

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CLIFTON EAST AND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Clifton Cornerstone, Clifton, Nottingham on 19 December 2019 from 6.31 pm - 8.00 pm

Membership

Present

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

Absent

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:

Mark Armstrong	- Neighbourhood Investment Specialist
Chris Brummitt	- Bridges Community Trust
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Scott Clancy	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Paul Tansey	- Senior Planner, Policy and Research Team
Inspector James Walker	- Nottinghamshire Police
Luke Walters	- Nottingham City Homes
Phil Wye	- Governance Officer

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Debbie Murden, Clifton Green Team
Hilary Fyfe-Hardy, Nottingham City Homes

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

29 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30 LOCAL POLICE 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) crime is down on last year in all areas except for shop theft. However shop theft rates are down since the last meeting and the detection rate is high;
- (b) there have been some recent robbery incidents targeting students and delivery drivers, and arrests have been made;
- (c) the police's knife arch and passive drugs dogs could be deployed in Clifton but would need to be used in a suitable area. The dog was used in Clifton as part of an operation but can only be effective for short periods of time as a prevention measure;
- (d) the number of untidy gardens has reduced in Clifton;
- (e) dog fouling is still an issue in the area and Community Protection is trying to engage with dog owners to reduce this.

31 CLIFTON EAST AND CLIFTON WEST WARD REPORT

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

- (a) there are issues around Nottingham Trent University with students parking on residential roads, and a parking scheme is going ahead around Swansdown Road and Rivergreen. A meeting was recently held to begin to discuss longer term solutions;
- (b) a traffic survey has been carried out to assess the extent of parking problems in Wilford Village, and a scheme has been proposed which is currently out for consultation;
- (c) Clifton has an excellent network of Clean Champions working with businesses and residents. Regular litter picks are taking place and several businesses have agreed to litter pick the areas around them;
- (d) dog fouling continues to be an issue in the area. Dog fouling operations have taken place and social media is used to make the public aware that enforcement action can be taken against those that allow dogs to foul and don't clean it up;
- (e) the Nottingham Playhouse Shine Project will begin an 8 week drama school in January at Highbank Community Centre on Friday afternoons.

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.

32 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED to agree the appointments to outside bodies below:

Outside Body	Function	Appointment
Clifton Community Association Management Committee	Manage Clifton Community Centre	Councillor Kevin Clarke
Highbank Community Association Management Committee	Manage Community Hall	Councillor Maria Watson
Park Gate Community Centre	Manage Community Centre	Councillor Andrew Rule
Silverdale Community Association Management Committee	Manage Community Centre	Councillor Roger Steel

33 LOCAL PLAN PART 2: LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DOCUMENT – ADOPTION

Paul Tansey, Policy and Research Team, introduced the report around the principal policies and proposals of the Land and Planning Policies Document (LAPP) which have a bearing on the local area as these will form part of the statutory planning framework for Nottingham, highlighting the following:

- (a) the document has been through a series of informal and three formal rounds of consultation, which included all area Committees, and a public examination, conducted by a Government appointed independent Planning Inspector held in late 2018;
- (b) any developments of 15 or more homes should be 20% affordable homes, where viable, with a strong presumption in favour of family homes;
- (c) there are five site allocations in Clifton, 3 in Clifton West and 2 in Clifton East:
 - The rear of 107-127 Ruddington Lane: Residential (predominantly family housing). Currently Under Construction;
 - The Spinney off Sturgeon Avenue: Residential (specialist elderly housing and/or family housing. No formal proposal but some developer interest for a housing scheme;

- Clifton West: Residential (predominantly family housing). Currently awaiting completion of S106 and then then outline planning permission will be released;
- Clifton Triangle site off Green Lane: Retail to support the role of the existing District Centre and residential. Currently retail complete, residential under construction / not complete;
- Former Fairham Comprehensive School off Farnborough Road: Residential development (predominantly family housing) and community uses with scope for employment. Currently awaiting removal from the Green Belt before progressing.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (d) there is a need for more smaller homes for the elderly and disabled so that larger homes can be released for families;
- (e) there are concerns around access to the Clifton West site through Hawksley Gardens as traffic is already heavy in that area. It would better if this development were to have two access points;
- (f) there has been three formal rounds of consultation on the LAPP, including previous discussions at this Committee and letters written out to citizens within the immediate area;
- (g) the Spinney proposal would stop any possibility of widening slip roads off Silverdale Roundabout. It would be better if a way leave were left for the possibility of this in future;
- (h) affordable housing needs to be affordable to local residents of Clifton;
- (i) the former Fairham School site includes the Summerwood Daycare Centre. The Local Plan development principles for Fairham College include community uses amongst a range of acceptable uses for the site. This may allow for the retention of the Summerwood Day Centre on the site, or an alternative community use if one is required. At the present time the future of the day centre is not known, however consideration to the appropriate mix of uses for the site will form part of its disposal for development and the planning process at that time;
- (j) a number of students live in Clifton, although fewer than other parts of the city. These do not pay council tax but do spend money at local businesses.

RESOLVED to note the Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies document and the accompanying Policies Map will be considered for adoption by a meeting of the Full City Council on 13 January and note the relevant policies and site allocations therein.

34 CLIFTON DEVELOPMENTS UPDATE

Mark Armstrong, Neighbourhood Investment Specialist, provided the following updates:

- (a) the Clifton Triangle development has been very popular. There are two remaining units available on the site and one would be suitable for a coffee shop. Clifton has by far the best occupancy rate in the city for retail units;
- (b) the Fairham Pastures development of 3000 houses and additional employment sites, which falls in the Rushcliffe area, is ongoing with discussions around access, drainage and electricity supply. The City Council is pushing for more affordable homes on the site;
- (c) there will be an information-sharing exhibition on the Fairham Pastures development on 24 January at Clifton Community Centre. Residents are encouraged to attend and share views on road access and integrated public transport;

Committee members stressed that the impacts of the Fairham Pastures development on Crusader Island and the wider road network must be highlighted and mitigated where possible.

35 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES AND APPROVALS

Luke Walters, Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes, introduced the report which provides 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 installation at Southchurch Court is near completion with communal areas to be finished and 5 properties where access has not been gained;
- (b) kitchen and bathroom replacements continue with positive feedback from customers. Roof replacements across the city are ongoing with work completed to a high standard;
- (c) Dell Way Community Garden and Lakehead House landscaping works are now complete. A ramp for residents of Chisbury Green has now been completed to provide easy access to bungalows.

RESOLVED to note the update and performance information.

36 UPDATES AND ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following updates were provided:

- (a) the Christmas lights event was very successful. All online feedback has been positive with over 600 likes;
- (b) Good Companions had their annual Christmas party with 90 local residents and the Sherriff of Nottingham in attendance. 25 local businesses donated raffle prizes;

- (c) there have been problems with students from Nottingham Trent University parking in Clifton Village and the lighting on the university sports pitches being on too late, and discussions are ongoing;
- (d) work has begun on the Old Rectory at Clifton Village, and there is additional security on the site.

37 AREA CAPITAL FUND REPORT

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing 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
2019-2020 LTP allocation	£64,600
LTP carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
2019-2020 Public Realm allocation	£38,700
Public Realm allocation carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
Total available 2019-2020 ACF	£103,000
Less LTP schemes	-£64,600
Less Public Realm schemes	-£31,482
Decommitted funds	+£1,800
Remaining available balance	£9,018
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£9,018

Clifton West

Total decommitted	£0
2019-2020 LTP allocation	£49,300
LTP carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
2019-2020 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
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Rivergreen/Swansdowne Drive area	Parking (LTP)	£10,640	Contribution to parking scheme around Rivergreen/Swansdowne Drive (LTP contribution)
Rivergreen/Swansdowne Drive area	Parking (Public Realm)	£20,860	Contribution to parking scheme around Rivergreen/Swansdowne Drive (PR contribution)
Green Lane Phase 2	Road safety (Public Realm)	£7,500	Detailed design for Phase 2 of Green Lane road safety improvements

38 CLIFTON EAST AND WEST WARD BUDGET REPORT

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 Centre	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£680.00
Summerwood Day Centre	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£420.00
Clifton Community & Family Support Group	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£700.00
Clifton All Whites Fireworks	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£1,882.00
Clifton Christmas Event	Clarke, Jones & Watson	£1,748.00
Balance brought forward 2018/19		£0.00
Allocation 2019/20		£10,000.00
Total available allocation		£10,000.00
Total de-committed		£0.00
Total allocated at 20/08/2019		£8,326.00
Total unallocated at 20/08/2019		£1,674.00

Clifton West

Scheme	Councillor(s)	Amount
Clifton Flower Park Entrance opening	Rule	£175.00

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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
Clifton Community & Family Support Group	Rule	£235.00
Clifton All Whites Fireworks	Rule & Steel	£200.00
Clifton Christmas Event	Rule (£291) & Steel (£150)	£441.00
Balance brought forward 2018/19		£0.00
Allocation 2019/20		£7,500.00
Total available allocation		£0.00
Total de-committed		£0.00
Total allocated at 29/05/2019		£2,241.00
Total unallocated at 29/05/2019		£5,259.00

39 FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Committee noted the remaining meeting date for the 2019/20 Municipal Year

Thursday 26 March 2019 at 6.30pm