted that, if after the 10 year period, the programme does not continue in its current form, gaps in provision will not occur as this will be accounted for through future service commissioning;
- (r) outcome measurements from the programme are recorded and retained by CityCare so that the progress each child engaged by the programme can be tracked from one month of age with regard to emotional health and five other areas of physical health;
- (s) elements of preparing children for school are also included within the programme.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) to record the Committee's thanks to Kristen for her presentation;**
- (2) for Kristen to keep Ward Councillors informed at regular intervals of the progress of the Small Steps Big Changes programme in the area;**
- (3) for a formal update to be submitted to the committee in two years' time.**

## **8 INDICES OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION**

Geoff Oxendale, Information and Research Officer, delivered a presentation explaining the indices of multiple deprivation. The presentation was added to the online agenda following the meeting.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMP) are calculated by comparison and are used to identify the most deprived areas in England;
- (b) IMP are formulated on Super Output Areas of approximately 700 households each. Within each Super Output Area (SOA) levels of deprivation are assessed within 35 indicators which are combined to give seven domains, all of which can be further split to identify the deprivation levels of children and older people;
- (c) the calculation results of the IMD are released every 3 to 5 years dependent on when the Census takes place. The latest indices of multiple deprivation were released in 2015 as a result of statistics gathered during 2012;

- (d) many organisations use the IMP results to identifies areas in most need of support and investment;
- (e) Nottingham is currently ranked eighth as the most deprived Local Authority in 2015 from across England;
- (f) 61 of the 182 SOAs in Nottingham City are within the most deprived 10% in England, with 7 consider within the 5% most deprived in England, this includes the Crabtree Farm area of Bulwell;
- (g) in 2010 Nottingham was ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the most deprived Local Authority areas of England but is now ranked 8<sup>th</sup>. Although circumstances in Nottingham have not declined, previously considered deprived areas such as those in the environs of London, have benefited from an increase in wealth. One influence may be that as property values in surrounding areas increase, more affluent residents are attracted to the area. In addition, London appears to be recovering faster from the recession than other areas of the country, and as all figures are comparative this is reflected in the ranking;
- (h) housing affordability is measured within the IMP including the cost of renting. As Nottingham is host to a significant number of students (which is not accounted for in the rental statistics) this impacts on the reporting of the rental market and skews Nottingham's ranking against other Local Authorities who do not have a large student population;
- (i) of the 20 SOAs in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest, 11 are within the most 10% deprived within the country, 10 of which are in Bulwell Ward. Bulwell fares worst for Income and education, and performs poorly on health and employment. However Bulwell is well rated for access to housing and services and on environment;
- (j) Hempsill Vale is an exception, within the area and sits within the 60-80% affluence ranking band;
- (k) further information including detailed breakdowns from Nottingham and super output areas within area one, are available here:

Nottingham City Compendium and Area Committee reports (on Nottingham Insight)  
<http://www.nottinghaminsight.org.uk/f/63257/Library/Social-Issues/Indices-of-Deprivation/>

National figures, reports and technical details are on the DCLG website  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2015>

Committee's questions and comments were responded to as follows:

- (l) the rankings are all relative and however rich the country may be, there will always be a 10% most deprived banding;
- (m) the ranking of deprivation is useful in supporting the most deprived populations as they are identified by using wholly comparable standards across the whole of the country, which funding organisations and authorities accept as reliable and thorough;
- (n) air pollution is linked to the environmental indicator but when comparing cities the density of population should be considered as a higher concentration of people is likely to result in higher air pollution;
- (o) during 2011 there were boundary changes to SOA areas to reflect changes in population as new homes were established;
- (p) when applying for European Union funding, evidence of deprivation is required. This method of tracking is considered comprehensive and consistent so is generally favoured;

- (q) due to the time it takes to collect and collate the information, in effect the figures will always be out of date but give a good comparative indication across the country;
- (r) it is acknowledged that there are overlap elements within education, employment, and poor health;

Comments from the Committee included:

- (a) the term Super Output Area is not easily understood compared to the former term of enumeration districts;
- (b) it's not clear from the maps provided as to which neighbourhood SOAs cover;

**RESOLVED to note the presentation and record the thanks of the Committee to Geoff Oxendale for his presentation.**

## **9 SPEEDWATCH UPDATE AND APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Doreen Carruthers, Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch member, updated the Committee on the work of Speedwatch, highlighting following points:

- (a) Speedwatch in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest was established four years ago and has proved very successful and once understood by residents and most speeding drivers, is welcomed;
- (b) although initially there was significant interest, active membership is now reduced to 4 regular attendees so to boost membership, community groups are requested to promote Speedwatch and encourage interested citizens to consider joining the group;
- (c) Speedwatch sessions usually last approximately an hour in areas where speeding is considered a problem. Speedwatch focuses on education, not enforcement, so vehicle owners are written to advising them that their vehicle has been registered speeding. Members of Speedwatch do not have any enforcement powers so do not issue fines or penalties;
- (d) during Speedwatch sessions in the past year, 239 motorists were caught speeding on Bestwood Road alone;
- (e) taking part in Speedwatch sessions is rewarding and can be very entertaining with members likely to meet a variety of people with very different attitudes towards speeding. Roles are available for literally anybody over the age of 18 years of age.

The Chair applauded Doreen and the Speedwatch group for their work and reported that all community groups which had reported speeding issues at sites where Speedwatch then later operated, have reported that speeding in that area has noticeably reduced. Community representatives are encouraged to advertise Speedwatch through their organisations to help boost membership and enable the group to continue.

Anyone interested in becoming a member's contacts Doreen at [doreen.carruthers@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:doreen.carruthers@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

## **10 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH) : PERFORMANCE AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATES AND PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES**

Toni Smithurst, Tenancy and Estate Manager for Nottingham City Homes, presented the report of the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes, which updates the Committee with a list of Nottingham community activity in the area including involvement with community groups,

an overall performance report and a list of which NCH Patch Managers were responsible NCH properties in which streets within the area.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) there has been positive feedback with regard to Phase 4 works at Norwich Gardens. Further funding may be requested at a later date to complete Phase 5;
- (b) further improvements to security are being considered for Duchess Gardens;
- (c) improvements to the external space at Colson Road Flats, including landscaping, are being considered;
- (d) funding cuts have resulted in the loss of a part-time Patch Manager post in the Area but, as discussed at the last meeting, there are now five permanent Patch Managers for the Area. However, due to the reduction in staffing, Patch Manager boundaries have changed and so are no longer aligned to Policing boundaries. The latest list of Patch Managers and which streets they are responsible for is attached to the report.

## RESOLVED

- (1) to note the update and performance information in Appendices 1 and 2;
- (2) to note the allocation of funds for 2015/16 as follows:

Ward	Actual Budget *	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De-committed	Remaining Budget
Bulwell	£186,832.39	£0	£0	£0	£186,832.39
Bulwell Forest	£51,086.58	£0	£0	£0	£51,086.58

\*(including carry over from 2015/16)

- (3) to approve the following Area Capital Programme funding:

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Austin Street Flats Bulwell Forest	Removal and replacement of 4 bins	Current bins are damaged and need replacing.	£1,400

## 11 POLICE UPDATE

Nottinghamshire Police Sargent Nev McGeehan, verbally updated the Committee with the Area 1 crime statistics compared to the same period last year.

- (a) overall crime is down by 7%;
- (b) dwelling burglary has dropped from 25 incidents to 12;
- (c) other burglary has dropped from 6 to 4 incidents;
- (d) domestic violence has risen (possibly due to reporting being encouraged);
- (e) vehicle crime has risen from 13 to 20 incidents;
- (f) driving offences have risen from 3 to 9;
- (g) prosecutions have risen from 5 to 9 (following targeted action).

It is noted that shed crime has eased off and stone throwing at buses was immediately addressed.

## 12 **BULWELL & BULWELL FOREST AREA CAPITAL FUND REPORT**

Neighbourhood Development Officers Suki Shergill and Celia Knight introduced the Area Capital Report which proposes Area Capital and Public Realm (Local Transport Plan –LTP) funded schemes within each ward.

It is noted that no Public Realm schemes or de-committed funds are proposed in Bulwell Ward.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) to approve the following Bulwell Ward LTP funded schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Bulwell Ward parking	Parking	£46,000	Introduction of a number of parking restrictions in identified areas across the ward
Bulwell Ward crossings	dropped crossings	£1,500	Scoping exercise for the provision of dropped crossings across the ward

- (2) to note financial position of Bulwell Ward as follows:

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£85,600
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£0
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£51,300
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£70,953
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£207,853
Less LTP schemes	- £47,500
Less Public Realm schemes	- £0
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£160,353
LTP element remaining	£38,100
Public Realm element remaining	£122,253

- (3) to approve the following Bulwell Forest Ward LTP funded schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Nansen Street	Carriageway	£16,542	Microasphalt surface treatment on Nansen Street
Hucknall Road	Signage	£800	New sign showing lane designations on approach to Bestwood Park Drive West junction
Ferny Hollow Close	road markings	£1,300	Keep clear markings on Ferny Hollow Close

- (4) to approve the following Bulwell Forest Ward Public Realm funded schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Beauclerk	Fencing	£2,000	Fence and gate in completion of



Drive			previous stopping-up
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- (5) to approve withdrawal of the following Bulwell Forest Ward schemes:

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Brownlow Drive survey	Speed survey	Scheme dis-continued	£700	Speed survey on Brownlow Drive with a view to speed control measures being considered

- (6) to note financial position of Bulwell Forest Ward as follows:

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£48,300
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£0
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£29,000
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£7,523
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£84,823
Less LTP schemes	- £18,642
Less Public Realm schemes	- £2,000
De-committed funds	+ £700
Remaining available balance	£64,881
LTP element remaining	£29,658
Public Realm element remaining	£35,223

### 13 AREA COMMITTEE FINANCE AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Neighbourhood Development Officers Suki Shergill and Celia Knight presented the report which informs the Committee of the financial position of Ward Member Budgets and the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services as a result of Ward Member funding requests.

It is noted that further schemes and events have received Councillor support in principal but that the formal approval process is yet to be completed.

#### **RESOLVED to note:**

- (a) the following Bulwell Ward allocation:

Scheme	Councillors	Amount
Events	Hartshorne and Klein	£1,500

- (b) the Ward Councillor budget position for Bulwell Ward Councillors:

Balance Brought Forward 2015/16	£6,200
Councillor Funding 2016/17	£15,000
Total Funds	£21,200
Allocated 2016/17	£0
De-committed Schemes	£0
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	£21,200

- (c) the following Bulwell Forest Ward allocations:

<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Bulwell Forest Football Club</b>	<b>Campbell, Clark, McDonald</b>	<b>£700</b>
<b>Highbury Vale Christmas Play Scheme</b>	<b>Campbell, Clark, McDonald</b>	<b>£250</b>
<b>Latimer Park Play Equipment</b>	<b>Campbell, Clark, McDonald</b>	<b>£320</b>
<b>Bulwell Forest Community Garden Arts Festival</b>	<b>Campbell, Clark, McDonald</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>Sharewear</b>	<b>Campbell, Clark, McDonald</b>	<b>£840</b>

(d) the Ward Councillor budget position for Bulwell Forest Ward Councillors:

<b>Balance Brought Forward 2015/16</b>	<b>£1,517</b>
<b>Councillor Funding 2016/17</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>£16,517</b>
<b>Allocated 2016/17</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>De-committed Schemes</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes</b>	<b>£16,517</b>

#### **14 BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST WARD REPORTS**

Celia Knight and Suki Shergill, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report which outlines current ward priorities and issues within the wards and identifies the lead organisation or City Council Department for addressing those issues. Also included are lists of forthcoming events and activities within each ward.

It is noted that HART will next meet in August, not May as listed in the report.

**RESOLVED to note:**

(i) the current ward priorities for Bulwell Ward as follows;

- (i) **Safer Nottingham**  
anti-social behaviour and criminal damage  
domestic abuse
- (ii) **Neighbourhood Nottingham**  
dog fouling/fly tipping reduction  
Crabtree engagement
- (iii) **Families Nottingham**  
Big Steps Small Changes  
school readiness
- (iv) **Health Nottingham**  
healthy eating in schools (obesity reduction)  
information /awareness on reduction of bowel and lung cancer  
smoking reduction in schools  
breast feeding initiative

(b) the current ward priorities for Bulwell Ward as follows;

- (i) **Safer Nottingham**

**anti-social behaviour and criminal damage  
stone throwing at buses around Top Valley  
nuisance bikes**

- (ii) Neighbourhood Nottingham  
increased tenant/resident engagement particularly around the Deptford crescent  
management of vacant sites**
- (iii) Families Nottingham  
increase awareness about services provided by the Children's Centres**
- (iv) Health Nottingham  
promotion of energy advice  
provision of support to carers**
- (v) Working Nottingham  
increase access to awareness about training and employment opportunities.**

**(c) to note the current ward issues as follows:**

- (i) Bulwell Ward  
cycle routes around Bulwell Town Centre;  
Fly tipping on Crabtree estate;  
Anti-social behaviour;**
- (ii) Bulwell Forest Ward  
Persistent dog fouling and fly tipping on Deptford Crescent;  
Derelict site on Piccadilly;  
Recruitment of volunteers for Speedwatch;**

**(d) to note the following additional event:**

**Battle of the Somme Centenary Commemoration**

**At 7.30am on 1 July 2016 at war memorials across the country, whistles will be blown for just a few moments to commemorate when our soldiers went over the trenches for the first time at the Battle of the Somme.**

**15 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**RESOLVED to approve that the Committee meet on the following Wednesdays at Bulwell Riverside from 5.30pm:**

**7 September 2016  
23 November 2016  
22 February 2017.**