

Minutes



Area Panel 9 meeting 27th September 2011 Clifton Cornerstone

Present:

Ennis Peck	EP	(Chair)	Ian Malcolm	IM
Dennis Stevens	DS	(Vice- Chair)	John Townsend	JT
Bob Dickson	RD		Andrew Spyra	AS
Audrey Judson	AJ		Eileen Thorpe	ET
Nicola Judd	NJ		Barbara Judd	BJ
Alan Darby	AD		Doreen Gretton	DG
Darren White	DW		Laura Walters	LW
Parbinder Singh	PS		Steve Stott	SS
Elaine Stenson	ES			

Nottingham City Homes:

Abigail Greenwood	AG	John Higgins	JH
Gemma Edghill	GE	Garry Newton	GN

Apologies:

Chris Langstaff	CL	Paul Patterson	PP
Sheryl Fraser	SF	Steve Pepper	SP
Simon Allardice	SA		

The meeting was opened at 14.00pm by the Chair

Item	Commentary	Action
1.0	EP Welcome, Introductions and apologies	
1.1	EP welcomed all the people to the meeting	
2.0	EP Minutes of the last meeting [25.07.2011]	
2.1	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting.	
2.2	Action Points Update;	
	Unfortunately on the previous minutes there was no attachment for actions. All action's will be dealt with at the next meeting.	

Previous minutes

Sheryl Fraser sent her apologies for not attending the meeting today and will attend the November meeting.

AG

Previous minutes

The Rats are a persistent problem around the Clifton area. Residents are encouraged to call Pest Control directly. A member of the Pest Control team is to be invited to the next meeting. **EP** gave the group the pest control number (9156123).

AG

Previous minutes

There is an issue on Farnborough Road (near 52 & 54) with cars parking on the pavement.

LW

Previous minutes

Also there is large 4 X 4 vehicle that keeps parking on the grassed area near Chisbury Green at approximately 3.30pm each day and causing an obstruction.

LW

Previous minutes

There are still concerns with people leaving the bikes outside shop doors and dog fouling along the main shops. **LW** her team has issued a number of fixed penalties for cycling on the pavement, but not many for dog fouling.

Previous minutes

AG has raised the issue of off-road bikes at the last Police Tasking meeting.

AG

Previous minutes

The group gave their suggestions what donation should be given to Michael for keeping the area clean and tidy

- Donation to the church
- Gloves and waterproof jacket
- Litter picker

Page 3 5.3 IM this will be a three month trial period

Page 3. 5.6 IM there is lack of legislation for this item, and Lillian Greenwood is in the process of taking this to Parliament

EP introduced **GE** the new Regional Housing Manager for the South Area (Clifton, Meadows and St Ann's).

GE started recently with NCH and she gave a summary of her experience:

She had been in housing for eight years and locations included Staffordshire and Manchester. More recently, she was involved with the PFI project in the Meadows, and in the

last week had visited St Ann's, Clifton and Aspley.

GE explained that she is looking at modernising the service NCH provide and bring together a closer working relationship with key agencies in the area.

3.0 Local Issues and concerns

3.1 Performance Sheet

3.2 **AG** went through the Area 9 performance report and highlighted areas of good performance and those needing attention.

3.3 In particular praise was given for the estates star ratings which were all at 2 or 3 stars. Improvement in customer satisfaction, access to new tenants and sustained tenancies lasting longer 24 months.

3.4 **ET** is NCH withdrawing their panic alarm scheme. **AG** no only the Police ones. **DW** there are currently 60 Police alarms across the City that cost between £40 – 60 per week. These will only be used for DV cases at the moment now that the call centre and response time as improved.

Update on Decommissioning proposals

3.5 **AG** explained the way in which the HRA finances will be dealt with from 2012/13; NCH would in future retain all rent collected but there would be no further regular subsidies from central government for repairs etc.

3.6 NCH (along with other ALMOs & local authorities) have been asked to submit proposals for how they will finance stock improvements in the future.

3.7 **AG** there as been discussions about whether to refurbish or demolish/decommission properties (several tower blocks) in all areas. **AG** confirmed that consultations with tenants had already taken place in a number of areas & a formal decision would be made in November / December 2011.

3.8 **AG** there are no current proposals to decommission any properties in the Clifton area over the next five years.

4.0 AG Environmental Scheme Proposals

4.1 **AG** explained to the group that most of the Environmental Schemes for 2010/2011 have now been completed.

4.2 **AG** the decommissioning of the garage blocks on Meadowvale Crescent and the Glade have now been given the go ahead.

- 4.3 **AG** explained that that scheme on Colesbourne Road had to be cancelled because residents objected to this.
- 4.4 **AG** showed the group the new Environmental Schemes proposed by NCH and explained the reason why schemes had prioritised as high or medium demands for the area.
- 4.5 All The group agreed to the proposed Environmental Schemes for 2010/2011 **All to note**
- 4.6 **AS** mention that residents on Yewdale Close would like to see their gate kept closed. One resident keeps leaving the gate open. **JH** will ask the Housing Patch Manager to speak with resident **JH**
- 4.7 NCH need to make sure the work has been carried out to a high standard
- 4.8 **ES** **NCC & NCH Environmental Scheme Thistledown Road**
- Residents in the Thistledown Road area have been raising issues over that last few years regarding parking on grassed areas. Recently there as been lots of vandalism and thefts of their cars.
- The local Ward Councillors have also given their support for this proposed project. The scheme will cost £18,500 (NCC £13,800 and NCH £4,700).
- ES** asked members of the group if they could approve the £4,700 required from NCH. The group agreed on it, with a majority vote. No one was against the scheme.
- DS** What will be done in the area? **ES** the area is currently grassed, but we will be fitting matting and reinforcing footpath. This is a low cost solution. **AS** this type of work as been carried out in the Aspley area and it as improved the look of the area.
- BD** is there no NCH garages for rent in the area? **AG** not at this present time.
- 5.0 **DW/LW** **Police updates Darren and Laura**
- 5.1 **DW** the overall figure for crime in Clifton is down. People are more aware as there is an increased presence of PCSO's on the street.
- 5.2 **DW** Police are currently dealing with ASB near the top shops. Patrol in the area as increased because of all the youths gathering and also reports of people stealing from the rear of the shops. We don't want to go down the Disposal Order route as this can often give negative press.
- 5.3 Could we possibly have a static camera? **DW** it could be possible to use the ASB van with onboard CCTV.

- LW** to also look at costs and suitable location near the shop for CCTV. She would like support from local residents and Area Panel. **LW**
- 5.4 **EP** in London bikes are taken off youths who are riding them at night without any lights until they have them fitted. Also Police are talking to their parents
- 5.5 **IM** hopefully someone will be moving in to the old Quicksave in the near future. **AS** it looks like workmen are already working in there.
- 5.6 A discussion was held around a legislation regarding Mobility Scooters. They cause issues bumping into people on the street and having a general disregard for people, including children. A letter of concern is to be written to MP's.
- IM** mention that a child had been knocked over by a scooter, and that the driver did not stop.
- 5.7 **DG** raised her concerns that the new park on Nobel Road estate is already being vandalised. Trees have already been pulled down, graffiti and the new ride broken. **DW** to look in to. **DW**
- 5.8 The main priorities of the beat are;
- ASB
 - Off-road bikes
 - Rogue door-to-door sales
 - Fly-tipping
 - Graffiti
- All are being tackled with warnings being issued in a number of cases.
- 6.0 PS Neighbourhood Services (Parbinder Singh)**
- 6.1 **PS** explained what the Neighbourhood Actions Team's (NAT) role was in the Clifton area.
- His team works closely with Housing Patch Manager (NCH), City Services (NCC) and Police to deal with resident's complainants and Councillor enquiries.
- All agencies are now working closer and more efficient. Also been a vast improvement in communication between the teams.
- Ward Walks (NCC) and Estate Inspections (NCH) are now done as one, rather than two separate walks
- If funding is required for projects in the area, this will need Senior Managements approval.
- Councillors also hold a small pot of money and can help out with small projects when they need funding.

6.2 **DS** Why can't we have a static camera near the top shops?
IM at the time there was no trouble in this area when Clifton was provided with a few camera's.

6.3 **IM** the next Community Safety Panel will take place on Tuesday 11th October at the Clifton library 2pm

7.0 **Estates Caretakers update**

Sheryl Fraser sent her apologies.

This will be discussed at the next meeting

8.0 **Environmental Services (Steve Stott)**

8.1 **SS** explained that there are eight members of his team that covered the City.

8.2 **SS** **SS** Fly tipping is a major concern in the City. If residents see anyone flying tipping the need to call the City Council or contact their local CPO. CPO's will try look through the rubbish to and identify the person's details and address.

Residents can also contact NCC with vehicle registration so this is another form of identification

Camera's can also be deployed in vans or areas that are known hot spots

The team will always follow up any leads received and will look at prosecuting these people who are fly tipping in different areas.

Witnesses will need to attend court and give evidence and some times this deters residents from doing this.

Team as regular days of action along with the police and trading standards

9.0 **AOB**

Any other business was covered in all the previous sections

The meeting was closed at 16.00pm

10.0 **Next meeting**

Tuesday 29th November 2011
14.00- 16.00pm
Clifton Cornerstone

Glossary and explanation of terms / Jargon buster

AOB	Any Other Business
HRA	Housing Revenue Account
DV	Domestic Violence
NCC	Nottingham City Council
NCH	Nottingham City Homes
CPO	Crime Prevention Officer
PCSO	Police Community Support Office
ALMO	Arms Length Management Organisation
ASB	Anti Social Behaviour
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
PFI	Private Finance Initiative

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5.3	4	LW to also look at cost of static cameras and suitable location near the shop.	LW
5.7	4	Concerns that the new park on Nobel Road estate is already being vandalised. Trees have already been pull down, graffiti and the new ride broken.	DW