

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CLIFTON EAST AND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Clifton Cornerstone, Clifton, Nottingham on 26 September 2019 from 6.31 pm - 8.18 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Maria Watson (Chair)
Councillor Kevin Clarke
Councillor Kirsty Jones
Councillor Roger Steel

Absent

Councillor Andrew Rule

Community Representatives

✓ Clare Ashton	Clifton Village Hall Trust
Emma Crane	NG11 Childminders Group
✓ Alma Davies	Good Companions
Karen Humble	Clifton Community Family Support Group
✓ Colin Mackie	Silverdale Community Centre
✓ Ian Malcolm	Clifton Advice Centre
✓ Debbie Murden	Clifton Green Team
Roy Nettleship	Carters Educational Trust
Tracy Osborne	Barton Lane Community Association
✓ Pat Rice	Clifton Village Residents Association
✓ Chris Watson	Clifton Donation Group

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Chris Brummitt	- Bridges Community Trust
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Scott Clancy	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Mr J Potter	- Ward Resident
Toni Smithurst	- Nottingham City Homes
Phil Spear	- Ward Resident
Inspector James Walker	- Nottinghamshire Police
Phil Wye	- Governance Officer

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Andrew Rule – work commitments

Emma Crane, NG11 Childminders Group
Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Co-ordinator

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19 CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, provided a short update:

- (a) the bid to the Future High Street fund for Clifton town centre was unfortunately not successful. A smaller bid has been submitted for smaller improvements to the library frontage;
- (b) work is being undertaken to improve the cleanliness of Clifton's shopping areas, and discussions have taken place with Councillor Rebecca Langton, the Portfolio Holder for Communities. In the shorter term, the City Centre team undertook a deep clean and a week of action is planned.

20 LOCAL POLICING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION UPDATE

Police Inspector James Walker and Senior Community Protection Officer Scott Clancy provided an update on crime and policing in the two wards, highlighting the following:

- (a) year to date total crime has reduced by 5.7% compared to last year, with reductions in victim based crime, violence, robbery, burglary and vehicle offences. There has been a rise in theft of 11% which is mostly shoplifting;
- (b) Operation Sceptre took place from 16-22 September which was aimed at reducing knife crime. Knife amnesties and weapons sweeps took place and knife bins were put in manned areas. No bin was provided in Clifton as no venues were willing to host it;
- (c) a local male was arrested as part of a drugs operation in July and a large amount of Spice was seized.

21 WARD REPORT

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report focussing on current priorities and issues facing the two wards and giving details of forthcoming events and activities, highlighting the following:

- (a) a traffic survey has been carried out in Wilford Village, and once consultation has been completed, work can begin on the agreed parking scheme;
- (b) some 'parking buddies' have been purchased in Clifton East to make people aware of the problems of parking around schools and change their behaviour;
- (c) a Clifton-wide litter pick took place on 29 July with over 50 people taking part, including several businesses;

- (d) a number of needles were found in bushes at Rivergreen Methodist Church, so these have been cleaned up and cut back. The area is due to be improved with car parking and a community garden. Around 400 needles were also found at Clifton Playing Fields during a clean-up operation and some have been found at Clifton War Memorial;
- (e) a week-long drama workshop was run by Nottingham Playhouse for young people over the summer. As this was successful, the Playhouse would like to put on a free weekly drama session in Clifton;
- (f) the Youth Activity Timetable is now finalised and available.

It was noted that the 'Working Nottingham' section of the report is out of date and the newer information will be shared with members after the meeting.

RESOLVED to note the progress on ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team, and upcoming opportunities for citizens to engage.

22 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES AND APPROVALS

Toni Smithurst, Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes, introduced the report providing updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes, highlighting the following:

- (a) sprinkler installations across Southchurch Court are nearing completion with communal areas to be finished and 5 properties where access has not been gained;
- (b) funding has been approved to upgrade the space at Dell Way as the area is being misused and looks unsightly. The ramp at Chisbury Green is now complete for local residents with poor mobility.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the update and performance information;

(2) note the allocation of funds for 2019/20 as below:

Ward	Remaining Budget
Clifton East	£109,153.11
Clifton West	£17,688.36

23 UPDATES AND ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following updates and information were provided by Community Representatives:

- The Silverdale Community Association has been campaigning for improvements to the Silverdale roundabout. They have made some suggestions to Highways England and are awaiting a response.
- A Community Garden at the back of Holy Trinity was dedicated by the bishop, as were renovations to the Benjamin Carter Memorial Hall which were part funded by the Carter Educational Trust.
- The Minerals Local Plan proposes a site in Barton in Fabis for quarrying which falls partly in the Clifton West ward. Local residents from both Clifton Village and Barton in Fabis will be objecting to the Local Plan on the grounds of an impact on the environment and health of local residents, as well as local traffic. Lilian Greenwood MP will also be objecting. The Plan is now at publication stage and the deadline for responses to consultation is 11 October, and members are encouraged to respond.
- There has been an increase in the number of large bags placed out next to public bins, which can no longer be classed as fly-tipping.
- Good Companions are advertising for a new co-ordinator. The Parkgate Friendship Group has recently celebrated its first anniversary.
- Overgrown shrubbery has been cut back in Clifton Village. Nottingham Trent University want to extend the hours on their all-weather pitches and a petition has been presented to the Council opposing this.

24 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways, traffic and safety and public realm.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the monies available to Clifton East and Clifton West wards as outlined below:

Clifton East

Total decommitted	£1,800
2019-20 LTP allocation	£64,600
LTP carried forward from 2018-29	£0
2019-20 Public Realm allocation	£38,700
Public Realm carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
Total available 2019-2020 ACF	£103,300
Less LTP schemes	-£53,960
Less Public Realm schemes	-£3,122
Decommitted funds	+£1,800
Remaining available balance	£48,018
LTP element remaining	£10,640
Public Realm element remaining	£37,378

Clifton West

Total decommitted	£0
2019-20 LTP allocation	£49,300
LTP carried forward from 2018-29	£0
2019-20 Public Realm allocation	£29,600
Public Realm carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
Total available 2019-2020 ACF	£78,900
Less LTP schemes	-£49,300
Less Public Realm schemes	-£461
Decommitted funds	+£0
Remaining available balance	£29,139
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£29,139

(2) approve the programme of schemes as outlined below:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Summerwood Lane	Carriageway (LTP)	£45,000	Contribution to carriageway resurfacing
Green Lane	Street Lighting (Public Realm)	£3,122	Contribution to replacement of 12 Christmas lighting column decorations
Wilford Village	Parking (LTP)	£34,539	Parking scheme in Wilford Village
Wilford Village	Parking (Public Realm)	£461	Parking scheme in Wilford Village

25 WARD BUDGETS

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for those projects funded by Ward Councillor Budgets.

RESOLVED to note the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within the Clifton East and Clifton West wards as detailed below:

Clifton East

Scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount
Nottingham Playhouse Shine Project	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£700.00
Liz Winwood Foundation	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£720.00
Creative Paths Colour Burst	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£1,476.00
Highbank Community	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£420.00

Centre	Watson	
Balance brought forward from 2018/19		£0.00
Allocation 2019/20		£10,000.00
Total available allocation		£10,000.00
Total allocated at 20/08/19		£3,996.00
Total unallocated at 20/08/19		£6,004.00

Clifton West

Scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount
Clifton Flower Park entrance opening	Rule	£175.00
Picnic in the Park	Rule	£200.00
Wilford Church Green Christmas lights	Rule & Steel	£250.00
Nottingham Playhouse Shine	Rule	£150.00
Liz Winwood Foundation	Rule	£240.00
Creative Paths	Rule	£350.00
Balance brought forward from 2018/19		£0.00
Allocation 2019/20		£7,500.00
Total available allocation		£7,500.00
Total allocated at 20/08/19		£1,365.00
Total unallocated at 20/08/19		£6,135.00

26 FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Committee noted the remaining meeting dates for the 2019/20 Municipal Year at 6.30pm in Clifton Cornerstone:

- Thursday 19 December 2019
- Thursday 26 March 2020