

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 18 February 2015 from
17.32pm – 7.01pm**

Membership

Present

Councillor Azad Choudhry (Chair)
Councillor Anne Peach (Vice Chair)
Councillor Liaqat Ali
Councillor Mohammad Aslam
Councillor Merlita Bryan
Councillor Azad Choudhry (Chair)
Councillor Anne Peach (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sarah Piper
Councillor Dave Trimble

Absent

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Zenn Athar	- The Lenton Centre
Martin Barradell	- Assistant Community Sport Officer
Peter Beynon	- Resident
Blair Lawrence- Broughton	- Castle Cavendish
Dave Brennan	- Castle Cavendish
Moby Farrands	- Partnerships Council
Rob Gabbittas	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Chris Grocock	- Employment and Skills Officer
Van Henry	- Castle Cavendish
Dorothy Holmes	- Locality Manager South
Paul Howard	- Nottingham City Homes
Iffat Iqbal	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Tony Marshall	- Friends of the Arboretum
Peter Milligan	- The Lenton Centre
Nick Packham	- Resident
June Perry	- Friends of the Forest
Robert Wilson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Laura Wilson	- Governance Officer
Linda Wright	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Phil Wye	- Governance Officer

The Chair informed the Committee that this would be Councillor Mohammad Aslam's final meeting as he is retiring. The Committee and others in attendance offered their appreciation for his work as a ward Councillor.

34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ursula Dove
Luke Willen

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

36 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

37 FIT IN THE COMMUNITY

Martin Barradell, Assistant Community Sports Officer, presented the Nottingham City Homes (NCH) 'Fit in the Community' initiative, highlighting the following points:

- (a) the initiative aims to engage with NCH tenants to increase their weekly physical activity. The initiative aims for 10% of tenants to increase their activity from none at all to at least 30 minutes per week. This will be achieved by using the existing networks and tools of NCH, in consultation with the community;
- (b) the delivery of activities is targeted to the following three groups:
 - doorstep clubs for 14-25 year olds including street games and multi-sports sessions in community centres and open spaces;
 - general sessions for 26-59 year olds through activities such as Shape Up sessions, jog groups and netball. The requirements of each individual area will be determined through consultation with local residents;
 - activities within schemes for 60+ year olds, such as chair-based sessions and bowls;
- (c) examples of activities within Area 4 include:
 - Black Families in Education – Doorstep Club;
 - Somalian Women's Group – Shape Up session;
 - Forest Fields Primary school – Zumba/Shape Up session;
- (d) volunteers are used to deliver or promote the sessions. Support and training, including skills and qualifications are provided according to need;
- (e) although the scheme is aimed at over 14s, parallel activities can be provided for children to enable parents to participate without having to find childcare. Activities can be organised in settings where parents already go with their children, such as schools;

- (f) the scheme is city-wide but has had pilots in certain areas that have the largest numbers of NCH tenants. Thorough consultation is carried out in each area prior to delivery.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (g) Framework and other local community groups should be engaged to find out if they already run activities which can be promoted through this scheme;
- (h) free activities for both children and adults can be placed together, such as at the Forest Recreation Ground where an adult gym has been constructed beside the children's playground;
- (i) the Lenton Centre has a swimming pool and would like to be involved in the scheme.

RESOLVED to note the presentation.

38 CHANGE OF CHAIR

Councillor Azad Choudhry left the meeting and Councillor Anne Peach took over as Chair.

39 AREA 4 JOBS PLAN

Chris Grocock, Employment and Skills Officer, presented his report on the Area 4 Jobs Plan, highlighting the following points:

- (a) one of the Council Plan priorities is to reduce unemployment in Nottingham by 20%. This has been achieved and the figure for Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants in October was 4.4%. This is due to Council initiatives and the upturn in the economy. There are however still many barriers for those who wish to work;
- (b) the Jobs Plan aims to decentralise the work to reduce employment, and uses trend analysis to identify the top priorities within each ward;
- (c) the key objectives of the Plan for 2014/15 are:
- increase the employment rate of the working age population;
 - increase the number of adults with skills;
 - lead and deliver a Community Coordination Strategy for employment and training;
 - deliver a programme of community recruitment and information events;
- (d) some of the targets are aspirational and may be carried forward into future years;
- (e) Castle Cavendish has been appointed to be the lead for the Jobs Plan in Area 4, and will:
- appoint the necessary staff to engage with local communities;
 - develop Community Jobs Plans;
 - support recruitment to job opportunities and pre-recruitment training;

- work with partners to develop and deliver bespoke provision relevant to priority groups for the area
- work with programme providers to engage/develop local solutions.

Van Henry and Blair Lawrence-Broughton, Castle Cavendish, then gave a presentation on the delivery of the Jobs Plan, highlighting the following points:

- (f) the project is aimed at 18-24 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). It aims to improve the work-readiness and employability of local young people, by increasing employment opportunities, reducing the stresses associated with being young and unemployed, and removing the complex barriers to work;
- (g) there are 3 main ways that the service can be accessed:
- through the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), initially as a referral to Futures and then to Step into Work;
 - self-referrals by approaching the offices direct. The accessible location above Kemet FM on Alfreton Road and the open-door policy makes this easier;
 - referrals from other agencies such as local advice centres, the Youth Offending Team or community centres;
- (h) the total number of young people who self-engaged with the programme is 27, compared with 20 who have come via the DWP;
- (i) in Area 4 there have so far been 2 young people who have successfully gone into further training, 3 who have gone into an apprenticeship and 3 who have gone into employment;
- (j) the Step Into Work programme offers 120 hours of support, which can be accessed in small chunks as necessary. It also offers practical support such as transport, clothing or license costs. A robust assessment process is undertaken to establish each young person's needs and to tailor an individual support package with other agencies. The programme is driven by the young person and can be flexible and adaptable. It begins with engagement and action planning and finishes with qualification and transition into employment;
- (k) if young people are interested in self-employment, support can be provided to gain suitable qualifications. Advice can also be provided about support from other agencies such as the Prince's Trust;
- (l) Castle Cavendish runs 5 job clubs in Area 4, supporting people to find and apply for jobs. A 'pop-up jobshop' which can be set up anywhere in the community to engage with local residents, is also popular. A community jobs fair was organised at The Bridge Centre, Hyson Green and another is planned for March 2015. Events in the local area enable local people to access job opportunities easily and remove the barrier of travelling into the city centre;
- (m) Castle Cavendish will be working closely with a range of employers across different sectors to determine a set of benchmarks for the entry-level positions

within their areas of work. These benchmarks will be the backbone of the training programme.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (n) the programme is supported and it is good to see that it is community based as people often do not wish to travel to the city centre or other areas of the city;
- (o) it would be helpful if more detail could be given of the JSA claimant figures, broken down by age and showing what has been done for each.

RESOLVED to note the actions in the plan, and agree to a six monthly update by Castle Cavendish and Nottingham City Council's Employment and Skills Team.

40 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE REPORT

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the Chief Executive of NCH's report updating the Committee on NCH's performance on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major works;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress;
- Tenants and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance figures;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

Paul added an additional verbal update that Nottingham City Council has approved the purchase of Sutton House to be managed by NCH as an independent living scheme.

RESOLVED to note the information

41 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the Chief Executive of NCH's report detailing the schemes proposed to provide extra security, safety and wellbeing for residents in the area which will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.

RESOLVED to

(1) approve the following scheme:

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Budget
Abbey Bridge, Lenton	Range of environmental improvements to green spaces; NCH making contribution to overall	Improvement of environment for local	£4,000

	scheme	residents	
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(2) not approve the following scheme as the costings need to be amended:

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Budget
Penn Avenue, Lenton	Supply and fit 2x security cameras to Penn Avenue include for all associated costs	Improvement of security for local residents	£17,535

42 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Linda Wright, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report which updated the Committee on the use of delegated authority by the Strategic Director of Commercial and Neighbourhood Services for projects and schemes within the area.

RESOLVED to:

note the actions agreed by the Strategic Director of Commercial and Neighbourhood Services in respect of 2013/14 and 2014/15 projects and schemes, as detailed below:

Schemes: Arboretum	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Arboretum and Forest events 2014/15	Bryan & Choudhry	£1,000
Caunton Street wall	Bryan & Choudhry	£300
Berridge school signs	Bryan & Choudhry	£100
Target hardening project	Bryan & Choudhry	£920
Electrical testing Hyson Green Youth Club	Bryan & Choudhry	£500
Arboretum Fun Day	Bryan & Choudhry	£1,500
Maple Street skate park	Bryan & Choudhry	£1,500
Roma community event	Bryan & Choudhry	£400
BOBS summer play scheme	Bryan & Choudhry	£700
Environmental projects	Bryan & Choudhry	£1,000
Soft ball pilot – Nottinghamshire Police	Bryan & Choudhry	£100
Hyson Green Festival	Bryan & Choudhry	£1,000
Arboretum consultation event	Bryan & Choudhry	£200
Breaking the taboo	Bryan & Choudhry	£1,000
Disabled sign	Bryan & Choudhry	£30
Hyson Green lights switch on	Bryan & Choudhry	£100
Belper and Acourt planters	Bryan & Choudhry	£700
Canning Christmas lights switch on	Bryan & Choudhry	£125
Homeless Christmas lunch	Bryan & Choudhry	£500
Street blowers	Bryan & Choudhry	£400
African awareness event	Bryan & Choudhry	£250

Schemes: Dunkirk and Lenton	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Day of action on Cecil, Chippendale, change alley-gate locks	Trimble & Piper	£710
Retail Directory Area 4	Trimble & Piper	£2,000
Restoring bollard on walkway from Welby Avenue to Park Street	Trimble & Piper	£175
Heritage Welcome sign on Lenton Boulevard – Design cost	Trimble & Piper	£200
Muslim women's organisation development worker	Trimble & Piper	£500
Green corridor feasibility	Trimble & Piper	£2,000
The Lenton Centre aquatic programme	Trimble & Piper	£4,000
Martin-mass fair 2014	Trimble & Piper	£5,000
Feasibility proposals for Lenton Boulevard and Abbey Bridge	Trimble & Piper	£1,350
Upgrading training equipment at Dunkirk Community Centre	Trimble & Piper	£1,000
Beeston Hockey Club	Trimble & Piper	£100
Nottingham Volunteer awards	Trimble & Piper	£50
Green Corridor planning event	Trimble & Piper	£514
Eco friendly improvements to the Lenton Centre	Trimble & Piper	£6,000
Dunkirk and Lenton week of action 2014	Trimble & Piper	£2,000
Dunkirk Community Centre Spectacular Displays 2014	Trimble & Piper	£81.28
Penn Avenue consultation for Groundworks	Trimble & Piper	£495
Canning Circus Xmas event	Trimble & Piper	£200
Research on Older people's needs in Dunkirk and Lenton	Trimble & Piper	£150
Lenton Boulevard improvements, plants on Park Street	Trimble & Piper	£500
Dragon's Den 2015	Trimble & Piper	£1,800
Ear Foundation	Trimble & Piper	£200
Recycling indoor bins for Lenton Boulevard properties	Trimble & Piper	£1,500
Older person's health & wellbeing project in partnership with Thomas Helwy's church, DOLCA & local churches	Trimble & Piper	£5,000
Martin-mass fair 2015	Trimble & Piper	£5,000
Dunkirk Community Centre Spectacular displays 2015	Trimble & Piper	£83.71

Schemes: Radford and Park	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
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Canning Christmas 2013	Ali, Aslam, S Williams	£1,050
Hyson Green Youth Club – dance group	Ali, Aslam, S Williams	£600
Muslim Women’s Group-development worker	Ali, Aslam, S Williams	£2,300
Radford community day 2013	Ali, Aslam, S Williams	£750
Community event – Radford Recreation Ground	Ali, Aslam, S Williams	£300
Shiefton heritage event	Ali, Aslam, S Williams	£1,500
African Women’s Empowerment Forum	Ali, Aslam, S Williams	£1,000
Radford Care Group	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£1,440
Radford Lenton library community garden	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£500
Retail directory	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£300
Shiefton – targeted youth project	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£3,600
4 B’s youth project	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£3,600
Canning Christmas 2014	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£450
Curry in Park event	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£700
Mellers Primary School sensory garden	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£1,230
Radford Visiting Scheme	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£2,427
Nottingham volunteer awards	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£150
Domestic violence training – Central Locality	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£500
Cavaliers football awards trophies	Ali, Aslam, Peach	£150

43 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT: QUARTER 3

Inspector Robert Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police updated the Committee on crime levels within Area 4, highlighting the following points:

- (a) ‘Operation Graduate’, working with students to prevent crime, is having a positive effect in the area with a reduction of burglary, street robbery and vehicle crime;
- (b) updates were given for each ward:
- in the Arboretum ward, burglary is down, theft from cars is steady and violent offences are up;
 - in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward, burglary is high (particularly amongst overseas students in Dunkirk), violence is down and theft from cars has seen a significant reduction;
 - in the Radford & Park ward, burglary and theft from cars are down, however violence has increased;

Dorothy Holmes, Locality Manager South, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services’ report providing updates for each ward on key issues and themes which link to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020 for Quarter 3, including:

- ward priorities;
- community engagement;
- finance;
- safer theme – crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);
- neighbourhood theme – environmental issues;
- working theme – unemployment rates;
- housing;
- community protection;
- fire;
- health theme – local health priorities;

RESOLVED to note the information.

44 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2014/15 PROGRAMME

Rob Gabbitas, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report seeking approval for schemes recently prioritised and detailing the latest spend under the Area Capital Fund, including highways, traffic and safety and public realm schemes.

An additional contribution of £600 for the tree works in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward which was not included in the original report was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to

(1) note that the following money is available:

Arboretum	£18,524
Dunkirk and Lenton	£9,782
Radford and Park	£11,561

(2) approve the following schemes prioritised by Ward Councillors since the last meeting:

Arboretum Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Hyson Green fencing	Fencing	£14,444	A contribution to Phase 3 of a joint project with Nottingham City Homes
St Paul's Avenue	Commercial bin stores	£3,000	To provide 3 bins stores to make the commercial bins safe
The Forest	Signage	£300	For the erection of No Alcohol signs in 2 languages

Dunkirk and Lenton Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
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Trees in the ward	Tree works	£5,600	A contribution to a 3 year city wide programme of felling inappropriately placed trees and replacement tree planting
Lenton Boulevard	Wooden planter	£3,666	For the installation of a wooden planter on the corner of Lenton Boulevard and Church Street

Dunkirk and Lenton Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Palmer Court area	Area improvement	£23,650	Provision of street furniture/art to create seating and play opportunities
Abbey Bridge area	Environmental improvements	£11,000	Utilising the 5 green spaces on Abbey Bridge for natural play area, wildflower meadows and growing fruit trees
Lenton Recreation Ground	Green gym	£5,000	Match funding for the Thomas Helwys Church grant application to Awards for All Lottery Bid of £10,000 for a green outdoor gym to help improve mental health and wellbeing, especially for older people

Dunkirk and Lenton Decommitments:

Location	Type	Amount	Details
Lenton Boulevard	Brick planters	£1,304	Alteration to the scheme

Radford and Park Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Dunlop Avenue	Footpath	£2,920	Surface dressing of the footpath
Elmsthorpe Avenue	Footpath	£20,138	Surface dressing of the footpath
Johnson Road	Footpath	£17,470	Surface dressing of the footpath running at a right angle from Lenton Boulevard

Radford and Park Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Dunlop Avenue	Footpath	£13,645	Surface dressing of the footpath
Across the	Area	£10,000	A programme of environmental

ward	improvement		and community safety issues to include schemes within areas of new builds
Canning Circus	Planters	£2,500	A contribution towards the planters

- (3) approve additional costs of £600 from the Dunkirk and Lenton Area Capital Fund for the Lenton Drives tree works scheme.**