

Minutes



Minutes of Area Panel 7

26th April 2011, at Sheila Roper Centre
11am - 1pm

Present:

John Riley (**JR** Tenant) Val Schneider (**VS** Tenant), Jenny Grant (**JG** Tenant), Elaine Graham (**EG** Tenant) Bill Smith (**BS** Resident), Councillor Dave Oldham (**DO** NCC), Steve Pepper (**SP** NCH) Garry Newton (**GN** NCH).

Apologies:

	Agenda item	Action
1.0	Welcome and introductions all JG welcomes everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes were accepted as a true record.	
3.0	Matters Arising SP more gating schemes in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey will be applied for if funding becomes available. Proposed schemes for area 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farndon Green; improvements to grassed area (after consultation with residents).• Hawton Spinney; contribution to improving appearance of the green and to protect the natural habitat.• Provision of a dropped kerb to a NCH property on Lenton Abbey.• Funding left over for four new gates The group are concerned that all new gates are being fitted with the same key.	

	<p>JG mentioned that there is no disabled parking in close proximity to her property. JG to looking in to starting a petition in her neighbourhood. SP at this present time there are no details as to NCH or NCC funding for Environmental Schemes for 2011/12.</p> <p>JR mentioned that the Decent Homes Schemes will be extended until 2015.</p> <p>DO the Sheila Roper Centre as now been reopened after being funded by local Councillors (Dave Oldham and Tony Sutton) and NCH's. Maybe look at getting the Community Payback Team could paint the interior of the centre if NCH could supply the paint.</p> <p>SP thanked both Councillor Oldham and Sutton for all their support and funding for the Sheila Roper Centre. He also thanked Garry Newton for dealing with contractors and the day to day issues regarding the centre.</p> <p>DO when there are overgrown gardens in the area, how many letters do they receive before action is taken? SP to chase this up.</p>	
4.0	AGM Nomination and voting in of Chair / Vice Chair for the forthcoming year	All to note
4.1	The elections for the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair took place during the meeting. JR and JG were the only two people to put their names forward for the vacant posts.	
4.2	Votes were then taken by the group, and both JR and JG got equal amount of votes.	
4.3	It was agreed by that group that JR and JG would alternate the posts of Chair and Vice Chairs at forthcoming meetings.	
5.0	<p>Consultation on proposals to change powers on tackling anti social behaviour Steve Pepper</p> <p>SP Stated that the Government want to simplify ASB procedures and the way ASB and crime is dealt with. To this end the Government have published a consultation document. A copy of the document was given to each forum member. SP gave a presentation and concise explanation regarding the positives and</p>	

	<p>negatives of the proposals.</p> <p>Information from the groups discussion below:</p>	
5.1	<p>General comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this just token feedback (i.e. will the Government really listen?) • Who is this info being fed back to? • Some processes proposed are more bureaucratic than existing ones 	
5.2	<p>Points for clarification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of “professional witnesses” mentioned – does this include NCH staff & members? • Can NCH still pursue injunctions or is this just CP/police? • What diversionary/pre action measures are in place (e.g. mediation) • Are ABCs, Parenting Orders etc going? • Could a CBO be attached to a caution, binding-over or conditional discharge? 	
5.3	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some parts of proposed processes are much simpler – e.g. replacing numerous orders by Community Protection Order • Panel happy that actions against owners and private tenants can be taken (as well as against tenants) • Could improve better inter-agency working (provided information is readily shared between agencies) • Panel happy with civil “balance of probability” approach rather than criminal burden of proof • Some residents like idea of Community Trigger & would have used it themselves if it had been available previously • Actions against younger children (10 upwards) largely welcomed but some panel members concerned about families becoming “institutionalised” 	
5.4	<p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very unhappy about powers under S.153 being removed 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel did not like idea of ASBOs being withdrawn – replacement CBO only available when running alongside a criminal conviction • Panel unhappy that NCH powers removed from much of new legislation. Panel felt NCH would reflect tenant and leaseholder priorities but CP/Police may not • NCH (incl tenants & leaseholders) may have differing priorities from NCC & police • Take longer for NCH to take action on breach of tenancy than by using new powers • HPMs can contribute to management of ASB & crime in their areas and should not be excluded • Panel very much against fact that previous case-law will be ignored • Boundaries not specified in situations when crowds are being dispersed – where will “crowds” will be dispersed to • Focus on criminal convictions – criminal law system/prisons etc already overloaded? Increase in criminality? • Some groups (e.g. male youths) could be discriminated against (e.g. by Community Trigger process) • Community Triggers - police may judge some valid calls to be “malicious” • System could be “overloaded” when new legislation introduced (e.g. Community Trigger “requests”) • Increased bureaucracy/paperwork? (e.g. increased numbers of cases referred to NCC & Police) • Lower-priority cases may not receive timely attention (& may be regularly pushed to the back of the “queue” by more urgent cases 	
<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>DO: mentioned that there had been a big improvement in to the way the Lenton Abbey estate was looking, and thought it had never looked better.</p> <p>VS: asked if it were possible for companies to sponsor grit bins in the same way the sponsor road islands.</p> <p>JG: asked if community payback could spread grit from the grit bins in the bad weather. GN explained</p>	

6.4	<p>that the Community Payback Teams needs to be booked weeks in advance</p> <p>DO: asked could he have keys for the notice board on Hathern Green. SP to speak with the Neighbourhood Management Team</p>	SP
6.5	<p>Could we invite the Police and Neighbourhood Action Team along to the next meeting?</p>	SP
7.0	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 28 June 2011; Harrow Road • Tuesday 23 August 2011; Sheila Roper Centre. • Tuesday 25 October 2011; Harrow Road • Tuesday 13 December 2011; Sheila Roper Centre. 	
8.0	<p>Date and venue of next meeting</p> <p><u>Tuesday 28th June 2011 at Wollaton Community Centre, Harrow Road, 11am – 1pm</u></p>	