

Minutes

Minutes of Area 9 Panel Meeting Held at Clifton Cornerstone

10 February 2009 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Present:

Ennis Peck (Chair), Tracey Jones (Tenant), E Thorpe (Tenant)
Dennis Stevens (Tenant), Andrew Spyra (Tenant), M Long (Tenant),
Doreen Gretton (Tenant) J Townsend (Tenant), Marian Webster (Tenant),
Alan Darby (Tenant), Patricia Bullock (Resident), Audrey Judson (Tenant),
L Griggs (Tenant), Councillor Jeannie Packer (NCC), Sue O'Connor (NCH),
Chris Langstaff (Chief Executive NCH), Judith Tomlins (NCH),
Maria Keane (NCH)

Apologies:

Mark Hillary (Neighbourhood Manager NCC), Councillor Ian Malcolm (NCC)
Janet Kmiecik (Project Officer NCC)

	Agenda Item	Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	All
2.0	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Report was given on the Audit Commissions inspection which took place in November 2008. Nottingham City Homes was awarded 2 stars with excellent prospects this meant that they narrowly missed 3 stars.</p> <p>Item 4 page 2; Maria Keane gave an update provided by Janet Kmiecik;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mound of earth which has been causing problems is to be used for landscaping and as it is 100 tons it is too expensive to move. The landscaping is to begin after the contract ends at the end of March The second issue is the problems caused by the contractors parking their vehicles around the area. There are 300 operatives and the 	<p>All to Note</p> <p>MK</p>

	<p>contractors have acknowledged the problems which have been caused by the parking difficulties. Extra Care will be inviting all the residents around Chisbury Green to a launch party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a new issue caused by operatives parking on the pathways. This is causing residents to walk on the road to get to the bus stop. • There was a response from a Police officer who was present he stated that all the operatives have been given warnings and they have spoken to the site manager, so they can now issue tickets. • The crossing at the top of Farnborough Road is to be included in the plans for the Tram. <p>Page 5;</p> <p>The City Council still have to make a decision on how much the rents will be increased by and at the Tenants and Leaseholders Conference the Leader of the Council may be able to make a comment. It is hoped that a decision will be announced on 24th February.</p> <p>Page 6;</p> <p>Due to trams and new housing will resident only parking be considered for Chisbury Green?</p> <p>Difficult to combine resident only Parking for estate schemes it was proposed that someone from the Highways Department be invited to the next meeting to explain the difficulties.</p> <p>Another issue for the Highways Department is the need for disabled tenants to have a disabled bay marked outside their property. Judith to look into this matter further.</p>	<p>All to Note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>JT</p>
3.0	Item 4 on the Agenda was Deferred	
4.0	<p>Police Update</p> <p>The Police gave a crime update;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime is going down statistically • There was a spike in burglaries around the Christmas period as some offenders were 	

	<p>released. They are now tagged or back in Prison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti Social Behaviour has come down a lot in the last two years.• There has been a decrease in ASB calls due to the increase in Police presence.• The 'Kicks Project' is football coaching run in partnership with Nottingham Forest for 2 hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.• There is another option for those who do not want foot ball this is the 'Clifton Audio project'• There is a County wide problem of two males posing as workers for the Water company to gain access.• Chris Langstaff asked for information so that it can be included in the NCH newsletter.• Ennis Peck thanked the Police for their report and invited to future meetings	
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<p>5.0</p>	<p>Chris Langstaff –Chief Executive of NCH</p> <p>Chris Langstaff reported on the recent headlines that Nottingham City Homes received two stars as a result of the Audit Inspection in November 2008. This will release the £165 million over a 4 year period to carry out the Decent Homes programme. This will make sure that the Decent homes program which has got off to a slow start in Clifton will be completed. Lenton, Bestwood and Bulwell is starting to get geared up and it was suggested that someone from the Decent Homes program be invited to the next meeting to give an update</p> <p>C L went on to report that the project requires the Contractor to hire an apprentice for every £1 million they spend this will mean that at least 165 apprentices will be employed over the next 4 years. The Inspectors viewed Nottingham City Homes as having excellent prospects to get even better and C L stated that there is work to do with Tenants at the Panel and Tenants and Residents Associations to find out they feel they can move services forward together and help NCH get it right and improve.</p> <p>It was asked why empty homes are modernised first?</p>	<p>All to note</p>
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	<p>CL responded by saying that empty homes are quicker and cheaper than an occupied house, it cost 2/3 of the price.</p> <p>Contractors should be doing modernisations on a street by street basis, but CL knows that it hasn't been happening. The contract is actually going out to tender again and the spasmodic work will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Another question was asked at to why kitchens are being repaired when it would be cheaper to replace them?</p> <p>CL stated that they may be in the program for the kitchen works but if the area is in year two then it will be repaired until year two.</p> <p>How will they know if they qualify for work now will someone be coming round to check?</p> <p>CL responded by informing the panel that there will be a set of surveys over the next two years as NCH has a four year program of work.</p> <p>As for the windows anyone who has single glazed windows will be getting double glazed ones. These should have a twenty to twenty – five year life span.</p>	All to note
6.0	<p>Neighbourhood Management Update</p> <p>Maria Keane gave the following information from a briefing note provided by Mark Hillary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clifton Open and Green spaces has £1million to spend over the next 12 months in the area. • Clifton Week of Action starts on 17th August • Blooming Neighbourhood Launch is on 9th April • 11 March the Area Committee will confirm the Area Capital fund for the next two years. 	All to note
7.0	<p>Ward Member Issues Councillor Jeannie Packer</p> <p>Ennis Peck (Chair) introduced Councillor Packer who is the Chair of Area 9 Committee. Cllr Packer recently met with Elaine Stanson and the children of Dovecote School to ask what they want in their park.</p> <p>Concerning parking issues on Fordham Green Cllr Packer reported that they had managed to do some temporary work and some of the parking issues have been resolved at Brandish. The biggest problem on estates is that some families have 4 or</p>	All to note

	<p>5 vehicles and bring work vehicles home.</p> <p>Cllr Packer reported that she is looking at the route for the tram with colleagues and that they will be able to give the results in September.</p> <p>When Cllr Packer first became a councillor 7 years ago in Bestwood every day there were 4 to 6 cases of Anti Social Behaviour reported, on moving to the Clifton ward they ASB was only happening in small pockets and the most reported was occasionally on case a month.</p> <p>At present it is important to keep Nobel Road a priority and tasking is picking up that spot for abnormal crime and they have worked up an Action Plan which is about highlighting issues and trying to resolve them together</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Local Issues and Concerns</p> <p>Ennis Peck gave an update on local issues and concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclists are causing problems riding through the market place at busy times • Cllr Packer responded by saying that the Police are aware • Also a problem with mobility scooters which are being driven too fast as they are not supposed to do more than 4 miles per hour on the pavement. 	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Clifton Housing Office Business Plan</p> <p>Time of the Time of the year to look at the business plan for the next financial year.</p> <p>Page 1 – Achievements to date included in these are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeks of Action Achievements <p>Page 2 – Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will contain whatever the Area Panel members want included. • It is being taken to Tenants and Resident Groups in the area and the Housing Patch Managers will pick up some parts. • Maria Keane stressed that their will be more emphasis put on key targets for 2009/10 	

	<p>Clifton has 1,148 garages which is the highest number for any area in the city, it also has the highest void rate with half of them standing empty. A survey was done last year and the City is working on a garage strategy. It was reported that some sites are more popular than others and there are some that no – one wants. They are now waiting for the garage strategy to see how they are going to be marketed.</p>	
<p>12.0</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>If was requested that Steve Walters who deals with asbestos comes to the next meeting</p> <p>7th March there is a Crime and Drugs Partnership event to raise awareness of the work being done. It takes place from 11.00 am at the Council House.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clifton Cornerstone 2.00-4.00pm</p>	<p>All to note</p>