

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 28 June 2017
from 6.00 pm - 7.38 pm**

Membership

Present

Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim (Chair)
Councillor Brian Parbutt (Vice Chair)
Councillor Carole-Ann Jones
Councillor Toby Neal
Councillor Adele Williams

Absent

Councillor Jane Urquhart

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Helen Barnett	- Assistant Community Family Support Manager
Inspector Christine Busuttil	- Nottinghamshire Police
Moby Farrands	- Forest Fields Improvement Association
Jawaid Khalil	- NG7 Training, Employment and Advice
Farooq Mir	- Seeds Foundation
Leigh Plant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Jane Richardson	- Community Family Support Manager
Debbie Royle	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Joanne Smith	- Tenancy and Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Inspector Robert Wilson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim as Chair for the municipal year 2017-18.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Brian Parbutt as Vice Chair for the municipal year 2017-18.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Jane Urquhart – other council business
Carol Mee

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6 ISSUES AND GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following updates were provided by Community Representatives:

- (a) the Seeds Foundation has been providing successful activities for children in Forest Fields Community Centre, such as a homework club, and plans to teach Urdu;
- (b) the new play equipment on Forest Recreation Ground has had positive feedback and is already being used a lot by local parents and children. It will officially be opened on 27th July;
- (c) the Great Get Together weekend had many great events across both wards with lots of participation;
- (d) Sherwood Art Week was a success again thanks to the amount of community involvement.

7 POLICE UPDATE

Inspectors Robert Wilson and Christine Busittil gave a verbal update on local policing, highlighting the following:

- (a) in Sherwood there have been 92 offences which is similar to last year Burglary has increased which is expected as it now includes outer buildings, and vehicle crimes have increased predominantly due to a number of stolen motorbikes;
- (b) theft from motor vehicles has reduced and stabilised, but other theft, such as mobile phone theft, has increased;
- (c) there are no local links to recent terrorist attacks in London and Manchester. However, there has been a reassessment of working practice following these, with police officers giving talks at mosques about crime prevention, national issues, community concerns and hate crime, along with interviews on Radio Dawn and Notts TV;
- (d) in general there were few incidents of crime associated with Ramadan, and the Eid celebration at Forest Recreation Ground was very successful;
- (e) there has been a significant crime rise in the Berridge Ward compared to last year. This is partly due to new types of crime such as cyber-crimes being

recorded, but also an increase in the reporting of domestic violence;

- (f) there was a problem with knife crime in the New Basford area but this has improved thanks to significant multi-agency work;

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (g) residents have reported long waiting times when ringing 101 to report crimes. The police do have to prioritise calls to 999, but all calls to 101 will be answered if callers persist;
- (h) there is no straightforward answer to why domestic violence levels have increased, and it may be that victims are more confident to report these. All reports are recorded as a crime, and the police encourage victims to come forward at an early stage;

Flora Cameron, Senior Community Protection Officer (CPO), gave an update on Community Protection in the area, highlighting the following:

- (i) 130 flytips have been investigated, and 44 successful warning notices issued. There has also been regular littering operations around Hyson Green and CPOs look to prosecute where possible for all flytipping;
- (j) CPOs have been working positively with street beggars in the area, and encourage the public to donate to homeless charities rather than direct to beggars.

RESOLVED to note the information and thank Robert, Christine and Flora for their updates.

8 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES AND APPROVALS

Joanne Smith, Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the report providing updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes. The reports provide summary updates on the following key themes:

- capital programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

Following the Grenfell fire in London there will be a reassurance meeting and letters will be written to residents at Woodthorpe and Winchester Courts. NCH is very confident that all cladding is safe on these blocks.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the update and performance information in appendices 1 and 2;**

(2) note the allocation of funds for 2017/18, detailed below:

Ward	Actual budget	Schemes approved	Schemes committed	Schemes de-committed	Remaining budget
Berridge	£6,890.04	£0	£0	£0	£6,890.04
Sherwood	£38,649.64	£0	£0	£0	£38,649.64

(3) approve the Area Capital Programme funding request set out below:

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Carver Street	Install knee high fencing to 10 properties on Carver Street and the communal fencing in between to be upgraded in a new timber finish.	To create some defensible space and privacy for these tenants and residents.	£5403.60

9 AREA BASED GRANT - NG7

Jawaid Khalil, Manager, NG7 Training, Employment and Advice, gave a verbal update to the Committee on use of the Area Based Grant in the Berridge and Sherwood wards:

- (a) year 1 of the 3 year programme has been completed and targets have been exceeded in most areas;
- (b) in employment and skills all targets were exceeded except for one. Out of a target of 200 job club sessions 390 were delivered, 91 ESOL training places have been created out of a target of 91, 49 new English classes have been created out of a target of 39, 3 work clubs were created which was on target with 850 people accessing these out of a target of 400, and 75 people were got into work out of a target of 60. 23 work placements were created when the target was 30;
- (c) with young people all targets were exceeded. 375 youth sessions were delivered out of a target of 210, and 49 holiday youth sessions were delivered out of a target of 25;
- (d) New Basford Community Centre has used funding to engage an external consultant who has improved and reorganised the centre. The New Basford area as a whole has had interventions around knife crime, with street work and making finance available to local organisations;

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (e) the Area Based Grant is aimed at over 29 year olds, but NG7 also has a Youth Employment Initiative, with a database of jobs and training opportunities, events and job clubs for 18-29 year olds;
- (f) newer migrant communities can be easier to engage as they are actively looking for work, whereas more established communities can become more

disconnected, such as white British, Pakistani, and Afro-Caribbean;

- (g) the new football pitches at the Forest Recreation Ground have been very successful and are used by many local groups.

RESOLVED to note the update and thank Jawaid.

10 YEAR REVIEW FOR EARLY HELP CENTRAL 2 TEAM

Jane Richardson and Helen Barnett, Early Help Services, gave an update on the Early Help Central 2 Team's work in the Berridge and Sherwood wards, highlighting the following:

- (a) children's centres provide open access and targeted services. A new city-wide matrix ensures that provision across the city is similar. Targeted services include group intervention such as parenting programmes as well as individual one-to-one cases;
- (b) volunteer programmes have seen success as a step towards work, though there is a temporary pause on new volunteers at the moment;
- (c) youth and play sessions are available in New Basford and Forest Fields Play Centre. These are very popular but the number of sessions is restricted due to limited resources;
- (d) the offer of activities during the summer is different from that in term-time in order to engage more with the communities and whole families. These include family community days and city trips;
- (e) in New Basford a pilot project is taking place in conjunction with the Youth Offending Team and Football in the Community to tackle knife crime through football;
- (f) where numbers at a session are low, outreach is used to try and engage more participants.

RESOLVED to note the information and thank Jane and Helen for the update.

11 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Debbie Royle, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways.

RESOLVED to

- (1) approve the Area Capital Fund programme of schemes for Berridge and Sherwood wards as set out below:**

Berridge LTP schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Sherwood Rise	Zebrites	£17,805	Provide Zebrite units at three crossing locations on Sherwood Rise (on the provision that Highways repaint the lining on the zebra crossings out of their budget).
Valmont Road area	Consultation	£2,000	Consultation into residents parking scheme with paid-for permits on Valmont Rd, Girton Rd, Retford Rd.
Hamilton Road	Survey	£1,946	Undertake parking survey on Hamilton Rd to analyse and assess parking issues in the area.
Berridge Ward lining	Road safety	£1,070	New road markings on Retford Rd, Girton Rd, Newfield Rd and Nottingham Rd, with refreshment of lining at other identified areas across the ward.

Berridge Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Berridge Ward CCTV	Security cameras	£10,000	Provision of 3G CCTV camera with 3 year licence and relocations to identified sites.
Grit bins and salt	Winter maintenance	£2,295	Supply 5 grit bins on Fisher St, Claremont Rd, Pearson St, Beaconsfield St and Egypt Rd.
Carver Street	Area improvement	£3,602	Contribution to public realm improvement scheme in partnership with NCH.
Berridge Ward	Security	£1,000	Area-wide safety project to repair and maintain gates and locks.
Poplar park	Park improvement	£500	Maintenance and improvement project at Poplar Park.
Shipstone Street	Park improvement	£20,000	Park improvement at Shipstone Street Park.

Berridge withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Reason
Central Avenue	Footpath	£6,545	Underspend

Sherwood LTP schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Sherwood Ward footpaths	Footpaths	£23,365	Further contribution to large scale footpath patching works on Devonshire Drive and Devonshire Crescent.

Sherwood Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Selkirk Way	Area improvement	£563	Installation of a pocket garden by the Selkirk Way underpass in Carrington.

Sherwood Ward bins	Litter bins	£5,000	Installation of litter bins at identified locations across the ward.
Sherwood Ward cleansing 2	Area improvement	£5,000	Programme of area improvement at identified locations across the ward.
Sherwood Ward cleansing 1	Equipment	£2,700	Contribution to provision of moss removal equipment for use in Sherwood Ward.
Woodthorpe Park	Park improvement	£10,000	Further contribution to improvements/renovation to the dell/cascade in Woodthorpe Park.

Sherwood withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Reason
Carrington Community Garden	Signage	£45	Underspend
Sherwood Ward footpaths 2	Footpaths	£20,000	Changing priorities- reallocation of funds.

(2) note the commitment of funds in the Berridge and Sherwood wards as set out below:

Berridge ward

2017-18 LTP allocation	£70,100
LTP carried forward from 2016-2017	£0
2017-2018 Public Realm allocation	£42,100
Public Realm carried forward from 2016-2017	£14,145
Total available 2017-2018 ACF	£126,345
Less LTP schemes	-£22,821
Less Public Realm schemes	-£37,397
Decommitted funds	+£6,545
Remaining available balance	£72,672
LTP element remaining	£53,824
Public Realm element remaining	£18,848

Sherwood Ward

2017-18 LTP allocation	£54,100
LTP carried forward from 2016-2017	£1,780
2017-2018 Public Realm allocation	£32,400
Public Realm carried forward from 2016-2017	£56,767
Total available 2017-2018 ACF	£145,047
Less LTP schemes	-£28,365
Less Public Realm schemes	-£23,263
Decommitted funds	+£20,045
Remaining available balance	£113,464
LTP element remaining	£47,515
Public Realm element remaining	£65,949

12 WARD REPORTS

Debbie Royle and Leigh Plant, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the report focussing on current priorities and issues facing the Berridge and Sherwood wards and giving details of forthcoming events and activities. It also highlights the latest issues now being addressed in a variety of ways including regular Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings.

Councillors suggested that in future trends could be shown rather than the figures as in this performance data.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the programme on ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team;**
- (2) note the progress made against the Ward priorities;**
- (3) note the current performance data shown in Appendix 4.**

13 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET

Leigh Plant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Neighbourhood Services for projects funded by Ward Councillor budgets.

RESOLVED to note the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes within the Berridge and Sherwood wards, as detailed below:

Allocated schemes: Berridge Ward 2016/17	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Easter Play scheme – Hyson Green Youth Club	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,012
Gurdwara Luncheon Club	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,000
Freedom Arts Colour of Love project	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£100
Sumac youth activities	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,500
Sharewear clothes bank	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,700
Advice project – Forest Fields Advice Centre	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,000
Poplars Park event	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£100
Breakfast Club – The Pythian Club	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,000
Radford Rd spring clean	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£735
Literacy volunteers	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£510

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Summer Play scheme – Hyson Green Youth Club	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,000
Hyson Green Cultural Festival	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,000
NAE summer programme	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£500
Take One – dance floor	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£500
Volunteer Hate Crime Project – Signpost to Polish success	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,000
Women United – NMWN	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£280
Black History event	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£300
Hyson Green festive lights switch on	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£450
International Women's Day event	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£500
Healthy relationship workshops for young people	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£500
Easter activities – Forest Fields Play Centre	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£200
Easter activities – Let's shine give a smile	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£600
Event at New Basford Community Centre 19 th April	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£200
Balance brought forward 2015/16		£81
Allocation 2016/17		£15,000
Total available allocation		£15,081
Total de-committed		£735
Total allocated at 31/03/17		£15,675
Total unallocated at 31/03/17		£141

Allocated schemes: Berridge Ward 2017/18	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Bin stencilling	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£300
Poplars Park sculpture	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£500
Forest schooling – Wild Things	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£1,000
May half term activities – Let it Shine and give a smile	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£600
Workshop events – Hand in Hand	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	£600
Balance brought forward 2016/17		£141
Allocation 2017/18		£15,000
Total available allocation		£15,141
Total de-committed		£0

Total allocated at 26/05/17	£3,000
Total unallocated at 26/05/17	£12,141

Allocated schemes – Sherwood Ward 2016/17	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Interim manager at Edwards Lane Community Centre	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£4,000
Nottingham Carnival	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£300
Log cabin	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£500
Nottingham in Bloom	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£5,980.20
Remarkable recycling gala	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£500
Sherwood Art Week 2016	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£1,500
Sherwood Market banner	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£160
Community activities	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£100
Cycle safety equipment	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£300
Woodthorpe Nursery open day	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£500
Nottingham in Bloom 2017	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£6,925
Loscoe Road planter	Urquhart, Parbutt & Williams	£380
Balance brought forward 2015/16		£22,615
Allocation 2016/17		£15,000
Total available allocation		£37,615
Total de-committed		£0
Total allocated at 31/03/17		£34,173
Total unallocated at 30/03/17		£3,442

Allocated schemes: Sherwood Ward 2017/18	
None	
Balance brought forward 2016/17	£22,783
Allocation 2017/18	£15,000
Total available allocation	£37,783
Total de-committed	£0
Total allocated at 25/05/17	£19,341
Total unallocated at 25/05/17	£18,442

14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED to meet on the following Wednesdays at 6pm:

27 September 2017

29 November 2017

28 February 2018