

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

**MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council House on 11 NOVEMBER 2013  
from 5.05 pm to 6.43 pm**

- ✓ Councillor Steve Battlemuch (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Georgina Culley
- ✓ Councillor Sally Longford (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Eileen Morley
- Councillor Sam Webster

#### **Community Representatives**

- David Allen )
- Lynne Dilks ) North Wollaton Residents' Association
- ✓ Derek Verity ) (Substitute for Lynne Dilks)
- ✓ Pauline Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association
- T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
- ✓ Trina Marshall - Wollaton Park Residents' Association
- Pamela Meese - Lenton Abbey Family and Friends Funday/  
Lenton Abbey 15<sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scout Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Care Group
- ✓ Andrew Hamilton - Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society
- Nicola Douglas - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch  
Association
- Helen Rigby - Partnership Council
- ✓ Bill Smith - Lenton Abbey Residents' Association
- ✓ Anthony Swanell - Wollaton Vale Residents' Association

- indicates present at meeting

#### **City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance**

- Inspector Robert Wilson - Nottinghamshire Police
- John Marsh - Locality Manager (Central Area) )
- Lylse-Anne Renwick ) Neighbourhood Development ) Communities
- Pauline Dorey ) Officers )
- Anne Lynch - Nottingham City Homes Ltd
- Karen Shaw - Local Development Framework -  
Manager, Policy and Research Team Development
- Martin Parker - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

**ACTION**

#### **24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

David Allen, Lynne Dilks, Nina Douglas, Pamela Meese, Helen Rigby and Councillor Sam Webster.

**25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**26 MINUTES**

The Area Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

**Traffic Calming – Bramcote Lane**

Councillor Battlemuch reported that the estimated costs of £123,000 discussed at the meeting on 16 September 2013 exceed available funds. Further discussions with other colleagues will therefore be needed to explore alternative methods of funding the work, such as funding over more than one financial year. Once developed, proposals will form the basis of a local consultation exercise in early 2014, including displays at local libraries, targeted letters to local residents and discussion at the Local Action Group (LAG) meeting.

Acknowledging the wide range of possible views on the underlying principle of changing the present installation, the Area Committee suggested that the City Council should ensure that any public consultation exercise is meaningful i.e.:

- contains sets of proposals developed around clear themes such as modification, removal or replacement of existing structures, signage and alternative road surfaces;
- contains indications of timescales and estimated costings for the various options;
- clarifies proposals regarding local intended speed limits and whether existing “piecemeal” arrangements (e.g. application over short distances) can be harmonised to produce better traffic flows in the area;
- recognises that the effects of speed restrictions in locations like this have implications which go much wider than the local residents who may be affected. The consultation exercise should be formatted accordingly.

**Lylse-Anne  
Renwick**

**RESOLVED to note the latest position regarding proposals for traffic calming on Bramcote Lane.**

**ACTION****27 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DOCUMENT-PREFERRED OPTION CONSULTATION**

Karen Shaw briefly presented an overview of the latest version (the Preferred Option) of the City Council's Land and Planning Policy Document. This will be submitted for public consultation and will eventually replace the Nottingham Local Plan (2005). In terms of the implications for this Area Committee:

- **Site LA78 - Woodyard Lane (Siemens):** the Preferred Option will include a proposal by the company to develop the site for residential and community facilities to help address identified open-space deficiencies in the area. Grassland, trees on the western boundary of the site and links to Woodyard Lane, will be retained;
- **Sites DS54 and DS55:** the Preferred Option will not include 2 earlier, separate proposals to develop the northern (DS54) and eastern (DS55) section of the Radford Bridge Allotment site for residential, sport, leisure, allotments and open space use.

The Area Committee noted the impending Planning Inquiry on 26 November 2013, into the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for development of the site for residential use. The outcome of this is unlikely to be known before early 2014.

The Committee also noted that current proposals by the developer include provision of 110 dwellings and the re-creation of allotments elsewhere on the existing site. Factors such as the current situation, including the five-year land supply, the composition of the preferred option and previous Planning Inspectorate decisions regarding the site, could all be relevant factors in the Inquiry findings.

**RESOLVED to note to the current position regarding the Radford Road Allotment site and that the deadline for responses to the Preferred Option consultation is 2 December 2013.**

**28 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY AND TENANT REPRESENTATIVES****(a) Play Areas****(i) Wollaton Park**

In response to Mr Verity, the chair confirmed that funding for the scheme is in place. Colleagues are currently assessing the feasibility of moving the location slightly to take advantage of the current changing hut which could be converted to include toilets and possibly a cafe. Once finalised, further planning permission may be required to alter the previous permission. Colleagues are also aware of the potential involvement of English Heritage who may have a formal view on any revised location.

**ACTION**

Altering the location may make the proposed car park less attractive to users and may also lead to problems with the red deer, which often cause damage in the area.

**(ii) Sutton Passeys**

Councillor Longford clarified that work to the larger play area will need to be completed before improvements to Sutton Passeys can begin; probably during late 2014. The Sutton Passeys proposal is being developed with specialist facilities for disabled young people and adults, which could attract further funding for the scheme.

**(b) Middleton Boulevard Conservation Area -Title**

Trina Marshall reported that representatives of the Wollaton Park Residents' Association still felt that to the change of title from the Sutton Passeys Conservation Area to the current Middleton Boulevard Conservation Area was an inappropriate description. They asked about implications for a possible re-titling to Wollaton Park Housing Estate Conservation Area. Lylse-Anne Renwick agreed to outline the process for a change and provide an estimate of costs to Trina Marshall on behalf of the Residents' Association.

Lylse-Anne  
Renwick

**(c) Harmonisation of Vehicle Speed Limits**

Dr Swanell drew attention to anomalies in the speed limit from the Priory to Wollaton Vale (40 mph) compared to Woodside Road (30 mph) and asked whether the situation could be harmonised.

Lylse-Anne  
Renwick

**RESOLVED to note the items identified and actions arising.**

**29 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PERFORMANCE-QUARTER 3 2013/14**

Inspector Robert Wilson, John Marsh, Lylse-Ann Renwick and Pauline Dorey introduced two reports of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which detailed the performance of the Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards against a range of performance measures contained in The Nottingham Plan during the period October-November 2013.

**(a) Statistical Summaries**

<u>Incident Category</u>	<u>Year 2013/14</u>							
	<u>Wollaton West</u>				<u>Wollaton East &amp; L A</u>			
	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>
<b>Burglaries:</b>								
Dwellings		9	3			5	15	
Unoccupied Dwelling		1	0			0	0	
Other		2	2			2	3	
<b>Theft: of/from vehicles</b>		7	5			8	13	
<b>Criminal Damage</b>		5	3			6	6	
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>		19	29			26	22	
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>			<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>	

Notes: Q1 = February, Q2 = June/July (confirmed); Q3 = August/September

**ACTION**

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Year 2013/14</b>							
	<b>Wollaton West</b>				<b>Wollaton East &amp; L A</b>			
	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
<b>Cleanliness (%)</b>		94	97		87	91	96	
<b>Graffiti Reports</b>	12	2	2		6	2	7	
<b>Fly Tipping</b>	6	3	2		4	8	7	
<b>Ward Unemployment</b>	266	207	196		151	136	127	
<b>Community Protection</b>								
<b>Orders Issued</b>		3	1			0	2	
<b>Fixed Penalty Notices</b>								
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>		15	23			10	6	
<b>Fires</b>		2	1		3	3	1	

Notes: Q1 = February, Q2 = June (unconfirmed)

**(b) Police Update**

Inspector Wilson advised that, although crime statistical data contained in the reports may indicate a worsening trend in crime levels, this is based on historical data and is often not supported either by current data or an explanation of individual trends such as improved reporting/recording methods, the effects of single individuals or the targeting a particular classes of property, such as supermarkets, by criminals. Inspector Wilson recognised that crime is currently increasing, but is content with the measures being taken to mitigate this.

**(c) Neighbourhood Development Update**

John Marsh reported that Wollaton West remains the cleanest ward in the City and that Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey continues to improve steadily. Similarly the wards remained the least affected in the City by graffiti and fly tipping. He also reported that leaf-fall collections would be returned to the in-house service, with consequent savings in budgets and that an agreement has been reached between the City Council and the spraying contractor on Derby Road. With recruitment of a further team member completed, the team is now at full strength again.

**RESOLVED to note the ward performance for Quarter 3 2013/14.**

**30 WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE-  
AREA CAPITAL FUND APPROVALS**

The Committee discussed the report of the Director Neighbourhood Services, which updated Councillors and local representatives on Area Capital Fund Programme schemes for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward and Wollaton West Ward.

**RESOLVED to approve the works listed in Table 1 below, funded under the Local Transport Plan (LTP) element of the Area Capital Programme and, in Table 2, to note the resulting state of LTP and Public Realm (PR) elements and de-commitments of the Area Capital Fund Programmes for 2013-15:**

**ACTION****Table 1 – LTP Approvals:**

<u>Ward/Location</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Estimated Cost £</u>
<b><u>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey</u></b>		
None this Period.		
<b><u>Wollaton West</u></b>		
Harrow Road	Traffic Regulation Orders and bollards	12,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>12,000</b>

**Table 2:**

<u>Budget Element</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	
	<u>Wollaton West</u> £	<u>Wollaton East &amp; Lenton Abbey</u> £
Capital Programme Allocation	95,994	93,838
- LTP Scheme Costs	19,190	3,359
- PR Scheme Costs	3,000	0
+ De-committed Funds	233	12,350
<b>Total Funds Available to spend:</b>	<b>74,037</b>	<b>102,829</b>

**31 DELEGATED AUTHORITY – WARD ALLOCATIONS****RESOLVED**

- (1) to note further financial allocations, since the last meeting on 16 September 2013, towards the following schemes from Ward Councillor budgets:

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Individual Councillor Allocation</u> £
<b><u>Wollaton West</u></b>		
William Olds Court	Entrance expansion	Culley ) Morley ) 566.90 Battlemuch - 566.92

**ACTION**

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Individual Councillor Allocation</u>		<u>£</u>
<b><u>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey</u></b>				
Christmas lights switch on/other celebratory events 2013		Longford ) Webster )		2,000 each
De-commitment of previously allocated Ward budgets	Transfer of returned monies to new budget allocation for Sutton Passeys Play Area			16,805

**31 AREA COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE – AMENDMENT**

John Marsh introduced a report of the Corporate Director for Communities which outlined the procedure associated with the appointment of an additional community representative to represent the interests of Nottingham City Homes tenant representatives on Area Committees. The Inclusion of an additional representative will mean that meetings of Nottingham City Homes Panels will cease and that issues will now be raised at meetings of Area Committees. Processes are already underway to appoint/elect a representative for this Area Committee.

**RESOLVED to note the revised terms of reference for Area Committees to include an additional community representative to represent the interests of Nottingham City Homes tenants.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The date of the next Area Committee Meeting will be Monday 17 February 2014**