

Minutes

Minutes of Area 8 meeting held on 9th July 2009 @ Mayfield Court, Meadows

Present: Robert Morrell (Vice Chair), Tony Wealthall (Tenant), Jan Whaley (Tenant), Patricia Rowe (Tenant), Ann Gallagher (Tenant) Dorothy Holmes (NCC) Mario Recchia (NCH), Gill Callingham (NCC), Alan Parker (NCC), Steve Pepper (NCH) Garry Newton (NCH)

Apologies:

Councillor Ian Maclennan (NCC) Liz Needham (Chair), Chris Langstaff (NCH), M Smith-Guest (Tenant), Maria Keane (NCH), Sue Lomax (NCH)

<u>1.0</u>	<p>Welcome, Introductions Steve Pepper agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair, Liz Needham, and began by asking everyone to introduce themselves.</p>	Actions
<u>2.0</u>	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes were accepted as a true record</p>	
<u>3.0</u>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Page 1 With regard to the Allocations Policy and banding system, the Panel requested that someone from the Allocations team to come to the next meeting. SP said that Elaine Crofts will be attending the next meeting in August, as she is currently reviewing the allocations policy.</p> <p>Page 1 The bins at Penn Avenue have now been emptied but have still not been cleaned. DH to look into this. MR to send out letters to all tenants asking them to bag up their rubbish before throwing it into the bin.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>DH/MR</p>

4.0

Meadows Neighbourhood Plan

Gill / Alan from the Neighbourhood Regeneration spoke to the group about the reformation of the Meadows. Hopefully Nottingham City Council will receive £200 million to transform the Meadows over the next 15-20 years.

All to note

Over the last 18-20 months work has taken place on the neighbourhood plan. Over the last few months the priority has been to consult with as many tenants/residents living in the Meadows as possible.

NCC are working together with their Community Transformation Group (Tenants and Residents) looking at ways of improving the Meadows for residents

Some of the suggestions so far from the group:

- Need for Meadows to be more accessible,
- Improved transport links.
- Suggestions of Arkwright Walk to be opened up to bus traffic
- Look at moving the Bridgeway Centre.
- May look at building a new District Centre with room for services, community facilities, police station, extra care, retail facilities need to be increased but the preference is for smaller, local shops and businesses, whilst attracting new business and interests.
- Centre to meet needs of community and to be accessible to all.
- Emphasis was on Centre not being moved too far away from present area. All strands need to tie in.
- New tram route to be near businesses
- Move away from the cul-de-sac's and rat runs on the estate and have more roads
- Change houses around so there fronts become there backs
- Knock down unpopular properties and build new

Next Neighbourhood Plan consultation meeting will take place on Monday 13th July at the Riverside School, meadows 6.30pm -8.30pm

5.0

Allocations Policy Review Sue Lomax

Sue sent her apologies as she thought the group needed information on the allocation policy, which is currently under review.

All to note

The group explained they need more clarification on the points banding system and would just like to speak with someone from the allocation team. The group then had a short discussion on this subject.

One member mentioned that a property on Penn Avenue was recently advertised as a sensitive let. SP to look into this.

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6.0

Proposed Environmental Works Programme for Dunkirk and Lenton

SP mentioned that so far the following environmental schemes have been highlighted in the Dunkirk and Lenton Ward;

All to note

- 1) **Friary Close:** demolition of brick structure, consultation with residents regarding potential landscaping or parking
- 2) **Penny Avenue:** Notice board for Tenants and Residents Association and Neighbourhood Action Team (proposed by Neighbourhood Management)
- 3) **Newgate Court:** Proposed renewal of carpets in sheltered block (requested by residents and recommended by Sheltered Patch Manager & Caretaking Staff)

Other ideas mentioned by the group:

- Uneven ground near Lenton Court flats
- Remove brick planter near 26 Penn Avenue
- Notice board for Penn Avenue
- Camera not working near trees on Penn avenue

SP will collect information on possible schemes and then sit down with the panel to choose those to put forward.

7.0

Neighbourhood Management Issues/Update Dorothy Holmes

DH spoke to the group about ongoing projects in the Dunkirk / Lenton and Meadows area:

- The CCTV in Penn Avenue has not been cancelled it will be part of a bigger security plan which will involve not just CCTV but new locks extra lighting and other

DH

measures

- Looking at the parking for residents living in the Colby Road area now there is a lack of staff parking at the QMC
- Judging will be taking place in the near future for the Nottingham in Bloom contest
- Walkabout / estate inspections dates for Bridge ward will be made available
- Look at getting more residents involved with NCC
- The Draft plan for the transformation of the Meadows will be submitted
- Dragons Den funding will be back in the Autumn

8.0 Local Issues/concerns and Any other Business

The group would like it noted that they were all unhappy about the office closures. SP this process is still taking place and hopefully the decisions will be made before the next meeting.

Complaint that tenants are paying their rent into Sainsbury and appears to be taking too long to process this transaction, this causing rent arrears.

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The ceiling tiles in Lenton Court have been replaced, but not in all the other blocks.

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Lock on the fire door/ smoke alarm still not been repaired. (Lenton Court)

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Drains at Penn Ave (near 46) still blocked, this is causing unpleasant smells.

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There is a lack of caretakers working on Penn Avenue at the moment.

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When will doors be fitted on Penn Avenue under decent homes programme?

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Member complained that she had three electric fires fitted over the last year. The fitter told her they are not repairable. Is this Value for Money?

SP

Automatic doors at the front of Abbey Court not working correctly.

SP

There will be a Art Exhibition taking place at the Meadows Community Garden on Wednesday 15th July

The opening of the Meadows library will take place on Saturday August 15th.

Water supply will be switched off for approximately 30 minutes at the Lenton Flats on Thursday 23rd July.

9.0

Next meeting date

Date and Time of the next meeting

Wednesday 19th August 2009

6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

at Lenton Centre,Lenton

All to
note