

# NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

## AREA 8 COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 13 June 2018 from 6.32 pm - 8.19 pm**

### Membership

#### Present

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

#### Absent

Councillor Pat Ferguson  
Councillor Corall Jenkins

### Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Clare Ashton	- Good Companions
Sergeant Nigel Bradley	- Nottinghamshire Police
Chris Brummitt	- Bridges Community Trust
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Ceri Davies	- Housing Strategy Specialist
James Dymond	- Parks Development Manager
Isabell Edis	- New Meadows Tenants & Residents Association
Abdul Ghaffar	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Miriam Gifford	- Bridges Community Trust
Gary Humble	- Clifton Community & Family Support Group
Jane Jeffrey	- Queens Walk Community Association
Colin Mackie	- Silverdale Community Association
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Terry Regan	- Meadows Association of Diabetics
Janet Scott	- Ward Resident
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Toni Smithurst	- Tenancy and Estates Manager of Bulwell Housing Office
Kevin Spencer	- Meadows Scout Group
Margaret Spencer	- OMTRA
Roger Steel	- Wilford Community Group
Inspector James Walker	- Nottinghamshire Police
Maria Watson	- Clifton Donation Group
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer

### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Steve Young as Chair for the 2018/19 municipal year.**

### **2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Nicola Heaton as Vice-Chair for the 2018/19 municipal year.**

### **3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Corall Jenkins – personal reasons

Mary Daly  
Sarah Jordan  
Roy Nettleship  
Pat Rice  
Dee Whitworth

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **5 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **6 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report inviting the Committee to formally appoint Community Representatives from the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as required by the Terms of Reference.

**RESOLVED to formally note the appointment of Community Representatives as highlighted below for the municipal year 2018/19:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>
Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens	Dee Whitworth (Bridge)
Barton Lane Community Association	Tracy Osborne (Clifton South)
Carters Educational Foundation	Roy Nettleship (Clifton North)
Clifton Advice Centre	Ian Malcolm (Clifton South)
Clifton Community Association	Robert Moseley (Clifton North)
Clifton Community Family Group	Karen Humble (Clifton North)
Clifton Donation Group	Maria Watson (Clifton South)
Clifton Village Residents Association	Pat Rice (Clifton South)
Friends of Victoria Embankment	Sarah Jordan (Bridge)
Good Companions	Clare Ashton (Clifton South)
Meadows Association of Diabetics	Terrance Regan (Bridge)
Meadows Dance & Social Group	Mary Daly (Bridge)
Meadows Muslim Centre	Basheer A Latif (Bridge)
New Meadows Tenants & Residents Association	Isabell Edis (Bridge)
Old Meadows Tenants & Residents Association	Margaret Spencer (Bridge)
Queens Walk Community Association	Jane Jeffrey (Bridge)
Silverdale Community Association	Colin Mackie (Clifton North)
The Bridges Community Trust	Miriam Gifford (Bridge)
Wilford Community Group	Roger Steel (Clifton North)

The Chair then informed the Committee that Parbinder Singh will be moving to become Neighbourhood Development Officer for Wollaton West. Words of thanks were received from Councillors Cook, Edwards and Rule, and Community Representatives, for his hard work and support.

## **7 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE**

Inspector James Walker, Nottinghamshire Police, gave a verbal update on crime in the Meadows, highlighting the following:

- (a) there has been series of violent incidents in the Meadows recently. 6 incidents have taken place since 4 April, and 12 arrests have been made. There is a link between violent incidents and drug related incidents, and an individual has been arrested for possession of class A drugs;
- (b) the Meadows currently has 1 sergeant, 2 beat officers and 3 Police Community Support Officers. The force is bidding for additional resources, and has already successfully worked with the knife crime team who have been involved with arrests;
- (c) 3G cameras have been placed in hotspots for drug-related activity. Public meetings have also taken place for reassurance, as well as an increase in social media activity to inform citizens of work being done.

Sergeant Nigel Bradley, Nottinghamshire Police, gave a verbal update on crime generally in Clifton and the Meadows, highlighting the following:

- (d) there has been a rise in auto crime in Clifton, with vehicles being broken into at night. Police presence in certain areas has been increased, and messages on social media have asked citizens to be careful;
- (e) in Clifton, there has been a 23% reduction in anti-social behaviour in the year to date and a reduction in hate crime. Burglary figures are relatively low but remain static;
- (f) in the Meadows, overall crime is down in the year to date, including reductions in shoplifting and anti-social behaviour. There has been a slight increase in vehicle crime;

The following comments were made by members of the Committee:

- (g) some youth and outreach work has been cut, but there are still a number of organisations and events that can provide activities for young people to take part in. A calendar is being produced by Bridges Community Trust to better advertise these. A youth strategy is also being developed for the area by the police;
- (h) the police is liaising with local schools on education around gun and knife crime and anti-social behaviour. 12 schools officers are being recruited across Nottinghamshire to work as a liaison with schools.

**RESOLVED to thank Inspector Walker and Sergeant Bradley for the information provided.**

## **8 WARD REPORTS**

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report by focussing on current priorities and issues facing Clifton South ward. This was followed by Abdul Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer and Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officers, focussing on the current priorities, issues and key actions delivered in the Bridge and Clifton North wards.

**RESOLVED to note the progress on Ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addresses by each Neighbourhood Action Team, and upcoming opportunities for citizens to engage.**

## **9 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES AND APPROVALS**

Toni Smithurst, 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.

**RESOLVED to**

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

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

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Actual budget</u>	<u>Remaining budget</u>
Bridge	£241,664.92	£241,664.92
Clifton South	£116,230.58	£116,230.58
Clifton North	£137,505.92	£137,505.92

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

<b>Address</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Spydon Walk, Clifton South	Install knee rail fencing to the green spaces.	To alleviate issues with unauthorised parking and causing damage to the grass areas.	£5,650.00

## **10 PROPOSAL FOR A SCHEME OF ADDITIONAL LICENSING FOR HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION**

Ceri Davies, Housing Strategy Specialist, introduced the report informing the Committee of a proposed Additional Licensing scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), highlighting the following:

- (a) a successful Additional Licensing scheme already exists in Nottingham City, but this is due to end in December 2018;
- (b) the area that the scheme will cover remains largely the same as the existing scheme. In the Bridge Ward this covers the lace market and parts of Old Meadows;
- (c) the current scheme has successfully improved the conditions of HMOs, taken rogue landlords out of the market, and tackled problems with anti-social behaviour;
- (d) the Council is currently consulting on the proposed new scheme, with consultation running until 20 July 2018 prior to Executive Board approval;
- (e) the scheme does not cover the Clifton area at all. Areas need have evidence of having at least 10 HMOs, 2 of which have attracted complaints;
- (f) fees for landlords in the new scheme have increased slightly to £1000 over 5 years for accredited landlords, £1370 for unaccredited landlords and £1720 for landlords with a history of non-compliance.

**RESOLVED to**

**(1) note the contents of the report;**

**(2) ask partners to actively contribute to the consultation process.**

**11 SECTION 106 FUNDING FOR PARKS & OPEN SPACES IN AREA 8**

James Dymond, Parks Development Manager, introduced the report with proposals for the spending of Section 106 funding in Area 8, highlighting the following:

- (a) the relevant Section 106 funding must be used towards the provision of enhancement of public open space or other community facilities in the City Of Nottingham;
- (b) the largest proposed spend is for match funding for a £1.5m Heritage Lottery Fund bid to restore the memorial gardens at Victoria Embankment, including war memorial restoration, undercroft improvements, fountain repairs restoration of the statue, path repairs and landscape works;
- (c) other smaller spending proposals are at Ruddington Lane park, Arkwright Walk park, Locksley play area, Iremonger's pond and for improvements to trees around the area.

The following suggestions were made by members of the Committee:

- (d) football goals would also be welcome at Ruddington Lane park;
- (e) new trees would be beneficial at the Fairham Brook area in Silverdale;

- (f) the footpath to the tram stop at Ruddington Lane should be improved and better lit.

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

- (g) the undercroft at the war memorial could be used as an interpretation or activity space for visitors or veterans and their families;
- (h) Victoria Embankment is a destination park for the city and the region. Once plans are more concrete they will be shared more widely. Public support is an important criterion for the Heritage Lottery funding.

**RESOLVED to endorse the proposals for the spend of Section 106 funding on parks and open spaces in Area 8.**

## **12 CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE**

Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Co-ordinator, gave a verbal update and presentation highlighting the following:

- (a) there has recently been a halt in physical works such as the cut-through to Morrisons and the flower park but these are due to begin again in October;
- (b) a planning application has been approved for new retail units and a gym on the Morrisons site, with one occupier already confirmed;
- (c) the new urban expansion was approved by Rushcliffe Borough Council. New employment sites will be built in the first phase with a commitment to providing jobs for people from Clifton. The housing will be built over the next 10 years;
- (d) the Clifton Triangle site, with a new Lidl supermarket and B&M Bargains, is almost complete. Recruitment has focused on providing jobs for local people;
- (e) Clifton's retail units are 100% occupied which is unusual nationally. House prices in the area have also increased due to factors such as the tram line and the quality of housing.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (f) there is scope for further trees to be planted on the Clifton Triangle site;
- (g) the increase in house prices could price younger people out of the housing market. The new urban expansion should be built more quickly by Rushcliffe to provide much needed housing.

**RESOLVED to thank Mark for the information provided**

## **13 UPDATES AND ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

The following information was provided by Community Representatives:

- (a) the Meadows Dance and Social Group has been running for over 20 years. The group recently applied for lottery funding and was awarded around £5,000 which is enough to keep it running for another year;
- (b) the Wilford Community Group held a mayday event, included maypole dancing, which was very well attended;
- (c) in Clifton Village a litter pick was organised for villagers. 16 people took part and a dozen or more bags of litter were collected. A litter champion has now been appointed who organised a further litter pick, and spoken to the fast food outlets and the university to encourage them to cover areas along the A453;
- (d) Good Companions has been running since 2000 to reduce loneliness, organising a home visiting service and friendship groups. A new treasurer and 6 new volunteers have recently been recruited, and fundraising has taken place at Morrisons and Wilford fireworks. £24,000 has recently been awarded from the People's Trust for a co-ordinator to set up 2 new friendship groups, and a new social inclusion co-ordinator has been funded for one year.

**RESOLVED to thank Community Representatives for the information provided.**

#### **14 AREA CAPITAL REPORT**

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways, traffic and safety and public realm.

**RESOLVED to**

**(1) note the monies available to Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as outlined below:**

##### **Bridge**

2018-2019 LTP allocation	£53,200
LTP carried forward from 2017-18	£0
2018-19 Public Realm allocation	£20,416
Public Realm carried forward from 2017-18	£0
<b>Total available 2018-19 ACF</b>	<b>£73,616</b>
Less LTP schemes	-£87,918
Less Public Realm schemes	-£10,000
Decommitted funds	+£87,261
<b>Remaining available balance</b>	<b>£62,959</b>
LTP element remaining	£2,655
Public Realm element remaining	£60,304

##### **Clifton North**

2018-2019 LTP allocation	£47,500
LTP carried forward from 2017-18	£0
2018-19 Public Realm allocation	£18,240

Public Realm carried forward from 2017-18	£1,451
<b>Total available 2018-19 ACF</b>	<b>£67,191</b>
Less LTP schemes	-£43,411
Less Public Realm schemes	-£0
Decommitted funds	+£10,000
<b>Remaining available balance</b>	<b>£33,780</b>
LTP element remaining	£4,089
Public Realm element remaining	£29,691

**Clifton South**

2018-2019 LTP allocation	£59,900
LTP carried forward from 2017-18	£0
2018-19 Public Realm allocation	£23,040
Public Realm carried forward from 2017-18	£5,082
<b>Total available 2018-19 ACF</b>	<b>£88,022</b>
Less LTP schemes	-£0
Less Public Realm schemes	-£0
Decommitted funds	+£10,000
<b>Remaining available balance</b>	<b>£98,022</b>
LTP element remaining	£69,900
Public Realm element remaining	£28,122

**(2) approve the programme of schemes as outlined for Bridge Ward (3 schemes totalling £97,918) and Clifton North Ward (3 schemes totalling £43,411):**

Location	Type	Date prioritised	Estimate	Details
Ainsworth Drive	Carriageway	Prioritised 10/05/18	£37,918	Carriageway resurfacing on Ainsworth Drive.
Robin Hood Way	Footpath	10/05/18	£50,000	Conversion of existing verge to footpath adjacent to Victoria Primary School.
Victoria Embankment	Area improvement	21/05/18	£10,000	Installation of metal knee rail around parking area to prevent cars gaining access to site.
Farnborough Road	Footpath	01/03/18	£15,245	Footpath reconstruction on identified section of Farnborough Road.
Main Road	Footpath	01/03/18	£26,816	Footpath reconstruction on identified section of Main Road, Wilford.



Wilford Village	Survey	01/03/18	£1,350	Survey to assess parking patterns in Wilford Village area.
<b>Decommitted schemes</b>				
<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>
Bridge Ward	Resurfacing	Changing priorities	£37,373	Resurfacing works on carriageway/footpaths at identified locations across Bridge Ward.
Bridge Ward	Resurfacing	Changing priorities	£12,588	Resurfacing works on carriageway/footpaths at identified locations across Bridge Ward.
Bridgeway Centre	Security	Changing Priorities	£37,300	Car park automatic number plate recognition
Farnborough Road School	Road safety	Scheme discontinued	£10,000	Introduction of road safety measures outside Farnborough School.
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## 15 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for those projects funded by Ward Councillor budgets.

**RESOLVED to note the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards, as detailed below:**

<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Allocated schemes</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Amount (total)</b>
	04/04/17	Hoodwinked	Cllr Edwards, Cllr Heaton	£250.00
	17/04/18	Bridgeway Centre floral display	Cllr Edwards, Cllr Heaton	£2,642.05
	02/05/18	AMCG Spring, Summer & Autumn events	Cllr Edwards	£600.00
	25/05/18	26 <sup>th</sup> Nottingham (The Meadows) Scout Group	Cllr Edwards	£600.00
		Manzil	Cllr Edwards, Cllr Heaton	£1,120.00
Balance brought forward from 2017/18				£4,215.00
Allocation 2018/19				£10,000.00

Total available allocation				£14,215.00
Total de-committed				£0.00
<b>Total allocated at 21/05/18</b>				<b>£5,862.05</b>
<b>Total unallocated at 21/05/18</b>				<b>£8,352.95</b>
<b>Clifton North</b>	01/03/18	Hoodwinked	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£500.00
	22/03/18	Easter Fair at NG11 Foodbank	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£260.00
	22/03/18	Replacement of damaged rugby posts- Nottingham Moderns RFU	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£550.00
	13/04/18	Wilford Village floral display	Cllr Rule	£552.00
	24/04/18	Wilford Community Group – May Day event	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£230.00
	27/04/18	Ruddington Lane Family Funday 2018	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£900.00
	02/05/18	45 <sup>th</sup> Boys and Girls summer camp 2018	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£300.00
	10/05/18	Summerwood Community Gardens	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£1,750.00
	10/05/18	Clifton Donation Group	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£512.00
	10/05/18	Teddy Bears Picnic 2018	Cllrs Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£800.00
	10/05/18	Litterbins for Silverdale	Cllr Rule	£1,402.00
Balance bought forward 2017/18				£9,449.00
Allocation 2018/19				£15,000.00
Total available allocation				£24,449.00
Total de-committed				£0.00
<b>Total allocated at 16/05/18</b>				<b>£6,447.00</b>
<b>Total unallocated at 16/05/18</b>				<b>£22,467.00</b>
<b>Clifton South</b>	01/03/18	Hoodwinked	Gibson, Jenkins (£100 each) & Young (£300)	£500.00
	02/05/18	45 <sup>th</sup> Boys Brigade and Girls summer camp 2018	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£600.00

	02/05/18	Tree removal – Green Lane	Gibson	£270.00
	02/05/18	St George's Day event	Gibson, Jenkins (£100 each) & Young (£300)	£500.00
	03/05/18	Clifton South 2018-19 events	Gibson, Jenkins (£150 each) & Young (£2,500)	£2,800.00
	10/05/18	Teddy Bears Picnic	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£400.00
	15/05/18	Clifton Donation Group fun day	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£512.00
	21/05/18	Summerwood Community Gardens	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£3,000.00
		Literacy volunteer at Highbank Primary	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£350.00
Balance brought forward from 2017/18				£8,067.00
Allocation 2018/19				£15,000.00
Total available allocation				£23,709.00
Total de-committed				£0.00
<b>Total allocated at 22/05/18</b>				<b>£7,782.00</b>
<b>Total unallocated at 22/05/18</b>				<b>£15,927.00</b>

## 16 MEETING DATES FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR

**AGREED to meet on the following Wednesdays at 6.30pm:**

**12 September 2018 (Clifton Cornerstone)**

**12 December 2018 (Loxley House)**

**13 March 2019 (Clifton Cornerstone)**