

Nottingham City Council

Castle, Hyson Green and Arboretum and Radford Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held remotely on Zoom and livestreamed on the Council's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/NottCityCouncil> on 16 September 2020 from 6.05 pm - 7.11 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Hassan Ahmed
Councillor Merlita Bryan (Vice Chair)
Councillor Jawaid Khalil (Chair)
Councillor Anne Peach
Councillor Angharad Roberts

Absent

Councillor Azad Choudhry
Councillor Sam Webster

Community representatives (✓ indicates present)

Carol Laverick	- Arboretum Tenants' and Residents' Association
Maxine Cockett	- Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges
Abdoulie Jah	- Hyson Green Cultural Festival
Maxine Davis	- Hyson Green Youth Club
Eshe Graham	- Notts Activist Wellness
Christina Jenson-Bates	- Park Estates Association
✓ Claire Brown	- Park Residents' Association
Ben Talbot	- POW Nottingham Ltd
Rebecca Beinhart	- Primary
Beverley Pearson	- Radford Care Group
Ursula Dove	- Radford Lee Residents Group
Rosie Jarrett	- St Pauls and Pleasant Row Tenants' and Residents' Association
Courtney Rose	- Take 1 Studios
Rob Bird	- Vine Community Centre

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Amy English	- Nottinghamshire Police
Rupinder Kooner	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Tom Lynk	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Gursharan Nijran	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Ben Parrington	- Senior Community Protection Officer
David Scothern	- Principal Enforcement Officer, Community Protection
Linda Wright	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Jane Garrard	- Senior Governance Officer

1 Appointment of Chair

Resolved to appoint Councillor Jawaid Khalil as Chair for the remainder of municipal year 2020/21.

2 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved to appoint Councillor Merlita Bryan as Vice Chair for the remainder of municipal year 2020/21.

3 Apologies for absence

Councillor Azad Choudhry (personal)
Councillor Sam Webster (leave)

Rebecca Beinhart (Primary)
Maxine Davis (Hyson Green Youth Club)
Rosie Jarrett (St Pauls and Pleasant Row Tenants and Residents Association)
Carol Laverick (Arboretum Tenants and Residents Association)
Beverley Pearson (Radford Care Group)

4 Declarations of interests

None

5 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

6 Issues raised by Community Representatives

In her absence, Rebecca Beinhart, Primary, requested that the Committee was notified that Primary was reopening with a Making Place exhibition. This long term community programme looks at how the community learns from the city, how public space is used, with a focus on Radford and Lenton. The exhibition will be on from 18 September-12 December 2020.

In her absence, Maxine Davis, Hyson Green Youth Club, requested that the following developments were noted:

- Concerns about rough sleepers outside the Youth Club and the impact of that on young people.
- The Youth Club has partially reopened to tenant groups and some regular user groups and it is anticipated that the Council will be resuming its Thursday evening open access youth session in the coming weeks. Opening hours have been reduced to help sustainability.
- The Youth Club is delivering a detached youth work project funded by the Youth Endowment Fund. There will be two detached youth workers employed for 21 hours per week each, engaging with and supporting 10-16 year olds in the area. It would be helpful if Committee members could make the Club aware of any areas locally where young people are on the streets. The project will run until July 2021 to give time for youth workers to build up positive relationships with young people.
- The Youth Club is looking to start daytime sessions to address loneliness, isolation, access to exercise and to increase digital access for local people. Local groups and residents will be contacted about their needs.

In her absence, Carole Laverick, Arboretum Tenants and Residents Association, requested the following concerns were noted:

- Risks of Covid-19 spread with the return of university students to the area.
- Proliferation of houses of multiple occupation and the consequences of that, including a build-up of rubbish over the summer. Residents were told that they had to pay for rat clearance.
- Road barriers put up the day after leaflets were delivered and without consultation.

The Committee discussed these concerns and the following points were made:

- a) Cleanliness and rubbish is an issue that is taken seriously and it is recognised that in Radford and the Arboretum levels of cleanliness in some areas are not as good as desired and require more attention. There is a risk that the return of students to the area could make the issue worse. Councillors in the Arboretum area are meeting with officers from the Cleansing Team to see what can be done. The Neighbourhood Action Team for Radford is also looking at cleanliness issues, including commercial waste issues on areas such as Alfreton Road. It was suggested that part of the issue may be related to the closure of recycling centres over the summer and since then deep cleans have been taking place.
- b) Councillors are aware of concerns around parties and gatherings by students and associated risks to the spread of Covid-19. The Council and Councillors are liaising with the universities and Nottinghamshire Police to try and prevent such incidents. It was noted that following a party in Lenton, a £10,000 fine was issued by the Police.
- c) The barriers are part of traffic management schemes to encourage walking and cycling. They are temporary barriers in place as part of a trial and extensive consultation will take place at the end of the trial in relation to their permanent placement. A meeting with the relevant Portfolio Holder to discuss it is scheduled for the following week and further information can be shared following that meeting.
- d) It would be helpful to discuss how risks of spreading Covid-19 following the return of students are being managed at a future meeting.

7 Nottingham City Homes

As there was no representative of Nottingham City Homes present, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

8 Police and Community Protection update

Amy English, Neighbourhood Inspector for the City, gave an update on Police and Community Protection activity in the City Centre area, highlighting the following points:

- a) In the City Centre all crime has fallen by 17.2% compared with the previous year and this is better than the picture across the whole Police Force area.

- b) There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour and much of this is related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- c) Within the overall reduction in crime levels, there has been a rise in domestic crime of 3% and hate crime of 10%. This increase is being explored to see whether it reflects an increase in crime being carried out or an increase in trust and confidence to report.
- d) The Control Room response to calls has improved, especially over the summer. Previously, if calls came in during 'out of hours' they were just signposted to other agencies but it was recognised that this is not the response that the community expects. Although they have to be prioritised, all calls now get a response (rather than signposting) and call handlers have been trained to show more empathy in their approach. This has received positive feedback. It is acknowledged that there are still some issues with citizens reporting that they are unable to get through on the 101 number straight away but things are improving.

During the subsequent discussion, the following points were raised:

- e) There was a small rise in domestic violence cases during the lockdown period but not as high as reported nationally.
- f) Street drinking in some areas of Hyson Green is an issue. The Police are aware of this and begging issues in the area and it is a top priority to address. There are fortnightly multi-agency meetings taking place to ensure that the right partners are engaging with individuals. There will also be two days of action in October focused on street drinking and this will be followed up by enforcement action.
- g) The Police will continue with their approach to dealing with Covid-19 related incidents by engaging, explaining and encouraging people to comply with requirements in the first instance, but enforcement action will be taken if necessary. This is in line with the approach across Nottinghamshire Police and nationally. Citizens should report any incidents to 101.
- h) The Community Protection Response Car is staffed by two Community Protection Officers and will be able to attend more noise related incidents in response to concerns of residents. The Car will be in operation at the following times: 4pm until 12am Monday to Thursday, 5pm until 1am on Friday and Saturday and 2pm until 10pm on Sundays. There are possibilities that it could operate later into early mornings if there are sufficient staff.

9 Public Space Protection Orders - proposed extensions

- a ARBORETUM, HYSON GREEN AND RADFORD (Agenda Item 9a)

David Scothern, Principal Enforcement Officer Community Protection, presented the report regarding the proposed extension of four Public Spaces Protection Orders. He highlighted the following points:

- a) The Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) were originally Gating Orders that were subsequently converted to PSPOs following changes under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- b) The Orders prohibit access to land as detailed in the respective Order and there are barriers in place at each entrance to the restricted areas to enforce the restrictions.
- c) PSPOs have a maximum term of three years but can be renewed.
- d) Consultation has taken place in relation to each of the proposed extensions. All responses received have been in support of the proposed extensions.

During the subsequent discussion the following points were raised:

- e) There is a requirement that Orders should be reviewed periodically. There is no formal review process in place other than in relation to the timetable for extension or discharge but they would be reviewed if concerns were raised during the intervening period. There have been no concerns raised about the existing Orders for a considerable time.
- f) The barriers are checked periodically and the gates and signage currently appear to be in good order.
- g) There was a limited response to the consultation which indicates a lack of concern about the proposed extensions.
- h) There is nothing to indicate that the existing Orders have transferred anti-social behaviour elsewhere and the problems have stopped.
- i) An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and officers have looked at the implications for some people of having to travel further than they otherwise might need to. Residents at adjacent properties have been written to about the proposed extensions and no one has raised concerns in relation to this.
- j) If extended, the Orders will be advertised on the Council's website and current signage will be updated.

Resolved

- 1) that being satisfied that the test in Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing 2014 Act is met and having regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, to extend the Nottingham City Council (Camomile Gardens, Radford, Nottingham) Gating Order 2008 (GO 5002) for a further three years from 19 October 2020 and authorise the Director of Community Protection to carry out the necessary advertisements and arrangements for appropriate signage to be erected where necessary in accordance with the legislative requirements;**

- 2) **that being satisfied that the test in Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing 2014 Act is met and having regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, to extend the Nottingham City Council (Holland Street, Arboretum, Nottingham) Gating Order 2014 (GO 5012) for a further three years from 19 October 2020 and authorise the Director of Community Protection to carry out the necessary advertisements and arrangements for appropriate signage to be erected where necessary in accordance with the legislative requirements;**
- 3) **that being satisfied that the test in Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing 2014 Act is met and having regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, to extend the Nottingham City Council (Hovenden Gardens, Hyson Green, Nottingham) Gating Order 2012 (GO 5010) for a further three years from 19 October 2020 and authorise the Director of Community Protection to carry out the necessary advertisements and arrangements for appropriate signage to be erected where necessary in accordance with the legislative requirements; and**
- 4) **that being satisfied that the test in Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing 2014 Act is met and having regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, to extend the Nottingham City Council (Portland Road, Arboretum, Nottingham) Gating Order 2012 (GO 5011) for a further three years from 19 October 2020 and authorise the Director of Community Protection to carry out the necessary advertisements and arrangements for appropriate signage to be erected where necessary in accordance with the legislative requirements.**

b ARBORETUM AND HYSON GREEN (Agenda Item 9b)

David Scothern, Principal Enforcement Officer Community Protection, presented the report regarding the proposed extension of a Public Spaces Protection Order in the vicinity of Bentinck Primary School. He highlighted the following points:

- a) Restrictions were originally put in place to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area. Bentinck Primary School has said that while anti-social behaviour hasn't completely ceased, it has improved and therefore they would like the Order to continue.
- b) An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and due regard given to it.
- c) Consultation carried out in relation to the original Order did not raise any adverse comments about the potential impact on those with disabilities or limited mobility, and he is not aware of any complaints that have been raised in relation to this since.

Resolved that being satisfied that the test in Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 is met and having regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, to extend the Nottingham

City Council in the vicinity of Bentinck Primary School Restriction of Public Rights of Way Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 for a further three years from 12 November 2020 and authorise the Director of Community Protection to carry out the necessary advertisements and arrange for appropriate signage to be erected where necessary in accordance with the legislative requirements.

10 Area Capital Fund 2020/21

Gursharan Singh Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report on the latest spend proposals for Area Capital Fund. He highlighted the following point:

- a) Some work agreed under the 2019/20 Area Capital Fund has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Committee noted that an updated version of Appendix 1 had been published since publication of the original agenda and that this had to be further amended to reflect the amount for the Pleasant Row scheme being £25,000 rather than £20,000.

Resolved to:

- 1) **approve the new schemes prioritised by ward councillors since the previous Area Committee meeting as detailed below:**

Castle

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Park Road/ Lenton Road	Road safety	£2,000	Installation of barrier rails at link footpath to reduce anti-social behaviour
Derby Road	survey	£750	Speed surveys on identified sections of Derby Road

Hyson Green and Arboretum

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Gregory Boulevard	carriageway	£30,000	Removal of red thermoplastic plateau and installation of necessary road safety measures
Pleasant Row	carriageway	£25,000	Resurface of carriageway
Kingsford Avenue	footpath	£24,008	Surface dressing of footpath

Radford

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Garfield Road area	footpath	£27,787	Surface dressing of footpaths on Garfield

			Road, Beresford Street, Warner Street, Wyville Close and Mozart Close
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2) note the monies available to the wards for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 1; and

3) note the end of year 2019/20 scheme allocations as detailed in Appendix 2.

11 Ward Councillor delegated spend

The Committee noted the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within the Castle, Hyson Green and Arboretum and Radford wards, as follows:

Hyson Green and Arboretum

Date approved	Allocated schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
04/05/2020	Food delivery project at Vine Community Centre	Councillors Choudhry, Bryan and Khalil	£800
06/05/2020	Activity packs and personal protective equipment for Roma Community	Councillors Choudhry, Bryan and Khalil	£250
18/06/2020	Food bank	Councillors Choudhry, Bryan and Khalil	£500

Radford

Date approved	Allocated schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
19/06/2020	Radford Fund Day 2020	Councillors Ahmed and Peach	£2,000
19/0/2020	Primary Events 2020	Councillors Ahmed and Peach	£1,000

Castle

Date approved	Allocated schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
22/05/2020	Park Estate newsletter	Councillor Roberts and Webster	£350
08/06/2020	Community engagement events 2020	Councillor Roberts and Webster	£1,000
08/06/2020	Park Tunnel improvements	Councillor Roberts and Webster	£4,500

12 Ward Performance

The Committee noted the progress on ward priorities and issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team and upcoming opportunities for citizens to engage.

13 Ward report - COVID19 response

The Committee considered the report updating on steps and measures that have been taken by the Neighbourhood and Community Engagement Team, partner organisations, voluntary organisations and volunteers during the Covid-19 pandemic in Castle, Hyson Green and Arboretum and Radford wards.

The Committee thanked Council officers, partners and volunteers for their hard work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

14 Meeting dates

The Committee noted that future meetings will be held at 6pm on the following Wednesdays:

- 16 December 2020
- 10 March 2021