

Clifton Town Board meeting

27th March 2025

NCHA offices, Farnborough Road

In attendance:

Cllr Hayley Spain	Sarah Speight
Cllr Maria Watson	Sue Whitehead
Stephen Hackney (Chair)	Insp Steve Dalby
Jemma Malloney	Matt Wheatley
Holly Dagnall	Mark Armstrong
Charlotte Batterham	Kat Agar, Oasis Trust
PC Jane Gibson	Sam Ellis, Oasis Trust
Lilian Greenwood MP	Claire McCurdy (notes)

Apologies:

Kevin Davis	Gene Warburton
Tracy Osborne	Clare Ashton
Cllr Ethan Radford	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

The guidance documentation has been released and sent to Board members. As part of the process of releasing funding in stage 1 the Chair, Board members and boundary all need to be reconfirmed. Upon approval a further £200,000 of capacity building funding will be released. Matt confirmed that Stephen Hackney was to continue in the role as Chair following approval from Lilian Greenwood MP, and thanked him for his time and contributions. The Board details and the conflicts of interest log will need to be updated outside this meeting, and all details need to be confirmed with Claire by 17/4/25 in order to submit them on time for 22/4/25. Claire will contact members to confirm details and update the register individually over the next couple of weeks.

Discussion over the boundary. The revised boundary map that was submitted in March 2024 was looked at. Cllr Spain raised the point that residents of Silverdale (not Wilford) have expressed interest in being included within the boundary and be consulted on their views. Following lots of discussion over the pros and cons of their inclusion, and the concerns of members about the inclusion of the Fairham development, it was agreed:

Action: Clarification would be sought about the possibility for removing Fairham from the area of benefit. Following this it was agreed that the consensus was for the boundary to remain unchanged. Claire to confirm as soon as clarification was given.

3. Oasis proposal – youth and community work

Introduction of Kat and Sam who were representing Oasis Trust, who had previously submitted a proposal for supporting the development of the youth support and activity element of the

board's work. The proposal shared in the previous meeting is not set in stone, and was more of an indication of the kind of work that Oasis could do with and for the Neighbourhood Board.

Oasis have bases around the country but do not work yet in Nottingham. They have many projects that have been built up locally that would align with the approach of the Neighbourhood Board. The proposal is not to deliver a youth hub, but to work with partners to make a plan for how this could work locally. They would work with local delivery providers and build on existing work to make this happen – working with people and not telling them what to do. Depending on what the board ask for they can work on a consultancy or delivery basis, by employing local people who would be supported and upskilled with training and best practice.

Suggested that what is needed is phases of work:

Phase1 = help to understand what exactly is needed and develop a plan to achieve this

Phase 2 = building a model

Phase 3 = running the model (possibly supporting with delivery).

Questions asked – if given access to the feedback could Oasis come back with models for moving forward? Oasis do not want to replace work already done or ask for the same information. Consideration needs to be given to the age range that needs to be worked with, do we need to look at play as well as youth, and link to adult education and employability? Are there any local providers who could do this? Discussed need to link with local providers to see what is on offer and where the gaps are, and to bring them on board as emotionally and physically invested in the work already. Potentially helpful objectivity is brought with Oasis not being a local delivery partner.

Discussed the need to potentially tender for this work to be done, but recognised that additional capacity to scope and develop plans is needed, and this falls into the remit of the capacity funding.

Action: to look at way forward/ procurement process to be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Next steps and timelines

Expected that the plans to be submitted for approval will have a window open until towards the end of November, and that they will be high level plans based on the projects that boards wish to undertake. Place Matters are refining a proposal for training and support that will utilise the existing times that the board meet and is likely to cover 3 sessions. This will be circulated once it's ready.

Proposal of running an 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 , which it is suggested to take place in May before the half term holiday.

Action: bring a proposal to the April meeting for discussion.

5. AOB

None, but thanks given to Holly and NCHA for hosting the meeting and showing members around the facilities.

Next meeting: 24th April 2025, 5-7pm at Clifton Cornerstone.