

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at LB 31-32 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 24 September 2015 from 18.01 - 18.36

Membership

Present

Councillor Carole-Ann Jones (Chair)
Councillor Brian Parbutt (Vice Chair)
Councillor Alex Ball
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim
Councillor Toby Neal

Absent

Councillor Jane Urquhart

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Nancy Barnard - Governance Manager
Angela Bolton - Neighbourhood Development Officer
Moby Farrands - Partnership Council/ Forest Fields Improvement Association
Bill Husband - NG7
John Marsh - Locality Manager
Chanel Richards - Nottingham City Homes
Sgt Nick Wealthall - Nottinghamshire Police

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Jane Urquhart (Other Council Business)
Carol Mee – Carrington Tenants and Residents Group
Ben Rosser – Pythian Club
Ruth Greenberg – Partnership Council

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

16 MINUTES

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2015 and they were signed by the Chair.

17 POLICE UPDATE

Sergeant Nick Wealthall of Nottinghamshire Police updated the Committee highlighting the following points:

- a) The consultation with Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) over the proposed reduction in their numbers had recently concluded and 2 PCSOs would be lost in this area (due to a wider programme of voluntary and compulsory redundancies) temporarily reducing the number of PCSOs in this area to 9. This will be increased to the full complement of 19 through redeployment.

- b) The Speedwatch community car is now operational and community groups are being trained to run the scheme.
- c) An operation is underway addressing the problem of items being thrown over the wall of the prison which has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of incidents. Trees are to be planted to create an additional barrier and further netting is to be installed to reduce incidents further.
- d) Overall, Sergeant Weathall reported that acquisitive crime was down. The largest increase was a 200% increase in theft of a motor vehicle in Forest Rec beat but this represented an increase of only two crimes. He reported percentage figures for the year 24/09/14 to 24/09/2015 as follows:

	Burglary Dwelling	Robbery	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle
Carrington	-28.6	+20	-47.1	-33.3
Edwards Lane	-70.6	-83.3	-42.9	-20
Forest Fields	-35.9	-64.3	+114.3	-40
Forest Rec Arboretum	0	-26.1	+62.5	+200
Hyson Green	+25	-45.5	+225	+33.3
New Basford	-11.1	+16.7	+53.3	-72.7
Radford East	-9.4	-41.2	-80	-50
Sherwood	-47.8	-50	-55	+25
Sherwood Rise	-38.1	-42.9	-58.3	-28.6

- e) The new university terms and the return of students posed a challenge but a lot of work was being done with the universities, for example at freshers fairs, to advise students on security.

RESOLVED to thank Sergeant Wealthall for the information he had provided.

18 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Angela Bolton, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report which proposed schemes to be funded from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Public Realm (PR) budgets and informed the Committee of the remaining funds available. In addition to the schemes outlined in the report a further approval of a scheme at Nottingham Rd/North Gate area for £2400 for improvements to include re-seeding grassed area, planting bulbs, refurbishment of existing benches and other hardware was sought.

RESOLVED to approve the following Area Capital fund schemes, and to note the remaining available funds for Berridge (£88,462) and Sherwood (£116,007):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
<u>Berridge Ward</u>		
Fisher Street/ Stanley Road (LTP)	Provision of road safety markings in the vicinity of Scotholme and Forest Fields Primary Schools to reduce congestion and improve pupil safety.	6250
Shipstone Street (LTP)	Further funding to existing survey around residents parking	3000
North Gate/ Nottingham Road (PR)	Area improvement to include re-seeding grassed area, planting bulbs, refurbishment of existing benches and other hardware.	2400
Peppers Gardens Lights (PR)	Update lighting within Peppers Gardens to reduce antisocial behaviour and maintenance costs.	6022
<u>Sherwood Ward</u>		
Winchester Street link footpath (PR)	Preliminary research into a right of way order, advertising and consultation regarding link footpath from Winchester street to Woodthorpe Grange Park.	3000
Sherwood Ward (PR)	Installation of benches and litter bins at identified locations across the ward.	5000

19 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS - QUARTER 1

John Marsh, Locality Manager introduced the report which compared performance against key indicators during April – July 2015 with the same period of 2014 to the Committee highlighting the following points in relation to Berridge ward:

- a) The cleanliness index score of 87% for quarter one (Q1) 2015 was 7% lower than in 2014 and 8 incidents of graffiti were reported compared to 7 in this period of 2014. However, incidents of flytipping reduced from 148 in 2014 to 126 this year.
- b) Weedkilling had taken place at the beginning of September and weeds should now visibly be dying back as a result. Councillors were asked to identify any remaining problem areas to Neighbourhood Management colleagues.
- c) Neighbourhood Management ran a stall at the Hyson Green Cultural Festival enabling them to engage with people from different local communities.

He then highlighted the following points in relation to Sherwood ward:

- d) The cleanliness index score for Q1 2015 was 89%, 1% lower than in 2014. However, a recent change to the organisation of neighbourhood colleagues, making them responsible for their own areas of the ward was expected to see performance increase. There was no change in the number of reports of graffiti, remaining at 6, and flytipping incidents had reduced from 85 in 2014 to 49 this year, a decrease of 42%.
- e) Weedkilling had also taken place in Sherwood ward in mid-September and work was underway citywide addressing the problem of Japanese Knotweed.
- f) Consultations events had been held in both Peggy's and Pirate Parks and a Friends of Pirate Park group has been established.

RESOLVED to note the key ward performance information provided for quarter one.

20 ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY - WARD ALLOCATIONS

Angela Bolton, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which updated the Committee on funding decisions made under delegated authority to support the local community. The Committee noted that the report should have referred to the Union Pakistan Kashmiri Organisation and not the United Pakistan Kashmiri Organisation.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority and outstanding balances as follows:

(1) Berridge Ward

Item	Recipient	Total
May half term youth activities	The Pythian Club	£150
Awards Evening	Muslim Community Organisation	£425
Hyson Green Cultural Festival	HGCF	£1500
Development worker post	Muslim Community Organisation	£135
Wormaries	Edible Ave	£320
Summer youth activities	The Pythian Club	£1500
Carnival activities and events	Zodiac All Star Carnival Troupe	£1500
Youth activities	The Sumac Centre	£1500
Family Fun Day 28 th July	Various	£600
Roma community work	Various	£1000

action plan		
Pakistan Heritage Week	Union Pakistan Kashmiri Organisation	£600

Allocation 2015/16	£15,000
Unspent Balance b/fwd 2014/15	£983
Total Available Allocation 2015/15	£15,983
Decommitted funds	
Allocated Funds (Spent and unspent)	£9230
Uncommitted balance as at 24/9/2015	£6753

(2) Sherwood Ward

Item	Recipient	Total
Pythian Club – 10 week programme of activities for young people at ELCC	Pythian Club – subject to checks and agreements	£1000

Allocation 2015/16	£15,000
Total Available Allocation 2015/16 (inc. carryover from 2014/15)	£15,264
Allocated Funds (Spent and unspent)	£1000
Uncommitted balance as at 24/9/2015	£14,264

21 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Angela Bolton, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report proposing the appointment of Community Representatives for the 2015/16 municipal year.

She informed the Committee of an addition to the proposals in the report: Lynda Masters of Forest Fields Improvement Association.

RESOLVED to appoint the following Community Representatives for the 2015/16 municipal year:

**Carol Mee, Carrington Tenants and Residents Group
Moby Farrands, Partnership Council
Farook Mir, The Seeds Foundation
Lynda Masters, Forest Fields Improvement Association.**

22 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Nancy Barnard, Governance Manager, introduced the report asking the Committee to approve appointments to outside bodies.

RESOLVED to:

(1) Agree the following appointments to Outside Bodies:

**Forest Fields Advice Centre Management Committee – Cllr Neal
New Basford Community Association Management Committee – Cllr Jones
(Observer)**

- (2) Agree to delete the following outside bodies from the register for Berridge and Sherwood:**

**Edwards Lane Community Association Management Committee
Sherwood Community Association Management Committee
Winwood Community Association**

23 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Chanel Richards, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes introduced the report updating the Committee on Nottingham City Homes' performance and asking for approval of £10,856 from the Sherwood Environmental budget to alleviate issues with crime and drugs around HMP Nottingham. During discussions the following points were highlighted:

- a) Edwards Lane estate had successfully applied for equipment for Peggy's Park;
- b) Work had been done with 'Young Inspectors' at Northgate Primary School;
- c) Regarding performance, this was on target for antisocial behaviour cases, below target for repairs and rent collection (but with significant time to improve this performance by year end) and below target for void re-let times.

RESOLVED to

- (1) Approve the use of £10,856 from the Sherwood Environmental budget to install five new gates around Gunthorpe Drive and around the perimeter of the prison to prevent illegal activity. The funding will also be used to install a roller barrier to the wall on the land next to 2 Gunthorpe Drive to prevent individuals climbing onto the wall.**
- (2) Note the update.**