

Nottingham City Council

Basford, Berridge and Sherwood Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held remotely and livestreamed on YouTube on 25 November 2020 from 6.30 pm - 7.38 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Angela Kandola
Councillor Salma Mumtaz
Councillor Toby Neal
Councillor Lauren O`Grady
Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos
Councillor Nick Raine (Chair)
Councillor Adele Williams
Councillor Linda Woodings

Absent

Councillor AJ Matsiko

(for minutes 47 to 52 inclusive only)

Community Representatives

- ✓ Mo Fayose - Community Cares Club
- Maxi Leigh - Support for Survivors
- Carol Mee - Carrington Tenant's and Resident's Association

✓ indicates present at the meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Nottingham City Council

Rupinder Kooner - Senior Community Protection Officer
Mark Leavesley - Governance Officer
Michelle Graley) Neighbourhood Development Officer
Leigh Plant)

Nottingham City Homes

Nicky Brake - Area Housing Manager

Nottinghamshire Police

Christine Busuttil)
Amy English) Police Inspector
Gordon Fenwick)

Nottingham Trent University

Marie Muir - MBA student

47 Apologies for absence

Councillor Matsiko – personal
Maxi Leigh
Carol Mee

48 Declarations of interests

None.

49 Minutes

The Committee agreed the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2020 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

50 Issues raised by Community Representatives

No issues were raised at the meeting, or had been previously notified, by Community Representatives.

51 Area Partnership/Community Hub

Marie Muir, MBA student at Nottingham Trent University, presented the report, which detailed a proposal to form Partnership/Community Hubs in all areas, with the intention of continuing to support local communities by combining Council and external organisations' knowledge and resources, as has been happening during the pandemic.

Ms Muir stated the following:

- i. each of the Area Partnerships would have their own distinct ambitions, visions and priorities aimed at meeting the local needs and aspirations of residents living in the wards that fall within an Area Committees' boundaries;
- ii. Neighbourhood Development Officers have been working with Nottingham Trent University MBA students and have carried out research to investigate and recommend which Community Hub model fits better locally to meet the changing needs and demands of the communities living in the areas during and post Covid-19;
- iii. a questionnaire was formulated and distributed to partner organisations to complete, and they were invited to a meeting to discuss the results;
- iv. the questionnaire and meeting were designed to determine the partner organisation's priorities and see if there was a consensus among them. They were asked to select four key priorities from the questionnaire/meeting, based on the themes that had gained most importance during wave one Covid-19 pandemic, relevant to all wards in the area. The return of the questionnaires was too low to be statistically viable, but the analysis is available on request;
- v. the Community Hubs would support the delivery of the Area priorities and help reframe the connections and relationships between statutory, voluntary and faith sectors, change the way services are operating by removing silo-working and barriers and explore opportunities for joint working and funding;

- vi. the Area Partnerships would be aligned to the existing Area Committee boundaries and each Area Partnership would report to the relevant Area Committee.

During discussion, it was stated that:

- vii. while it was a useful report, particularly the detail in respect of levels of deprivation in the area, it may not be the right time to implement the proposals in light of the current pandemic lock-down;
- viii. while the report contained some useful information, there had not been enough feedback, and what had been received more likely reflected the current position and needs, which would undoubtedly change once things returned to a more 'normal' way of life.

Resolved

- (1) that the thanks of the Committee to Ms Muir for her attendance be recorded;**
- (2) to note the report;**
- (3) that the Committee supports the actions of further consultation, ensuring senior representation and identifying key communication channels, as detailed in appendix 2.**

52 Police and Community Protection update

(a) Police updates

Inspectors Fenwick, English and Busutil gave the following statistics / information for year-to-date in comparison to last year:

Basford (Inspector Fenwick)

Offence Type	% Change
All Crime	-12%
Violence with injury	-27%
Sexual Offences	-6.3%
Robbery of Personal Property	-22%
Burglary - Residential	-24%
Theft	-25%
Vehicle Offences	-40%
Drug Offences	+16%
Domestic Occurrences	-40%
Hate Occurrences	-40%
ASB Incidents	+53%

- Burglary commercial – 3 recently in the Park Lane Commercial area, for which a person will shortly be arrested;

- the rise in drug offences is partly due to Operation Reacher serving successful warrants;
- Basford ward is fully staffed;
- a new Schools Officer is working with the team at Ellis Guilford Secondary;
- a recent stabbing on Britannia Park (resulting in no life threatening injuries) is being investigated by CID, with a suspect interviewed under caution. This is thought to be a targeted attack, with both parties being known to the Police;
- Covid-19 patrols are still ongoing;
- thefts from shops are a current priority;
- the number of reported incidents of Covid-related ASB and parties etc seems to be across all areas, with no particular ward standing out.

Berridge (Inspector English)

Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
All Crime	1,133	1,370	-237	-17.3
Victim-Based Crime	933	1,141	-208	-18.2
Violence against the Person	428	414	+14	+3.4
Homicide	0	0	0	-
Death/Serious Injury - Unlawful Driving	0	1	-1	-100
Violence with injury	132	133	-1	-0.8
Violence without injury	161	164	-3	-1.8
Stalking and Harassment	135	116	+19	+16.4
Sexual Offences	26	40	-14	-35
Rape	13	17	-4	-23.5
Other Sexual Offences	13	23	-10	-43.5
Robbery	11	17	-6	-35.3
Robbery of Business Property	0	1	-1	-100
Robbery of Personal Property	11	16	-5	-31.3
Burglary	66	109	-43	-39.4
Burglary - Residential	51	83	-32	-38.6
Burglary - Business and Community	15	26	-11	-42.3
Theft	196	277	-81	-29.2
Theft from the Person	11	16	-5	-31.3
Bicycle Theft	31	27	+4	+14.8
Shoplifting	45	44	+1	+2.3
Other Theft	109	190	-81	-42.6
Vehicle Offences	67	139	-72	-51.8
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	46	85	-39	-45.9
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	10	41	-31	-75.6
Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	11	13	-2	-15.4
Arson and Criminal Damage	139	145	-6	-4.1
Arson	4	5	-1	-20
Criminal Damage	135	140	-5	-3.6
Other Crimes Against Society	200	229	-29	-12.7
Drug Offences	34	63	-29	-46

Trafficking in Controlled Drugs	9	17	-8	-47.1
Possession of Drugs	25	46	-21	-45.7
Possession of Weapons	14	23	-9	-39.1
Public Order Offences	95	96	-1	-1
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	57	47	+10	+21.3
Domestic Occurrences	296	265	+31	+11.7
Domestic Non-Crime	85	73	+12	+16.4
Domestic Crime	211	192	+19	+9.9
Hate Occurrences	49	52	-3	-5.8
Hate Crime	28	37	-9	-24.3
Hate Non-Crime	21	15	+6	+40
ASB Incidents	817	548	+269	+49.1

- Operation Reacher has been running for a couple of months, and includes community engagement activities, with the aim of preventing crime, rather than just reacting to it after it occurs;
- over the last couple of weeks, the National Knife crime 'Week of Action' has taken place and a number of weapon sweeps, especially in open spaces such as parks, and no weapons have been found;
- the 'mini Police' and Reacher Team have been creating posters with the aim of preventing crime, particularly knife crime;
- a serious incident occurred on Beech Avenue, with a male brandishing a shotgun. He was arrested and recently sentenced to 3 years 4 months in prison;
- the police have engaged with 150 school children in the Berridge ward, at Djanogly Northgate & Sherwood and St Marys, but unfortunately due to Covid-19, some schools were not accessible, such as Djanogly City Academy. Hopefully this will be resolved soon and as the scheme is ongoing, engagement with more schools should be possible.

Sherwood (Inspector Busuttill)

Offence Type	Qty change
All Crime	-251
Violence	-52
Robbery	-7
Burglary - Residential	-11
Burglary - Commercial	-5
Theft	-98
Vehicle Offences	-44
Domestic Occurrences	+14
Hate Occurrences	+3
ASB Incidents	+158

- Theft (other) – 2 from vending machines at the City hospital, a stolen bicycle and a stolen wheelbarrow;
- Drug offences - Operation Reacher recently served a successful warrant, resulting in a large seizure of cannabis, cash and high-value items;

- a shoplifter was recently sentenced to 16 weeks in prison for 20 offences at the Co-op and Boots on Mansfield Road;
- action has been taken against a prolific hoax caller, so hopefully the number of hoax calls to the Police will go down;
- a recent speed operation (on 22/10/20) in Sherwood Dales area resulted in a number of drivers being spoken to. There will be further operations over the next couple of months and Councillors can suggest any areas they would like covering;
- a weapons sweep at Peggy’s Park recently recovered a knife, happily a second sweep later discovered no new weapons;
- PC Matt Johnson has left to join the Reacher Team and has been replaced by PC George Browoff.

(b) Community Protection update

Rupinder Kooner, Senior Community Protection Officer, updated the Committee as follows:

Type	Basford	Berridge	Sherwood
Fixed Penalty Notices	7	13	10
Fly-tipping investigations	37	58	28
Fly-tipping - Fixed Penalty Notices	None	1	None
Action / challenge ‘detrimental properties’	21	76	50
Alcohol confiscations	4	28	17
Trade Waste checks	None	23	3
Community Protection warning notices issued	9	51	32
Community Protection final notices issued	None	28	None
‘Bin on Street’ actions	18	129	94
Noise nuisance reports	29	68	77

- ‘Bins on Streets’ is quite high as there has been a focus on this over the last couple of months;
- due to Covid-19, shifts have been changed so that CPOs work later to check that businesses comply with the regulations. Most are complying, but those that don’t have been reported to the Police;
- one member of staff has left from the Basford ward, but this person will be replaced as a new member of staff has joined the team.

53 Nottingham City Homes update

Nicky Brake, Area Housing Manager, presented the report, detailing key issues and themes linked to local priorities and strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes, and updating the Committee on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;

- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance;
- 'good news' stories and positive publicity.

In response to a question from Mo Fayose, Community Cares Club, Ms Brake stated that the statistics reflected all properties managed by City Homes and it was not possible to extract those for Independent Living Schemes (ILS). However, additional information on ILS may be available from Sam Williams, Independent Living Manager at City Homes.

Resolved to note

- (1) the performance update as per the report and appendix;**
- (2) that as there were no schemes for approval, therefore no appendix 3 was attached to the report, recommendation 2 of the report was withdrawn.**

54 Ward Councillor Budget

Michelle Graley, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which informed the Committee of decisions taken by the Director of Community Protection under delegated authority in respect of projects funded by Ward Councillor budgets.

Resolved to note the report.

55 Ward reports

Michelle Graley and Leigh Plant, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report, detailing the current priorities and issues facing the wards, and forthcoming events and activities. It also highlighted the latest issues being addressed through regular Neighbourhood Action Team meetings.

Resolved to note the report.

56 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 24 February 2021, either remotely via Zoom or at the Council House, Old Market Square (depending on the pandemic situation at the time).