

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 20 NOVEMBER 2013 from 5.32 pm to 7.33 pm

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

✓ indicates present at meeting

Others in attendance

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|-------------|
| Dave Brennan | - | Castle Cavendish | |
| Alderman David Poole | - | City of Nottingham Neighbourhood Watch Council | |
| Tim Preston | - | Dunkirk and Lenton Forum | |
| Lesley Fyffe |) | Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association | |
| Sheila Porterfield |) | | |
| Paul Howard |) | Nottingham City Homes | |
| Lynn Standen |) | | |
| Inspector Rob Wilson |) | Nottinghamshire Police | |
| Inspector Annie Yates |) | | |
| Moby Farrands |) | Partnership Council | |
| Tony Marshall |) | | |
| Peter Beynon |) | | |
| Stewart Isham |) | | |
| Janet Jamson |) | Residents | |
| Nick Packham |) | | |
| Theresa Radford |) | | |
| Colleen Walker |) | | |
| Chris Newton | - | St Paul's Residents Association | |
| Rob Gabbitas | - | Neighbourhood Development Officer |) |
| Iffat Iqbal | - | Neighbourhood Development Officer |) |
| John Marsh | - | Central Locality Manager |) |
| Linda Wright | - | Neighbourhood Development Officer |) |
| Dawn Alvey | - | Local Development Framework Manager |) |
| Navid Arif | - | Highway Design Engineer |) |
| Paul Williams | - | Senior Officer, Road Safety |) |
| Laura Wilson | - | Constitutional Services Officer | - Resources |

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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|--------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Councillor Merlita Bryan | - | other Council business |
| Councillor Azad Choudhry | - | personal |
| Councillor Anne Peach | - | personal |
| Councillor Dave Trimble | - | personal |
| Fiona Corbett | | |
| Mya Fletcher | | |
| Peter Milligan | | |
| Luke Willen | | |

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

25 MINUTES

The Committee agreed to amend minute 17 (f) to say that residents became desensitised to noise levels. The Committee then confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

26 POLICING UPDATE

Inspector Annie Yates informed the Committee that, overall, crime in the Arboretum ward is down by 16.7% and highlighted the following issues:

- (a) the theft of number plates continues to be an issue in the area;
- (b) there has been a 60% reduction in burglary across the microbeats due to an increase in the number of patrols and targeted work with burglary victims and their neighbours;
- (c) the Police continue to execute warrants and act on intelligence in relation to drug offences;
- (d) the number of personal robberies have reduced as the number of officers working overnight on the exit routes from the City Centre has been increased;
- (e) there had been an increase in the number of thefts from people, but this was predominantly caused by Goose Fair;
- (f) the figures for violence in the ward are high and are constantly under review and subject to targeted work. Only a small fraction of the number of incidents is violence against/from a stranger;
- (g) anti-social behaviour is down slightly but, with the mild weather, the number of calls about noise has increased.

Inspector Rob Wilson informed the Committee that, overall, crime in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward is 23% lower than it was in April 2011 and highlighted the following issues:

- (h) there has been a slight reduction in the number of autocrimes in the area but, as the Dunkirk beat covers the industrial area, it adds to the figures because there are fewer residential areas and the figures are based on the number of residents in each area;
- (i) burglary has increased and is a constant challenge. Student households add to the

figures because if 3 locked rooms in one house are burgled it is counted as 3 incidents;

- (j) other types of burglary are being reduced and the main issue is people leaving bikes unsecured in their gardens which results in the bike being taken;
- (k) there has been a small increase in the number of incidents relating to damage and personal robbery, but the number of thefts has reduced.

Inspector Rob Wilson also highlighted the following issues in relation to the Radford and Park ward:

- (l) there was a reduction in crime in 2012 but a significant increase at the beginning of this year. The figures are coming back down and the increase related mainly to shop theft;
- (m) since this time last year there have been 65 fewer autocrime offences;
- (n) as is the case with the Dunkirk and Lenton ward, burglary has increased and continues to be a challenge. Student households increase the figures as explained above;
- (o) a number of shops on Alfreton Road had been broken into but arrests and charges have been made so the incidents are decreasing;
- (p) the number of incidents relating to damage are down significantly;
- (q) the number of thefts in the area is high, but arrests have been made and this appears to have stemmed the issue.

During discussion the Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (r) the number of locked rooms entered by a burglar in a student household impacts on burglary rates across the wards so it would be helpful if the number of properties entered could also be reported to the Committee in the future;
- (s) if possible, it would be helpful to break down the theft figures to show food theft from shops as this could be increasing because of deprivation.

RESOLVED to note the information.

27 VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) GRANTS - CASTLE CAVENDISH UPDATE

Dave Brennan, Chief Executive, Castle Cavendish, presented the Committee with the following information:

- (a) in October 2012 Nottingham City Council opened up a bidding process for VCS bodies to come forward to become Lead Organisations for the VCS within the Council's Area Committee structure;
- (b) in January/February 2013 Castle Cavendish brought together a consortium of leading VCS bodies in Area 4 – The Lenton Centre, Hyson Green Youth Centre and Groundwork;
- (c) in May 2013 the Council appointed Castle Cavendish as the Lead Organisation in Area 4 to support the development of the VCS;

- (d) in July 2013 the Council awarded a Grant Agreement of £76,401, to which Castle Cavendish added £50,000, to support 3 priorities:
- (i) children and young people;
 - (ii) employment and training;
 - (iii) community association support.

In relation to the children and young people priority, Dave presented the Committee with the following information:

- (e) the basic principles are:
- (i) an emphasis on collaboration, not competition;
 - (ii) this year (2013/14) will be a period of transition, supporting existing grant recipients on a pro-rata basis;
 - (iii) developing agreements with a range of VCS providers, fostering and nurturing relationships and networks to improve effectiveness and performance;
 - (iv) supporting the local grassroots community activity through a small grants fund of less than £5,000;
 - (v) working to develop an Action Plan for 2014 and beyond, identifying local need and preferred activities and pathways for young people;
- (f) summer events and activities:

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|---|-------------|
| BOBS (Bridlington, Oldknow, Brown Street Residents Group) | £2,620 |
| Hyson Green Youth Club | £4,500 |
| East African Education Centre | £4,000 |
| Muslim Women's Organisation | £2,500 |
| The New Art Exchange | £4,250 |
| The Lenton Centre | £4,750 |
| Nottingham Inter-Faith Council | £355 |
| Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People | £3,000 |
| United Communities Network | £2,000 |
| TOTAL | £27,975 |

- (i) the Muslim Women's Organisation hosted a family friendly event on Radford Recreation Ground designed to celebrate the Queen's coronation and Eid, with activities from British and Muslim cultures;
 - (ii) the East African Education Centre arranged 4 themed based camps (learning, health, creativity and environment) for young people aged 6-18 and concluded with a fun day in Skegness;
 - (iii) Hyson Green Youth Club provided summer holiday activity for young people aged 5-19, with 70% from BME communities;
 - (iv) Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People delivered 5 activity days including baking, sport, art, crafts, etc, with workshops for British Sign Language, basic first aid and healthy eating;
 - (v) The New Art Exchange provided a diverse programme of 'fringe' events leading up to the Nottingham Carnival and Mela;
 - (vi) Nottingham Inter-Faith Council, with Nottingham Forest Diversity Academy, delivered a football tournament for young people aged 8-14;
 - (vii) The Lenton Centre delivered a holiday club and a small bursary fund to enable the most disadvantaged young people to learn to swim;
 - (viii) United Communities Network provided entertainment to young people aged 5-13, including activities and outings;
- (g) the key delivery partners for diversionary support and targeted provision, and the

funding they have received are:

- (i) The Lenton Centre (£18,000);
- (ii) Hyson Green Youth Club (£15,000);
- (iii) Shiefton Youth Group (£15,644);
- (iv) Bobbersmill Community Centre (£9,000);
- (v) Notts County Football in the Community (£9,000);
- (vi) Take 1 Studios (£7,500)
- (vii) Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People – Monty Hind (£1,125);

(h) in relation to diversionary support, the outcomes and expectations for 2013/14 are:

- (i) a range of provision for young people aged 8-17 that is:
 - structured, purposeful and fun;
 - delivered on a regular basis;
 - led by a suitably qualified worker;
 - designed and delivered in consultation with young people;
 - focussed towards children and young people deemed at risk;
- (ii) resulting in:
 - delivery of good quality provision where young people feel safe and understand what they can expect from the activity;
 - a contribution to the wider delivery of diversionary activities across the area;
 - improved community cohesion;
- (iii) achieving:
 - over 450 young people involved in diversionary activities;
 - over 31,000 activity hours provided at a cost of less than £4.41 per hour;

(i) in relation to targeted provision, the outcome and expectations for 2013/14 are:

- (i) a range of activities for young people aged 8-17:
 - whose street-based group behaviour is causing significant concerns within their communities; or
 - whose behaviour is identified as increasing the risk of negative outcomes;
- (ii) resulting in:
 - a reduction in the identified risk factors of the chosen groups;
 - a measurable local outcome based on the identified needs of the area
- (iii) achieving:
 - at least 70 young people involved in targeted activities;
 - over 2,500 activity hours provided at a cost of £11.54 an hour;

(j) the total funding for 9 months is £110,830 (£72,830 from Nottingham City Council and £38,000 from Castle Cavendish), with the following already spent during July to September:

| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--|-------------|----------|
| Direct cost of service provision by Delivery Partners | £43,665 | 82.5 |
| Overhead costs of Delivery Partners | £3,990 | 7.5 |
| Administration costs associated with Delivery Partners | £2,852 | 5.3 |
| Management charge by Castle Cavendish | £2,500 | 4.7 |
| TOTAL | £53,007 | |

£24,277 of this was from Nottingham City Council (45.8%) and £28,730 was from Castle Cavendish (54.2%);

(k) outputs and are targets are:

| <u>Outputs</u> | <u>Achieved July – September</u> | <u>Target</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| The number of young people engaged | 961 | 1,327 |
| The number of young people involved in diversionary activities | 930 | 1,253 |
| The number of young people supported through targeted provision | 31 | 74 |
| The average number of hours each person will be engaged through diversionary activities | 20 | 37 |
| The average number of hours each person will be engaged through targeted provision | 47 | 31 |
| The total hours of activity provided | 20,379 | 33,990 |
| The average cost of diversionary activities per hour per person | £1.71 | £4.41 |
| The average cost of targeted provision per hour per person | £6.08 | £11.54 |

In relation to the employment and skills priority, Dave informed the Committee that:

- (l) there is no grant money from the Council, or any outputs or outcomes specified;
- (m) Castle Cavendish has made £12,000 available but a decision needs to be taken on how this is spent;

In relation to the community association support priority, Dave informed the Committee that:

- (n) only the Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association (DOLCA) is being supported by a contribution of £3,570 from the Council allocation but, so far, the only money spent is £1,190 on gas and electricity for the centre;
- (o) 394 people are using the centre each week, compared to a target of 450, and it is open for 84 hours per week. An average of 3 under-represented groups are supported by the centre per week;
- (p) Castle Cavendish is assisting them on developing a sustainable business plan.

The Committee confirmed that the Councillors will meet to look at the ward priorities and come up with suggestions for how to spend the money available for the employment and skills priority, but will consult with residents before a decision is made.

RESOLVED to note the information.

28 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DOCUMENT – PREFERRED OPTION CONSULTATION

Dawn Alvey, Local Development Framework Manager, introduced the Director of Planning and Transport's report and highlighted the following points:

- (a) the Land and Planning Policies (LAPP) documents is a statutory planning document that sits underneath the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies;
- (b) the LAPP will replace the existing 2005 Local Plan and contains 56 draft Development Management policies and 78 possible future development sites;
- (c) the Preferred Option has 4 sections relating to Core Strategy themes:

- (i) sustainable growth;
 - (ii) place for people;
 - (iii) our environment;
 - (iv) making it happen;
- (d) key policy areas are:
- (i) economy;
 - (ii) housing:
 - encouraging family housing;
 - presumption against the loss of family housing;
 - locations for purpose built student accommodation;
 - houses in multiple occupation
 - (iii) regeneration;
 - (iv) retail;
 - (v) design;
 - (vi) health and open space;
 - (vii) climate change;
 - (viii) transport;
- (e) there are 78 Preferred Option site allocations. Some sites from the previous stage have not been carried forward, but there are 7 new sites. Detailed site assessments have been carried out for each site and constraints have been identified and development principles set out;
- (f) the expected timetable is:
Summer 2014 - publication version
Spring 2015 - submission to Government
Summer 2015 - public examination
Winter 2015 - adoption of the plan

During discussion the Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (g) no suitable alternative accommodation is being offered to students to attract them from the residential areas and sites, such as the Boots site, should be considered as a suitable site on which to provide an alternative 'townhouse' type accommodation for them;
- (h) if the Castle Quarter is developed it needs to be kept as a further education resource;
- (i) the Forest Mill site is not suitable for student accommodation, and there is already a large number of student buildings in the area. It would be more suitable for family housing with gardens, or accommodation for the elderly;
- (j) the plans for the former Dunkirk Fire Station are a missed opportunity to develop a secondary school for the area;
- (k) the Medi Park is not suitable for student accommodation and the successful industrial units located on the site should not be moved;
- (l) Prospect Place and Greenholme aren't included because they are less than 0.5 hectares, but Prospect Place could be considered alongside its adjacent parcel of land which is still industrialised. Not including them means they are not protected from future unwanted development.

RESOLVED to submit the Committee's comments (g-l above) as a formal response to

the consultation.**29 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH)**

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes, circulated the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report and informed the Committee that, although the Councillors for the Arboretum ward were not present, they had agreed to the proposals for their ward.

RESOLVED to approve the following schemes:**Arboretum ward:**

| Site | Proposal | Assessment | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| Collison Sreet Car Park | Supply and fit 6ft palisade fencing to rear of car park to match existing | Security is currently compromised due to the lack of fencing to this section | £691.56 |
| Camomile Gardens near 1-10 | Take out a small area of grass and tarmac to create a bin store | Tenants currently have nowhere to store bins | £2,920.48 |
| 340-378 Alfreton Road | Supply and fit 4 new 6ft metal gates with keys | Residents have problems with trespassers | £2,868.48 |
| Total budget to carry forward | | | £26,442.59 |

Dunkirk and Lenton ward:

| Site | Proposal | Assessment | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| Penn Avenue (Wishford Avenue border) | Move the existing Heras fencing to run inline with the timber fencing and block up access for 7 Wishford Avenue | Additional security and improved appearance | £1,755.06 |
| Total budget to carry forward | | | £24,797.04 |

30 WARD PERFORMANCE – QUARTER 2

John Marsh, Central Locality Manager, introduced the Director for Neighbourhood Services' report and highlighted the following points:

- (a) all 3 wards are on target for cleanliness, although graffiti is currently slightly above the figures for previous years, and flytipping is a major issue in Arboretum and Dunkirk and Lenton;
- (b) teams are currently working on leaf fall across the City and are targeting problem areas;
- (c) there is a replacement sweeper programme in place and the fleet vehicles are being rationalised.

During discussion the Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (d) there are 4 gully cleaners across the City – 3 carrying out programmed works and 1 that is responsive to issues. Every gully in the City is cleaned/cleared once a year;

- (e) parked cars cause problems for street cleaning. There are ‘A’ boards that can be put out in advance asking people not to park there but there are no enforcement powers;
- (f) leaf fall is an issue in November but garden waste collections are stopped at the end of October.

RESOLVED to note the ward performance for Quarter 2 2013/14.

31 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2013-15 PROGRAMME

Rob Gabbitas, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, and informed the Committee of an amendment to cost of the Arboretum Public Realm Schemes – Belper Road fencing to £3,655 instead of £3,190.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note that the following money is available:

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Arboretum | £154,734 |
| Dunkirk and Lenton | £99,443 |
| Radford and Park | £155,293 |

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

Arboretum Local Transport Plan Schemes:

| Location | Type | Estimate | Details |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|---|
| Belper Road | Footpath | £2,208 | Full resurface of footpath adjacent to LIGA – one side only |
| Patterson Street | Footpath | £2,414 | Full resurface of footpath opposite ‘Amelia’ – one side only |
| Claypole Road | Carriageway | £19,212 | Full resurface of carriageway from Radford Road to Maple Street |

Arboretum Public Realm Schemes:

| Location | Type | Estimate | Details |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---|
| Belper Road | Fencing | £3,655 | Remove wall and install rails as part of works to regenerate Belper Road car parking area |
| Priority cleansing areas | Equipment | £708 | Replacement cleansing equipment for use on Gregory Boulevard |

Dunkirk and Lenton Local Transport Plan Schemes:

| Location | Type | Estimate | Details |
|--|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Sainsbury’s, Derby Road and Lenton Boulevard | Cycle stands | £2,000 | Two cycle stands outside Sainsbury outlets as part of Citywide cycling improvement strategy |

Dunkirk and Lenton Public Realm Schemes:

| Location | Type | Estimate | Details |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------|---|
| Penn Avenue | Play equipment | £3,741 | Combination swing with metal post including surfacing and ground preparation works |
| Priority cleansing areas | Equipment | £708 | To improve backlines on small streets and paths on leaf fall season. Also for use on Lenton Boulevard |

Radford and Park Local Transport Plan schemes:

| Location | Type | Estimate | Details |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|---|
| Forster Street | Traffic calming | £58,000 | Proposed traffic calming scheme along Forster Street to improve safety around Radford Primary School |
| Redoubt Street | Resurfacing | £29,121 | Works to include treatment to granite setts. Forms part of wider improvements to Forster Street traffic calming |
| Faraday Road | Feasibility | £2,000 | To address traffic management and safety concerns including Faraday Road/Derby Road junction |

Radford and Park Public Realm Schemes:

| Location | Type | Estimate | Details |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|---|
| Priority cleansing areas | Equipment | £708 | Replacement cleansing equipment for use on Radford Road and Alfreton Road |
| Fleet Close | Fencing | £250 | Request from residents to complete the fencing by fencing up the existing gap |

32 AREA COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - AMENDMENT

John Marsh, Locality Manager, introduced the Corporate Director for Communities' report regarding changes to the Area Committee terms of reference to incorporate Area Panel functions.

RESOLVED to note the Committee's revised terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.