

# Minutes

**Minutes of Area Panel 5 held on  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 7.00-8.30pm, Wells Road Community Centre**

**Present:**

Bob Huskinson -	RH	Dave Bell -	DBL
Keith Bradbury -	KB	David Barnaby	DB
Imogeen Denton (NCC) -	ID	Lynn Standen (NCH)	LS
Paul Stanley (NCH) -	PS	Kim De Vergori (NCH) -	KDV
Cllr Penny Griggs	PG		
Andrew Filer (NCH – mins)	AF		

**Apologies:** Roy Lawson (Chair) - RL     Jackie Brown - JB,  
Eddie Johnson-Flint - EJF     Kathy Mason- KM

<b><u>1.0</u></b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Thanks to Bill Walters from DBL regarding actions following the last meeting.	
<b><u>2.0</u></b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	Action point sheet handed out. No other issues. Minutes signed off.	
<b><u>3.0</u></b>	<b>AGM discussion</b>	
	AF advised that an AGM for this Panel is overdue. It was suggested to hold the next AGM at the meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2009 Advertising AP5 Elections – Send nomination forms with minutes. Neighbourhood watch sites – Bob Huskinson Posters to go on notice boards in area and on the website. Need to specify only tenants or leaseholders can nominate themselves as Chair or Vice Chair.	
<b><u>4.0</u></b>	<b>Environmental scheme proposals</b>	
	PS advised papers of the proposals were sent out with agenda etc. A total budget of £60K Sherwood Ward and £46K Mapperley Ward.  All the proposed schemes exceed the budget so will need to look at prioritising.	

Went through each proposal one by one.

Collin Green – Not recommended by Surveyor

Perry Road – BH advised there is a gate already in situ.

Kneeton Close – Disabled access is also an issue to 11 properties due to steep steps.

Skip Scheme – Have a weekly dedicated bulk collection scheme instead. PS to liaise with Street Scene

PS

BH suggested we highlight in NCH News that need a permit to take trailers to the tip now.

AF

Wilmington & Frobisher – DB said this has been a 2\* estate for a while – need to push up to 3\*. First part of City from County boundary so should set a good example of the area.

Pearmain Park – One off, but what about ongoing maintenance? PS will take this issue forward.

PS

Sherwood is over budget and Mapperley under priced on budget, so can the total budget be allocated differently to allow all the schemes to be put forward?

PS

Need to check schemes to ensure they meet the criterion set out, and also need to ensure don't duplicate work as part of the Area Capital Fund, but otherwise all schemes agreed by the Panel.

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PS advised these would now be taken to the Area Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## **5.0**

### **Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour**

AF advised that this presentation shows how NCH deals with crime and ASB. If the Panel requested we could get partner organisation to future meetings to present on how they fit in with the city-wide partnership working model.

PS gave presentation in absence of KM who couldn't attend meeting through unforeseen circumstances.

DBL – Vulnerable Person's Panel – Disproportionate problems caused by some of the above, so can individuals have a direct say in what happens. PS replied by saying victims are consulted but decision made by the Panel with an appeal process in place.

There is however a fine line between intervention and enforcement.

KDV stated action can be taken on vulnerable people, and judge will look at case to see if all available support has been attempted. She has seen several obscure decisions made, but NCH have needed to go back to build case and gather further evidence to take back to Court.

BH started a discussion about an individual case. PS and KDV to discuss with him outside of the meeting. KDV, PS & KM to review case to ensure everything that can be done has been done. Liaise with David Scothern.

KDV, PS,  
KM

AF advised that following the success of the ASB Conference last year, an ASB road show is being planned for later this year in various locations in the city and at various times.

DBL – Get delegate involvement. Street theatre acting scenarios prove very popular and are well received.

DBE – Looking at setting neighbourhood watch in area – would NCH help support this. Will forward details to PS when known.

Thanks to Paul for presentation.

**6.0** **Local Housing issues / TRA round-up**

SETRA involved in planting on Edingley Square, Water Meadows, Carrington, which were all very successful.

Edwards Lane Community Association has a new Chair Dawn, following the recent AGM.

Winwood – Keith Bradbury was elected as the new Chair following a recent AGM.

**7.0** **Performance**

Following last meeting where the Panel only requested on overview, PS presented this to the group. Full information is available on request – PG requested all Cllrs would like the full report.

PS

ID – number of lettable vacant properties is quite high, what is the reason for this?

LS – a large proportion of these are sheltered

properties, and NCH are currently looking at ways to address this.

PS put this figure in perspective, as on average NCH has a 10% stock turnover (290 properties), so the figure is actually quite good.

AF advised that this figure was over 700 properties fairly recently, so lots of good work has been put in.

KDV informed the group that Gary Whitaker (Assistant Director in Property Services) is doing lots of work on void properties to shorten the void times, which should help reduce this figure.

KDV also advised that refusal reasons are now being looked at regularly by an NCH panel, so are now looking at reviewing the allocations policy. Any issues picked up are passed through to the Housing Office for any necessary follow up work to be done.

DBL – Can this information be publicised.

KDV – Can be open to challenge and so unable to do this.

BH stated his own area has improved dramatically as only a few years ago had a bad reputation but is now a sought after area, due to good partnership working.

LS – Due to decreasing numbers of family-type accommodation (RTB etc). areas are changing with people moving to areas they wouldn't previously have thought of.

## **8.0**

### **Any other business**

DBA requested a bottle bank on Edwards Lane, outside community centre. Cllr Griggs to take forward.

DBA advised gritting lorries are not very effective on roads in the area.

PG responded by saying there is a science around gritting, so there is a chance it was done either just too early or late. Only main arterial routes are done.

BH asked if there was an opportunity to have a grit bin in his area.

PG advised to speak to Dave Ashurst to make a request.

AF discussed the new training programme available to all tenants and leaseholders.

DBL started a discussion whether NCH are involved in

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partnership working to try to reduce use of pre-payment utility meters.

AF advised that several utility companies were present at the recent Money Matters road show, and the Financial Inclusion Officers regularly discuss this with tenants who have difficulties.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 from 6.30 – 8.00pm at the Bestwood Housing Office. The main agenda item will be Voids and lettings, with the AGM also being held.