

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 19 FEBRUARY 2014 from
5.33 pm to 6.34 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

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

- Dave Brennan - Castle Cavendish
- Alderman David Poole - City of Nottingham Neighbourhood Watch Council
- Ben Haddock - Community Reps
- Tim Preston - Dunkirk and Lenton Forum
- Lesley Fyffe) Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association
- Sheila Porterfield)
- Lynn Standen - Nottingham City Homes
- Mike Siebert - Nottingham Park Residents Association
- Inspector Annie Yates - Nottinghamshire Police
- Moby Farrands) Partnership Council
- Tony Marshall)
- Peter Beynon) Residents
- Nick Packham)
- Chris Newton - St Paul's Residents Association
- Melanie Futer - University of Nottingham
- Rob Gabbitas - Neighbourhood Development Officer)
- Iffat Iqbal - Neighbourhood Development Officer) Communities
- John Marsh - Central Locality Manager)
- Linda Wright - Neighbourhood Development Officer)

Sandra Patterson - Safer Routes to School Officer - Development

Laura Wilson - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Fiona Corbett
Mya Fletcher
Peter Milligan
Sue Thorpe
Luke Willen
Inspector Rob Wilson

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

35 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.

36 WARD PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 3 2013/14

John Marsh, Central Locality Manager, introduced the Director for Neighbourhood Services' report providing summary updates on key themes within the Nottingham Plan 2020 for Quarter 3 2013/14.

Inspector Annie Yates highlighted the following points in relation to crime in the area:

- (a) for Arboretum:
- dwelling burglary is down by 47 offences;
 - autocrime is at 1 offence;
 - criminal damage is at 13 offences;
 - theft is at 66 offences;
 - violence is at 106 offences;
 - robbery is at 15 offences;
 - all crime is up 167 offences, but Operation Graduate ran during the Autumn term and this has helped to reduce crime by 60 offences compared to the same time last year;
 - 5 dwelling burglaries in the area resulted in 11 crime numbers as 11 separate locked rooms were broken in to;
- (b) for Dunkirk and Lenton:
- dwelling burglary has increased by 2 offences;
 - autocrime is down by 9 offences;
 - criminal damage has increased by 9 offences;
 - theft is down by 15 offences;
 - violence is down by 6 offences;
 - all crime is down by 36 offences;

- (c) for Radford and Park:
- dwelling burglary is down by 2 offences;
 - autocrime is down by 60 offences;
 - criminal damage is down by 23 offences;
 - theft has increased by 78 offences;
 - violence has increased by 22 offences, which are mainly domestic violence;
- (d) 3 burglaries in the Canning Circus beat which covers Dunkirk an Lenton and Radford and Park resulted in 14 crime numbers as 14 separate locked rooms were broken in to;
- (e) rule 28(a) of the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime dictates that a crime number has to be issued for every locked room entered within a dwelling.

John Marsh highlighted the following points:

- (f) the Week of Action held in the Arboretum ward in November has helped to reduce the number of bins left on the street;
- (g) the number of incidents of graffiti in Dunkirk and Lenton is lower than the other wards;
- (h) flytipping is the biggest issue in Radford and Park;
- (i) the major event across all 3 wards was the Christmas light switch on;
- (j) Facebook pages have been set up for the 3 wards so that citizens can find out what events are taking place.

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

- (k) the gate to the Park estate on the junction of Lenton Road and Park Road has recently been unlocked so should start to be used as a thoroughfare again. Residents have been advised to report any night time disturbances to the Police and the Residents Association;
- (l) there is a programme in place to clean all gullies once a year but parked cars often mean that the gullies can't be accessed so cleaning in the area should be scheduled for student vacation periods.

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

37 LENTON TRIANGLE/DRIVES RESIDENTS' SURVEY RESULTS

Ben Haddock, Project Manager, Community Reps, presented the Committee with the following information in relation to the Lenton Triangle/Drives survey carried out by the group:

- (a) Community Reps is a group of students creating positive change in Nottingham to improve the relationship between students and non-students. They find out local problems and help residents to do something about them;
- (b) during Autumn 2013 the group visited 246 houses in the Lenton area to ask their views on the local area. 142 responses were received. Of those that responded 84% were students and 16% were non-students;
- (c) the key problems identified were:
- anti-social behaviour and noise (identified by 22% of students and 75% of non-students);
 - bins and litter (identified by 8% of students and 15% of non-students);
 - crime (identified by 25% of students and 10% of non-students);
 - other problems such as parking, roads and traffic (40%), landlords and estate agents (20%), buses and taxis (13%), animals (7%) and not specified (20%) (identified by 10% of students and 15% of non-students);
- (d) more detailed information is included on the online problem map www.communityreps.co.uk;
- (e) students and non-students were asked how they saw their relationship:
- 1.5% thought it was excellent;
 - 13.1% thought it was good;
 - 13.8% thought it was ok;
 - 66.2% thought they had no relationship;
 - 1.5% thought it was poor;
 - 1.5% thought it was bad;
 - 2.3% thought it was awful;
- (f) how students saw their relationship with non-students:
- 0.8% thought it was excellent;
 - 12.5% thought it was good;
 - 10.7% thought it was ok;
 - 71.4% thought they had no relationship;
 - 1.8% thought it was bad;
 - 0.9% thought it was bad;
 - 1.8% thought it was awful;
- (g) how non-students saw their relationship with students:
- 5.9% thought it was excellent;
 - 11.8% thought it was good;
 - 29.4% thought it was ok;
 - 35.3% thought they had no relationship;
 - 0% thought it was poor;
 - 11.8% thought it was bad;
 - 5.9% thought it was awful;
- (h) students liked their local area because of:
- the student community (54%);

- the good location (43.7%);
 - the local shops (18.4%);
 - the transport links (5.8%);
- (i) non-students liked their local area because of:
- the good location (40%);
 - the local shops (20%);
 - it being a nice area (20%);
 - a sense of community (15%);
- (j) towards the end of the year a pilot scheme for Street Reps will be launched. Street Reps are student volunteers who will:
- visit neighbours on their street at regular intervals throughout the year;
 - collect information on any local issues and signpost advice where appropriate;
 - remind students to be conscientious of others;
 - act as a representative for their student neighbours.
- If the pilot is successful it is hoped that it can be launched as a permanent project in 2015.

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

- (k) it would be helpful to find a consensus between students and residents on what is an acceptable noise level. Noise causes the biggest disturbance to residents Sunday to Thursday evenings due to getting up for work or taking their children to school;
- (l) some of the buses serving the student population in the area are no longer operating but there still appears to be fewer cars parked which could be as a result of students having to pay for parking permits;
- (m) students often suffer from unfair criticism as a result of irresponsible landlords clearing their houses during the summer vacation period and leaving a mess;
- (n) it is important to try and learn what will encourage students to engage more with residents.

RESOLVED to thank Ben for his presentation and note the information provided.

38 NEW SCHOOL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME

Sandra Patterson, Safer Routes to School Officer, provided the Committee with the following information in relation to the new School Enforcement Programme:

- (a) a steering group had 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 contain 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, although Nottingham has the best road safety record in the country for journeys to and from schools with child casualties dropping from 100 in 1990 to less than 20 in 2012;
- (f) all schools in the City are in favour of the Enforcement Programme.

RESOLVED to thank Sandra for her presentation and note the information provided.

39 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH)

Lynn Standen, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes, introduced the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report detailing the schemes proposed to provide extra security, safety and well being to residents. She informed the Committee that the scheme proposed for Lambert Street, The Avenue Hotel rear boundary in the Arboretum has been deferred.

RESOLVED to approve the following schemes:

Arboretum ward:

| Site | Proposal | Assessment | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| 17-21 Vincent Gardens, Hyson Green | Take down the knee rail fencing, remove the bushes and a tree and create a new footpath | Will improve the environmental appearance for residents | £2,265.98 |
| Rear of Selhurst Court, Hyson Green | Remove the old paving slabs and replace them with tarmac | Will improve the local environment and reduce risks for residents | £5,610.18 |
| Total budget to carry forward | | | £18,566.43 |

Dunkirk and Lenton ward:

| Site | Proposal | Assessment | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| 34-48 Penn Avenue, Lenton | Resurface the footpath with red tarmac to match existing and fill in empty tree border surrounds | Improved environmental appearance and reduce health and safety risk to residents | £5,524.24 |
| Penn Avenue, Lenton | Install a blue plaque to the front centre of the middle block at Penn Avenue | Historic marker to improve the environmental appearance of the block | £432.50 |
| Maxwell Close, Lenton | Raise the dropped kerb to the bottom of Maxwell Close – joint project with Highways | The area currently being used as an unauthorised turning circle and this will improve the environment | £1,375.00 |
| Penn Avenue, Lenton | Move the existing palisade fencing back to the perimeter near Sherwin Grove. Clear the area – work to be completed once the private landlord has reinstated their boundary | Improve the appearance of the estate for local residents | £2,331.90 |
| Total budget to carry forward | | | £15,133.40 |

Radford and Park ward:

| Site | Proposal | Assessment | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| Woodgate Court, Canning Circus | Resurface the drying areas to 1-6, 7-12 and 13-21 | The drying areas are unsightly and the surfaces are a health and safety risk | £10,623.79 |
| Grafton Court, Canning Circus | Remove the cobbles and tarmac the entrances to the following blocks – 1-6, 7-13, 14-19, 20-25, 26-31, 32-41 and 42-49 | The cobbles are unsafe and the appearance of the area will be improved | £4,265.24 |
| Total budget to carry forward | | | £45,245.44 |

40 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2013/15 PROGRAMME

Linda Wright, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Director of Neighbourhood Services' report seeking approval for the schemes which have recently been prioritised.

RESOLVED to

(1) note that the following money is available:

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| Arboretum | £128,659 |
| Dunkirk and Lenton | £100,151 |
| Radford and Park | £156,001 |

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

Arboretum Public Realm Schemes:

| Location | Type | Estimate | Details |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---|
| Berridge Junior School | Signage | £499 | Contribution to the supply and fitting of 6 anti-litter signs around the school designed by school children |
| Holland Street | Fencing | £850 | Additional fencing for the Holland Street gating project |
| Maple Street Park | Fencing | £1,600 | Replacement fencing as part of the area regeneration |