

# Minutes

## Minutes of Area 8 meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 @ The Lenton Centre

**Present:** Liz Needham (Chair) – LN, Robert Morrell (Vice Chair) - RM, Tony Wealthall – TW, Patricia Roe – PR, Urvive Forde – UF; Jan Whaley-JW; Kevin Bell (NCH) –KB Dorothy Holmes (NCC) DH- DH Steve Pepper (NCH)- SP Carole Donnelly (NCH) – CD, Tim Shirley (NCH TS; Laura Chambers (CPO) LC

**Apologies:** Sue O'Connor (NCH), Maria Keane (NCH)

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions</b>	Actions
	LN welcomes everyone to the meeting, especially Urvive Forde who was new to the meeting.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting &amp; Matters arising</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	The minutes were accepted as a true record along with the following updates:	
<b>2.2</b>	PR confirmed that the moss has now been cleared in the communal yards at Penn Avenue.	
<b>2.3</b>	SP confirmed the Lenton Office was due to close following the outcome of the recent consultation, to date no date has been set. DH confirmed that NCC were negotiating with NCH to utilise the office and work in partnership with NCH to provide a drop in advice centre in the area.	All to Note
	3.1 LH confirmed a pre-agenda meeting with Marie had taken place.	All to Note
	4.0 Garage update, SP confirmed that this was still being discussed with NCC and further updates will be made at the next meeting.	All to Note
	5.3 SP confirmed that Penn Avenue is to be retained as a sensitive let area. Some concern was raised about recent adverts for new lets SP to discuss outside of the meeting.	
	6.0 Still waiting for confirmation of the new doors in the Penn Avenue area. KB to check with Asset Management and report back	All to note
	DH confirmed the week of action in the Meadows went well; the	

	<p>team managed to let a few garages and provided a good opportunity for joint working between a number of departments. Concern was raised about parking in the Meadows, becoming an issue and RM requested additional bollards to be considered.</p> <p>6.1 DH updated on the ASB in Eugene Gardens and that the police had noted a decrease in activity. RM raised an issue of an elderly lady falling in the area but no further details were available.</p> <p>RM wanted to know the dates for the next ward walkabouts</p> <p>PR &amp; JW confirmed that the notice board in Penn Avenue has now been installed.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>SP</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Management issues</b>	
	This item was brought forward as DH had to attend another meeting.	
<b>3.1</b>	Confirmed successful week of action in the Meadows area and the PFI scheme was progressing well, with a number of key meetings taking place. LN raised concerned about tenants not being able to move back into the area following the improvement programme. Confirmation of the removals/relocation policy requested. RM requested that the Meadows transformation meetings be moved from a Monday to enable him to attend. DH confirmed that following consultation this had been the preferred day. DH to confirm the date of the next Meadows transformation meeting in June	SP/MK
<b>3.2</b>	DH confirmed that she will be moving to Area 6 St Anns in June Mohammed Asif will be taking over from DH covering Clifton, Dunkirk and the Bridge area.	
<b>3.3</b>	DH confirmed that the flowers for the 'in bloom' project were in the process of being delivered. DH also confirmed the Scout Hut project in Sherwin Road is progressing well into a community garden. LN wanted clarification on the 'solar panels' DH confirmed this was a national programme under Greenstreets funding and not an NCC led programme.	
<b>3.4</b>	SP led the thanks from the area panel for all the hard work DH had done to improve the area and wished her well in her new position in St Anns.	

**4.0****Environmental Schemes****4.1**

TS distributed a handout on the 4 year environmental investment programme for NCH.

All to note

**4.2**

The programme is calculated as 5% of the overall Decent Homes investment a total of £8.8m over the 4 years. The investment is based on a stock condition survey and based on maintenance needs.

**4.3**

TS confirmed that the programme is to be agreed by area panels, with scheme ideas/designs being brought to the panels by officers and residents and then the panel then choose the design and best impact/improvements required for the estates.  
It was noted that the spilt for the Dunkirk/Lenton area had been reduced and that the Bridge area was outside of the scheme due to the PFI programme at the Meadows impacting on the ability to spend.

**4.4**

Dunkirk/Lenton had been allocated £3071 for the current financial year ending March 2011. TS encouraged the panel to come up with some suggestions on what improvements they would like to see in this area. AS informed the panel that the programme needs to be agreed by August to enable enough time to get the contracts up and running.

All to note

**4.5**

TH raised the issue of the ceiling tiles in the Lenton Flats, external ashtrays outside the flats and the carpet tiles in the foyers as a possible area for spend.

**4.6**

JW & PR raised the issues of the pergola's at Penn Avenue's block 34- 48

**4.7**

RM raised the issue of the school playing fields in the Meadows and whether some work could be done on the land to bring it back into communal use. It was noted that this land couldn't be included as it wasn't NCH land. The bollards at Eugene Gardens were also a request for consideration.

**4.8**

Area Panel members to look at possible areas and report back as soon as possible to SP

5.0	<b>Garage Strategy update &amp; Performance – garage voids</b>	
5.1	SP confirmed that work was in progress to identify empty garages in the Meadows area. And NCH was making in roads into reducing the garage voids across the city. A table of empty garages was shared with the panel and SP confirmed that the number of empty garages had fallen from 99 to 84.	All to Note
6.0	<b>Local Issues and Concerns</b>	
6.1	JW requested a ‘No balls Game’ sign to be reinstated on the grassed area outside number 32 Penn Avenue as concern has been raised about adults using this patch of land and the problems with the ball banging against the property causing a nuisance. Details of the perpetrators to be passed to the CPO in the area who will investigate any nuisance concerns and monitor the area.	MK/SP
6.2	LN raised the possibility of a visit to the central CCTV unit to enable residents to see the benefits of the current surveillance program across the area. SP to organise	
6.3	LN raised concern about drug dealing in the Meadows with the passing of drugs on a Wed/Fri early evening on a regular basis. The area noted was Thrompton Drive/ Bosworth and Tarbot Close. LC requested that the information is called through to the local station and the beat officer will monitor the area. SP agreed that he would ring this through as a matter of priority to DH.	
9.0	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	No other business was recorded and the meeting finished early	
	<b>Next meeting</b>	
	<b>Date and Time of the next meeting: Date not set at the meeting</b>	