

Minutes



Minutes of Area 9 Panel Meeting Held at Cornerstone

16 April 2009 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Present:

Ennis Peck (Chair), E Thorpe (Tenant), Andrew Spyra (Tenant), Bob Dickson (Tenant), Ron Cook (Tenant), Lisa Walters (Resident)
Councillor Ian Malcolm (NCC) Tim Shirley (NCH), Steve Walters (NCH)
Sue O'Connor (NCH), Maria Keane (NCH) Sergeant Phil Matthews
(Safer Neighbourhoods Clifton)

Apologies:

Mark Hillary (Neighbourhood Manager NCC), Chris Langstaff (NCH), Dennis Stevens (Tenant) Judith Tomlins (NCH) Councillor Jeannie Packer (NCC),

	Agenda Item	Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	All
2.0	Matters Arising	
3.0	Minutes of the last meeting Page 1; Parking at Chisbury Green has improved due to measures which have been taken. Page 2; MK reported that the Highways department no longer put disabled bays outside peoples properties The City council are also looking at a hard standing strategy and Nottingham City Homes has already submitted feedback in respect of this and queried whether the strategy should be needs based or alternatively desire based. Page 3; PM reported that the problem of people posing as officials to gain access to properties is not an issue	All to note

	<p>any longer. He also reported that there are no real problems with crime in the area at present.</p> <p>Page 5 item 7;</p> <p>EP asked if there was any feed back on the consultation with the children at Dovecote School as to what they want in their park.</p> <p>Page 6;</p> <p>Clifton Office Business plan is now complete and an overview will be brought to the next meeting</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p>
<p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>		
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Local Crime – Phil Matthews</p> <p>Sergeant Phil Matthews from the Safer Neighbourhoods partnership in Clifton gave an update on crime in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of year figures show that crime has fallen in the area; • City average 11% reduction – locally 17 – 18% • Minor damage crime in the area has fallen by 40 – 50% which coincides with the youth projects which are taking place as they are actively taking the young people off the streets. • Detection rates for the area are around 20% which is favourable compared to the rest of the city. <p>All the facts and figures are with the Crime and Safety Partnership which met recently and listed new priorities for the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling on pavements • Young people congregating in garage areas • Problems on Sunnyhill park • Vehicle orientated problems around Green Lane • Racism issues on Nobel road • Perception of ASB on Bexwood Park • Highbank area being used as a toilet • Wilford and Silverdale areas dog fouling <p>Various issues were raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EP asked if anything can be done about Cyclists who do not have any lights. 	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>Based on the information presently available NCH estimate that of the 29,200 NCH homes they manage the following works will be required;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17,000 kitchens • 12,700 bathrooms • 15,300 windows • 19,700 heating • 8,600 electrical • 11,200 roofing <p>So far in Area 9 16 surveyors working for Savills are collecting data this will be completed on all homes by 2010. Shortly all the windows in Clifton North will be completed and it is hoped that will be completed in Clifton South as well this financial year.</p> <p>The Programme of Works for 2008 – 2013 is as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottingham Secure – Window and door replacements where highlighted with Secure by Design Specification including the use of Smartwater helping to reduce crime. • Warmth for Nottingham – Providing effective heating and insulation to properties where required thereby assisting to reduce fuel bills. • Modern Living – Making internal improvements to kitchen and bathrooms including electrics where the survey revealed needed. 	All to note
7.0	<p>Proposed Environmental Works programme for Clifton 2009/10 – Tim Shirley</p> <p>As part of the Decent Homes programme of the £243 million 5% of the funding is for Environmental repairs. TS went on to say that he had come to Area Panel to ask what would be the priorities for the area, this will then be taken to Area Committee for approval. TS went on to explain that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% equates to a total investment of £17 million over 4 years on NCH homes only. • The £17 million will be split based on maintenance need. • Scheme ideas/designs to be brought to Area Panels which will enable customers to chose 	

	<p>design and best impact/improvements for estates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clifton South is 8th in the city for priority need • Clifton North is 12th in the city for priority need • NCH 4 year programme for 2009 – 2013 (Clifton North and South) will be allocated £1,295,041. • NCC Area Capital (ACF) fund 2 year programme for 2009 – 2011 (Clifton North & South) £824,000. • For the year 2009/10 NCH will allocate £46,000 to Clifton North and NCC (ACF) will allocate £206,000. • Clifton South will be allocate £60,000 for 2009/10 by NCH and NCC ACF will allocate £206,000. <p>Panel will be asked via the Housing Managers to allot environmental schemes, these will be passed to Tim Shirley, who will then measure and cost each scheme. TS will then do a report on each with cost and the Area Panels will select schemes to the value of the funds available these will then go through to Area Committee for approval.</p>	<p>MK</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Work of Asbestos Officer – Steve Walters</p> <p>SW introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his role and responsibilities in organising the removal of asbestos from NCH properties. He went on to say that the only time there is a need to remove asbestos is if it is in the way of works being done or if it is damaged. All contractors that are used are licensed Asbestos removers this protects the customer and NCH as if asbestos is not removed properly following all safety guidelines the company will lose their licence. Part of the Stock Condition Survey is an asbestos survey which is logged onto a database which can then be checked by contractors to see if will need removing prior to any work being carried out.</p> <p>Not all asbestos will be removed it depends on what is generated by the Stock Condition Survey as to what is in place and the tenant will be informed if there is any asbestos in the property. Some cases where it will be removed are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a bath panel is made of asbestos and the bath is being replaced. • If the survey reveals that there is damaged 	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>

	<p>asbestos in a property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When removed then an independent analyst will do air monitoring in the property and will only issue a certificate when the air is clear. <p>In answer to a query SW added that not one domestic property has been found to have roof insulation containing asbestos. Of the surveys that have been carried out so far 78% of properties do contain some kind of asbestos material and in Clifton North everyone should have been informed as to where if any asbestos is in their property. Generally people who get ill from Asbestos are those who have worked with it prior to present Health and Safety measures being introduced.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Local Issues and Concerns</p> <p>Councillor Malcolm reported that he had checked the situation with the vacant flats over the shops. Councillor Ahmed has been looking for premises to run some college courses so he has suggested to some of the owners they could look at alternative uses and has put Councillor Ahmed in touch with them.</p> <p>The sale of J Reed has gone through as change of ownership has been notified on the lease but Cllr M could not confirm if it Morrison's were the buyers. He responded to a car parking query by stating that if Morrison's were the new owners then there will be more car parking.</p> <p>The service road behind the shops is collapsing and City Council have been trying to get the shop owners to pay for it to be repaired Morrison's have offered to pay for some refurbishment.</p> <p>Cllr M confirmed that there will be two new pedestrian crossings when the tram access is built in 2011.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Concern was voiced by several people at the meeting over the lack of facilities for young people in the centre of Clifton. The new facilities which are being put near the leisure centre will not appeal to them as it consists of an outdoor gym. It was reported that there will be skateboard facilities at Farnborough Road park and the green and open spaces working group are looking at Parks and</p>	

	<p>play issues. Bob Dickson reported that he works on a narrow boat project which trains young people to be skippers. He also suggested that more use could be made of the service and MK stated that she would link him up with Mark Hillary the Neighbourhood Manager.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th June 2009</p> <p>Clifton Cornerstone 2.00-4.00pm</p>	MK
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