

Nottingham City Council

Lenton & Wollaton East, Meadows and Wollaton West Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held remotely via Zoom on 6 January 2021 from 6.03 pm - 7.32 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis (Chair)
Councillor Nicola Heaton (Vice Chair)
Councillor Steve Battlemuch
Councillor Michael Edwards
Councillor Zafran Nawaz Khan
Councillor Sally Longford
Councillor Dave Trimble
Councillor Cate Woodward

Absent

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
✓ Sofia Thomas	University of Nottingham Students Union
Sylvia Taylor	Wollaton Park Residents Association

Meadows Ward

✓ John Lockson	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.
✓ Kevin Spencer	26 th Nottingham (The Meadows) Scout Group
✓ Margaret Spencer	Old Meadows Tenants and Residents Association
Jane Jeffroy	Queens Walk Community Association

Wollaton West Ward

✓ Julie Smith-Yeomans	Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserves
✓ Rob Kirkwood	Friends of Wollaton Park
✓ Chris Bignall	North Wollaton Residents Association
Alan Hall	Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society
✓ Sue Twyford	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:

Tom Lynk	- Senior Community Protection Officers
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Development Officers
Joanne Smith	- Nottingham City Homes Area Housing Manager
Amy English) Nottinghamshire Police Inspectors
James Walker)
Jamie Dickinson	- University of Nottingham, Off-Campus Student Affairs Manager
Catherine Ziane-Pryor	- Governance Officer

15 Apologies for Absence

Maja Fletcher
Police Inspector Gordon Fenwick
Abdul Ghaffar

16 Declarations of Interests

None.

17 Minutes

Subject to including apologies from Rob Kirkwood and amending SDP to SPD in minute 8, the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chair.

18 Membership.

Resolved to note that:

- a) Sofia Thomas has replaced Jacob Collier as the Student Union Representative;**
- b) Sue Twyford (Chair of the Wollaton Park Community Association) will be temporarily attending meetings in place of Pauline Peck;**
- c) Julie Smith-Yeomans has been appointed as representative of Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserves.**

19 Police and Community Protection Area Update

Nottinghamshire Police Inspectors James Walker and Amy English, along with Senior Community Protection Officer Tom Lynk, provided activity updates for the area.

Nottinghamshire Police Inspector James Walker provided an update for the Meadows Policing Area:

- a) for the year-to-date, all reported crime is down by 8.6% across the Meadows. This is mainly due to covert, but this figure is lower than other areas across the city;**
- b) violence with injury is down by 17%;**
- c) there were five fewer robberies, resulting in a drop of 23%;**

- d) burglary reduced by 20%;
- e) theft reduced by 14.9%;
- f) vehicle crime was down by 17.9%;
- g) drug offences have increased, but this is considered a positive outcome due to targeted and proactive focus of Operation Reacher. Five individuals have been arrested following a raid on Beardsley Gardens, November was detention following a find of 'class A' drug wraps. In September there were 2 confiscation orders enforced, in which assets and cash were seized from offenders sentenced in the previous year to the value £28,000 £35,000;
- h) there been very few complaints regarding resident's non-compliance to the COVID-19 restrictions;
- i) contrary to media insinuation, Police did intervene at the protest march which took place on 3 January, ending at the Memorial Gardens on Victoria Embankment. A total of four arrests were made and 14 fixed penalty notices issued.

Nottinghamshire Police Inspector Amy English provided the following update:

Wollaton West Area (on behalf of Inspector Gordon Fenwick)

- j) overall within the area, reported crime is down by 18% (99 less crimes April-Jan year to date);
- k) victim based crime reduced by 78% (17 fewer instances);
- l) violence with injury was down by one offence;
- m) sexual crime was down by 28% (4 fewer incidents);
- n) burglary reduced by 46% (30 fewer incidents);
- o) theft down by 29% (39 fewer incidents);
- p) vehicle crime increased by 7% (three additional incidents);
- q) domestic crime increased by 3% (three additional incidents), but nationally reporting has risen due to lockdown;
- r) hate crime is reduced by 5% (one fewer incident);
- s) antisocial behaviour (ASB) has increased by 76% (98 incidents) , but this is mainly due to including reported COVID-19 restriction breaches, and is not the highest increase within the city, even though there is a high proportion of students within the area;
- t) no new trends or hotspots for any specific crimes have been identified.

Lenton and Wollaton East

- u) all reported crime within the area is reduced by 26%, again mainly due to COVID-19 restrictions;

- v) there were 30% fewer victim based crimes (150 fewer incidents);
- w) violence against the person increased by 11% (11 offences);
- x) sexual crime reduced by 33% (7 fewer offences);
- y) robbery reduced by 16% (one fewer offence);
- z) burglary reduced by 37.9% (22 fewer offences);
- aa) theft reduced by 39%, however, shoplifting increased by 46% (15 additional offences), but a prolific shoplifter was identified and has been arrested and remanded;
- bb) vehicle crime is down by 76.5% (39 fewer offences);
- cc) drug offences increased by 140% (7 additional offences) , but this can in main be attributed to the proactive work of Operation Reacher;
- dd) domestic offences have increased by 13% (8 additional offences), but as previously stated, this reflects a national trend due to lockdown restrictions;
- ee) hate crime has reduced by 40%;
- ff) antisocial behaviour has increased by 121%, again due to Covid reporting the large student population should and within the area;
- gg) on 16 December, 4 distraction burglaries took place in the Lenton Area. The offender was identified, arrested and remanded, and there was a similar situation the month before with the offender identified and arrested;
- hh) Police patrols have increased following the new Covid 19 restrictions legislation
- ii) the Police continue to work jointly with Community Protection Officers to address ASB, noise and COVID-19 breaches;
- jj) in the New Year, an operation targeting drink driving resulted in 6 people being served court summons, 5 cars seized, and one person arrested.

Questions from Committee members were responded to as follows:

Inspector James Walker

- kk) With regard to members concerns that it appeared the Police merely observed the gathering in Market Square prior to the march, and that no action was seen to be taken as that stage, the Police hadn't anticipated the large number of people attending the event and were massively outnumbered. With an inevitable anti-police element amongst the protesters, it was necessary to draft in additional officers prior to engagement with the group, to ensure the safety of Police Officers. Once an appropriate number of additional police officers were in attendance, action was then taken.

Members of the Committee acknowledged the explanation of the Policing activity around the illegally held protest march which breached COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, and welcomed the associated arrests.

Concern was expressed at the City-wide increasing issue of graffiti, but specifically in the Meadows Ward, and a request made that strong action is taken.

Further information on known drug dealing spots within the Meadows will be passed to the Police outside of the meeting.

The close work of the Student's Union with the Police and Community Protection Officers is acknowledged, along with the benefits that students can bring to communities.

Tom Lynk, Senior Community Protection Officer, provided a brief update on activity during the past three months:

- ll) during October there was a big spike in antisocial behaviour and noise into with Halloween and bonfire night;
- mm) there were small gatherings of people, mainly in purpose-built student accommodation, for which committee protection worked with the universities to address;
- nn) during the Christmas period, there was one student party for which fines were issued for breach of Covid social distancing restrictions;
- oo) the overall majority of additional ASB complaints are currently around breaches of Covid social distancing restrictions;
- pp) there is a weekly operational meeting with Police, Universities, including the Student's Union, City Council departments and partners including the Fire and Rescue Service, which consider and discuss student related issues across the City and co-ordinate proactive approaches;
- qq) student funded overtime will continue depending on the demands to the Service;
- rr) fines have been issued for refuse bins left on streets in the area Lenton and Wollaton East ward;
- ss) the numbers of neighbourhood disputes has risen, particularly around noise and nuisance probably as a result of people are staying at/working from home;
- tt) officers have supported the establishment of the food bank at Wollaton Park Community Centre and were involved in delivering packages over the Christmas Period;
- uu) in supporting the Student's Union, care packages were delivered to over 100 students who remained in Nottingham over the Christmas period;
- vv) more than 1,000 vulnerable citizen checks have been completed during the pandemic.

Resolved to note the updates.

20 Items of Good News

Sue Twyford (Wollaton Park Community Association), informed the Committee that Wollaton Park Community Association Food Bank had distributed food parcels to over 100 adults and 60

children during its first week of operation. It has been very humbling how the community has responded by donating food to the local shop and Community Centre. There is still capacity to help more residents.

Kevin Spencer (26th Nottingham (The Meadows) Scout Group) The Scout Group is still operating but struggling to engage young people digitally to the same extent as in-person prior to lockdown.

Rob Kirkwood (Friends of Wollaton Park). Local Wollaton Park community groups and primary schools are also involved with the food bank. Volunteering at the Park is on-going as social distancing can be maintained and people are willing. This has been valuable for people's mental health. The Wollaton Park Light Show was a great success and brought a lot of joy to people at a difficult time until it had to close prematurely due to the introduction of stricter COVID -19 restrictions.

Steve Battlemuch thanked the Councillors in Wollaton West for helping with the set up the food bank, particularly where local school children were receiving free school meals. This is filling a gap which residents need. Residents and citizens have very much appreciated the ability to maintain public access to Wollaton Park. There is plenty of space for people to exercise at a safe distance. With so few events and activities available, the light show was welcomed.

Councillor Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure Culture and IT) welcomed the enthusiastic response to the Wollaton Hall Light Show and informed the Committee that further events are proposed for future years, including during the summer.

The Chair welcomed the establishment of the food bank and commended the work of volunteers and the community.

21 Local Employment and Skills

As Danny Goodwin was not in attendance, this item was postponed.

22 Area Capital Fund – 2020/21 Programme

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which requests approval for spend from Ward Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Public Realm budgets.

Resolved to:

1) approve the following schemes proposed in Lenton and Wollaton East ward:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Sherwin Road	£4,002	resurface of identified section of footpath to correct safety defects and improve area
Charnock Avenue	£17,504	resurface of Charnock Avenue footpath to correct safety defects and improve area (LTP contribution) NB: subject to final costings
<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Charnock Avenue	£30,800	resurface of Charnock Avenue footpath to correct safety defects and improve area (PR contribution) NB: subject to final costings

2) note the financial position of Lenton and Wollaton East ward:

2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£64,200
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£30,800
Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£95,000
Less LTP schemes	- £64,200
Less Public Realm schemes	- £30,800
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£0
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£0

3) approve the following schemes in Meadows Ward:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Beavale Road & Mundella Road	£4,000	removal of tree stumps and replanting at four locations on Beauvale Road and Mundella Road

4) note that the following scheme was approved under delegated authority:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Bridgeway Centre Christmas lights	£3,554	provision of permanent pea lights in trees at the Bridgeway Centre in lieu of a Christmas tree

5) to note the financial position of the Meadows Ward:

2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£58,500
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£55,700
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£28,100
Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£29,751
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£172,051
Less LTP schemes	- £94,855
Less Public Realm schemes	- £8,509
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£68,687
LTP element remaining	£19,345
Public Realm element remaining	£49,342

6) approve the following schemes in the Wollaton West Ward:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Parkside	£10,000	additional contribution to junction protection scheme to enable TROs to be combined
Hambleton Drive/ Heckington Drive	£5,536	initial contribution to footpath works at identified locations on Hambleton Drive and Heckington Drive

7) note the financial position of Wollaton West Ward as follows:

2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£46,400
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£11,000
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£22,300
Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£11,693
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£91,393
Less LTP schemes	- £57,400
Less Public Realm schemes	- £33,993
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£0
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£0

23 Area Partnership / Community Hub

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which outlines the newly established Area Partnership and Community Hub, which has further evolved through partners working to co-ordinate support for citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following points were highlighted:

- a) Nottingham Trent University MBA students worked with Neighbourhood Development Officers to help identify the most appropriate Community Hub model for the city;
- b) the partnership consists of statutory, voluntary and faith sector representatives, including a councillor from each ward and is currently proposed to be structured within the current Area Committee boundaries;
- c) it is anticipated that each Area will identify ambitions, vision and priorities relevant to the community within its own specific area, and work with partners, including through community hub, to ensure progress;
- d) each Area Partnership will identify the most appropriate site for the community hub, although currently venues are not accessible due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions;
- e) the Partnership is still evolving and has already identified the following priorities:
 - i. isolation and loneliness
 - ii. mental health
 - iii. food poverty
 - iv. benefits and welfare advice;
- f) community, councillor and partner buy-in to the model is essential although there is still clarity to be sought regarding the site and resourcing of some hubs, but work is progressing well, especially considering the current difficulties in engaging and consulting all sections of the community during the pandemic;
- g) existing resources, such as 'Ask Lion' will be drawn upon and existing partnerships built on, but to ensure the best local outcomes, further consultation is required.

Community representatives who had already been involved in the initial stages of establishing the Area Partnership welcomed progress to date, agreeing that some elements of current Area activity, such as social prescribing, worked well and could just be transferred to the new model. Existing connections, particularly with the Health and Social Care Sector, needed to be built on to prevent duplication of work.

Resolved

- 1) to adopt in principle the four priorities recommended by the newly formed Area Partnerships, based on a needs analysis of the Area;**
- 2) to support the Area Partnership in delivering the initial actions required through further consultation, ensuring senior representation, and identifying key communications channels and messages towards the formation of ward based Community Hubs.**

24 Nottingham City Homes Update

Joanne Smith, Nottingham City Homes Area Housing Manager, presented the report which provides an update on performance, activity and engagement, and informs the Committee of the Current financial position, for which a revised Appendix 3 will be circulated with the initial publication of the minutes.

It is noted that there are currently no requests for scheme approvals, and whilst normal services are yet to resume due to the COVID -19 restrictions, officers are maintaining contact with vulnerable tenants and those at high social risk, with appropriate health and safety measures observed.

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:**

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Actual Budget</u>	<u>Schemes Approved</u>	<u>Schemes to be Committed</u>	<u>Schemes De Committed</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>
Lenton and Wollaton East	£40107.16	£48,518.67	£0	£0	-£8,411.51
Meadows	£44,554.26	£44,554.26	£0	£0	£0
Wollaton West	£6,220.55	£5,650.64	£0	£0	£569.91

25 Ward Report

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer 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.

Resolved to note the Ward Performance Reports.

26 Ward Councillors Budget Report

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the item which informs the Committee of funding allocations made from ward Councillor Budgets with the approval of the Director of Community Protection.

It is not yet confirmed, but there has been an indication that next year's Ward Councillor budget allocations will be in the region of £10,000 each for Lenton and Wollaton East, and Wollaton West Wards, and £7,000 for Meadows Ward, with the expectation that funds will be spent on long-term benefit schemes.

Resolved;

- 1) to note the following allocations by Lenton and Wollaton East Ward Councillors Longford, Trimble, and Kotsonis:

<u>Approved</u>	<u>Allocated Schemes:</u>	<u>£ total</u>
2/06/20	Wollaton Park Residents Association	£500.00
11/09/2020	Dunkirk Primary School Books	£1,000.00
28/09/2020	Dunkirk & Old Lenton Community Centre Chairs	£1,000.00
20/10/2020	Southwold Primary School Books	£1,000.00
23/10/2020	A J Sports	£2,068.00
23/11/2020	The Lenton Centre	£500.00
26/11/2020	Edna G Olds School Books	£1,000.00
26/11/2020	Nottingham Croquet Club	£1,075.00

- 2) to note the current financial position of the combined Lenton and Wollaton East Ward Councillors budget:

Balance brought forward from 2019/20	£ 3,500.00
Budget deduction	
Allocation 2020/21	£ 10,000.00
Total de-committed	£ 1,916.00
Total available allocation	£ 15,416.00
Total allocated at 26/11/2020	£ 8,145.00
Total unallocated at 26/11/2020	£ 7,271.00

- 3) to note the following allocations by the Meadows Ward Councillors Heaton and Edwards:

<u>Approved</u>	<u>Allocated Schemes: Meadows Ward</u>	<u>£ total</u>
21/08/2020	Dragons Den	£2,000.00
11/11/2020	Meadows Library – Christmas Goody Bags	£350.00

- 4) to note the current financial position of the combined Meadows Ward Councillors budget:

Balance brought forward from 2019/20	£ 716.00
Allocation 2020/21	£ 7,500.00
Total de-committed	0
Total available allocation	£ 8,216.00
Total allocated at 26/11/2020	£ 2,350.00
Total unallocated at 26/11/2020	£ 5,866.00

- 5) to note the following allocations by the Wollaton West Ward Councillors Battlemuch, Khan, and Woodward:

<u>Approved</u>	<u>Allocated Schemes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21/05/2020	Bramcote Lane Christmas Tree & Light	£ 3,000
21/05/2020	Christmas Get-Together Activities	£ 1,000
21/05/2020	Support for Community Activities	£ 2,000
21/05/2020	Wollaton Arts	£ 2,500
23/06/2020	Wollaton Bowling Club	£ 250
13/08/2020	AKA – Health, Wealth & Oneness CIC	£ 306
26/11/2020	Book vouchers for children	£ 750
26/11/2020	Bramcote Lane Christmas 2021	£ 3,000
10/12/2020	Friends of Wollaton Park website and publicity	£1,500

- 6) to note the current financial position of the combined Wollaton West Ward Councillors budget:

Balance brought forward from 2019/20	£ 8,549
Allocation 2020/21	£ 10,000
Total de-committed	0
Total available allocation	£ 18,549
Total allocated at 10/12/2020	£ 14,306
Total unallocated at 10/12/2020	£ 4,243

27 Suggestions for future agenda items

The Chair requested that any suggestions for future agenda items are made at least 6 weeks in advance of the meeting, adding that it is not guaranteed that suggestions will be acted upon, particularly if there is a risk of duplication of the work of other Committees.

Councillor Steve Battlemuch suggested that with the need of food banks in the Area, food poverty and the services available could be considered.

28 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting is scheduled for 6pm on 17 March 2021 and is likely to be held remotely.