

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham, on 16 September 2015 from 7.05pm – 9.05pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Michael Edwards (Chair)
Councillor Pat Ferguson (Vice Chair)
Councillor Josh Cook
Councillor Chris Gibson
Councillor Nicola Heaton
Councillor Corall Jenkins
Councillor Andrew Rule
Councillor Steve Young

Absent

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Mark Armstrong	- Senior Regeneration Officer
Clare Ashton	- Good Companions
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Donna Busuttill	- Nottinghamshire Police
Eddie Curry	- Head of Parks and Open Spaces
Abdul Ghaffar	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Miriam Gifford	- Meadows Partnership Trust
John Hancock	- Public
Dorothy Holmes	- Locality Manager South
Jonathan Hughes	- Friends of Victoria Embankment
Jane Jeffrey	- Queens Walk Community Association
N Judd	- Ward Resident
Basheer Latif	- Meadows Muslim Centre
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Kevin McCormick	- Clifton Village Residents Association
Sharon Mills	- Meadows Partnership Trust
Will Morritt	- Regional Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Robert Moseley	- Clifton Community Centre
Roy Nettleship	- Carter's Educational Foundation
Patricia Nicholson	- New Beginnings
Mr J Potter	- Ward Resident
Claire Rukas	- Nottinghamshire Police
William Scott	- Ward Resident
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Action Officer
Joanne Smith	- Tenancy and Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Margaret Spencer	- OMTRA
Roger Steel	- Wilford Community Group
Dee Whitworth	- Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mary Daly
Richard Gutteridge
Colin Mackie

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

20 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2015 and these were signed by the Chair.

21 COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED to formally note the appointments of Area Committee Community Representatives from the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards for the 2015/16 municipal year:

Organisation	Name	Ward
Old Meadows Tenants & Residents Association (OMTRA)	Margaret Spencer	Bridge
Afro-Caribbean Women's Group	Claudina Morris	Bridge
Meadows Dance & Social Group	Mary Daly	Bridge
Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens	Deirdre Whitworth	Bridge
26 th Nottingham (Meadows) Scouts Group	Richard Gutteridge	Bridge
Queens Walk Community Association	Jane Jeffrey	Bridge
Meadows Muslim Centre	Basheer Ahmed Latif	Bridge
Friends of Victoria Embankment	Jonathan Hughes	Bridge
Clifton Community Family Support Group	Karen Humble	Clifton North
Carters Educational Foundation	Roy Nettleship	Clifton North
Clifton Community Centre	Robert Moseley	Clifton North
Silverdale Community Association	Colin Mackie	Clifton North
Wilford Community Group	Roger Steel	Clifton North
Good Companions	Clare Ashton	Clifton South
New Beginnings Bereavement	Patricia Nicholson	Clifton South
Clifton Village Residents Association	Kevin McCormick	Clifton South
Barton Lane Community Association	Tracy Osbourne	Clifton South
Clifton Advice Centre	Ian Malcolm	Clifton South
Highbank Community Association	John Ball	Clifton South

22 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED to:

(1) agree the appointments to outside bodies listed below:

Outside Body	Function	Appointment(s)
Clifton Community Association Management Committee	Manage Clifton Community Centre	Cllr Cook
Highbank Community Association Management Committee	Manage Highbank Community Centre	Cllr Gibson
The Meadows Partnership Trust	To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of inhabitants of the Meadows	Cllr Edwards Cllr Heaton
Queens Walk Community Association Management Committee	Manage Community Centre and promote community	Cllr Edwards
Silverdale Community Association Management Committee	Manage Community Centre	Cllr Ferguson
Park Gates Community Centre	Manage Community Centre	Cllr Young

(2) agree to the addition of Park Gate Community Centre to the register.

23 REVIEW OF CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE VICTORIA EMBANKMENT AND MEADOWS RECREATION GROUND

Eddie Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, introduced the report of the Director of Sport, Culture and Parks informing the Committee about the introduction of parking charges at the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground in Bridge Ward. Eddie highlighted the following:

- (a) car parking has become a problem in the area, particularly by those commuting to West Bridgford, and those parking in the middle of the playing fields and on grass verges. There are currently no powers of control to prevent this;
- (b) consultation is currently at an informal stage with letters having been written out to 750 local residents. Formal consultation will begin on 24th September and run until 21st October;
- (c) one parking area will still remain free of charge, whilst some other areas, such as in front of the war memorial, will have parking banned. Parking will remain free for a period of up to one hour though this may expand to 2 hours following consultation. Parking in the evening and at weekends will remain free of charge;

The following answers were given in response to questions from the Committee:

- (d) the RingGo mobile phone payment system will be used. This reduces the need for expensive ticketing machines which are unattractive and vulnerable to crime. 94% of car drivers are mobile users and there has been success with the system in other areas of the city;
- (e) fees can be increased at a later date if it is found that they are not high enough to deter parked cars;
- (f) the parking restrictions will be enforced by PCSOs and the traffic management team, as well as remote cameras to identify unregistered cars;
- (g) a phased approach to implementation would be more difficult and costly to implement;
- (h) there is not an aspiration to turn the Victoria Embankment into a car park. There is a real need to manage parking in the area, as people will continue to park in the middle of playing fields and in restricted areas.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the decision of the Corporate Director for Communities in Delegated Decision 2092 in exercise of his executive power on behalf of the Committee;**
- (2) note the steps that have been taken since the above approval toward the implementation of the decision;**
- (3) support the principle expressed in the order proposed to control parking on the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground, and to ban parking in front of the war memorial;**
- (4) suggest that the scheme should charge £2 for more than 2 hours during a normal working day, between 8am and 5pm, and for more than 3 hours for blue badge holders as this would give park and play area users greater confidence in using those facilities without incurring a charge; whilst retaining the ability to run special schemes for the days or evenings of significant sporting and recreation events;**
- (5) support the use of the RingGo system for managing car parking, given the high numbers of existing users and high ownership of mobile phones by car owners, given its successful operation along Crocus Street and Iremonger Road and given its ability to avoid the requirement for ticket printing and ticket display on site;**
- (6) request that future variations to the proposed scheme should be brought to the Area 8 Committee for consultation.**

24 NURSES ACCESS POINT AT CLIFTON CORNERSTONE

Councillor Steve Young opened a discussion on the proposed closure of the nurses' action point at Clifton Cornerstone. The following points were highlighted:

- (a) there are currently 3 action points in the city, but there is a proposal to close the Clifton Cornerstone and Parliament Street sites and move all services to the walk-in centre on London Road;
- (b) there are concerns that the London Road site will be inaccessible from Clifton, particularly for Clifton's elderly population, and that there will be an impact on capacity at Clifton doctors' surgeries;
- (c) Bridge ward residents are also concerned about the closure of the Parliament Street centre as this is more accessible than London Road from the Meadows;
- (d) the Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has explored the possibility of a bus link to London Road, however this may have short running hours and have a high cost;

RESOLVED for Cllr Steve Young and Clare Ashton to meet with Neighbourhood Development Officers to survey local opinions and capture discontent, with a view to presenting evidence to the CCG.

25 UPDATE ON THE CLIFTON TOWN PLAN

Mark Armstrong, Senior Regeneration Office gave a verbal update on the development of the Clifton Town Plan, highlighting the following:

- (a) a draft action plan has now been approved. Once this has been abridged it will be available for consultation;
- (b) Mark is interested in the development of a Town Team for Clifton and needs volunteers;
- (c) the tram extension already seems to be having a positive impact on Clifton, bringing new people to the area. However there is still finishing work to be completed. Crime figures will be monitored to see if the tram has an impact on these;
- (d) the central shops in Clifton have a 100% occupancy rate, although there are some vacant shops outside the central area.

The following answers were given in response to questions from the Committee:

- (e) the alleyway near Morrisons is a popular cut-through and Mark is hoping to speak to private landowners to improve the environment there;
- (f) all planned improvements must have full business cases and make a return on investment. Half a million pounds is allocated to the Clifton town centre plan;
- (g) a Clifton town team would be an independent group, and can work in different ways depending on whichever they find most suitable.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the verbal update;**
- (2) neighbourhood development officers to meet with Mark Armstrong to investigate the development of a town team;**
- (3) request that Mark gives regular updates to the Area 8 Committee at future meetings.**

26 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the performance report for the Bridge Ward, highlighting the following points:

- (a) in the Bridge ward there has been a reduction of 11 crimes to a total of 356 total reported crimes from the same period 2014-15;
- (b) there is a growing concern around drug crime in some areas of the Meadows;
- (c) there are still tram finishing works to be completed in the area, particularly around Wilford Toll Bridge;
- (d) NCH will be improving fencing around Arkwright Walk with an aim to reduce flytipping;
- (e) the reported increase in hate crimes does not represent any new trends or hotspots, and may be a result of more people coming forward and reporting these crimes;

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Action Officer, presented the performance report for the Clifton North Ward, highlighting the following points:

- (f) there has been a rise in low-level crime in the Clifton North ward;
- (g) the VIP tram event was a success and provided positive media coverage for residents and the local area;
- (h) bins that were stolen from local bus shelters will be replaced;

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the performance report for the Clifton South Ward, highlighting the following points:

- (i) CCTV has been installed at bus stops to prevent bins from being stolen from local bus stops;
- (j) the Cleanliness Index score for Clifton South has improved greatly and the ward is now one of the cleanest in the city. However, improvement could still be made.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the report;

(2) request a ward walk along the A453 route through Clifton;

(3) request an item at the next meeting on joblessness and low hour contracts in the area.

27 POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT

Inspector Clare Rukas and Inspector Donna Busuttil, Nottinghamshire Police, presented an update on crime and policing across the area, highlighting the following points:

- (a) additional funding has been secured for patrols to tackle the local drugs problems. Empty properties in the Meadows will be regularly checked;
- (b) there is no update on the closure of Meadows Police Station, and the Committee will be updated as soon as more is known;
- (c) there has been no discernible increase in crime as a result of tram lines opening, but this will continue to be monitored through the winter as daylight hours reduce. There is CCTV both at tram stops and on the trams themselves;
- (d) there will be a reduction on Police Community Support Officers throughout Nottinghamshire which will result in a slight reduction in area 8 from 11 to 10.

RESOLVED to note the information

28 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES PERFORMANCE REPORT

Will Morritt, Regional Housing Manager South for Nottingham City Homes (NCH) presented a 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 Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance figures;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) insulation work to properties on Noble Road has now begun;
- (b) properties on Blackstone Walk are currently having asbestos removed prior to demolition;
- (c) a tenants fun-day has been organised for October in Bulwell. A bus will be available between Clifton and Bulwell.

RESOLVED to note the report

29 AREA CAPITAL FUND

RESOLVED to

(1) approve the following schemes in Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards:

	Location	Description of scheme	Estimated Cost
Bridge LTP/Public Realm Schemes	Robin Hood Way	Make good steps and pedestrian barriers to the side of Robin Hood Way adjacent to the tram line	£2,453
	Meadows area	Traffic Regulation Order for phased implementation of parking restrictions in identified locations across the ward	£10,000
Clifton North LTP/Public Realm Schemes	Grove Estate	Surface treatment of footpaths on Fleam Road, Fabis Drive and Tame Close	£29,050
	Fairham Brook paths	Continuation of repairs to the surface of the path running along Fairham Brook	£3,500
	Clifton parking restrictions	Parking restriction schemes to include Smithy Close, Bridgnorth Drive, Grasby Walk, Cawdron	£13,000

		Walk and Glapton Lane	
	Wilford Lane	Investigation to establish if a right turn filter can be provided	£1,150
	School signing	Replacement of school signs at identified locations across the ward	£2,300
	Grove Estate	Surface Treatment of footpaths on Fleam Road, Fabis Drive and Tame Close	£5,045
Clifton South LTP/Public Realm Schemes	Clifton parking restrictions	Parking restriction schemes to include Smithy Close, Bridgnorth Drive, Grasby Walk, Cawdron Walk and Glapton Lane	£8,000
	Clifton Schools 2	Assess existing street furniture and lining and replace/modify as required outside identified schools in the ward	£1,750
	Clifton South street furniture	Installation of signage and litter bins in identified areas across the ward	£2,000

	Thistledown Road	Installation of fencing around green area on Thistledown Road as joint scheme with NCH	£4,122
Bridge Environmental Schemes	Bridgeway Shopping Centre	Upgrade of fascias, soffits and lighting at the shopping centre	£30,276.88
	Blackstone Walk	Cluster of 10 'pop up' garden bags to be purchased and located at the site of demolition on Blackstone Walk	£4,195
Clifton North Environmental Schemes	Smithy Close	Contribution towards a parking scheme in this area	£9,000

(2) note the commitments of funds in Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards:

	Bridge Ward	Clifton North	Clifton South
LTP/Public Realm available balance	£117,734	£20,218	£80,453
Environmental Schemes available balance	£169,924	£81,920	£113,564.18

30 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS

RESOLVED to

(1) note the actions agreed by the Director of Commercial & Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes within Area 8:

Scheme	Councillor(s)	Total
Meadows Youth Club – International Youth Day event	Cllrs Heaton & Edwards	£600

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Treatment of weeds in alleyways (terraces) purchase of chemical	Cllrs Heaton & Edwards	£120
Meadows Partnership Trust (MPT) contribution towards Christmas event	Cllrs Heaton & Edwards	£140
Good Companions Project 2015	Cllrs Ferguson & Spencer	£1,500
Christmas lights at Wilford Village Green	Cllr Steel	£150
Good Companions Project 2015	Cllr Spencer	£1,000
Family Community Team summer programme	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£900
The Nottingham Junior Hoods basketball team	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£1,200
The old school in Wilford	Cllr Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£2,500
Clifton first aid training	Cllrs Gibson & Young	£300
Children and Families' summer youth trip and White Ribbon project	Cllrs Gibson & Young	£1,150