

Clifton Neighbourhood Board meeting

11th September 2025, 1-2pm

Teams

Present:

Holly Dagnall
Cllr Hayley Spain
Clare Ashton
Stephen Hackney (Chair)
Charlotte Batterham
Sarah Speight
Tracy Osborne
Matt Wheatley
Mark Armstrong
Claire McCurdy (notes)

Apologies:

Insp Steve Dalby
Sue Whitehead
Cllr Maria Watson
Cllr Linda Woodings
Lilian Greenwood
Gene Warburton
Tina Paddon

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes accepted with no amendments.

2. Acknowledgement of training with Place Matters

Agreed that the first session was positive and provided a lot to think about. The next session is on Thursday 25th September 2025, 4.30-7.30pm at Clifton Cornerstone (diary invitations have already been sent out). Reminder to complete the short questionnaire as soon as possible as this will be part of the next training session. Claire to re-send so it's easier to respond to.

3. Capacity Building and 4 Year Interventions

Showed the Strategic Goals document (Appendix 1, attached) and talked through the 4 main themes of Parks/ Playing Fields, Youth, High Street and shopping area and Capacity Building and community support.

Parks: starting from strong place as people are using the spaces, and whilst they need regenerating they are well loved and have some good provision. Holly to lead on this sub group's work shaping a plan for intervention and investment with NCC colleagues in Parks. Will be good to include NTU and University of Nottingham as well as Sport England/Active Notts as partners.

Youth: first step in this is the community conversation being held on 16th September 4-6pm at Hope Church, and led by Stephen. Plans can be shaped from the conversation and it will likely lead to a tender for a lead organisation to drive this work forward, possibly utilising some of the capacity building funding. This workstream looks to be the biggest in terms of building aspiration and skills, as well as alleviating poverty. Look to bring in experience that is broader than in the immediate community – look at what works and how others have approached the same issues.

High Street and shopping area: Mark Armstrong and Tracy leading on this subject, and have already met to look at potential ideas for the area. This work will also need to include NCC colleagues in the Markets team, who will need to wait until after Goose Fair has happened to have much involvement. Mark has found the old plans which will need refreshing and adapting but can provide a starting point. Looking into the lease arrangements for the former Wilko building to see if there's any potential there. Also need to look at auditing what space is used or available including Cornerstone and the library building. Short term gains could be about improving the visual impact of the high street.

Capacity Building and Community Support: Claire to lead on this – will encompass the structure needed to develop groups and ensure their sustainability for delivery as well as events and grants for activity and building community hubs. Brings in some of the work that is additional to the Neighbourhood Board such as the Arts Festival and some of the work from the Collective Impact group. Claire to work on a proposal around this.

General comments: NTU can be approached for support and specific conversations as the plans develop (to involve the appropriate support). Can also help pulling all the strands together and prioritizing the work in terms of impact. Can bring a systems thinking approach. Needs to link in with EMCCA (East Midlands Combined County Authority) strategies and other funding streams from central government, such as the Youth Guarantee work around young people not in education, training or employment.

The sub groups are available for all board members to attend, especially if they have a particular interest in a theme.

4. Youth Provision Conversation

Covered in discussion around themes, above.

5. Tracking Towards 28 November deadline

Claire updated on the current path to the deadline. Deadline is midday, 28th November, but the plans need to be ready to be sent to the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 officer) by Monday 24th November to allow enough time for checking and approval.

The questions that are asked/ information requested are included in the printed guides all board members have received, and the link to the online information is: [Plan for Neighbourhoods: Regeneration Plan guidance - GOV.UK](#) . The 10 year vision to be submitted needs to be included as a bigger PDF document including demographic information, what some of the local priorities are, how the community have been engaged in developing the plans etc. Then the themes that the board are planning on pursuing in the first 4 years is detailed, including allocation of funding. The fine detail at this stage is not necessary, as the team at MHCLG will give feedback and we are able to refine and develop them – we are submitting the broad strategy, and information on what we believe we need to work on to achieve this.

At the time of the meeting Claire has started writing the first draft of the information needed and will add to it as the board make decisions. The aim will be to have an answer for each question asap, ideally by w/c 22nd September as that will allow 10 weeks to refine and redraft what is to be submitted. Support from NCC colleagues and partners at NTU on specific questions has already been requested, and the plans will also need to be passed via the EMCCA Mayor (meeting on 26/09/25 with the other local accountable bodies), the Office of the Police Crime

Commissioner and the Rushcliffe MP (as part of the Area of Benefit covers the Fairham development).

Board members will be able to look at resource allocation and planning the use of the funding following the Place Matters training.

AOB - the Clifton wards have a Christmas tree and lights funded by a PFI contract, and last year the board funded the event as a way of engaging with the community and raising the profile of the board. Free events for families is also one of the requests that came from the community engagement feedback. The board would need to decide whether the event should take place/ be sponsored again in 2025, considering the best use of the funding and restrictions.

Action: Claire to draft a proposal for this to be shared amongst the board and a decision to be made via email response to ensure a quick decision.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th October 2025, 1-2pm on Teams. Invite to follow.