

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Bulwell Riverside on 19 February 2014 from 17.35 - 19.02**

- ✓ Councillor Jackie Morris (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ginny Klein (Joint Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Nick McDonald (Joint Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Eunice Campbell
- ✓ Councillor Alan Clark
- ✓ Councillor John Hartshorne

#### **Community Representatives**

- ✓ Reginald Knowles - Bradford Street Allotments
- ✓ Sheila Loades - Bulwell Hall Tenants' and Residents' Association
- ✓ John Hancock - CRESTA Tenants' and Residents' Association
- ✓ Doreen Carruthers - Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch
- ✓ Roz Yousouf - Nottingham Elders Forum
- ✓ David Norman - My Sight Nottinghamshire
- ✓ Gillian Slack - Ravensworth Road Methodist Church
- ✓ Paul Bakajsa - Rise Park Action Group
- ✓ John Millington - Rise Park Community Association
- ✓ Paul Jackson - Royal British Legion Bulwell Branch
- ✓ Sally Wilson - Snapewood Community Centre

✓ indicates present at meeting

#### **City Council Colleagues, Partners, and Others in attendance**

- Christine Busuttil - Nottinghamshire Police
- Clare Sutton - SSE Lighting
- Irene Andrews - Market Development Programme ) Children and  
Manager ) Families
- Stuart Bell - Right Track - Lead  
Organisation
- Heidi May - North Locality Manager ) Communities
- Celia Knight - Neighbourhood Development Officer )
- Suki Shergill - Neighbourhood Development Officer )
- Susan Thorpe - Senior Officer, Traffic Management - Development
- Cath Ziane-Pryor - Constitutional Services - Resources

#### **42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Nick McDonald (other Council business)  
Nicky Jarvis, Nottingham City Homes  
Eileen Stacey

#### **43 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **44 MINUTES**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

#### **45 SCHOOL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME**

Sue Thorpe, Senior Traffic Management Officer, provided the Committee with the following information in relation to the new School Enforcement Programme:

- (a) a steering group has been set up between the County Council, the City Council and the Police, due to the growing number of complaints from residents about parking during school drop off and pick up times;
- (b) as a result of the steering group a pilot week of action was held outside Ellis Guildford, which has led to the development of a proactive programme for enforcement when parents are parking on zigzag markings, blocking drives, crossings, etc;
- (c) a toolkit has been designed and sent to all 110 maintained schools within the City Boundary which contains a guide to writing a School Travel Plan, Walking Bus guidelines, a parking support leaflet, a 'keep me safe' poster, a full Road Safety Education delivery toolkit, a home to school template letter and information on parking responsibly;
- (d) the Parking Enforcement Team will be visiting each school in the area for a Week of Action and their presence alone may deter some people from parking in the way they usually would;
- (e) the work will also involve educating people on driving and parking safely outside schools;
- (f) all schools in the City are in favour of the Enforcement Programme;
- (g) the programme will run for 8 weeks across the City and will then be assessed to see what has worked well and what can be improved.

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

- (h) some teachers are parking on streets to avoid paying the Workplace Parking Levy;
- (i) where there are parking issues the Council has introduced parking restrictions if supported by the majority of local residents;

- (j) parking irresponsibly causes safety issues and enforcement action is vital to discourage it.

**RESOLVED to thank Ms Thorpe for her presentation and note the information provided.**

#### **46 SSE LIGHTING CONSULTATION**

Clare Sutton, SSE Contracting, gave a presentation on the consultation process within the street lighting private finance initiative (PFI).

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

- (a) old metal lighting columns that are removed are recycled but sometimes it is just the lamp that is replaced;
- (b) festive lights around the lighting columns are being taken down before the old columns are removed;
- (c) the length of time festive lights are left up causes concern because of wear and tear;
- (d) some areas now have fewer lighting columns but the actual lights are more efficient. Some residents feel that some areas are not as well lit as they were before the lights were replaced;
- (e) the new lighting is timed more specifically and will change with daylight hours;
- (f) levels of lighting are checked if concerns are reported by residents. Concerned residents can call 0800 0966217.

**RESOLVED to thank Ms Sutton for her presentation and note the information provided.**

#### **47 POLICING UPDATE**

Acting Inspector Christine Busuttil delivered a brief update on the area Policing priorities which were identified following consideration of reported crime, issues raised through the on-line consultation system, the Local Action Groups and Tenant and Resident meetings. Further consultation and monitoring will take place and revised priorities will be set for the next three month period.

Policing priorities remained largely similar to those of the previous period as they are considered long term issues which require a sustained period of policing to address:

Bulwell Ward - Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) mainly in the area of Merchant Street;  
Bulwell Forest Ward - ASB including drugs related crime in the Deptford Crescent and Highbury Vale areas.

### Bulwell Ward

- (a) several forms of action have been taken to address the issues raised on Merchant Street with warning and eviction notices issued and dispersal orders put in place. Since the end of January many of the original issues have been resolved;
- (b) following an awareness campaign the number of burglaries had significantly reduced (by 25) compared with the same period as last year but Policing had been increased in burglary hot spots;
- (c) drug related incidents are up by 16 against the same period as last year but warrants and arrests are to be sought;
- (d) fraud is down by 22 cases and theft is down by 42 cases but there have been specific issues in the town centre focusing on a range of goods from Tesco.

### Bulwell Forest

- (e) criminal damage on Latimer Close and antisocial behaviour on Deptford Crescent have been an issue. Both areas are to receive Policing focus;
- (f) burglaries are up by 6 compared with the same period last year and are up by 55 over the year to date.

Acting Inspector Christine Busuttill responded to the Committee's questions as follows;

- (g) the citizens evicted from Merchant Street may still be living in the area but partners of the Police are working with them;
- (h) the number and rate of burglaries in the Rise Park area has steadied but is still acknowledged;

Attendees made the following points:

- (i) there is a scam running across the country where people with a transit van are offering mattresses for sale at very reasonable prices. The mattresses are wrapped in plastic and appear to be new but aren't. Some of these mattresses have been picked up off the roadside where residents have left them for collection by the City Council bulky waste team;
- (j) overall fly tipping is down but the City Council has met with the County Council as it is believed that some fly tips are imported from outside of the City. White goods are becoming an issue again as the scrap metal collectors will only take the parts they want and leave the remainder for the City Council to clear.

**RESOLVED to thank Acting Inspector Christine Busuttill for her contribution and attendance.**

## **48 AREA CAPITAL PROPOSALS**

Suki Shergill, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Director for Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund, including highways and footways, and proposals regarding Public Realm schemes.

**RESOLVED**

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

**Bulwell Local Transport Plan schemes:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Norwich Gardens	Footpath	£8,245	Patching of the footpath
Squires Avenue	Disabled parking bay	£1,600	Installation of a disabled parking pay, including a Traffic Regulation Order
Hempshill Lane	Zebra crossing	£2,000	Feasibility study for a zebra crossing close the park and cemetery

**Bulwell Forest Local Transport Plan schemes:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Brownlow Drive	Lining	£5,500	Extend the double yellow lines to reduce nuisance caused by school parking
Highbury Road	Zebrites	£5,000	Up grade the zebra crossing to Zebrites for increased safety
Bestwood Park Drive West	Footpath	£5,200	Resurface the pavement immediately outside Rise Park School

**Bulwell Forest Public Realm scheme:**

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Recreation Ground	Footpath	£700	Install footpath signs and way mark line of the footpath to advise walkers and prevent incursions onto the golf course

- (2) to note that the following Bulwell Forest Local Transport Plan scheme has been agreed via delegated authority:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Bannerman Road	Disabled Parking Bay	£75.00	Safety audit around potential disabled parking bay on Bannerman Road

**49 RIGHT TRACK (LEAD ORGANISATION) QUARTER 2 AND QUARTER 3 REPORT**

Stuart Bell, Right Track, introduced his report which summarises work of the community associations and details youth work provision in quarter 2 and quarter 3 2013/14.

Mr Bell made the following points and responded to the Committee's questions as follows:

- (a) Right Track are linking with the Police to provide diversionary activities for young people. In some cases, where young people had joined activities in the first term, they are now mentoring new members;
- (b) the youth provision in Areas 1 and 2 have been merged, creating a wider scope of provision and better value for money for both Areas;
- (c) there is not a lot of funding available to Area 1 so external funding has been sought and achieved to boost the provision available;
- (d) youth provision in Area 1 is a quality service which provides structured activities including those which build life skills;
- (e) there are 4 full time workers dedicated to youth engagement across Area 1 and Area 2 and it is intended to recruit 2 apprentices to assist;
- (f) Area 2 has more funding and better facilities but Area 1 has higher quality provision;
- (g) Right Track are bidding to raise funds so that more activities can be provided;
- (h) There is youth provision on the Bulwell Riverside Joint Service Centre (BRJSC) site but it is not funded through Right Track and caters for different needs;
- (i) a lot has been achieved with the funding available but suggestions are welcome as to how further improvements can be made.

Committee members commented as follows:

- (j) the breaking down of territorialism within the area is welcomed as very valuable for communities;
- (k) Stuart and the Right Track Team have successfully supported community groups to source funding for youth engagement, even at alternative venues. This will be of great benefit for the communities concerned;
- (l) the food bank could not operate without the generous donation of the building use by Right Track;
- (m) It is a concern that citizens are unable to access the youth facilities at BRJSC if they are not connected to one of the existing organisations in the Centre.

Irene Andrews, Market Development Programme Manger, praised Right Track for the value for money which is achieved and informed the Committee that Right Track are held up as good a good example to the other Lead Organisations, some of which comparatively achieve far less.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to note the progress of Right Track as the Lead Organisation in Area 1;**

- (2) **for Stuart Bell of Right Track to provide a further detailed breakdown to ward members regarding the numbers of young people engaged;**
- (3) **for a report to be submitted or a presentation made to a future meeting, outlining how, as a company, Bulwell Riverside Joint Service Centre operates.**

**50 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS**

In the absence of Nicky Jarvis, Celia Knight, introduced the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report detailing the schemes proposed to provide extra security, safety and well being to residents.

**RESOLVED to approve the following scheme in the Bulwell Ward:**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Issues</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>
Totley Close	To install a fence to divide the boxing club from the play area	Totley Close is currently under development into a play area through the Tenant and Resident Group. There is a community centre next to the area which is used as a boxing club	£2,975.34

**51 DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Suki Shergil, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Director of Neighbourhood Services' report detailing the use of delegated authority by the Director of Neighbourhood Services and providing the up to date financial position.

**RESOLVED to note the following actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services and the up to date financial position:**

**Bulwell Ward**

<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bulwell and Rise Park Christmas Lights	£3,600
Bulwell public toilets Sunday opening	£1,980
Healthy Living Centre tables	£252
Main Street litter bins	£1,500
BMX track water supply	£1,700
Army Cadets Duke of Edinburgh Award equipment	£300
St Mary's School carpet	£59
Bulwell Bogs Heritage Trail	£1,980
Balance brought forward 12/13	£39,236
Councillor funding 13/14	£15,000
Deprivation funds	£15,993
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£70,229</b>
Allocated 13/14	£26,252
De-committed schemes	£6,783
<b>Uncommitted funds after allocated schemes</b>	<b>£50,760</b>

**Bulwell Forest Ward**

<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bulwell and Rise Park Christmas lights	£3,600
Army Cadets Duke of Edinburgh Award equipment	£300
Jason Spencer Trust	£200
Rise Park Football Club	£269
Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground equipment	£4,813

The following have received Councillor support but are awaiting further information and are not included in the totals below:

Bulwell Athletic Club	£220
Bulwell Forest Community Garden	£900
Rise Park Community Association	£2,000
Rise Park Community Association notice board	£500
Southglade ParkLive 2014	£1,500
Southglade Park Library youth project	£275
Top Valley Community Association	£157

Balance brought forward 12/13	£25,847
Councillor funding 13/14	£15,000
Deprivation funds	£0
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£40,847</b>
Allocated 13/14	£11,970
De-committed schemes	£184
<b>Uncommitted funds after allocated schemes</b>	<b>£29,061</b>

**52 WARD PERFORMANCE**

Suki Shergil, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Director for Neighbourhood Services' report providing summary updates on key themes within the Nottingham Plan 2020 for Quarter 3 2013/14.

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