



**Beeston West
Community Action Team Minutes
Tuesday, 23rd October 2018
Old Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Foster Avenue, Beeston**

1. Welcome and introductions

Councillor Greg Marshall (in the chair) welcomed Councillor Janet Patrick, Neil Clurow (Citizen's Advice, Broxtowe), County Councillor Kate Foale, PC Lawrence Clemente, PCSOs Paula Hipkiss and Craig Gealy and 15 residents.

Apologies were received from County Councillors Eric Kerry and Steve Carr.

2. Police Update

The PCSOs were warmly welcomed back to the CAT meetings after a long gap. They reported that:

- There was a new beat manager
- They had been busy with travellers in Beeston and Stapleford
- There had been a lot of auto crime, bicycle and purse thefts and burglaries
- There is now a camera outside the old Post Office and that residents should inform Councillor Kate Foale of traffic infringements in that area.

3. Feedback from Residents' Issues

There had been no complaints about the lack of toilets at Beeston Carnival.

Councillor Eric Kerry had written to the County Council officers about the condition of the pavement on Bramcote Avenue. Here is the reply:

"The footways on Bramcote Avenue are inspected on a routine annual basis; with ad hoc inspections in between these visits to address any concerns that are raised by our customers. The last routine inspection was undertaken on 1 June 2018 and the Area Inspector advised that there were no footway defects noted.

There have been no recent complaints in respect of the footway surface, however, there has been a complaint with regards to a dislodged ACO drainage cover near to the Bramcote Lane junction. There is a works order in our system that will be completed shortly to address this."

4. Neil Clurow, Project Manager for 'Europe Direct East Midlands', Citizens' Advice Bureau was invited to speak on Beeston's Brexit

1. **Funding:** Britain, together with Germany and France is a net contributor to the European Union. The University is the largest recipient in Broxtowe receiving £5.6m. The Erasmus project provides £14m for science. EU grants are available for overseas students to study here. Broxtowe businesses can apply to the EU Development Fund.
2. **Trade:** 48 states in connection with EU – a complicated situation. The single market allows for movement of capital, labour and services, with many controls. Is has legislation concerning standards, and data protection. The Customs Union is the area where goods can move freely without tariffs. There are tariffs on imported goods. The effect of Brexit is unknown. It could involve restructuring the economy; also the movement of industrial plant to the EU. Will we opt out after March? – or in 2020?
3. **Travel:** At present there is free access for health services through the European insurance card, as well as flights and consumer rights. Freedom of movement will change: there are 3½m EU citizens here and they need to register now if they want to remain in the UK after Brexit.
4. **Ireland:** Maybe goods would be dealt with in warehouses but food and livestock at the border.

5. New residents' issues:

- What is happening to 'The Cricketers P/H'? No-one knows.
- Bad road surfaces on Grove Avenue and Park Road were reported.
- Traffic problems outside Falcon House. Councillor Marshall to follow this up.
- Consequences of the sale of the Town Hall:
 - Where will Councillors meet? In the Council Offices.
 - Where will the CAT meetings be held? Councillor Marshall replied that the CAT meetings would continue and a room would be found.
- Funding for Local Improvement Schemes will soon be available through the CC. Ideas are invited.

6. Local Government Re-organisation

A unitary authority is being proposed by Nottinghamshire County Council. The online public consultation lasts until 30 October and Councillor Foale distributed hard-copy forms.

Residents were also encouraged to complete the online questionnaire from Broxtowe Borough Council on the budget.

7. Date of next meeting

19 March 2019 at the Town Hall.

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