

Nottingham City Council

Lenton & Wollaton East, Meadows and Wollaton West Area Committee

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 18 December 2019 from 5.30 pm - 7.08 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis (Chair)
Councillor Nicola Heaton (Vice Chair)
Councillor Steve Battlemuch (from minute 28-39)
Councillor Michael Edwards
Councillor Zafran Nawaz Khan
Councillor Sally Longford
Councillor Dave Trimble

Absent

Councillor Cate Woodward

Community Representatives (✓ indicates in attendance)

Lenton & Wollaton East Ward

Sue Bailey	Holy Trinity and The Priory Churches Lenton
Courtney Nangle	The Lenton Centre
✓ Kate Loewenthal	Lenton Drives and Neighbours Residents Association
✓ Jacob Collier	University of Nottingham Students Union
✓ Sylvia Taylor	Wollaton Park Residents Association

Meadows Ward

✓ Miriam Gifford	The Bridges Community Trust
Jeff Meehan	Friends Of Victoria Embankment
Terry Regan	Meadows Association of Diabetics
✓ Jonathan Hughes	Meadows Community Group
Mary Daly	Meadows Dance and Social Group
Basheer Latif	Meadows Muslim Centre
Liz Vivyan	Memorial Gardens Association
✓ Isabell Edis	New Meadows Tenants & Residents Assoc.
✓ Richard Gutteridge	26 th Nottingham (The Meadows) Scout Group
✓ Margaret Spencer	Old Meadows Tenants and Residents Association
✓ Jane Jeffrey	Queens Walk Community Association

Wollaton West Ward

Rob Kirkwood	Friends of Wollaton Park
✓ Chris Bignall	North Wollaton Residents Association
✓ Alan Hall	Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society
Pauline Peck	Wollaton Park Community Association

City-wide Group

Emily Sherwood	Primary
✓ Maja Fletcher	Nottingham Action Group on Houses in Multiple Occupation

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

James Glazebrook - Bridges Community Trust
Scott Clancy) Senior Community Protection Officers
Tom Lynk)

Abdul Ghaffar) (Meadows))Neighbourhood Development Officers
Parbinder Singh) (Wollaton West))

Luke Walters) Nottingham City Homes
Hilary Fyfe Hardy)

Riz Khan) Nottinghamshire Police Inspectors
James Walker)
Matt Gregory - Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control
Matthew Grant - Senior Planner (Policy)
Alice Ullathorne - Heritage Strategy Officer
Catherine Ziane-Pryor - Governance Officer
Steven Richardson - resident

25 Apologies For Absence

Councillor Cate Woodward – unwell
Rob Kirkwood
Fi Cusick
Jeff Meehan
Jamie Dickinson
Liz Vivian
Chris Brummitt (James Glazebrook attending as a substitute)
Alan Day

Councillor Steve Battlemuch sent apologies for his predicted lateness.

26 Declarations Of Interests

None.

27 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

28 Police Update

It is noted that whilst the ward boundaries and area committee groupings have changed, the Police continue to maintain their own boundaries, including for data collection as Dunkirk and Lenton, and Wollaton East Lenton Abbey.

Police Inspector Riz Khan provided the following updates related to the police activity for the period between April and December:

Dunkirk and Lenton Area

- a) Overall crime is down by 40 offences;
- b) Victim-based crime is down by 67 offences;
- c) Violence with injury is reduced by 18 offences;
- d) There were 21 fewer burglaries during this period;
- e) Hate crime has risen due to an increase in reports of verbal abuse;

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey

- f) Overall crime is slightly up by seven offences;
- g) Victim placed crime is up by 16 offences
- h) There has been a 35% reduction in violence with injury;
- i) Antisocial behaviour was down by 16 offences criminal damage was up by 20 offences;

In general

- j) There had been a spate of catalytic converter thefts, mainly from Toyota cars ;
- k) As a result of 'operation folktale', which target rate targeted drug dealers operating within the city are predominantly around Nottingham University Nottingham Trent University, seven people have been charged with drug offences including class a and class B drugs;
- l) 3 PCSOs accompanied six student champions, accompanied by Jacob Collier and Julian Best, visited a total of 246 houses in the area, engaging with residents and students, providing advice and information on security and crime prevention;
- m) Police continue to work with universities on 'operation universal' which started in October, to tackle student antisocial behaviour including late-night noise;
- n) Further funding from the Home Office has been received for operation Scorpion, to combat knife crime;
- o) In October local police held a priority setting consultation identified three top priorities serious violent crime, burglary-dwelling, and drugs and ASB. Plans are now in place to focus on these crimes with further information available on the police area website.

Police Inspector James Walker, responsible for the city south area, provided an updates on the Meadows Policing area:

- p) Overall crime was up by 5.8%;
- q) With no change number of violence with injury incidents;
- r) Robbery increased by 10 incidents;
- s) There were seven more incidents of burglary;
- t) Two offenders aged 12 and 13 years old were charged with offences against children of similar age;
- u) Two burglaries during December been attributed to one offender has been identified and will be dealt with;
- v) Priority setting consultation identified three top priorities serious violent crime, aggressive crime, and drugs. Plans are now in place to focus on these crimes with further information available on the police area website;
- w) A warrant was executed in Lamcote Gardens regarding a cannabis grow with drugs recovered from a property in Kelso gardens;
- x) With regard to drug issues around telephone boxes, BT have stated that they will not remove them as they have a responsibility to provide the service, but Police are considering civil action;
- y) There are some changes to officers in that pc north has moved to another team but pc Reece Cowlshaw has joined the area. Unfortunately PC Darren White is currently off work injured.

Questions from the committee were responded to as follows:

- i. Following a recent stabbing in the Meadows an offender has been arrested. It is believed that this is a one-off incident and not part of a series;
- ii. Drug issues within the Meadows are ongoing but the police are determined to make it as difficult as possible. Visible policing depends on the amount the offices are available at intelligences received that can be acted upon;
- iii. With regard to catholic converter thefts it is believed that thieves operating in the area are troubling the region and a profile is being built. Police are working with trading standards engaging with breakers and scrap merchants. Toyota drew offer a clip to fit to prevent such easy removal, but it cost more than the actual exhaust, so is not attractive to many Toyota owners;
- iv. The report of drug dealing, taking and drinking around the QMC area will be looked into once further information is provided;
- v. The 12 and 13-year-olds started their robberies in July and continued into October but nobody told the Police until October. Once the Police were informed they responded swiftly and children services were called in and reviewed the young people within days. It is understood people were afraid for themselves and their children so didn't report incidents but it is possible to report individual crime and general criminal activity anonymously (CrimeStoppers 0800 555 111 or online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>). If the Police are unaware of criminal activity, they cannot respond. It is vital communities to share such information.

A member of the committee expressed overwhelming concern for the Meadows area in the drugs litter and risk to public health appeared to be prevalent. Having to share a Police Inspector and the shortfall in police officers and PCO's is a huge concern. With the level of issues in the area, residents queried was why Police officers are walking the area in a group of three and therefore providing reduced coverage, instead of as a pair and individually. Inspector James Walker responded that this would be looked into.

Resolved to thank Police Inspectors Riz Khan and James Walker for their attendance and update.

29 Community Protection Update

Scott Clancy and Tom Lynk, Senior Community Protection Officers, provided the following update:

- a) A proactive student focus started with the return of students and is going well with enforcement and proactive engagement to deter problems before they escalate;
- b) Noise and antisocial behaviour remains a problem but with funding from the University of Nottingham this has allowed CPO's to work longer and later into the night and attend reports as this is when most problems occur;

- c) There are ongoing graffiti problems in Wollaton West, the culprits are yet to be identified, and dog fouling continues to be an issue in Lenton and Wollaton East;
- d) In the Meadows during November 6 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) were issued, 42 instances of fly tipping investigated, 8 untidy gardens given letters and 7 alcohol surrenders;
- e) With regard to untidy gardens and littering officers liaise with landlords where issues cannot be resolved with tenants.

Questions from the committee responded to as follows:

- f) With regard to the smashing of car windows near and around the Lenton area, approximately 12 during a 3 week period, such incidents need to be reported to the Police and/or Community Protection as soon as possible with information on when the attacks were believed to have taken place, as this may result in a more visible officer presence;
- g) If issues with students such as antisocial behaviour and noise arise whilst CPOs are not on duty, the Police should be informed of as it still within their remit.

Resolved to thank Scott Clancy and Tom Lynk for their attendance and Community Protection update.

30 Items Of Good News

The following items of good news and updates were delivered from community group representatives:

Maya Fletcher (Nottingham Action Group on Houses in Multiple Occupation).

Thanks are given to the CPO's who removed 15 bin bags of rubbish and litter from the bank around QMC near the bus stop which has been used as a dumping ground. Waste bins are accessible and should be used. The clean-up has made a big difference and residents are very grateful.

Kate Lowenthal (Lenton Drives and Neighbours Residents Association)

Councillors are thanked for the funding for the festival which was postponed from May and also for funding the Christmas lights at Canning Circus.

Sylvia Taylor (Wollaton Park Residents Association)

Wollaton Churches fair raised £286 for the community good, but the carol service was cancelled due to rain.

Steve Battlemuch (on behalf a friends of Wollaton Park)

The friends of Wollaton Park AGM was held at Wollaton Hall last month and is growing in strength with more people interested in volunteering to help maintain the walled garden and works across the grounds.

31 Local Plan Part 2: Land And Planning Policies Document - Adoption

Matthew Grant, Senior Planner (Policy), and Matt Gregory, Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control, jointly presented the report on the Local Plan Part 2, for information, prior to its submission for approval at the next full Council meeting.

All consultation on the Local Plan and planning policies has concluded so no further changes can be made.

The report includes maps of potential development sites within the area and specifies the categories of development which would be acceptable;

The following questions were responded to:

- a) With regard to site PA 73 Canal Quarter – Sheriffs Way/Arkwright Street, a planning request had been received for the whole site but the intention is for Crocus Street to be retained;
- b) Planners are aware that the Cattle Market serves an important role in the local community but the area shown in PA80 Waterside - Cattle Market, is wider than just the Cattle Market and it is expected that the far end would be developed first. Any consideration of planning applications would be respectful of the heritage of the site;
- c) Waterside is a prime development site for the City and is a ‘brownfield’ (previously developed) site. It has been difficult to get developers interested in this area to provide anything other than housing as it is substantially a central location in walking distance of the city centre. If development was refused for the site, it is likely developers would look elsewhere, such as the green field (undeveloped) areas around Rushcliffe and employment opportunities for the development lost to that area;
- d) There may appear to be a lot of C3 (residential) development agreed in principle for the Waterside sites, but the broader implications of the number of people should be homed have been considered and a bid for a new school near to the Waterside community has been approved;
- e) Section 106 funding contributions from the development can be used to provide enhancements for schools and will be sought as contributions towards two new secondary schools to the north of the city centre;
- f) Planning colleagues are keen to engage with the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) regarding their forward planning for health provision for new communities;
- g) Planning authorities are unable to make demands that don’t fit with the planning rules so would have to permit student purpose-built accommodation unless there are grounds for legitimate challenges;

Comments from members of the committee included:

- h) The Cattle Market has historic and community significance and serves a lot of people in the area. It is a concern that its value to the city is not recognised;

- i) Purpose-built student accommodation should be encouraged near to major transport routes such as the tram network. The current situation in the Wollaton Park and Lenton area whereby there are thousands of students living in family housing, to the extent that some streets are nearly 100% occupied by students, is damaging the community. The change in guidance in the new Local Plan should ensure that in areas where there are already more than 10% of neighbourhood consisting of student or HMOs accommodation further C4 are unlikely to be permitted. It is hoped that the promotion of PBSA will help to rebalance communities by providing alternative accommodation for the growing student population. The City Planners are requested to encourage old warehouse sites for student accommodation;
- j) Universities continue to expand by approximately 2000 places per year which equates to 6000 extra bed spaces required. The local area will be absorbed at the cost of community, just to serve the student industry. Maybe there needs to be more control with any university expansion placing the burden of student accommodation directly with universities to encourage them to provide attractive accommodation for second and third-year students;
- k) Student accommodation should be provided which students are happy and able to return to it in their second and third years of study, not just for their first;
- l) With regard to plan PA 81 Waterside-Meadow Lane, the proposal for primarily residential use is short sighted when the area is in need of employment. There are already strong local businesses on the site which may have to relocate. In addition with potential development, only short-term leases will be available to businesses, which stifles growth. Care needs to be taken not to undermine the local infrastructure and housing/employment balance.

Resolved to note the report.

32 Proposed Old Meadows Conservation Area

Alice Ullathorne, Heritage Strategy Officer, presented a report which informs the Committee that a consultation is open until 20 December 2019 proposing that the Old Meadows area is designated as a Conservation Area.

The following points were highlighted and responses given to questions from the Committee:

- a) The consultation will have lasted a total of 6 weeks and some very detailed responses have already been received;
- b) The majority of responses have been positive but some respondents are wary that if granted, planning permission will be required for some works which don't currently qualify;
- c) The majority of consultee respondents who object to the proposal are landlords of multiple houses;
- d) It is believed that if designated as a conservation area, this will enhance the area, recognise and protect some of the historical characteristics and is likely to raise the value of property in the area;

- e) There are no proposals to re-instate cobbled streets;
- f) Restrictions relating to a conservation area are from a set point in time forward and not retrospective, so any modernisation or adaptations already completed will not need to be altered;
- g) If designated, design advice on original features can be provided where home improvements are planned and there may even be potential for funding applications to undertake some restorative works;
- h) If designated then installation of new solar panels will be subject to planning permission but extensions can still be permitted dependant on size.

Members of the Committee welcomed the proposal as protecting the historic character of the area.

Resolved

- 1) **to note the proposal to designate as a conservation area the area of the Old Meadows as outlined in Appendix A to the report;**
- 2) **that the Area Committee recommend the designation to Executive Board in due course.**

33 Area Capital Fund – 2019/20 Programme

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton West Ward, presented the Area Capital Fund 2019-20 Programme report which proposes funding allocation from the Local Transport Plan and Public Realm budgets of Area Capital.

Resolved

- 1) **to approve the following for Lenton and Wollaton East:**

i. LTP Schemes

Location	Estimate	Details
Woodside Road	£2,899	Parking - additional contribution to prior scheme to improve parking access
Queens Medical Centre area	£45,000	TRO - amendment to resident parking scheme times in the area of Queens Medical Centre
Sutton Passeys Crescent lining	£3,000	Road Safety - installation of single yellow lines to enable buses turning from Middleton Boulevard

ii. Public Realm Schemes

Location	Estimate	Details
Kennington Road	£1,913	Lighting - installation of new

		Christmas lights on Kennington Road
Derby Road twitchell	£500	installation of litter bin on Derby Road twitchell to rear of Charles Avenue

iii. Financial position

2019 - 2020 LTP allocation		£63,700
LTP carried forward from 2018 - 2019		£12,566
2019 - 2020 Public Realm allocation		£38,200
Public Realm carried forward from 2018 – 2019		£0
Total Available 2019 - 2020 ACF		£114,466
Less LTP schemes	-	£63,465
Less Public Realm schemes	-	£3,588
De-committed funds	+	£23,452
Remaining available balance		£70,865
LTP element remaining		<u>£35,765</u>
Public Realm element remaining		<u>£35,100</u>

2) to approve the following for the Meadows:

i. Public Realm

Location	Estimate	Details
Mundella Park	£3,200	Park improvement - resurface of Mundella Park

ii. Financial position

2019 - 2020 LTP allocation		£55,700
LTP carried forward from 2018 - 2019		£0
2019 - 2020 Public Realm allocation		£33,400
Public Realm carried forward from 2018 – 2019		£0
Total Available 2019 - 2020 ACF		£89,100
Less LTP schemes	-	£28,038
Less Public Realm schemes	-	£4,136
De-committed funds	+	£28,525
Remaining available balance		£85,451
LTP element remaining		<u>£55,700</u>
Public Realm element remaining		<u>£29,751</u>

3) to approve the following for Wollaton West:

i. Public Realm

Location	Estimate	Details
Wollaton West tree improvement	£1,900	tree works - programme of tree works at identified locations across the ward

ii. Financial position:

2019 - 2020 LTP allocation	£46,000
LTP carried forward from 2018 - 2019	£0
2019 - 2020 Public Realm allocation	£27,700
Public Realm carried forward from 2018 – 2019	£6,893
Total Available 2019 - 2020 ACF	£80,593
Less LTP schemes	- £35,000
Less Public Realm schemes	- £22,900
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£22,693
LTP element remaining	<u>£11,000</u>
Public Realm element remaining	<u>£11,693</u>

34 Nottingham City Homes Update And Funding Request

Hilary Fyfe Hardy, newly appointed Nottingham City Homes Area Housing Manager, introduced herself to the Committee and presented the report which provides an update on performance, activity and engagement and requested approval for a fencing scheme.

An amended Appendix 3 to the report was circulated at the meeting and is reflected in the recommendation.

The following responses were provided to the Committee's questions:

- a) The majority of rent arrears are as a direct result of the welfare reforms whereby Universal Credit (UC) claimants are paid a month in arrears, meaning that all new claimants are immediately in arrears. NCH does maintain a dedicated UC Team to work with claimants;
- b) Clarification will be sought as to whether the design of the fencing (for which funding is sought) will be the same or varied.

Committee members made the following comments for which Hilary would respond once the information was gathered:

- c) Tenants and leaseholders need more than a couple of day's notice of events hosted by NCH;
- d) It is frustrating and inappropriate for several different trades to attend a reported repair and not be able to complete their section of the repair, sometimes because other preparatory work is required first. Repairs should be dealt with in one co-ordinated visit period;
- e) Local NCH officers need to improve communication with Ward Councillors on issues raised by residents and councillors;
- f) There is no mention in the report on work to complete the snags at Palmer Court and yet Councillors are aware that several issues still exist. This needs to be acknowledged and updates provided.

Resolved

- 1) to note the update and performance information in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- 2) to note the amended financial position of each ward as follows:

Ward	Actual	Schemes Approved	Schemes to be Committed	Schemes De-Committed	Remaining Budget
Lenton and Wollaton East	£48,518.67	£20,205.81	£20,205.81	£0	£28,312.86
Meadows	£44,554.26	£0	£44,554.26	£0	£0
Wollaton West	£5,961.49	£0	£0	£0	£5,961.49

- 3) to approve the following scheme:

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Meadows –various sites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houseman Gardens • Hope Close • Kelso Gardens • Hawthorne View • Blackstone Walk • Middle Furlong 	Contribution towards the major fencing scheme throughout the ward, to improve the security and appearance of the area, particular those properties adjacent to the NCH new build sites	Improve security and appearance of the NCH, older properties and bring them up to a better standard, Particularly those properties in close proximity to the new build properties,	£44,554.26

35 Ward Reports

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton West Ward, and Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Meadows Ward, presented the Ward reports which update the Committee on current and emerging issues and how these were being addressed, and lists forthcoming activities and engagement opportunities.

Questions from the committee were responded to as follows with contributions from ward councillors:

- a) Once there is a better understanding of the issues around cars driving (sometimes at speed) down Arkwright Walk, discussions will take place to find an appropriate solution;
- b) Arkwright Walk is intended to be only partly accessible to vehicles, not wholly. The sign post in the middle of the Arkwright Walk and Kirkwhite Walk junction is not an issue for vehicles as that there are no plans to open this section to vehicle access. There are still issues which can be resolved in the longer term once development in the area is finished, but Alan Parker, Regeneration Officer, will be informed as current activity is not what was intended.

Resolved to note the Ward Performance Reports.

36 Appointments To Outside Bodies

Catherine Ziane-Pryor, Governance Officer, introduced the report which requests that ward Councillors determine who is to be appointed by the Area Committee to formally recognise outside bodies.

Resolved for the following appointments to be recorded:

Lenton Centre - Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis

Meadows Partnership (Confirmation of name change to the Bridges Community Trust is yet to be formally confirmed) –Councillors Michael Edwards and Nicola Heaton

Queens Walk Community Centre – Councillors Michael Edwards

Wollaton Park Golf Club – Councillors Cate Woodward and Steve Battlemuch

37 Ward Councillor Budget

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer for the Meadows Ward, presented the report which informs the Committee of the allocations made by ward councillors and authorised by the Director of Community Protection.

Resolved to note the allocations and de-commitments as detailed in the appendices to the report.

38 Suggested Items For Future Agenda

Community Representatives are invited to propose potential future agenda items for the Committee's consideration.

The following suggestions were made;

- a) How the Council Plan will impact on Lenton and how purpose built accommodation for students is proposed to return current C4 (houses in multiple occupation) properties back to C3 (family housing) properties. Lenton has a 75-80% student saturation rate and residents need to know what is being done to reduce this to an appropriate level;
- b) What are the plans to address the lack of football pitches in the Meadows and to modify the pavilion as groups such as 'Jeans' are interested but facilities are lacking.

39 Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 18 March 2020 at 5.30pm in Loxley House.