

Clifton Town Board meeting

23rd January 2025

Online - Teams

In attendance:

Stephen Hackney, Chair

Lilian Greenwood, MP

Clare Ashton

PC Jane Gibson

Insp Steve Dalby

Councillor Hayley Spain

Councillor Kevin Clarke (representing Clifton East)

Councillor Ethan Radford

Sarah Speight

Charlotte Batterham

Jemma Malloney

Matt Wheatley, Nottingham City Council

Mark Armstrong, Nottingham City Council

Claire McCurdy, Nottingham City Council (notes)

Apologies:

Ch Insp Mike Ebbins

Holly Dagnall

Tracy Osborne

Gene Warburton

Edward Peck

Stephanie Karlonas

Kev Davis

Jemma Mallony

Sue Whitehead

Cllr Maria Watson

Melanie Phythian, MHCLG

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The notes were accepted as a record of the last meeting.

2. Clarification on revised prospectus

No update as yet on the date and contents of the revised prospectus being shared with Town Boards. We are not anticipating such a huge change that would not include the ideas and feedback already gained from consultation. We can and will continue to do background work to ensure readiness when the prospectus is released.

3. Clarification on current/ expected funds

Remaining amount of capacity building funding:£192K

Minus – Programme Manager salary plus on costs until end of contract (May 2027) £75,500.00 =
£116,850.00.

Additional £200,000 capacity building funding in April 2025 = £316,850.

Suggest allocation for costs for website/ publicity and board development sessions (plus engagement events) = £30K.

This would leave £286,850 to bring us to at least April 2027.

Discussed frustration at not having clarity on what further activities that the funding could be utilised for, and whether we need to retain some of the capacity building funding for when delivery has started. This should be answered within the revised guidance.

4. Funding for community use/ activities

Discussed idea of allocating funds for a small grants process to allow support for community activities delivered by voluntary sector groups and charities, including potentially youth activities as a way of testing out future activities and providers. These would also be some of the “quick wins” previously spoken about that would demonstrate activity was happening and build confidence in the wider public.

Action: Claire to pull together a proposal for grants funding criteria and process for the next board meeting.

5. Community spaces update

Residents clearly want the community spaces to remain available and accessible to them. Suggested use of capacity building funding to source development (funding/ group/ volunteer support). This proposal is driven by the strength of the feedback in the consultation. Cannot decide on this or any other work until we have sight of the revised prospectus.

6. Board development and direction

Discussed engaging [Place Matters](#) to offer training and facilitation to develop the board. They have delivered training to the Collective Impact steering groups and are highly experienced in systems change approaches and place based working, as well as closely working with NTU projects.

Action: proposal to be brought to the next board meeting.

Also discussed the Collective Impact Town Hall meeting on 29th at Hope Church – all welcome to attend. There will be a presentation by the young people from Farnborough Academy who have been trained by Nottingham Citizens, and Jane aims to link the young people attending the Holy Trinity Youth Café to this. Thanks expressed from the board to the NTU team who are leading this work.

7. Potential youth activities/ space development

Site visit to Oasis in Waterloo at the end of 2024 to discuss skills and experience that could potentially be brought to Clifton around youth work, in partnership with others such as NTU for the Confetti offer previously looked at for Green Lane Youth Centre. Waiting for a proposal to be sent for this. Also discussed the possibility of purchasing land on which to co-design a dedicated youth space, with the assistance of NTU in purchasing and holding the land whilst the Town Board and its funding is established. Should this partnership approach be pursued it would need to include some element that would ensure sustainability, such as a commercial element. These discussions at the moment are high level and would need careful consideration for them to be pursued, but are proposed as options for a key project.

Discussed land and potential sites – primarily the old St Francis site would be a choice, but the side land at Morrisons could be looked at, or even the Playing Fields. Need to look at options and work out feasibility of them.

Discussed Oasis being an external provider – would it be a good thing for an unknown (locally) organisation to come in, and do these skills exist locally? Whoever was involved it would be vital for them to work with and support existing groups that are well established within the community. Training and modelling best practice as well as employing local people for delivery would be welcomed, as long as the needs of Clifton and its existing groups were considered.

Possibility of asking Oasis to “meet” the board via Teams link.

Also discussed the practicalities of this potential direction including land and property ownership, future responsibilities for maintaining and developing site and whose responsibility it is. Currently the Town Board is not a legal entity, and the Local Authority is the accountable body, so pursuing this would need legal advice to navigate issues, including whether a separate entity needs to be formed to own assets, and the financial position of this.

A.O.B. Wider concerns in Clifton area – quarry

There is a proposed sand and gravel quarry and processing site between Barton in Fabis and Clifton, and residents of surrounding areas are deeply concerned about the impact that this could have on the environment, traffic and quality of life. If members wish to find out more and include any objections about this the [link](#) was placed in the chat for the call. There's no merit in a Town Board response, it will be down to individual members.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 27th February 2025, 5pm, Clifton Cornerstone.