

Nottingham City Council

Clifton East and West Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held remotely via Zoom on 7 January 2021 from 6.30 pm
- 7.29 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 and School House Trust
Emma Crane	NG11 Childminders Group
Sarah Cox	Good Companions
Karen Humble	Clifton Family Community Support Group
✓ Colin Mackie	Silverdale Community Association
✓ Les Michalak	Clifton Advice Centre
✓ Debbie Murden	Clifton Green Team
✓ Roy Nettleship	Carter's Educational Foundation
Tracy Osborne	Barton Lane Community Association
✓ Pat Rice	Clifton Village Residents Association
✓ Chris Watson	Clifton Donation Group
✓ Wendy White	Clifton NG11 Foodbank

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Scott Clancy	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Miriam Gifford	- Bridges Community Trust
Audrey Leach	- Summerwood Community Gardens
John Lockson	- Bridges Community Trust
Inspector James Walker	- Nottinghamshire Police
Phil Wye	- Governance Officer

11 Apologies for absence

Emma Crane
Sarah Cox
Luke Walters

12 Declarations of interests

None.

13 Minutes

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2020 as a correct record.

14 Community Representatives

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report inviting the Committee to formally appoint an additional Community Representative from Clifton East and Clifton West.

Resolved to formally note the appointment of Wendy White of the Clifton NG11 Foodbank (part of Trussel Trust foodbank network) as an additional Area Committee Community Representative from the Clifton East and Clifton West Wards until May 2021.

15 Local Policing and Community Protection Update

Inspector James Walker, Nottinghamshire Police, provided an update and highlighted the following:

- (a) total crime in the area is down by 5.7% compared to last year, with 104 fewer offences;
- (b) there has been a slight increase in shop theft. An Operation is running to target repeat offenders as this is often down to one or two people;
- (c) the area has been mostly compliant with the rules for Covid-19, and there are additional patrols taking place;
- (d) a couple of drugs operations have taken place in Wilford, jointly with the Meadows police, and a successful arrest has taken place;
- (e) two police officers have been trained in the use of off-road bikes in order to counter nuisance vehicles. A number of bikes have been seized.

Scott Clancy, Senior Community Protection Officer, confirmed that there have been 15 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued since that last meeting. 103 fly tips have been investigated but no FPNs have been issued.

16 Update from Bridges Community Trust

John Lockson provided an update and highlighted the following:

- (a) Bridges Community Trust continues to work during the pandemic but with a reduced service, with outreach programmes ceasing;
- (b) there has been a lack of referrals coming through, so the Trust is working with the DWP directly to see if they have anyone to refer for support;
- (c) the Trust has recently refurbished its office in the Meadows and is working towards opening a Clifton office.

17 Update from Summerwood Community Gardens

Audrey Leach provided the update and highlighted the following:

- (a) almost all community activities had to cease over the summer due to the pandemic, but the garden was still looked after;
- (b) funding was received for bulbs and growing packs and pots were distributed to isolated elderly people. This will be repeated in the spring;
- (c) a successful project has just finished which provided a combination of one to one counselling and horticulture on the garden. 11 people were provided with intensive support and some of these want to come back to the gardens as volunteers.

18 Update from Nottingham City Homes

No verbal update was provided as a representative from Nottingham City Homes was not available.

Resolved to note the update and performance information in the report and its appendices.

19 Area Partnership and Community Hub

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report. Due to the collaborative working of Nottingham City Council and partner organisations during the Government lockdown of the Covid-19 Pandemic, area partnerships evolved naturally to support the community.

Nottingham City Council and partner organisations realised that to continue to support the community they needed a strategic change, a permanent structure to enable them to combine their knowledge and resources to maintain the support of communities, especially the most vulnerable in society.

At the first Area 7 Partnership meeting on the 24th November, the group agreed to the following priorities:

- Mental Health, Isolation, and Loneliness
- Food Poverty
- Employment

A sub-group has been created to drive improvement under each of these priority areas.

Resolved to

- (1) note the proposed way forward for agreeing a community hub model for the Clifton East and Clifton West Wards;**

(2) adopt the 3 priorities recommended by the newly formed Area 7 Partnership.

Councillor Roger Steel requested that his decision to abstain from voting on the above decision was recorded.

20 Updates and items of good news from Community Representatives

The following information was provided by community representatives:

- Pat Rice from Clifton Village Resident's Association reported that just before Christmas they sent out a flier with the committee's contact details should any resident need help or just want to chat.
- The inspector gave permission for quarrying to go ahead at Barton in Fabis with just a few days into January for responses to his report to be sent in. Following a zoom meeting with Lilian Greenwood MP and Julian Coles from Barton in Fabis, just before Christmas, responses have now been sent in and the Association hopes that some mitigations can be added.
- Colin Mackie of Silverdale Community Association asked if there is any progress with Highways England on changes to the Silverdale roundabout. Councillor Andrew Rule reported that he asked about this at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and was told that it is still scheduled in their programmes but they are prioritising repairs to Clifton Bridge.
- Clare Ashton reported that Good Companions delivered a Christmas party in a bag to members which was well received. They plan to continue with telephone calls, shopping and parcels. A community carol service was held outside in Clifton Village with around 120 attendees.
- Les Michalak reported that the Clifton Advice Centre is now working remotely and advice can be provided by telephone.

21 Ward Budget Reports

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Area Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for those projects funded by Ward Councillor Budgets.

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:

Date approved	Allocated Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
14/10/2020	Summerwood Day Centre	Cllrs Clarke, Jones, & Watson	£500.00
10/12/2020	Christmas in Clifton	Cllrs Clarke, Jones, & Watson	£3,036.00

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01/06/2020	Wilford Community Group – Covid Support	Cllr Rule & Cllr Steel	£1000,00
10/12/2020	Wilford Green Tree	Cllr Rule & Cllr Steel	£615.00
10/12/2020	Christmas in Clifton	Cllr Rule	£550.00

22 Next Meeting Date

Resolved to note that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 25 March at 6.30pm, either online or at Clifton Cornerstone