

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at the Indian Community Centre Association, 99 Hucknall Road, NG5 1QZ, on 20 March 2019 from 6.02 pm - 7.05 pm**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Carole-Ann Jones  
Councillor Brian Parbutt (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Toby Neal  
Councillor Jane Urquhart  
Councillor Adele Williams (Chair)

##### Absent

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

Wade Adams	- Nottingham City Homes
PS Bruce Clarke	- Nottinghamshire Police
Moby Farrands	- SUMAC Centre
Angela Kandola	- AWAAZ
Jawaid Khalil	- NG7 Training, Employment and Advice
Mark Leavesley	- Governance Officer
Maxi Leigh	- Support for Survivors
AJ Matsiko	- Local resident
Carol Mee	- Carrington Tenants' and Residents' Association
Lauren O'Grady	- Sherwood resident
Leigh Plant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Shuguftah Quddoos	- Sherwood Rise Residents' Association

#### **36 COUNCILLOR MOHAMMED IBRAHIM**

A minute's silence was held to remember Councillor Ibrahim's achievements during both his life and the years he had spent as a Councillor for Nottingham City Council.

#### **37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Inspector Christine Busuttil  
Senior CPO Rupinder Kooner  
Janet Tewksbury

#### **38 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **39 MINUTES**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2018 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

## **40 LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Nottinghamshire Police Sergeant Bruce Clarke updated the Committee as follows:

### Berridge Ward

- In the year to date, all crime is down 126 crimes (a 6.0% reduction on the same period last year). This includes reductions in robbery, burglary, vehicle crime, drug offences, hate crime and anti-social behaviour;
- As part of the on-going recruitment of staff, two new constables have joined the Berridge Neighbourhood Policing Team and they are beginning to build their community contacts at local schools, colleges and religious venues;
- Operation Glaciate – a co-ordinated operation saw the execution of five warrants, three of which were in Forest Fields, and the arrest of seven suspects for sexual exploitation and drugs offences;
- Operation Sceptre – a week long operation targeting knife crime. The Police and Community Protection completed knife sweeps, set up information stands in Mary Potter Health Centre, delivered inputs to school children and had amnesty bins in police stations.

### Sherwood Ward

- Residential burglary and vehicle crime has shown a reduction over the last 2 weeks after a spike in both;
- The recent increase in 'Thefts from Motor Vehicles' was mainly down to number plates being stolen, which is a hard crime to prevent, and generally happens overnight and is relatively quick to do;
- Shop lifting is slightly high, but this offence peaks and troughs and work remains on-going;
- There have been quite a few arrests for residential burglaries recently, some local and some further afield. However, it is not uncommon for offenders to travel to commit crime. At least 4 males have been arrested for offences nearby and are currently released under investigation and enquiries on-going;
- Increase in mobile phone thefts from victims who have been approached by 1 or 2 males with either a piece of paper or a map, this is placed over the phone and then stolen whilst the victim is trying to help the male.
- Cannabis grow discovered on Markham Crescent resulted in recovery of a quantity of plants and a male being interviewed in connection with the offence;
- The beat team, including the Inspector, Community Protection and our local schools officer, enjoyed a few hours at the 'Visit My Mosque' day at Fiveways Community Centre;

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- The Police / Community Protection are currently completing extra patrols around local Mosques due to the recent events in New Zealand;
- This week (Monday 18th and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>) we did an Operation around parking at Seeley School which resulted in 2 TORs being issued and 2 parking tickets, which will hopefully help with this on-going issue.

#### Knife Amnesty update

- Sherwood knife sweeps completed by the beat team in Pirate's Park, Edwards Lane Community Centre, Peggy Park, Carrington underpass, Woodthorpe Park, Wendover house and Mansfield road (behind shops) - all with negative results;
- Knife crime prevention input at the Children's Home on Edwards Lane, along with other establishments throughout city North;
- 3 known knife carriers in City North were visited and offered support away from knife carrying - alongside other carriers visited by our IOM team.

#### Event

The PDSA are holding an event on Weds/Thurs 27/28 March from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Bulwell Market Place, where dogs will be given a free check over and, hopefully, staff will be able to undertake dog-chipping for a small donation.

**RESOLVED to note the update.**

#### **41 WARD REPORTS**

Leigh Plant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which informed the Committee of current priorities and issues, forthcoming events and activities and issues being addressed by Neighbourhood Action Team meetings, in Area 5.

The following local issues meeting / events were highlighted:

- 8 April, 7.00pm, Gladstone Public House (upstairs room) – CTARA meeting;
- 10 April, 10.30am to noon, community 'litter pick' – Peggy's Park and Frobisher Court (meet at Edwards Lane Community Centre);
- 10 April, 6.30 to 8.00pm, Forest Fields Play Centre;
- 13 April, all day, Vine Community Centre: 'Challenging Times' – advice workshops around low income / universal credit;
- 17 April, 1.00 to 2.30pm, community 'litter pick' (meet on corner of Loscoe Road / Church Drive);
- 24 April, New Basford, time to be confirmed – Ward Walk;

- 13 May, 7.00pm, Gladstone Public House (upstairs room) – CTARA meeting;
- 19 June, 7.00pm, Gladstone Public House (upstairs room) – CTARA meeting;
- First Saturday of each month - community 'litter pick' around Drayton / Melrose Street.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **42 ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS AND UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Local representatives reported the following:

- in honour of Councillor Ibrahim, on May Day Bank Holiday (6 May), a tree will be planted, and a bench in his name unveiled, at Hedley Villas;
- the Djanogly Trust had recently removed 26 birch trees with very little local engagement, although it was stated that it owns the land so can do so;
- 'Sherwood Welcomes Refugees', a group working with the Home Office to relocate asylum seekers, will be holding a Working Group at 7.00pm on 4 April at St Johns Church;
- 'Support for Survivors' has been used by over 250 people, aged 16+, and helps those with mental health issues, many of which are referred by the NHS, access benefits etc;
- the Forest Fields 'Clean up' date is to be confirmed.

**RESOLVED to note the information and thank all local representatives for their participation with the local area and this Committee.**

#### **43 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES**

Wade Adams, Area Housing Manager, presented the report, updating the Committee on key issues and themes linked to local priorities and NCH strategic themes, including capital programme and major work, area regeneration and environmental issues, key messages from the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress, performance and 'good news' stories and publicity.

**RESOLVED to note the update and performance information and that both wards had a remaining 2018/19 capital budget balance of nil.**

#### **44 AREA BASED GRANTS**

Jawaid Khalil, NG7 Training, Employment and Advice (NG7 TEA), provided an update on progress against the year 3 Area Based Grant delivery plan, including key priority areas and their funding allocation, details of delivery partners and their

activities, an update on progress against each priority and performance to date in year 3.

During discussion, it was reported that;

- 3 community centres had increased opening hours – New Basford, Edwards Lane and Forest Fields;
- while it was unfortunate that the Asian Women’s Centre (AWC) had closed due to funding issues, Area Based Grants were specifically for use on more localised priorities, with agencies such as the AWC requesting funding from a larger, City-wide central resource;
- Mr Khalil had resigned from NG7 TEA and this would be his last meeting.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to note the report;
- (2) that the thanks of the Committee to Mr Khalil, for the work undertaken in the local community over the last few years, be recorded.

**45 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2018/19**

Leigh Plant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which detailed the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund 2018/19.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to note that in light of the approvals in (2) below, both Berridge and Sherwood wards have a remaining Area Capital Fund 2018/19 balance of nil;
- (2) to approve the following:

**Berridge**

	<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
<b><u>Local Transport Plan (LTP)</u></b>		
Berridge / Stanley Road	Various road safety	25,753
Austen Avenue area	Parking survey	1,041
Westbury Road area	Tactile crossings	1,881
Nottingham Road	Signage / road markings	1,500
Hucknall / Valley Road area	Pedestrian safety	10,000

**Public Realm**

Gawthorne Park	New / refurbished equipment	70
Hedley Park	New park bench	1,050
Langtry Grove	Litter bin	500
Various locations	‘No fly-tipping’ signs	1,033

**Decommitted**

Various locations / schemes 4,425

**Sherwood**

<b><u>Local Transport Plan (LTP)</u></b>	<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Various locations	Resident parking schemes	5,000
Sherwood Road	Safety improvements	4,563
Mansfield / Magnus Road & Edwards Lane junction	Changes to traffic lights	1,400

**Public Realm**

Sherwood town centre	2 x 'Hoodwinked Robins'	244
Various locations	Repair / replace / install bins	5,000
Hood Street Park	New / refurbished equipment	10,000
Various locations	Improvements as required	33,729
Various Sherwood parks	Improvements as required	28,728

**Decommitted**

Selkirk Way Pocket garden (underspend) 75

**46 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET / DELEGATED AUTHORITY SPEND**

Leigh Plant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which detailed actions taken since the last meeting under delegated authority, in respect of Ward Councillor budgets, by the Director of Neighbourhood Services.

**RESOLVED to note the**

**(1) following schemes:**

<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
<b><u>Berridge</u></b>	
Survivor Management Programme	500
Christmas meal event	600
War Memorial contribution	500
<b><u>Sherwood</u></b>	
'Keeping it Wild' youth resources	1,200

**(2) remaining unallocated Ward Councillor balances for Berridge (£3,582) and Sherwood (£10,219).**

**47    AREA COMMITTEE / MEMBERSHIP**

The Chair announced that:

- this would be last meeting of the 'Berridge and Sherwood (Area 5) Committee' due to a boundary realignment, being replaced in May by a new 'Basford, Berridge and Sherwood Area Committee';
- Councillors Carole Jones, Brian Parbutt and Jane Urquhart were not standing in the local election on 2 May.

**Those present requested that their thanks to Councillors Jones, Parbutt and Urquhart, for the work undertaken in the wards over the years, be recorded.**