

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 10 December 2018 from 5.01 pm - 6.07 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Cate Woodward (Vice Chair) (minutes 32-40)
Councillor Steve Battlemuch (Chair) (32-40)
Councillor Sally Longford
Councillor Sam Webster
Councillor Jim Armstrong

Absent

Community Representatives (✓ indicates present)

✓ Wollaton Park Residents Association	Sylvia Taylor
✓ Lenton Abbey Residents Association (LARA)	Adam McGregor
✓ Friends of Wollaton Park	Rob Kirkwood
North Wollaton Residents Association	Dr Chris Bignell
✓ Wollaton Churches Together	Rev. Stuart Bell
✓ Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society	Alan Hall
✓ Wollaton Park Community Association	Pauline Peck
✓ University of Nottingham Student Union	Jacob Collier

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Insp Gordon Fenwick) Nottinghamshire Police
Insp Riz Khan)
Tom Lynk	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Sue Twyford	- Wollaton Festival Steering Group
Pete Forster	- Friends of Wollaton Park
Paul Howard	- Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Lylse-Anne Renwick	- Neighbourhood Development Officer (WELA)
Parbinder Singh	- Neighbourhood Development Officer (WW)
Eddie Curry	- Head of Parks, Open Spaces and Investment Funding
James Dymond	- Parks Development Manager
Catherine Ziane-Pryor	- Governance Officer

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Steve Battlemuch – for lateness
Councillor Sam Webster - for lateness
Chris Bignell

With the initial absence of the Chair, Councillor Steve Battlemuch, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Cate Woodward Chaired the meeting until he arrived.

30 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

31 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair presiding.

32 LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Police Inspectors Gordon Fenwick and Riz Khan were in attendance to report crime statistics and respond to the Committee's questions. Senior Community Protection Officer Tom Lynk was also present.

Police Inspector Riz Khan introduced himself is taking over from Inspector Rob Wilson.

Crime statistics were presented and compared against the same period of April to December 2017. The following points were highlighted:

Wollaton West Ward

- (a) Overall there were 62 fewer offences which equates to an overall 10% reduction;
- (b) there has been a slight increase in violence without injury and to date there have been three robberies this year;
- (c) there has been a 20% drop in burglaries from 64 last year to 51 this year and shop theft has reduced by 30%;
- (d) there had been a reduction in vehicle offences but in the past couple of weeks there have been several incidents;
- (e) domestic violence is up by 15%;
- (f) hate crime has increased by one incident;
- (g) and antisocial behaviour is down by 25% to 146 incidents;
- (h) there has been a focus on catching and ticketing speeding vehicles on Eaton Road if progress will be monitored and reported to the media;
- (i) PC Dan Johnson was new in post that only one vacant post remained at the Waitrose base in Wollaton.

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward

- (j) Overall reported crime is slightly higher but does include incidents where alarm or distress was caused;
- (k) there has been no increase in victim-based crime;
- (l) three arrests have been made for robberies which were mainly focused on students of the University and two people have been sentenced for a total of seven years in prison for burglary;

- (m) theft from motor vehicles is down;
- (n) heat crime instance have increased by seven offences, believed to be in relation to Brexit;
- (o) a new beat manager is to start in mid-January and the new apprentice scheme is to start shortly and it is hoped that this will increase numbers within the Neighbourhood Policing Team;
- (p) there is a new focus gaining tackling drugs and known offenders will be targeted and warrants sought;

Questions from the committee were responded to as follows:

- (q) The police are working with Melanie Futer, University Student Liaison Officer, to raise awareness among students to criminal activity and prevent them becoming targets. There will be a particular focus on hotspot areas within the central triangle;
- (r) with regard to antisocial behaviour in the Lenton Abbey area, one person is actively being sought. Enquiries are ongoing and enforcement may follow once all the evidence has been collated. Where information and evidence is provided despite orders can be issued where individuals are not allowed within the area for 48 hours, this time period can be extended if necessary. Receiving information and evidence is imperative.

Resolved to thank Inspector Gordon Fenwick, Inspector Riz Khan and SCPO Tom Lynk for their attendance and update.

33 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WWI ROLL OF HONOUR CENTENARY MEMORIAL PROJECT

Having arrived during the previous item, Councillor Steve Battlemuch took the Chair.

Eddie Curry, Head of Parks, Open Spaces and Investment Funding, presented the report delivered a presentation on the Nottinghamshire world War one Roll of Honour Centenary Memorial Project.

The following points were highlighted and questions from the committee responded to:

- (a) The memorial is to be sited in the Memorial Gardens in Victoria embankment and aims to include the names of all armed forces and civilian citizens within the county who lost their lives during the First World War;
- (b) 'Trent to Trenches' has already undertaken a lot of work with approximately 14,000 names already listed on the 'roll of honour', but citizens are asked to check to ensure that no names have been missed;
- (c) The memorial has been commissioned by Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, working with Gedling Rushcliffe Newark Sherwood Bassetlaw Ashfield Broxtowe and Mansfield Councils;
- (d) The memorial is costing £350,000, and whilst the majority of funding has been achieved, £30,000 is still needed to complete the project by June 2019 so citizens are encouraged to make a donation of any size;

- (e) Information on how to make donation can be found at <http://nosf.org.uk/roll-of-honour.html> or cheques made payable to Nottingham City Council may be sent FTAO Eddie Curry, Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham NG2 3NG, but please be clear that the cheque is for the memorial.

RESOLVED to note the report and help support the promotion of the project within the local community.

34 AREA 7 PARKS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

James Dymond, Parks Development Manager, presented The Parks Development Update report and provided the following points in summary;

- (a) A WREN funding application has been made for a contribution of £50,000 towards the proposed improvements of Martin's Pond Local Nature Reserve. The total cost of the works is estimated to be £65,000 and contributions have already been received for the Area Capital Fund, Avant Homes and Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserves;
- (b) Torville Drive Play Area has been identified as needing attention with 88% of residents consulted stating that they would like to see it improved. A total of £10,924.56 has been contributed as a result of Section 106 funding and a match funding WREN bid has been submitted, the result of which should be known in December. If the bid has been successful then work could start in the New Year.

RESOLVED to note the report.

35 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

a GROUP SPOTLIGHT - WOLLATON CHURCHES TOGETHER

Reverend Stuart Bell, Vicar of Grangewood Methodist Church, delivered a verbal presentation on 'Wollaton Churches Together' which includes St Leonard's Parish Church on Wollaton Road, Kingswood Methodist Church on Lambourne Drive, Grangewood Methodist Church on Grangewood Road, and St Thomas More's Catholic Church on Bramcote Lane.

Whilst St Leonard's Church dates back to the 13 Century, the others were built in the 1950-60's, when the 'Wollaton Churches Together' group was also formed and started producing the parish magazine and 'Wollaton Churches Link' which also promotes non-church community facing activities for the whole community including toddler groups, a youth group, a Muslim/Christian women's group and activities for older residents.

Elected members welcomed the groups' activity in the community and particularly the encouragement of multi faith engagement.

RESOLVED to thank Reverend Stuart Bell for his presentation.

b COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP UPDATES

University of Nottingham Student's Union

Jacob Collier thanked Council Services which had recently hosted a housing event for students. There are serious concerns regarding the safety of Derby Road since the deaths of 2 students in separate incidents and a further two serious incidents in the past few years.

Councillor Longford agreed and stated that section between the railway line and Priory Island had been highlighted as an issue for speeding vehicles where pedestrians were crossing and also for the lack of a cycle lane. As an arterial route, this road is the responsibility of Highways England and not the City Council but Councillor Longford assured the Committee that the MP Lillian Greenwood has been active in trying to get the safety issues resolved. Highways England has responded that they are reviewing the situation.

Wollaton Churches Together

Reverend Stuart Bell thanked Neighbourhood Development Officer Parbinder Singh for the huge amount of work he has done to support the Wollaton Christmas Lights event. The City Council and local traders contribute to the event but funding is reducing so in future years changes may have to be made unless traders can and are willing to increase their contribution. Sponsoring decorations has been suggested.

Friends of Wollaton Park (FoWP)

Rob Kirkwood informed the Committee that the group had just held its AGM. Peter Forster has been re-elected as Chair and committee member numbers have increased. The group is always looking for new places to meet and welcomes working together in partnership with other groups which are willing to share information. As such if any other local or like-minded groups would like to know more about FoWP, Rob would be pleased to deliver a brief presentation on the group's work and activity. Peter Forster informed the Committee that the group had been working hard with the Wollaton Park grounds staff and were looking forward to the 2019 Wollaton Festival.

Wollaton Historical and Conservation Group (WHCG)

Earlier in the meeting, when taking the Chair, Councillor Steve Battlemuch had referred to an email which responded to a request by Alan Hall at a previous meeting regarding a 'Local List' of historically significant buildings.

'The principle of NCC holding a Local List was approved at the Executive Board on the 18th September 2018. Information regarding the Criteria and Selection Process is available here <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/building-a-better-nottingham/heritage-regeneration/nottingham-local-list/> The headline implications are that if a building is recognised as being of historic value to Nottingham and therefore assessed as being worthy to go on the Local List then owners would be required to apply for planning permission if they propose to demolish the building to enable due consideration to be given before something that is valued is lost. The decision of whether to add something to the Local List and impose an Article 4 Direction regarding demolition is delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Heritage.

In the New Year there will be promotion of how people can get involved by either making applications or enhancing the draft list.'

Alan Hall welcomed the update on the Local List of building of interest and the opportunity to engage in the New Year.

Lenton Abbey Residents Association (LARA)

Adam McGregor reported that the Christmas light switch on went well on 5 December and thanked everyone who had been involved attended and contributed to the event.

Wollaton Festival

Sue Twyford reported that plans for the 2019 festival were progressing well. A new Chairperson had been appointed. The group would welcome the involvement of the local churches and

expanding the area of the Festival's Activity. All councillors are welcome to attend the group's meetings.

Wollaton Park Resident's Association

Sylvia Taylor informed the Committee that the group's Christmas Fair had been held on Saturday and was a great success, possibly the best to date, and everyone had a good time.

36 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATES AND APPROVALS

Paul Howard, Area Housing Manager for Nottingham City Homes (NCH), presented the report which updates the Committee on NCH's activity engagement with local groups, including 'good news stories', performance data for the whole City against targets, current ward budget and requests a funding allocation.

Paul highlighted that 2019 would be the centenary anniversary of council housing.

It is noted that although 76 tenancies have been terminated already this year for rent arrears, this action is taken as a last resort and the range of circumstances of the tenants, such as mental, emotional and physical health, are considered and financial agreements sought prior to eviction.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the update and performance information in Appendices 1 and 2;
- (2) to note the allocation of funds for 2017/18 as follows:

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De-Committed	Remaining Budget
Wollaton West	£18,359.46	£9,650.00	£2,677	£0	£6,032.46
Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey	£64,842.49	£59,740.69	£7,390	£0	£5,101.80

- (3) to approve the Area Capital Programme funding request as follows:

Address	Request	Cost
Enderby Square & Bosley Square – WELA	Installation of hardstanding's to alleviate parking problems.	£ 51,005.69

37 AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2018/19 PROGRAMME

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report on Area Capital Funding providing councillors with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways.

It is noted that neither ward requested any funding de-commitments and that no public Realm Schemes are proposed for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey.

RESOLVED

(1) to approve the following Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey LTP schemes:

Location	Estimate	Details
Sutton Passeys Crescent	£11,000	refurbishment of railings adjacent to footpath on Sutton Passey's Crescent to improve safety
WELA ward	£1,500	refurbishment of existing noticeboards situated in the footpath at identified locations across the ward

(2) to note the following financial position of Area Capital funding for Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey:

2018 - 2019 LTP allocation	£36,400
LTP carried forward from 2017 - 2018	£0
2018 - 2019 Public Realm allocation	£14,016
Public Realm carried forward from 2017 - 2018	£0
Total Available 2018 - 2019 ACF	£50,416
Less LTP schemes	- £23,834
Less Public Realm schemes	- £14,016
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£12,566
LTP element remaining	£12,566
Public Realm element remaining	£0

(3) to approve the following LTP Wollaton West Schemes:

Location	Estimate	Details
Russell Avenue	£2,050	undertake speed/flow surveys on Russell Ave
Russell Drive	£31,153	works to address tree-root uplift to improve road safety (subject to successful pilot scheme) (LTP contribution)

(4) to approve the following Public Realm Wollaton West schemes:

Location	Estimate	Details
Wollaton local nature reserves	£6,000	contribution to secure WREN funding
Russell Drive	£3,847	works to address tree-root uplift to improve road safety (subject to successful pilot scheme) (PR contribution)
Wollaton ward	£1,500	installation of 3 x litter bins at identified sites across the ward

(5) to note the following Wollaton West financial position:

2018 - 2019 LTP allocation	£31,900
LTP carried forward from 2017 - 2018	£1,303
2018 - 2019 Public Realm allocation	£12,224
Public Realm carried forward from 2017 - 2018	£14,716
Total Available 2018 - 2019 ACF	£60,143
Less LTP schemes	- £33,203

Less Public Realm schemes	-	£18,047
De-committed funds	+	£0
Remaining available balance		£8,893
LTP element remaining		£0
Public Realm element remaining		£8,893

38 WARD REPORTS

Parbinder Singh, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report which outlines current ward priorities and issues within the wards and identifies the lead organisation or City Council Department for addressing those issues.

In addition, an extract of the crime statistics for the Area from April to October 2018 are included at Appendix 3.

RESOLVED to note the progress on ward priorities and other supporting information, including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT), and forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage.

39 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET

Parbinder Singh and Lyse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officers, presented the Ward Council Budget report advising the Area Committee of the current Ward Councillor Budgets.

It is noted that funding for further schemes may have been approved in principal but that the formal process is yet to be completed.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the following allocation made by Councillors for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey and the remaining funds available are as follows:

Allocated Schemes:	Councillor(s)	Amount
Community Public Access Defibrillator at Wollaton Park Community Centre	Cllr Longford & Webster	£579.00

Balance brought forward from 2017/ 18	£25,153.00
Allocation 2018/19	£10,000.00
Total available allocation	£35,153.00
Total de-committed	£ 0.00
Total allocated at 13/11/2018	£ 579.00
Total unallocated at 13/11/2018	£34,574.00

- (2) to note the following allocations by Wollaton West Councillors and the remaining funds:

Allocated Schemes:	Councillor(s)	Amount
Wollaton Park Wall Garden	Cllrs Armstrong, Battlemuch & Woodward	£ 2,000.00

Heritage Open Days at Wollaton Park	Cllr Woodward	£200.00
Friends of Wollaton Nature Reserves	Cllrs Armstrong, Battlemuch & Woodward	£600.00
Bramcote Lane Shops Christmas Tree & Lights	Cllrs Armstrong, Battlemuch & Woodward	£5,750.00
Wollaton Youth Club – Christmas events	Cllr Armstrong	£380.00
Community Public Access Defibrillator at Wollaton Park Community Centre & Kingswood Methodist Church	Cllrs Armstrong, Battlemuch & Woodward	£ 2,316.00

Balance brought forward 2017/18	£ 12,637.00
Allocation 2018/19	£ 15,000.00
Total available allocation	£ 27,637.00
Total de-committed	£ 0.00
Total allocated at 13/11/2018	£ 15,392.00
Total unallocated at 13/11/2018	£ 12,245.00

40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Committee that the next meeting would be the last for this Committee due to the forth coming ward boundary changes, but it is hoped that more information on the changes with regard to Area Committees would be available at that meeting.

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting is scheduled for 18 March 2019 at 5pm in the Council House.