

Clifton Town Board meeting

18th July 2024

Clifton Cornerstone

In attendance:

Stephen Hackney, Chair
Councillor Maria Watson
Councillor Hayley Spain
Clare Ashton
PC Jane Gibson
Insp Steve Dalby
Tracy Osborne

Ch Insp Mike Ebbins
Lilian Greenwood, MP
Fiona Johnson
Sue Whitehead
Mark Armstrong, Nottingham City Council
Claire McCurdy, Nottingham City Council (notes)

Apologies:

Edward Peck
Councillor Ethan Radford
Stephanie Karlonas
Ch Insp Mike Ebbins
Gene Warburton

Charlotte Batterham
Kev Davis
Holly Dagnall
Matt Wheatley, Nottingham City Council
Melanie Phythian, MHCLG

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Notes accepted as a record of the last meeting. Farnborough students fed back on the vision and objectives that they are happy with them and look forward to working with the Town Board.

2. 10 year vision and objectives

Discussed potential repetition within the vision, and potential inclusion of the word “spiritual” within the wider health and wellbeing. Members voted not to include this.

Recommendation: that the vision and objectives are approved and adopted.

3. Confirm interventions - Safety and security

Discussed the options that were presented in the previous meeting and best use of the funding to achieve the outcomes.

Board members agreed that the most visible and cost-effective intervention to impact on residents’ sense of safety and security would be to fund a dedicated Police vehicle for Clifton, plus running costs and ANPR kit, plus 2 e-bikes.

Recommendation: £42,000 for car (including ANPR kit) Capital plus £6,000 per annum for 3 years revenue (running costs). Also £2,400 for 2 x e-bikes.

Also discussed previous information around Transport and Connectivity. Interventions that were seen as potential for Clifton were safety measures outside school sites. Prices quoted from Highways team (NCC) would be anywhere from £7,500 for bollards outside school (where appropriate), changing parking restrictions at £15,000 per school to a school safety scheme at £250,000 (including works and legal changes etc).

Recommendation – this will not be effective at dealing with the issues so not recommended to pursue at this stage.

4. High Streets, Heritage and Regeneration theme focus

Discussed the breadth of interventions that could come into this theme that residents have said that they would like to see funding used for, including youth intervention, parks and community spaces.

Discussed needing to focus on the bigger picture and try and focus on the whole 10 years and opportunities for potential partnerships, and not miss these opportunities.

Visit on 23/7 to Green Lane Youth Centre with NTU. Have been informed it's ringfenced for an education provider, but it does bring partnership opportunities that meet many people's needs. Securing the space for young people is only one aspect of tackling the lack of provision; good quality providers and resources are needed to deliver from there and other spaces.

Discussed development at the Playing Fields pavilion, but this is a major investment and opportunity so there will need to be a lot of work into this as a project, including feasibility studies and surveys etc. Need to balance some of the bigger projects with "quick wins" to show residents we have listened, and where something is simple to get in place, that we do.

Discussed state of parks and green spaces and one thing that residents have strongly asked for is for the green areas to be maintained better. Possible link with growing plants for use within the area, and working with community groups – more as a community gardener than straightforward grounds maintenance.

Recommendation:

2 x Full time community gardeners for 6 months.

Discussed lighting need – area has recently been upgraded to LED lighting and is seen as adequate, apart from outside the Clifton Village Hall where there have been falls previously due to the lack of lighting.

Recommendation:

1 x lighting column (will need to be in keeping with heritage area and existing columns) approx. £9,000 (exact amount to be requested) (Capital)

Discussed feedback requesting benches for people with mobility issues to utilise

Recommendation:

10 benches in locations to be determined with residents £30,000 (Capital)

Discussed support for community centres, which was strongly requested by the survey respondents. Clare Ashton was invited to discuss the renovations and expansion of the Clifton Village Hall and shortfall in the funding, but left the room whilst the other members discussed this.

Recommendation: rather than specify which buildings and community spaces receive investment, allocate both Capital and Revenue each year that can be applied to as needed £100,000 per year Revenue and £100,000 per year Capital.

Also discussed need for capacity building support for community groups, which would enable groups to grow and become more sustainable.

Due to the time and number of board members in attendance these are recommendations only (not quorate). Claire to send out a list of proposed costings and interventions before the next meeting – if people cannot attend they can either send their recommendations in or appoint a proxy.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 24th July 5-7.30pm at Hope Church (note changed time and venue).