

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CLIFTON EAST AND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 26 June 2019
from 5.39 pm - 7.15 pm**

Membership

Present

Councillor Maria Watson (Chair)
Councillor Andrew Rule (Vice Chair)
Councillor Kevin Clarke
Councillor Kirsty Jones
Councillor Roger Steel

Absent

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Mark Armstrong	- Town Centre Co-ordinator
Clare Ashton	- Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust
Chris Brummitt	- Bridges Community Trust
Prairie Bryant	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Alma Davies	- NG11 Clean Champions & Good Companions
Sergeant Paul Ferguson	- Nottinghamshire Police
CPO Jon Hartley	- Community Protection
Karen Humble	- Clifton Community and Family Support Group
Colin Mackie	- Silverdale Community Association
Ian Malcolm	- Clifton Advice Centre
Shaun Miles	- Head of Markets and Fairs
Debbie Murden	- Clifton Green Team
Mr J Potter	- Ward Resident
Toni Smithurst	- Nottingham City Homes
Chris Watson	- Clifton Donation Page
Phil Wye	- Governance Officer

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Maria Watson as Chair of the Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Andrew Rule as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Emma Crane
Tracey Osborne

Roy Nettleship
Pat Rice

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5 AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report inviting the Area Committee to formally appoint Community Representatives from Clifton East and Clifton West onto the Area Committee.

RESOLVED to formally appoint the following Area Committee Community Representatives from the Clifton East and Clifton West wards for the municipal year 2019/20:

Organisation	Name
Barton Lane Community Association	Tracy Osborne (Clifton West)
Carters Educational Trust	Roy Nettleship (Clifton West)
Clifton Advice Centre	Ian Malcolm (Clifton East)
Clifton Community Family Support Group	Karen Humble (Clifton East)
Clifton Donation Group	Chris Watson (Clifton East)
Clifton Green Team	Debbie Murden (Clifton East)
Clifton Village Hall Trust	Clare Ashton (Clifton West)
Clifton Village Residents Association	Pat Rice (Clifton West)
Good Companions	Alma Davies (Clifton East)
NG11 Childminders Group	Emma Crane (Clifton East)
Silverdale Community Centre	Colin Mackie (Clifton West)

6 CLIFTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Mark Armstrong, Town Centre Coordinator, provided an update on regeneration work in Clifton Town Centre, highlighting the following:

- (a) a bid has been submitted to the Future High Street Fund for £8m of funding which would go towards renewing the facades of the main shopping arcade and aiding connectivity between new areas. One aim is to relocate the Royal Mail sorting office and regenerate this area into an extension of the market;
- (b) work to improve the entrance to Clifton Flower Park is now almost complete, with new grass and planting recently installed. The entrance is fully accessible for wheelchairs and motor scooters.

RESOLVED to thank Mark for the information provided.

7 CLIFTON MARKET

Shaun Miles, Head of Markets and Fairs, gave a verbal update on Clifton Market developments, highlighting the following:

- (a) Clifton Market currently has a low occupancy rate of 50% on Fridays and 20% on Saturdays. Modern markets need to provide a more varied offer with specialist activities and events in order to thrive;
- (b) the Markets Team at the Council has a business manager who is looking at new business models, which would encourage people to dwell longer at the market. A new website for traders has been set up with new branding;
- (c) an action plan is being developed with Nottingham Trent University. Other future plans include a power supply for food suppliers, more community events, and offering incentives for traders to improve occupancy;
- (d) redevelopment of the Royal Mail site would provide an improved market site which is less linear.

RESOLVED to thank Shaun for the information provided.

8 LOCAL POLICING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION UPDATE

Sergeant Paul Ferguson, Nottinghamshire Police, updated the Committee on crime and policing in the Clifton area, highlighting the following:

- (a) total crime has reduced by 3.5% year to date, with a reduction in violence by 28.3% and a reduction in vehicle crime. There have been small increases in robbery and theft;
- (b) there was a stabbing on Green Lane in June. This was a targeted attack and the perpetrator was arrested;
- (c) there was a spate of shed burglaries recently but two males have been arrested and are now in prison;
- (d) there has been a reduction of anti-social behaviour on the tram following some targeted interventions.

CPO Jon Hartley provided an update on Community Protection, reporting on littering, fly-tips, dog fouling, untidy gardens and anti-social behaviour. 9 warning letters have been sent resulting in 2 notices.

9 WARD REPORT

Prairie Bryant, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report which focusses on current priorities and issues facing the two wards and gives details of forthcoming events and activities. Because of the creation of 2 new wards from May 2019, it reports on the final activities of the previous Clifton North and Clifton South wards. New ward priorities will be set in July 2019 to cover the new wards and these will be reported on from September 2019.

Parking remains an issue across Clifton. Parking schemes on Clifton Grove and Garrett Grove will both be enforced before September and the council is working with the university to identify alternative solutions.

RESOLVED to 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 and ward performance data.

10 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE REPORT

Toni Smithurst, Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes, 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;

(2) note the allocation of funds for 2019/20;

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes approved	Schemes committed	Schemes de-committed	Remaining budget
Clifton East	£87,194.11	£0	£23,000	-£44,959	£109,153.11
Clifton West	£17,688.36	£0	£0	£0	£17,688.36

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

Address	Description	Cost	Approve or de-commit
Barbury Drive, Clifton East (4 NCH properties)	Remove current dilapidated timber fencing and install high quality metal ball finial railings and new timber intermediate fencing	-£11,510	De-commitment
Cherhill Drive, Clifton East (18 NCH properties)	Remove current dilapidated timber fencing and install high quality metal ball finial railings and new timber intermediate fencing	-£33,449	De-commitment
Chisbury Green, Clifton East	Install ramp to grassed area	£23,000	Approval

11 CLIFTON CLEAN CHAMPIONS

Alma Davies provided an update on the work of the NG11 Clean Champions, highlighting the following:

- (a) the Clean Champions are made up of dedicated residents who do 4 regular one-hour events per month. The events are sociable and fun, good exercise and an opportunity to improve the area;
- (b) the Clean Champions are supported by the Bridges Community Trust and the Hope Centre in Clifton. Events are promoted mainly through Facebook;
- (c) last year the team completed 25 events and collected 165 bags of litter. This year to date, the team has held 20 events and collected over 200 bags of litter;
- (d) McDonalds, KFC, Tesco Express and Nottingham Trent University now regularly keep their areas litter-free. Summerwood Adult Centre's citizens do a litter pick weekly as part of an ongoing environmental project;
- (e) as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean, Alma registered the team and she has subsequently been appointed an ambassador of which there are 250 across the UK, who share knowledge with each other.

RESOLVED to thank Alma for the information provided.

12 UPDATES AND ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following updates were provided by Community Representatives:

- Good Companions has added two new friendship groups this year that are growing weekly. It now has four groups at Clifton Methodist Church Hall, Lakehead House, Highbank Community Centre and Parkgate Community Centre. A new co-ordinator has been appointed to help with the new groups.
- Clifton Advice Centre is looking for volunteers to sit on their Management Committee. They are currently gathering statistics for the new ward boundaries.
- Silverdale Community Centre is campaigning to improve safety at the local roundabout and bus-stop, funding for which has now been secured.
- In Clifton Village, work should commence on the Old Rectory in late summer following the relocation of bats that were identified during a survey. The Resident's Association is concerned over the condition of the dovecote on the village green and its general deterioration.
- The Clifton Green Team was set up four years ago to help clean the streets of Clifton. They are about to take part in the Keep Britain Clean project of cleaning 7 parks in 7 days in July. They recently completed their biggest litter clean to date, behind the shops on Southchurch Drive where 26 bags of litter were collected.

13 AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2019/20 PROGRAMME

Prairie Bryant, 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 Clifton East and Clifton West wards:****Clifton East**

2019-2020 LTP allocation	£64,600
LTP carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
2019-2020 Public Realm allocation	£38,700
Public Realm carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
Total available 2019-2020 ACF	£103,300
Less LTP schemes	-£8,960
Less Public Realm schemes	-£0
Decommitted funds	+£1,800
Remaining available balance	£96,140
LTP element remaining	£55,640
Public Realm element remaining	£40,500

Clifton West

2019-2020 LTP allocation	£49,300
LTP carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
2019-2020 Public Realm allocation	£29,600
Public Realm carried forward from 2018-2019	£0
Total available 2019-2020 ACF	£78,900
Less LTP schemes	-£13,761
Less Public Realm schemes	-£0
Decommitted funds	+£0
Remaining available balance	£65,139
LTP element remaining	£35,539
Public Realm element remaining	£29,600

(2) approve the programme of schemes as outlined below:**LTP schemes**

Location	Type	Date prioritised	Estimate	Details
Green Lane (Clifton East contribution)	Road Safety	25/06/19	£8,960	Additional contribution to previous funding to remove speed humps on Green Lane.
Main Road	Footpath	2018/19	£13,761	Residual funding for footpath reconstruction on identified section of Main Road, Wilford.
Green Lane (Clifton West contribution)	Road Safety	25/06/19	£1,000	Additional contribution to previous funding to remove speed humps on Green Lane.

Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Green Lane	Lighting	Underspend	£1,800	Modification to allow Christmas decorations on 12 lighting columns on Green Lane.

14 WARD COUNCILLOR 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 those projects funded by Ward Councillor Budgets.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within the Clifton East and West Wards;**
- (2) note the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect to the projects and schemes within the former Clifton North and Clifton South wards as detailed in the appendix to the report.**

15 FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATION

It was agreed that future meetings be held in Clifton at the later time of 6.30pm.

The proposed dates on Tuesdays were inconvenient for a number of Community Representatives and so it was agreed that Councillors would discuss an alternative day after the meeting. The clerk informed the Committee that the preferred day of Wednesday was unlikely to be available due to clashes with other Area Committees.

The Committee paid tribute to former Councillor Pat Ferguson and sent condolences to her family following her passing.