

## Clifton Town Board meeting

24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Clifton Cornerstone/ Teams

#### In attendance:

Cllr Hayley Spain	Insp Steve Dalby
Cllr Maria Watson	Matt Wheatley
Stephen Hackney (Chair)	Mark Armstrong
Clare Ashton	Jo Blundell, Place Matters
Tracy Osborne	Emily Sun, Place Matters
Jemma Malloney	Stacey Trainer
Holly Dagnall	Tina Paddon
Charlotte Batterham	Claire McCurdy (notes)

Sarah Mayfield

#### Apologies:

Cllr Ethan Radford	Sue Whitehead
Gene Warburton	Edward Peck

#### 1. Minutes of the last meeting

Notes from previous meeting accepted, no matters arising that are not covered in this meeting agenda.

#### 2. Confirmation of Board and boundary, and process

As part of the process of releasing funding in stage 1 the Chair, Board members and boundary have been reconfirmed, and submitted on 22/4/25, which should (once approved) release the additional £200,000 capacity building funding. A reminder to members who have not already sent in the updated conflicts of interest log to get them to Claire as soon as practical. Stacey Trainer is now representing the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Tina Paddon is observing the meeting and hopes to join the board as a health representative for the local Primary Care Network (PCN). There has previously not been a health representative on the board, but the new guidance recommends updating the board to reflect the new interventions. The revised boundary map that was submitted in March 2024 remains the same, as the Fairham development would not be able to be removed.

The new board email address is up and running ([cliftonneighbourhoodboard@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:cliftonneighbourhoodboard@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)) and the Nottingham City Council website will be updated with meeting notes and an information page. Discussed a stand alone website which will need to have a plan drawn up for – who the audience is, what information will need to be included etc. Discussed potentially getting an NTU student to work on this – Sarah Mayfield to link with Claire on this proposal.

#### 3. Place Matters training and support

Stephen introduced Jo Blundell and Emily Sun, Co-CEOs of Place Matters charity, who some of the board have worked with previously as they have provided training on the systems thinking approach to place-based change. The proposal is for them to deliver development sessions for the board and share learning and facilitate planning processes to enable the board to move

forward. Jo and Emily discussed the previously circulated proposal, and the approach that Place Matters takes, which is a different offer to that which is usual board development style training. The proposal supports rethinking/ rewiring of how boards work to bring about change, and the complex issues to equip the board with the skills to ensure positive social change.

There would be 3 broad workshops of action learning.

1 – look at where the board is at, individual experiences and expertise, development and skills and at what the board want to achieve/ how to make that happen, shaping the board.

2 – processes and how to act as members of the board in different environments, sharing power with the communities.

3- engaging communities, relationships outside the board, looking at problems and issues differently.

Jo and Emily were asked questions by the board about other work that they have done (also meeting with the Mansfield and Ashfield Boards but have done a lot of work with the NTU community focussed work such as Collective Impact as well as facilitating a conference. The young people from Farnborough who took part in the OPCC funded work have also been trained in the systems thinking approach, so it makes sense to keep that approach.

Questions were also asked about the amount of time to prepare for delivery, and was reassured that the course would be bespoke to us. NTU spoke of their experiences of booking them to facilitate training and had no concerns, only compliments for their experience and professionalism. Agreed that members didn't want the standard board development training sessions that many have attended previously. Agreed that Claire can contact places that have worked with Place Matters previously to check recommendations.

*Members were asked if anyone had any interests to declare in Place Matters – there were none.*

Discussed commitment from board members to attend the training sessions as this is an investment in the board to enable members to fulfil their role, and if the training isn't attended it will be a waste. All members to prioritise attending the training sessions, and reinforce the Terms of Reference.

**Agreed:** to engage Place Matters, and Claire/ Stephen will work with them on scheduling and shaping the training.

#### **4. Safer Streets 5 findings and feedback**

The Safer Streets 5 programme was funded by the OPCC and covered Bulwell and Clifton, coming to an end 30/4/25. As well as a programme of target hardening properties (Ring doorbells, locks as well as advice etc) and ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras and CCTV (Closed Circuit television) cameras in key locations and environmental improvements, a programme looking at attitudes and change was invested in, and led by NTU with students from the secondary schools. From Farnborough Academy 12 young leaders were recruited (in addition to the students who have previously presented to the board) and have been trained in systems thinking and as peer researchers. They have attended a "choice and consequences" workshop and led appreciative enquiries with their peers around what they wanted for their areas – it's an opportunity for the work to link into the outcomes for the board as well as the work of the OPCC.

This work has led to a number of interventions which could be considered by the board as “quick wins”.

Stacey will share the whole report with the board, and encouraged the board to consider using any future grants programmes to continue work that is already happening as funding is precarious, and the way services and projects are commissioned tends to set people up to compete.

This led into a wider discussion about the Oasis proposal in a previous meeting and about bringing all the strands together. Claire read out the information that Lilian Greenwood had emailed in regarding contacting Minister Stephanie Peacock who has responsibility for youth services and the development of youth hubs, and it was agreed Stephen will send a response to Lilian for her to forward on the board’s behalf.

Suggestion of a working group to bring strands together and give options to streamline discussions in the board meetings.

## **5. Engagement event and next steps**

The next session will be the open session/ Town Hall style meeting where we can have stands looking at different topics (youth, market and shops, parks and open spaces, safety etc) but will require support from the Board to run efficiently. We would need to involve young people in this on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Hope Church. Claire to forward meeting invitation to members, and asked to share amongst contacts and groups.

We have also been asked to host a Policy Adviser from the Communities Team on 25/26 June. Once date is confirmed a calendar invitation will be sent out. The meeting is expected to be informal, and they want to meet some of the board as well as have a brief tour of the area, which is being offered to all areas benefitting from the funding.

**Next meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, 4-7pm at Hope Church (drop-in session)