

## Clifton Town Board meeting

12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Clifton Cornerstone/ Teams

#### In attendance:

Stephen Hackney, Chair  
Councillor Maria Watson  
Councillor Hayley Spain  
Councillor Ethan Radford  
Clare Ashton  
PC Jane Gibson  
Insp Steve Dalby  
Wayne Norrie

Tracy Osborne  
Edward Peck  
Sue Whitehead  
Charlotte Batterham  
Matt Wheatley, Nottingham City Council  
Mark Armstrong, Nottingham City Council  
Claire McCurdy, Nottingham City Council (notes)

#### Apologies:

Ch Insp Mike Ebbins  
Lilian Greenwood, MP  
Fiona Johnson  
Stephanie Karlonas

Gene Warburton  
Kev Davis  
Holly Dagnall  
Melanie Phythian, MHCLG

#### 1. Minutes of the last meeting

Notes accepted as a record of the last meeting.

#### 2. Funding update

At the last meeting the Board were looking at allocations of funds to different workstreams and projects, but on 19<sup>th</sup> July an email was received putting the programme on hold and the 1<sup>st</sup> August deadline was paused. Stephen has written to Alex Norris MP, in his role as Minister for Local Growth directly asking for clarity on the programme, and has linked with all the other local Chairs with a joint email. The email response received recently acknowledged receipt of the communication but did not give any clarity on further dates or details. Board members will be kept updated of any progress. The programme was indicated as having support from all political parties when launched. May need to look at good will and projects that funding isn't vital for. Return to this topic later in the meeting

#### 3. Update on Green Lane Youth Centre

Wayne Norrie, Chief Executive Officer of Greenwood Academies Trust has been invited along to attend the meeting to discuss the proposed developments at the site.

Edward Peck introduced the proposal that NTU had suggested un developing a digital technology space, refurbished with high end kit (proposal attached as appendix 1) and supported with staff and students from Confetti (currently around 40 students from Clifton are studying at Confetti) to engage young people and share knowledge.

Wayne Norrie presented information about Greenwood Academy Trust's vision to turn Green Lane Youth Centre (GLYC) into a 6<sup>th</sup> Form space for young people with special educational needs (SEND) to increase capacity (overall 50-60 more spaces, around 30 of which would be sited at GLYC). This will save the city money in the long term from needing to pay for specialist provision privately. Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT) have been offered the lease as education providers (and Nottingham City Council are obliged to

allocate resources such as building to education providers where needed) and have a capital grant to make good the space so that the students can be in place September 2025, including secure entrances and a lift. GAT are keen on making the space they don't need to use available to community groups, and want to work with the community and partners to get the best use from the building. Discussed the kitchen space being run as a community café that could not only serve the students' meals, but be open to the wider community.

Discussed concerns about community space within a "school" setting and GAT are keen for it to not just be seen as a school. Want to offer space for activities and life skills, as well as events, and offer something for the young people not engaged with. Want to link with the work of the Collective Impact around youth provision.

Discussed concerns over how this could be achieved as the space is not endless, and practicalities of ensuring community access and partnerships, including should the Town Board wish to invest in the space. Agreed that the interest is great to have and next steps should be to get everyone interested around the table to discuss ways forward, but exciting as this potentially covers so much from the public feedback. Also need to consider when and where is the best place to involve young people in this planning.

#### **Recommendations:**

- NTU to look at proposals around Confetti and potential options there including funding resources. Share notes from meeting and existing proposal with notes (appendix 1)
- CM to map out interested parties for next Town Board meeting
- CM to arrange site visit to GLYC for Town Board members

#### **4. Next Steps**

Discussed the merits of pursuing the value of the Town Board in bringing people together and look at interest in continuing to shape the vision and potential workstreams. Would need to look at different structures as currently NCC are the accountable body, which may restrict some of the funding that could be applied for.

Discussed what areas that money needs to be allocated towards based on feedback and need: Community Centres and Playing Fields/ Pavilion, possibly green spaces.

Should the funding no longer be available to the Board, the option of utilising the capacity building money already received and forming a legal body, such as CIO could be worked on so that external funding could be applied for.

#### **Recommendation:**

CM to work on list of projects and costings, e.g. playing fields.

The vision and objectives are approved and adopted at the next meeting

#### **5. Comms and events**

Discussed what information can be shared – that the programme is paused but that we are still working on proposals. CM suggested that a good opportunity for engaging with the public again would be the Christmas lights switch on, which the Town Board could consider sponsoring and having a couple of activities for people to vote on, e.g. GLYC proposals or designs for the open spaces, as more information should be available about funding and routes to achieve the outcomes.

#### **Recommendation:**

CM to work up proposals for costings etc for the Christmas event for the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 5pm, Clifton Cornerstone.

