

# Minutes

**Minutes of Area 3 Panel held on  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at the Sheila Russell  
Community Centre**

**PRESENT:**

Clive Thorpe	(CT)	Chair
John Day	(JD)	Vice Chair
Ina McCallum	(IM)	
Glyn Jenkins	(GJ)	
Anne Gowing	(AG)	
Jill Dickens	(JDS)	
Carole Limb	(CL)	
Tony Payne	(TP)	
Dr M Alum	(MA)	
Jeff Herring	(JH)	
Nicky Gaughan	(NG)	Housing Manager
Chris Thelen	(CTh)	Property Services
Jackie Medcalf	(JM)	Nottinghamshire Probation
Allan Breeton	(AB)	Crime and Drugs Partnership
PC Chris Bampton	(CB)	Police
Councillor Hylton James		
Claire Reeves	(CR)	Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Margaret Pugsley, Alison Thorpe, Sue Stevenson, Peter Linford, John Hendren, Linda Kerry, Diane Hudson, Gren Bucknall, Peter Turner, Gill Moy Director of Housing Operations, Chris Holloway Housing Manager and Jim Hartshorn Property Services

**1.0 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

2.1 CR circulated a draft engagement action plan formulated from the work the Panel had undertaken thinking about how best to

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engage with under represented groups, and suggested that the Panel could set aside time at a future meeting to further work on this.

- 2.2 JD advised that he had raised a personal issue with VS from garden assistance and the situation hadn't been resolved.
- 2.3 IM raised the issue of hedges overgrowing pavements when they were not cut back properly.
- 2.4 NG feedback on CH behalf that the introductory tenancy visit would be completed this week.
- 2.5 NG feedback on CH behalf that the issue of the move into a bungalow had been resolved.

VS

### **3.0 Police**

- 3.1 CB introduced himself as the Beat Manager for Strelley and sent the apologies of the Inspector and Sergeant who were unable to attend the meeting.
- 3.2 CB gave an update on crime statistics in the area, house burglaries are generally down apart from Aspley. There has been a special team of police set up to investigate the burglaries in Aspley and reduce the amount. Car break ins are generally down apart from Denewood which is slightly higher.
- 3.3 Councillor James asked if the police were using the bikes the area committee had provided.
- 3.4 CB advised that it is mostly the PCSO's who use the bikes.
- 3.5 AB advised that the neighbourhood policing model gives everyone a neighbourhood policing team. Uniformed officers use the bikes that the area committees bought them.

### **4.0 Justice Seen, Justice Done and Community Payback – Crime and Drugs Partnership**

- 4.1 AB introduced himself as the Neighbourhood Crime Reduction Co-ordinator from the Crime and Drugs Partnership. Louise Casey an adviser

to the Government has reported to government that she wants to engage the community in fighting crime. Communities have given feedback that don't get enough information about how crime is tackled. There are 60 pioneer areas and Nottingham is one of them. There are 5 priorities; 1. have dialogue with the public about crime, 2. promote the policing pledge, 3. Highly visible community payback, 4. provide community crime fighters training 5. focus on victims and witnesses. Nottingham was selected due to the levels of deprivation, low educational attainment and high rates of teenage pregnancy. There has been a reduction in crime by 41% but Nottingham is still relatively high. The policing pledge has been circulated twice in the area and a community crime fighters event was held in February. The criminal justice system should also get the community involved.

- 4.2 JM introduced herself as working in the probation service and supervising offenders. She manages the community team in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire County. Before there wasn't a lot of publicity about the work of community payback but we now want to raise the profile and the offenders wear the orange tabards. The scheme has been publicised through the Sun, Nottingham Evening Post and radio. The service needs the communities help to make suggestions of projects community payback can get involved in.
- 4.3 GJ commented that community payback had carried out some work in Seagrave School and had done an excellent job.
- 4.4 AB advised that a Week of Action will be taking place week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> October in Bilborough and Strelley and community payback will be involved. The community is able to log on to NCC's website to make comments/suggestions for the week.
- 4.5 JF asked if the offenders turn up to carry out the work.
- 4.6 JM advised that it is strictly controlled, they are only allowed short breaks and are not allowed to use mobiles. If they cannot attend there has to

be a very good reason and they have to advise the supervisor prior to the session. If there are 2 unexplained absences the case goes back to court.

## **5.0 Environmental Budget**

5.1 NG advised that all the environmental schemes had been approved at area committee. Councillor Wood had asked for clarity on the price of 2 of the schemes. Work on the schemes should be commencing soon.

## **6.0 Performance in the Local Area**

6.1 The performance summary report was circulated prior to the meeting

6.2 NG advised that Aspley housing office came 3<sup>rd</sup> in office of the month. A weekly bulletin is sent to staff so they are kept up to date with performance.

## **7.0 Local Area Round Up / Success Stories**

7.1 JD reported that surveyors had been in the area and the SMART are trying to find out more about the redevelopment of Chingford Gardens.

7.2 JD advised that it had been reported that there are dogs in the flats at St Michaels which are causing fouling in the area.

CH

7.3 JD also reported some vandalism in the church yard.

CB

7.4 JH advised that Strelley Park has won green flag status again.

7.5 GJ reported that moves were being made to make the dog stencils permanent as they had had a positive effect on dog fouling in the area.

7.6 IM advised that Six Ways Community Centre was doing really well and that lots of children had attended the summer activities.

## **8.0 Area Committee Update**

8.1 CT advised that the environmental schemes had been passed and he had spoken to the committee about sending a representative to Panel meetings.

## **9.0 Any Other Business**

9.1 JDS advised that there is a lorry that regularly blocks Wigman Road.

CB

9.2 GJ asked if there could be a discussion about fencing at a future meeting.

JH/CTh

9.3 CL asked about the length of time which properties are empty before they are re-let

9.4 CTh advised that short term empty properties are currently under target.

9.5 NG suggested that the Panel invite the lettings manager to a future meeting.

9.6 CR updated the Panel about the National Tenants Voice recruitment drive for the National Tenants Council. The closing date for applications is the 16<sup>th</sup> October and applications can be made online at [www.hays.com/jobs/ntv](http://www.hays.com/jobs/ntv). Tenants are welcome to use the tenant and leaseholder resource centre to make an application if they do not have access to a computer.

9.7 CR circulated a draft meeting timetable for the Panel meetings 2009/10 for the Panel approval.

9.8 The Panel approved the draft meeting timetable.

9.9 IM advised that she would like to see if other TRA's in the area would be interested in seeking to improve Broxtowe Park.

9.10 CT raised his concerns that the community had received no update about the strategic regeneration framework.

9.11 The Panel agreed that this should be investigated.

9.12 CT advised that the Grab a Grand scheme was currently being run and circulated information.

**10.0 Date, Time and Venue of next meeting**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 10am-12pm, Bells Lane  
Community Centre**