

Minutes

Minutes of Area 8 meeting held on 10 March 2010 @ Mayfield Court Meadows

Present: Liz Needham (Chair) – LN, Robert Morrell (Vice Chair) - RM,
Tony Wealthall – TW, Patricia Roe – PR, Jim Hartshorne (NCH) –JH
Dorothy Holmes- DH Steve Pepper (NCH)- SP Maria Keane (NCH) – MK,
Dorothy Holmes (NCC) – DH ,

Apologies: Jan Whaley, Sue O'Connor (NCH), Chris Langstaff (NCH), Cllr McLennan

<u>1.0</u>	Welcome, Introductions	Actions
	LN welcomes everyone to the meeting.	
<u>2.0</u>	Minutes of Last Meeting	
	<p>The minutes were accepted as a true record along with the following updates:</p> <p>DH reminded Panel Members about the forthcoming week of action commencing on 22 March 2010. The week of action will include area walkabouts with partner agencies. Any ongoing issues regarding the use of wheelie bins will also be reported through to City Services for action to be taken as officers are going around the area.</p> <p>4.2 SP confirmed that the housing surgery at Lenton is now held every fortnight due to the low numbers of customers using the service. Agreed that this was possibly due to the surgery being open each week on the same day (Tuesday) as the Lenton Housing Office. SP also mentioned the marketing that had been carried out e.g. flyers being delivered in the area to promote the surgery.</p> <p>6.4 TW informed Panel members that carpeting at Newgate court was in the process of being completed. MK also informed panel that</p>	<p>All to Note</p> <p>All to Note</p> <p>All to Note</p>

	<p>the digital ariel work was programmed in to be carried out between April- September 2010.</p>	All to note
	<p>6.8 Moss covering communal yard at Penn Avenue – DH to speak to City Services about this.</p>	DH
	<p>6.9 PR confirmed the planter had since been removed in the Penn Avenue area and ASB had since reduced.</p>	All to note
	<p>6.10 JH confirmed that new doors for Penn Avenue council properties are currently in the WMS programme.</p>	
	<p>8.2 MK confirmed that the garages on Hungerton Street are not council owned- DH agreed to speak to Public Realm and also arrange to get the CPOs down- area to be included in the next ward walk.</p>	DH
	<p>10.2 MK confirmed low take up for visit to Repairs Call Centre – agreed that potential dates to be obtained for the few members who are interested for next meeting.</p>	MK
<u>3.0</u>	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
<u>3.1</u>	<p><u>Pre meeting</u> MK confirmed that pre meeting had taken place prior to Area panel meeting to discuss any specific and individual issues that panel members had. Panel members felt that this had been useful and would like to see this happening on a regular basis.</p> <p><u>Lenton Housing Office</u> DH confirmed that Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership are still in negotiation with NCH re relocating to Lenton housing Office. If required there will also be room to hold housing surgeries there if Lenton Housing Office does close.</p>	All to note
<u>4.0</u>	<u>Garage Strategy</u>	
<u>4.1</u>	<p>MK informed Panel that NCH were conducting a review of communal garage sites across the City with a view to looking at what should be retained if additional security was installed – subject to approval by the City Council. In addition the review will look at what garage blocks should be</p>	All to note

	<p>decommissioned – depending on their position, condition and demand.</p> <p>MK and SP went through garage blocks highlighted for decommissioning (7 sites at Meadows and 1 at Lenton- Lombard Street) – MK highlighted that it is slightly different for Meadows due to the need to incorporate any proposals/recommendations into the Neighbourhood plan for the area. In addition any sites approved for decommissioning would be potential redevelopments sites as part of the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>RM commented that he had not noticed any vandalism in respect of Eugene Gardens</p>	All to note
<u>4.2</u>	<p>Panel members were of the opinion that no other blocks were missing from the proposed decommissioning list for Meadows and Lenton.</p> <p>Panel members agreed with those listed for decommissioning but acknowledged that any proposals regarding the blocks at meadows would have to be considered as part of the neighbourhood plan including potential sale of the land.</p> <p>Parking Land at Willoughby Street raised and the need for bollards – DH to speak to Parbinder Singh</p>	DH
<u>5.0</u>	Review of Sensitive and Local Lettings	
<u>5.1</u>	<p>MK informed Panel Members that Local and Sensitive Lettings were used outside the general lettings criteria to address particular housing management issues.</p> <p>Existing Local and Sensitive Lettings areas across the City are under review. There are currently 7,129 council properties that are subject to either local or sensitive lettings- and have been in place since 2004.</p>	All to Note

5.2

Audit Commission Inspections in 2005 and 2008 commented on the unreasonably high number of properties within local and sensitive in the City. The review was seeking to reduce the number of local and sensitive lettings across the City.

All to note

MK then gave examples of what constituted a local and also a sensitive let e.g. sensitive let can be linked to promoting well managed communities and tenancies where a block may be designated for people above or below a specific age whereas sensitive lettings can assist in the reduction of anti social behaviour where for example applicants with a history of drug dealing can be excluded from accommodation in a sensitive let area.

All to note

5.3

SP confirmed that in his area he was seeking to remove 8 areas and retain 4 including Penn Avenue.

5.4

Following further discussion a discussion on these proposals Panel Members agreed the following

Meadows – Hope Close, Bosworth Walk to be retained as a sensitive let. Tarbert Close to be included as a sensitive let for the foreseeable future following feedback given by the Police on ASB issues and bearing in mind that it is situated in close proximity to Hope close and Bosworth Walk.
Lenton- Penn Avenue to be retained as a sensitive letting for the foreseeable future.

All to note

PR confirmed that Penn Avenue is better than its ever been because it is a sensitive letting area.

6.0

Local Issues and Concerns

6.1 RM raised ASB issues at the corner of Eugene Gardens- DH to speak to Sergeant Paul Ferguson about this. DH

PR

6.2 Lombard Close – PR stated that Property Service vans are parking on the grassed areas – JH stated that operatives have been advised not to do this and if the number at the side of the vehicles concerned (each van has its own distinctive number which is visible at the side) can be obtained he will report this back.

7.0 **Neighbourhood Management Dorothy Holmes**

7.1 DH mentioned the Week of Action in Meadows on 22 March 2010 and gave examples of activities arranged that week by the community and Partner agencies including Smart Watering, further consultation events on PFI and ongoing work around the embankment and flood defences. All to Note

Lenton – DH is continuing to work with Traffic Management on parking issues in the area. DH

	<p>PR stated that the community notice board had been installed at Lenton flats but the one at Penn Avenue has yet to be installed. DH to check on progress.</p> <p>Finding has been secured via Meadows Partnership Trust for the installation of solar panels in a number of properties in Meadows of differing tenures including council homes.</p> <p>City Services – new Environmental Managers Paul Brown who covers Meadows/Dunkirk and Tony Papp who covers Areas 4 and 7. – Contact details to be placed on local notice boards and will be on NCC intranet site.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>All to note</p>
<u>8.0</u>	Garage voids – Meadows Performance	
<u>8.1</u>	Mk distributed performance information for garage allocations in Meadows for January 2010. Panel members noted a decrease in garage voids for this period.	
<u>8.2</u>	Panel members requested that this be a regular agenda item to track progress.	MK
<u>9.0</u>	Any Other Business	
<u>9.1</u>	RM mentioned the number of potholes in and around Meadows following the recent bad weather. DH confirmed that Highways had been out and will be included in a works programme to fill them in.	All to note
<u>9.2</u>	RM questioned whether the Week of Action will include the collection of bulk waste/larger items. DH stated that the week of action would not include this but she would speak to Chris Whiley in City Services to identify any future arrangements.	DH
<u>9.3</u>	<p>SP raised the housing environmental programme for 10/11 and was seeking views on any priority schemes from Panel Members. Discussion took place about how the funding had been allocated and SP confirmed that he had already spoken to the Asset management team about this. MK informed panel members that there would be no housing environmental funding for next financial year for meadows due to PFI.</p> <p>Any garage work required may have to be considered from environmental pot.</p>	All to note

SP asked if there were any suggestions that panel members had regarding how the money could be spent and the following was suggested.

SP

- Lenton High Rise – carpeting to internal corridors and the installation of cigarette bins.
- Penn Avenue 1-17 work required to the external purglars

SP made a note of these for inclusion on environmental wish list for 10/11

SP

Next meeting

**Date and Time of the next meeting:
Wednesday 19 May 2010 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Lenton Centre**