

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Clifton Cornerstone, Clifton, Nottingham on 3 October 2018 from 6.30 pm - 8.25 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Steve Young (Chair)
Councillor Michael Edwards
Councillor Chris Gibson
Councillor Corall Jenkins
Councillor Andrew Rule
Councillor Roger Steel

Absent

Councillor Nicola Heaton
Councillor Josh Cook

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer
Mark Armstrong	- Town Centre Co-ordinator
Clare Ashton	- Good Companions
Councillor Cheryl Barnard	- Robin Hood Energy board member
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Scott Clancy	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Isabell Edis	- New Meadows Tenants & Residents Association
Miriam Gifford	- Bridges Community Trust
Jane Jeoffrey	- Queens Walk Community Association
Sarah Jordan	- Friends of Victoria Embankment
N Judd	- Clifton Resident
Basheer Latif	- Meadows Muslim Centre
Colin Mackie	- Silverdale Community Association
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Will Morritt	- City Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Roy Nettleship	- Carter's Educational Foundation
Katie Sharp	- Nottingham City Homes
Margaret Spencer	- OMTRA
Andy Springall	- Robin Hood Energy
Inspector James Walker	- Nottinghamshire Police
Maria Watson	- Clifton Donation Group

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Josh Cook – personal reasons
Councillor Nicola Heaton – leave
Sergeant Nigel Bradley
Chris Brummitt
Mary Daly
Abdul Ghaffar

Pat Rice
Dee Whitworth

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

19 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report inviting the Committee to formally appoint a community representative from the Bridge ward onto the Area 8 Committee.

RESOLVED to formally note the appointment of Richard Gutteridge of 26th Nottingham (The Meadows) Scout Group as Area Committee Community Representative from the Bridge Ward for the 2018/19 municipal year.

21 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE

Inspector James Walker, Nottinghamshire Police, gave an update on local policing and crime in the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards, highlighting the following:

- (a) there has been a spike in auto-crime in Clifton. There have been some arrests for burglary and auto-crime and response officers have changed their patrol plans to take in streets where this has happened;
- (b) a PCSO has been trained in the use of off-road bicycles to target those that are riding these illegally;
- (c) an offender who was scratching vehicles in the Silverdale area has now been apprehended;
- (d) a Schools Officer has been recruited for the south of the city who will be going into schools to discuss knife crime, gangs, sexting and other issues affecting young people;
- (e) in the Meadows there have been 3 warrants in the last 3 weeks which has resulted in a drop in overall crime;
- (f) a police drop-in centre will be opening at the central fire station from next week;
- (g) Operation Sceptre took place across Nottinghamshire last week, with 418 knives across the county being handed in, and knife purchasing tests taking place in shops including some shops in the Meadows.

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

- (h) Community Protection is now enforcing Common Law Powers when dealing with travellers, which require police support but no court involvement. This has resulted in travellers being moved on much more quickly than previously;
- (i) the Meadows Week of Action took place recently, as well as two dog fouling operations;
- (j) a dedicated schools CPO has been recruited, as well as two CPOs who deal purely with social media crime.

RESOLVED to thank Inspector Walker and Scott Clancy for the information provided.

22 ROBIN HOOD ENERGY UPDATE

Andy Springall, Operations Director, Robin Hood Energy (RHE), delivered a presentation highlighting the following:

- (a) the company was established in 2014 and was the first publicly owned not for profit energy company in the UK. It was originally conceived to help tackle fuel poverty in Nottingham City;
- (b) RHE now serves over 115,000 customers across the UK taking in customers from an extended partnership of white label companies and other local authorities;
- (c) RHE has been much more successful than other 'start up' energy companies and has already achieved a profit within the first three years. Loans from the council to start the company are being repaid at commercial rates;
- (d) there are a wide range of tariffs available including green energy tariffs and a reduced tariff for city residents. Average savings for city residents are around £153 compared to standard prepay tariffs;
- (e) customers' tariffs are regularly reviewed to ensure that they are the most suitable. Now that the company is achieving profit it has voluntarily joined the warm home discount scheme and fuel vouchers are regularly sent to food banks across the city to help the most vulnerable.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in the presentation.

23 WARD REPORTS

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, and Councillor Michael Edwards introduced the report focussing on current priorities and issues facing the three wards within Area 8 and details of forthcoming events and activities. The following was highlighted:

- (a) drugs are a problem in the Bridge ward. Hotspots are checked daily by CPOs and any needles or other drug paraphernalia is reported for removal;
- (b) there has been an increase in fly tipping in the Meadows, with hotspots checked regularly and the Meadows Day of Action cleaning up Arkwright Walk;
- (c) double yellow lines will be introduced at junctions in the Old Meadows following consultation with residents, creating easier access for large vehicles, appropriate parking and safeguarding dropped kerbs;
- (d) successful parking schemes have been completed on Smithy Close, Farnborough Road and Fallows Close in Clifton North, and a scheme is due to be implemented on the Clifton Grove estate;
- (e) there are continuing issues with parking around schools, particularly in Wilford;
- (f) fly-tipping sites continue to be cleared in Clifton following a summer of activity. There are several Clean Champions and regular litter picks are taking place;
- (g) a Youth Activity directory has been completed and updated by the Bridges Community Trust.

Community Representatives were concerned at the lack of youth provision following the termination of projects in the area.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the progress on ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team, and upcoming opportunities for citizens to engage;**
- (2) request a more detailed update on youth provision in the area at the next meeting.**

24 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES AND APPROVALS

Will Morritt, City 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, highlighting the following:

- (a) Mayfield Court is due to have Grand Design work this financial year, with a start date yet to be confirmed. Fire enhancement works at Southchurch Court, including installation of sprinklers, will begin in late 2018 to early 2019 due to electrical infrastructure issues that are being resolved;
- (b) the Decent Neighbourhood team has recently delivered external and boundary improvements to Crammond Close, upgrading canopies, fascias and boundary fencing and door numbers. The aim is to roll out this type of work across the Bridge ward;

- (c) the Tenant Academy has delivered a number of courses in June on items such as practical DIY, basic booking, and women in construction;
- (d) NCH won the Excellence in Tenant Engagement award at the national final of the TPAS awards.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the update and performance information in the report;

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

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes approved	Schemes committed	Remaining budget
Bridge	£241,664.92	£0	£238,909	£2,756
Clifton South	£116,230.58	£5,650	£0	£110,530.58
Clifton North	£137,505.92	£0	£30,000	£107,505.92

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

Address	Request	Cost
Houseman Gardens	Install knee high rail to public realm	£1,350
Houseman Gardens	Vertical ball railing and gates to 9 NCH properties, creating new boundaries to mirror the new build environment	£15,023
Hope Close	Vertical ball railings to rear of 1 Hope Close	£2,898
32 to 33 Houseman Gardens	Remove 11 existing bollards, replace with new, re-grade areas of turf and footpaths	
Blackstone Walk	Vertical ball railing and gates to properties 1 to 6 and 8	£11,511
Bridgeway Centre	Clean off upper section of brickwork and replace other areas of damaged brickwork. Erect scaffold, provide protection and divert pedestrian access/footpath for duration of works	£40,399
Hawthorn View	Replacement fencing and gates to 5 properties	£4,445
16-21 Kelso Gardens	1800mm timber fencing to rear of properties and 7 gates	£6,305
33-40 Kelso Gardens	1800mm timber fencing to rear of properties and 5 gates	£5,725
20-33 Beardsley Gardens	1800mm timber fencing to rear of properties and 8 gates	£9,920
20-23 and 25-29 Kelso Gardens	Vertical ball railings to front of 9 NCH properties	£15,361
Dentist area, Kelso Gardens	Take away existing planter and make good to footpath surface	£4,189
Middle Furlong Gardens 1-3	Vertical ball railings to front of 2 NCH properties	£7,454
Middle Furlong	Vertical ball railings to front of 5 NCH properties	£12,650

Gardens 15-19		
Lothmore Court	New communal garden for residents of Lothmore Court, facilitating the use of outside space and planting	£21,650
Bridgeway Centre	New CCTV installation to car park	£20,500
Cavan Court, Queens Walk	New CCTV installation	£7,000
Beardsley Gardens	Remove planters	£2,700
Beardsley Gardens	Knee high rail to public amenity space	£2,250
Lybster Mews	Remove corner of planter on entrance to parking area near lamp post M149	£1,100
Crammond Close	Remove planter O/S No. 10	£950
Royston Close	Remove planter close to no.25	£950
Royston Close	Removal on grass area close to no.2 – near the front wall, not maintained	£1,232
Colliery Close	Remove planter and tree stump	£1,300
Soudan Drive	Remove grassed area to make more parking to the side of no.23	£1,250
Cartergate	New fob activated barrier	£9,403
1 Hope Close and 3-10 Hawthorn Close	Front elevation improvements	£26,681
Farnborough Road parking scheme	NCH funding for Farnborough Road parking scheme	£30,000
Lakehead House	Community Garden improvements	£15,522
Lakehead House	Fencing to provide security	£922
Branford Avenue	Garage door replacement	£6,168

25 **CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE**

Mark Armstrong, Town Centres Coordinator, gave a verbal update on developments in Clifton town centre, highlighting the following:

- (a) improvements to the cut-through from the Clifton shops to Morrison's will be complete by Christmas. Paving is complete at the top end of the Clifton shops and tree pits will be completed from the end of this month;
- (b) improvements to the Flower Park are due to start at the end of November, including a new design with trees, benches and a new repositioned entrance;
- (c) the Clifton Triangle development is now open and trading. Planning permission will be sought soon for flats on the site.

RESOLVED to thank Mark for the update.

26 **PLANNING ISSUES AFFECTING AREA 8**

Mark Armstrong, Town Centres Coordinator, delivered a presentation highlighting the following developments:

- (a) the Clifton Extension, provisionally known as Fairham Pastures, is a large development of 3,000 new houses in Rushcliffe borough over 15-20 years. The development will include improvements to Crusader Island and a protected route for a tram extension;
- (b) The Vantage is a development of student accommodation planned at Traffic Street to the north of the Meadows, which was approved by the Planning Committee last month. It will be required to have a management scheme;
- (c) Crocus Street (the Cresswell site) is a mixed development of student accommodation and private apartments to the north of the Meadows. Positive meetings and consultation has taken place with local residents;
- (d) sand and gravel extraction is planned at Barton in Fabis by Nottinghamshire County Council, on a site which is 12% within the city boundary, as part of their Minerals Plan.

Councillor Chris Gibson highlighted that he has objected to the plans for sand and gravel extraction as he believes that it will have a detrimental impact on the local environment, and requested that other Councillors also raise objections.

RESOLVED to

- (1) thank Mark for the information provided;**
- (2) draft a letter from the Committee, signed by the Chair, to say that the sand and gravel extraction at Barton in Fabis will be unacceptable for Clifton.**

27 UPDATES AND ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following information was provided by community representatives:

- (a) development at the Old Rectory in Clifton Village is encouraging and should eradicate an eyesore from the area;
- (b) new bus routes have been proposed in Clifton with no consultation, which will have implications for the community;
- (c) OMTRA won an outstanding award at Nottingham in Bloom, and are bidding to gain conservation status for the Old Meadows.

28 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing the Committee with the latest spend proposal 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
Total available 2018-19 ACF	£73,616
Less LTP schemes	-£87,918
Less Public Realm schemes	-£35,627
Decommitted funds	+£125,179
Remaining available balance	£75,250
LTP element remaining	£40,573
Public Realm element remaining	£34,677

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
Total available 2018-19 ACF	£67,191
Less LTP schemes	-£43,411
Less Public Realm schemes	-£0
Decommitted funds	+£10,000
Remaining available balance	£33,780
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
Total available 2018-19 ACF	£88,022
Less LTP schemes	-£12,500
Less Public Realm schemes	-£2,340
Decommitted funds	+£10,000
Remaining available balance	£83,182
LTP element remaining	£57,400
Public Realm element remaining	£25,782

(2) approve the programme of schemes for Bridge and Clifton South wards as outlined below:

Location	Type	Date prioritised	Estimate	Details
Queens Walk Recreation Ground	Park improvement	17/08/18	£9,950	Match funding contribution towards WREN bid of £55,000
Blackstone Walk	Area improvement	17/08/18	£1,645	Contribution to public realm improvement scheme
Kelso Gardens	Area Improvement	17/08/18	£3,414	Contribution to public realm improvement scheme
Middle Furlong Gardens	Area Improvement	17/08/18	£3,948	Contribution to public realm improvement scheme
Hawthorn Close	Area Improvement	17/08/18	£6,948	Contribution to public realm improvement scheme
Garrett Grove	Area Improvement	01/08/18	£12,500	Works in the area to improve safety for pedestrians and vehicles
Clifton South ward	Litter bins	01/08/18	£2,340	Litter bins to be installed at identified locations across the ward
Ainsworth Drive (decommission of scheme due to changing priorities)	Carriageway	N/a	+£37,918	Carriageway resurfacing on Ainsworth Drive.

29 WARD COUNCILLORS BUDGET

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report advising the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for 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:

Bridge	Date approved	Allocated schemes	Councillors	Amount (total)
	02/07/18	Christmas tree lights switch on	Cllrs Edwards & Heaton	£2,547.91
	24/07/18	YCYV/Dragons Den	Cllrs Edwards & Heaton	£2,500.00
	14/09/18	Safe Alternative CIC	Cllrs Edwards & Heaton	£500.00
	Balance brought forward 2017/18			£4,215.00
	Allocation 2018/19			£10,000.00
	Total available allocation			£14,215.00

	Total allocated at 14/09/18			£11,409.96
	Total unallocated at 14/09/18			£2,805.04
Clifton North	31/05/18	Picnic in the park 2018	Cook, Ferguson & Rule	£1,750.00
	05/09/18	Dovecote English Festival	Cook & Rule	£800.00
	07/09/18	Christmas in Clifton 2018	Pooled budget	£2,000.00
	07/09/18	Cliftonettes Netball Club	Cook & Rule	£424.00
	Clifton North decommitted schemes	Clifton Central 'Flower' Park	Pooled budget	£249.00
		Varney Road shops regeneration	Pooled budget	£2,500.00
		Clifton Central Flower Park – official opening of play area	Pooled budget	£240.00
	Balance brought forward 2017/18			£9,449.00
	Allocation 2018/19			£15,000.00
	Total available allocation			£24,449.00
	Total de-committed			£2,954.00
	Total allocated at 07/09/18			£11,020.00
	Total unallocated at 07/09/18			£16,383.00
Clifton South	31/05/18	Picnic in the park 2018	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£1,750.00
	20/08/18	Drumming sessions at Parkgate	Gibson, Jenkins (£285) & Young (£500)	£1,070.00
	20/08/18	Fencing at Holy Trinity	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£500.00
	21/08/18	Christmas in Clifton	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£2,000.00
	07/09/18	Cliftonettes Netball Club	Gibson, Jenkins & Young	£346.50
	Decommitted scheme - Clifton Central Flower Park – official opening of play area		Pooled budget	£240.00
	Balance brought forward 2017/18			£8,067.00
	Allocation 2018/19			£15,000.00
	Total available allocation			£23,709.00
	Total de-committed			£240.00
	Total allocated at 08/09/18			£13,798.50
	Total unallocated at 07/09/18			£10,150.50