

# Nottingham City Council

## Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held remotely and livestreamed on YouTube on 8 December 2020 from 6.03 pm - 7.42 pm

### Membership

#### Present

Councillor Sajid Mohammed (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Leslie Ayoola  
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan  
Councillor Neghat Khan (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Dave Liversidge  
Councillor Chantal Lee  
Councillor David Mellen

#### Absent

Councillor Sue Johnson  
Councillor Rosemary Healy

(for minutes 20 to 27 inclusive only)

### Community Representatives

- Alisdair Butler - Mapperley Park Residents Association
- Yasser Farook - Muslim Community Organisation Nottingham (MCO)
- Greg Feltham - Sneinton Tenants and Residents Association (STARA)
- Noel Martin - Prettier Whittier
- Gina Mollett - Backlit Gallery
- Carlton Napier - Afro Caribbean National Artistic Centre (ACNA)
- Debbie Webster - St Ann's Advice Centre
- ✓ Pete Wright - Sneinton Tenants Outreach Programme (STOP TRA)

✓ indicates present at the meeting

### Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

- Wade Adams - Area Housing Manager
- Paul Crookendale - Community Partnerships and Projects Manager
- Beth Hanna ) Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Lylse-Anne Renwick )
- Richard Hunter - Sergeant, Nottinghamshire Police
- Mark Leavesley - Governance Officer
- Cherry Underwood - Chief Executive, Renewal Trust

### 14 Apologies

- Councillor Sue Johnson - unwell
- Inspector James Walker (Notts Police)
- Noel Martin (Community Representative)
- Nicola Jones (Community Protection Officer)

In the absence of Councillor Johnson, Councillor Mohammed (Vice-Chair) presided over the meeting.

## 15 Declarations of Interests

None.

## 16 Minutes

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 08 September 2020 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair presiding at the meeting.

## 17 Area Policing and Community Protection update

The following year-to-date comparisons and additional information were given by Sergeant Richard Hunter (Nottinghamshire Police):

### (a) Police

- i. Both St Anns and Mapperley have seen good reductions in burglary.
- ii. There was a good arrest on 24 November following a number of distraction burglaries targeting the elderly, one of which was in the St Anns area - the 53 yr old male offender was charged with 4 offences and remanded into custody.
- iii. All robberies and burglaries are reviewed with the DS on the Burglary and Robbery Teams on a fortnightly basis to determine if there are any patterns or series that would suggest a particular offender or group at work and at present there isn't any. That being said, each report of robbery and burglary is reviewed and allocated to a CID officer to investigate where appropriate.
- iv. ASB continues to be high for the reasons outlined previously, namely COVID breaches being categorised as ASB.
- v. The high hate figures in Sneinton and Dales can be attributed to 3 ongoing neighbour disputes which account for a high number of reports. It is worth noting that hate incidents are not always crimes and a hate incident is any incident where there is perception by anyone that prejudice is a factor.

|                      | St Anns | Mapperley and Wells | Sneinton and Dales | Force  | City   |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| All Crime            | -8.6%   | -11.6%              | +5.2%              | -19.9% | -22.8% |
| Violence with injury | -1.2%   | -23.4 %             | +8.1%              | -20.3% | -19.8% |
| Robbery              | +21.1%  | -28.6%              | +33.3%             | -34.8% | -31.3% |
| Burglary             | -16.9%  | -40%                | +14.5%             | -33.1% | -30.3% |
| Theft                | -21.4%  | -26%                | -27.1%             | -32.1% | -36.4% |
| Vehicle Offences     | -24.2%  | -38.8%              | -23%               | -33.3% | -40.8% |
| Drugs                | -6.3%   | +11.9%              | +2.5%              | -12.7% | -29.8% |
| Hate                 | +23.4%  | +28.6%              | +96.1%             | -0.3%  | -1.9%  |
| ASB                  | +47%    | +94.1%              | +46%               | +53.1% | +39.1% |

**(b) Community Protection**

vi. Respect survey priorities noted for the wards:

- People being drunk and rowdy in public spaces;
- Motorbikes / Motorised Scooter/ Mini Mottos/ Quad Bikes;
- Rubbish and litter lying around;
- People Using and Dealing Drug;
- Noisy Neighbours;
- Fly Posting.

vii. FPNs issued (supports action 3 of the Respect survey)

- 91 for leaving litter;
- 1 for Fly tipping;
- 2 for dogs on King Edward Park.

viii. Alcohol surrenders (supports action 1 of the Respect survey)

- 20 in Sneinton Dale area;
- 10 at Leeshill;
- 10 in Robin Hood Chase area.

Actions taken mainly over the back end of summer and early Autumn periods. We had no persistent offenders. Last three months only one offence noted.

ix. Graffiti reports

184 - all three wards have seen an increase in graffiti and are now working with the Graffiti team and local shop keepers to check age of those buying spray paint.

x. Private messy gardens actions - 145.

xi. Fly tipping investigations – 693 (supports action 3 of the Respect survey)

Hotspots: Colwick Court Flats road side area - 4g camera installed and caught one person on camera.

Letter drops at - Rossington Road, Hardstaff Road, Mapperley Road, Agnes Villa, Fowlers Street, Tulip Avenue, Truman Close and Comwyn Gardens.

xii. Drug-related intel fed to the Police - 57 (supports action 4 of the Respect survey)

xiii. Noise nuisance calls to the Council – 420

A large increase of ASB noise during lockdown across the city. Of the 420, 123 properties received warnings due to further complaints received, and only 4 properties had substantial enforcement taken against them (CPNs).

- xiv. ASB calls to the Police referred to CP - 186. Also 441 other CP Service requests.
- xv. Councillor case work (citizens contacting local Councillors) and CP support in dealing with their case work reports - 112.
- xvi. Covid-19 Welfare checks / support - 563.
- xvii. Business engagement since the CP new designated powers in October 2020 in relation to Covid-19 - conducted 69 checks, all met compliance.
- xviii. Environmental hotspots (Alley ways, bins, graffiti) – sub-meeting of the NAT held 03/11/20 - in attendance Cllr N Khan, Stacey (SCPO), Sabina (Enforcement), Tony (NOM), Beth (NDO), covering issues such as:
  - Trent Lane - storage on footpaths, Highways can't enforce due to bins on street issues – Bins on street issues: CP have issued S46 letters to offenders, continue work in area;
  - Westwood Rd - 3 way access, wall collapsed, rubbish built up including fridge. Issue with a tree.
  - Loughborough Ave - Previously cleaned on a Cllr clean up Saturday, Cllrs not to pay again. Responsibility of residents. Some residents say residents from Finsbury dump rubbish there.
  - Trent Lane Bridge graffiti issue – 4g camera to be put on bridge, permission work in progress of land owner of Bridge (Network Rail). Asset transfer of the bridge due to be complete, the solicitor is clarifying right of way to be in the clause. Costly to remove graffiti as protective seal not put on pre-installation. City services cleaned once and didn't recharge Network Rail. Suggestion of installing an art installation to deter graffiti.
  - The environmental hotspots will be a new way of working within the community to identify problem areas – at the moment Covid-19 restrictions, but will be back and running when permitted to do so .
- xix. Community engagements - again limited due to Covid-19, the main one working with Renewal Trust based now at Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park, helping with community breakfast bags, supporting families on low income to receive a breakfast bag containing cereal, OJ, apple juice, bread, jam and eggs.
- xx. Notts County in the community diversity project with Notts Police and CP again based at Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park - we had young people turn out from the Romanian and Czech community helping conduct a litter pick of the park, a very positive first meet - more planned if Covid-19 permits.

#### **Resolved that**

- (1) Sergeant Hunter / Nic Jones (Community Protection) forward details of whether the graffiti in the area is the work of one person, or there are numerous different persons involved;**

- (2) the thanks of the Committee be recorded to all Police and Community Protection Officers for their work in keeping the community safe, especially during the pandemic.**

## **18 Community Representatives**

Pete Wright, Sneinton Tenants Outreach Programme, stated that over the last few weeks, the following work has been undertaken on King Edward Park, in partnership with:

- i. the Princes Trust - painted the building;
- ii. Notts County Football in the Community - 60 young people with English as a second language, and who had not had a great start in life, helped plant over 2,000 bulbs and 500 plants, and generally tidy the park by clearing leaves, rubbish etc.

The Committee offered its thanks to Notts County Football Club, the community and the children for the excellent job they had done, and in general to all partners and the community for the work undertaken in the area both before and during the pandemic.

## **19 Community and DWP Youth Hubs**

The Committee received a presentation by Paul Crookendale, Community Partnerships and Projects Manager, detailing a proposal to deploy multi-agency practitioners into community spaces, such as community and joint-service centres, libraries and other community provider premises, offering a range of services including careers advice, finding / retaining employment, identifying training providers, help with personal finances and with homelessness issues, and addressing issues around health and wellbeing.

During discussion, the following additional information was given:

- i. the services will be available Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm, and are for those aged 17 to 25 years (16 if in the care system), although some training courses are only for those aged 19 to 25 years;
- ii. the current proposal is being used as a pilot and, if successful, will be rolled out to more areas. The scheme will be assessed and venues/areas will be added/removed as appropriate based on need in the locality.

**Resolved to note the proposals, and that the thanks of the Committee to the teams involved with delivering services to the community, especially during the pandemic, be recorded.**

## **20 Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's Area Partnership and Community Hub**

Lylse-Anne Renwick and Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officers, and Cherry Underwood, Chief Executive, Renewal Trust, presented the report, which detailed a proposal to form an Area Partnership to adopt the 4 priorities based on the needs analysis of the area (of isolation and loneliness, mental health, digital

inclusion, and food poverty) and a proposal to agree a future Community Hub model for the Area, 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.

The following was stated:

- 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.

The Committee stated that this is a good start, but there is still a way to go, and the pandemic has highlighted that closer, more effective partnership working is the way forward.

### **Resolved**

- (1) to adopt the four priorities recommended by the newly formed Area Partnerships, based on the needs analysis of the area;**
- (2) to agree the Community hub model for the Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's Area, as detailed in the report;**
- (3) that the Neighbourhood Development Officer forward to all members of the Committee a 'user friendly', up-to-date, version of the indices of deprivation and local data.**

## 21 The Renewal Trust

The Committee received a presentation by Cherry Underwood, Chief Executive of the Renewal Trust, which highlighted work undertaken by the Trust, including activities at the Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre on Hungerhill Road, with young people in general, at St Ann's Allotments, at the 'Future Leaders of Nottingham' training events and through employment support and proposals for the future.

During discussion, the following additional information was given:

- i. during the pandemic, it provided on King Edward Park the only UK, Covid-secure (as recognised by Skate England) dedicated skateboarding training;
- ii. 'Mini movers', aimed at under 5s has been very well received, especially by parents as it has provided the chance for them to get out and meet other parents during the pandemic;
- iii. 'Sportz Starz' (multi-sport sessions) have been run at schools and provides lunchtime activities to keep children fit and active;
- iv. 'Sports Wise, aimed at older young people and using sport as a tool for engagement, has been less successful during the pandemic due to them moving to online resources;
- v. hopefully in the new year the Disability Support Association will be moving into the Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre;
- vi. the Children and Young People's Worker's Forum have discussed ways to continue providing Covid-secure activities in local parks;
- vii. the Trust have been providing training for partners, particularly in respect of mental health, first aid and safeguarding, and are looking at future provision;
- viii. St Ann's Allotments – a Grade 2\* listed English Heritage site that is unique in the country, and is considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest allotment in the world;

The Trust:

- have recently completed its Heritage lottery Fund resilience work, a 1-year programme to produce a 10-year masterplan for the site, which has identified the funding necessary to maintain it;
- have also recently spent £40,000 on 2 major capital investments at the site – improving the water supply, which is from a bore-hole, and on a new electric gate mechanism to control access and keep people safe (before the Trust took it over, the site was regularly used for arms stashes and prostitution);
- is custodian of 80 oak trees, under the 'Peoples Forest Oak Programme', which will eventually be distributed to schools across the city;

- ix. 'Future Leaders of Nottingham' – a positive action programme looking to address diversity in leadership across the city, engaging people from public, private and voluntary sectors.
- It is a paid-for service (by the host organisation) and has had people from, such as, the University hospitals, Notts Fire and Rescue service, Imara (a support service for victims and families of child sexual abuse) and Nottingham City Council;
  - the latest programme was recently announced and will be online during the pandemic, hopefully returning to Covid-safe, face-to-face soon with reduced attendee numbers and staggered provision days to cover more areas. Experian has also provided The Trust with 20 iPads, which are easier to keep clean than computers;
- x. Employment Support - provision is currently a challenge due to closure of the venues used because of the pandemic, and it is looking likely that no 1:1 provision will take place before the new year at least. Another issue affecting provision is lack of engagement due to a lack of confidence around Covid-19 on behalf of the community;
- xi. Future plans:
- BANCA, Greenway, local libraries, St Stephen's School and Nottingham Academy have all agreed to 1:1 provision at their venues starting in January, to be mostly run by 'Futures';
  - St Ann's Community Centre currently has Zoom provision – ask for 'Anne' and you'll be given a room for a 1:1 session remotely. This will hopefully soon be provided at Cherry Lodge also;
  - Family Learning – developed in partnership with the City Council and Experian, mainly around family money values, but will hopefully be expanded shortly;
  - Targeted Outreach – working with ESAP (Employment and Skills Area Partnership) and Neighbourhood Development Officers and will leaflet-drop and have banners outside schools showing what is available and where, and ensuring consistent information;
  - 'Futures' is a new delivery partner as they have the skills and experience to deliver services straight away;
- xii. 'Feel Good Christmas'
- 'This Girl Can' – 180 activity bags distributed into the community through BANCA, The Chase and the City's Youth Team;
  - 'Breakfast Bags' – working with schools to provide over 200 families with a week's worth of breakfasts for each of the 2 weeks of the school holidays (22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December);



- 'Feel Good Packs' – working with Sneinton Tenant's Outreach Programme and Nottingham City Homes to deliver to Sneinton Elements and Youth and Play Families (via Jackie Thomas) packs with activities for children, toiletries and treats for the home;
  - 'Period Poverty' – building on the ongoing work of 'This Girl Can';
- xiii. The Trust is working to develop / bring together existing community groups, rather than creating new ones, while still supporting those that need it in respect of policies, business plans etc;
- xiv. as The Trust is now 22 years old, it is undertaking a governance review, including what has been learned during the pandemic and any challenges, and to ensure it is fit for the future.

In response to a question about usage of the Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, Cherry stated that a breakdown of usage by postcode can be forwarded to members;

**Resolved to note the information, and that the thanks of the Committee to Ms Underwood, for the informative presentation, be recorded.**

## **22 Nottingham City Homes Update**

Wade Adams, Area Housing Manager, presented the report, updating the Committee on key issues and themes linked to local priorities and strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes, and providing summary updates on the following key themes:

- the Capital Programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Association updates;
- area performance;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

In response to a question in respect of a fire at Bentinck Court, Wade stated that Fire Service investigations are ongoing and he will be able to update the Committee when that is completed.

In response to a question in respect of the number of residents on the housing register that only want to 'swap', Wade stated that a straight swap (i.e. just want to change the area they live in) is treated differently to when a family needs a smaller/larger residence (i.e. change from a 2 to a 3-bed property), therefore he will separate out the figures and forward them to members.

In response to a comment, Wade stated that section 6 of appendix 1 should state 'Patrick Crawley of Kingston *Court*, Sneinton' not 'Kingston *Walk*'.

**Resolved to note the report.**

### **23 Ward Councillor Budget**

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, detailing the recent Ward Councillor budget spend, taken under delegated authority by the Director of Community protection, in respect of schemes in the area.

**Resolved to note the report.**

### **24 Ward Performance Report**

Lylse-Anne Renwick and Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the report, detailing current priorities and issues facing the wards and forthcoming events and activities, and highlighting the latest issues being addressed through regular Neighbourhood Action Team meetings.

**Resolved to note the report.**

### **25 Area Capital Fund – 2020 - 21 Programme**

Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, detailing the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund 2020-21, including highways, footpaths and public realm.

**Resolved**

**(1) that the following schemes are approved:**

| <u>Ward</u>                                | <u>Scheme</u>            | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Dales - LTP</u>                         |                          |             |
| Parkdale Road                              | Traffic calming measures | 66,000      |
| <u>Dales - Public Realm</u>                |                          |             |
| Parkdale Road                              | Traffic calming measures | 14,000      |
| <u>Mapperley</u> – No schemes for approval |                          |             |
| <u>St Ann's - LTP</u>                      |                          |             |
| Roden Street                               | Resurfacing of footpaths | 74,096      |

**(2) to note, in light of the approvals in (1) above, the remaining available balances of:**

| <u>Ward</u> | <u>LTP</u> | <u>Public Realm</u> |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| Dales       | Nil        | 32,076              |
| Mapperley   | 61,000     | 29,300              |
| St Ann's    | 14,368     | 43,146              |

## **26 Forward Plan**

The Committee noted the following themes for meetings during 2021:

- March - Public Health;
- June - Planning, Development and Housing;
- September - Education and Digital Inclusion.

## **27 Next meeting date**

The Committee noted that the next meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 02 March 2021 (either remotely via Zoom or at a venue to be agreed, depending on the pandemic situation at the time).