

Clifton Neighbourhood Board meeting

3rd July 2025

Clifton Cornerstone/ Teams

In attendance:

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| Cllr Hayley Spain | Sue Whitehead |
| Cllr Maria Watson | Sarah Speight |
| Cllr Linda Woodings | Lilian Greenwood MP |
| Stephen Hackney (Chair) | Sarah Mayfield |
| Clare Ashton | Insp Steve Dalby |
| Holly Dagnall | Matt Wheatley |
| Gene Warburton | Claire McCurdy (notes) |

Apologies:

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| Charlotte Batterham | Stacey Trainer |
| Tracy Osborne | Tina Paddon |
| Jemma Malloney | Mark Armstrong |

1. Minutes of the last meeting

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

2. Feedback from the engagement event (May 2025)

The engagement session held in May (in lieu of a full meeting) was an interesting opportunity to engage with residents (feedback given attached as Appendix 1), and thanks to the Board members and Nottingham City Council Officers who supported the event. Whilst it wasn't as well attended as we'd hoped, it was useful to have more in depth conversations with residents. Very useful conversations around the green spaces in Clifton, and about the market/ high street. Discussed potential programmes leading from this, e.g. involving Skate Nottingham in developing the space on the Playing Fields.

How to turn the feedback into useful direction for the Board: priority matrix of projects and how they will meet outcomes – some spaces can cover several elements of feedback from residents and outcomes that are pre-approved. Plans also need to link to other city wide strategies (e.g. Dementia Friendly City/ Age Friendly City) and use these to inform interventions so that they are accessible for all, as well as linking with business development in supporting local businesses. Discussed focus groups for the priority areas that could be established once the areas of focus were agreed on.

3. Feedback from Westminster visit

Clare attended a networking event at Westminster with all the other Plan for Neighbourhoods Chairs, to hear about the programme from the Ministers and teams involved, and to link with other areas about how their programmes will be developing. Feedback from Clare attached (Appendix 2).

4. Financial processes

Discussed the processes in the draft document shared (Appendix 3). This is based on information in the programme guidance documents, and the procurement processes for Nottingham City Council as awarding body which will come into effect mainly when the programme starts and the board look to commission providers for undertaking works. The Procurement team at Nottingham City Council have already been brought up to speed with the programme and its aims, and are happy to be involved from the beginning. Where some of the larger contracts are needed for major capital projects, involvement of local residents and smaller contractors can be included in the project specifications, for example.

Action: Following discussion of the document, it was unanimously accepted and signed off.

5. Vision Statement

Discussed amendments to the statement – lose the “2036” date, amended objective titles. Attached amended version is Appendix 4.

Discussed how the aims and objectives can be measured, and need to build in measurements for assessing success. Continuous engagement will need to be built in throughout the programme too. Discussed need to link in with the EMCCA Mayor and align programmes if possible.

6. Place Matters update

First session booked in to calendars for 24th July – several members have had to send apologies. Suggested recording the audio for those not able to attend. Will need to fit in two sessions in September to allow time following the training to adapt plans.

7. Neighbourhood Board next steps

Grant Funding: revisited the draft processes and looked at the Capacity building and pilot activity small grants document (Appendix 5). The funding for capacity building needs to be used to develop the board and prepare it for planning and developing the programme so activity needs to be pilot in order to inform what the board may wish to fund within the body of the programme – what works, how effective it is etc.

Action: In order to assess any applications fairly a strict criteria needs to be established Agreed to have a small working group of Clare, Maria and Claire working on developing this.

4 year plan: All members of the board now have a paper copy of the guidance documents, statistical information and feedback from the Collective Impact and Safer Streets projects. Within these documents is the information that is needed to be submitted to MHCLG by 28th November 2025. The Board have a good understanding of the feedback from the residents, and what work needs to be done in the area, but this needs to be firmly established what will happen in the first 4 years of the project – balancing larger projects with smaller “quick wins” for keeping residents engaged and the work visible.

Agreed that the main three themes that cover the majority of residents’ feedback are: High Street (Top Shops) being regenerated, Youth (for activities and space) and Clifton Playing Fields (including buildings) for regeneration and development, which could also cross over into youth. As well as these “big ticket” items, a number of smaller “quick wins” can be included around the projects. Discussed inviting people who have expressed an interest in being on the board and

those who originally applied but were unsuccessful to be invited to be part of working groups once these strands of work are decided on.

Claire to link up feedback with the approved interventions for board members in order to help selection, and begin gathering updated costing information.

8. AOB:

Challenge (NTU based creative arts and youth education project) have included Clifton as an area to hold an arts festival, and as such has £12,000 for the community to use on 3 years of arts events (£4,000 per year). There is a small steering group shaping an event which is to be held in the Leisure Centre and Flower Park on 11th October as an initial event. It is hoped that from this an official group can form to take on the planning and development of the event.

Next meeting: TBC – Place Matters session 1 on 24th July 2025 at Clifton Cornerstone.