

Oakwood Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 12 July 2010 at The Church on Oakwood, Bishops Drive, Oakwood

Present:

Councillor Frank Harwood (Chairman)	Derby City Council
Councillor Robin Wood	Derby City Council
Councillor Mick Barker	Derby City Council
Richard Smail	Neighbourhood Manager
Inspector Richard Keene	Derbyshire Police
Ruth Hardy	Integrated Children's Service
Joe Weston	Young People's Group
Rob Fenton	Springwood Leisure Centre
Rachael Peckham	Resident
Nikolai Garbutt	Resident
Malwina Bartosiak	Resident
Chris Fairhall	Resident
Ian Wheatley	Streetpride
Simon Aitkin	Streetpride
Jonathan Oakes	Streetpride
Samantha Wright	Minute Taker
Aruna Birch	Observer - Resident

21/10	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies <p>Councillor Harwood welcomed everyone at the meeting and introductions took place. In memory of the late Jack Andrews the Board honoured a minutes silence.</p> <p>The Board welcomed newly elected Councillor Mick Barker and would like to pass on their best wishes to Pauline Latham MP.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Gloria Newell, Kristian Hughes, Ben Parker, Cheryl Elliott and Graeme Walton.</p>	
22/10	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Monday 22 March 2010 and Matters Arising <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 March 2010 were noted as an accurate record of meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Item 15/10 – Richard Smail will invite a representative from Children and Young People Service to attend a future Forum meeting.</p> <p>Item 18/10 – the Councillors congratulated the Board members who participated and helped in organising the Oakwood Gala 11 July 2010. Especially the sub group members who worked very hard</p>	Richard Smail

	<p>managing the Neighbourhood Board display stand, promoting the Board and Forum and gathering suggestion sheets. The event was very successful and well attended by Oakwood residents and by residents from neighbouring communities.</p> <p>Ruth Hardy reported that over 200 young people used the climbing wall.</p> <p>Rachael reported about 60 suggestion sheets had been completed</p> <p>The Board agreed to write to Margaret Wilson to thank her for her hard work in leading and organising the event.</p> <p>Action – Richard Smail to send letter to Margaret Wilson on behalf of the Board</p> <p>Councillor Barker advised that the Spondon Festival is on Saturday 11 September 2010 and asked if Board Members would like to attend or participate on the day.</p> <p>Action - Sub group to consider attending Spondon Festival</p> <p>Item 19/10 – it was noted that the C&C Magazine had now been delivered to properties in Vestry Road and Appledore.</p>	<p>Richard Smail</p> <p>Sub group members</p>
23/10	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.</p>	
24/10	<p>Oakwood Board Young Peoples Sub Group Update</p> <p>This discussion included feedback from the People and Communities Sub group as well.</p> <p>It was noted that the Young Peoples Sub Group had met earlier in the summer and helped plan the work for the Gala, but no future dates are arranged.</p> <p>The need for two sub groups was discussed and it was felt that the Young Peoples Sub Group and the People and Communities sub group that includes communications can combine.</p> <p>Ruth Hardy noted that the young people had not specifically contributed to the suggestion sheets and asked that if a revised version was sent to her she would get more suggestions at the Youth Club.</p> <p>Action – Rachael Peckham to send revised form to Ruth Hardy who will get forms filled in and returned.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the Suggestion sheets returned (and any returned by Ruth Hardy) will be discussed at a combined Sub group meeting. The shortlisted best suggestion proposals will need to be identified and shared with the Councillors to agree the winner before 31 August. The winner of the best suggestion will win the prize and</p>	<p>Rachael Peckham, Ruth Hardy</p>

	<p>a short article will be provided in the C&C of Oakwood Magazine.</p> <p>Action – Combined sub group meeting to propose best Suggestion and for Councillors to agree before 31 August.</p>	Sub group members
25/10	<p>Streetpride</p> <p>Ian Wheatley, Simon Aitkin and Jonathan Oakes attended from Streetpride. Ian gave a presentation to the Board on the new Streetpride Service. Their mission is 'to work with the community to maintain and improve the street scene to a standard which will promote community pride and responsibility'. Ian outlined how important it is that 'first impressions count, that the staff will be the eyes and ears and that there is a golden number - 0333 200 6981 to call Streetpride. Community engagement will also be developed to work with and listen to the people of Derby.</p> <p>Oakwood is part of Streetpride North area and Jonathan will attend the Oakwood Forum meetings.</p> <p>Richard Smail invited Ian Wheatley to prepare an article on the new service for the C&C of Oakwood Magazine. The deadline for articles for the magazine is Friday 16 July 2010.</p> <p>Action – Ian Wheatley to provide an article about Streetpride to Richard</p>	Ian Wheatley
26/10	<p>Neighbourhood Board Community Budget and Funding 2010/11</p> <p>The Board received an update report detailing the 2010/11 budgets. It was noted that the Oakwood Neighbourhood Board has a total of £26,000 available to allocate this financial year 2010/11. This represents three separate funds, the Community Budget of £6,000 for Board priorities, Youth Provision, Highways and Community Safety budget of £10,000 and a Highway and Transport budget of £10,000.</p> <p>The Board noted that there was no funding from any of the three budgets to carry forward from 2009/10 to 2010/11.</p> <p>The Board considered two applications for funding and a proposal from the Communication Sub group:</p> <p>1. Oakwood Communications Sub Group proposal</p> <p>The sub group proposed allocating £720 to pay for 9 months of articles in C&C of Oakwood from July 2010 to march 2011. This would extend the agreement with C&C magazines to provide 2 pages of regular news from the Neighbourhood Board to feature in the C&C of Oakwood Magazine until April 2011.</p> <p>Councillor Barker proposed to extend the agreement until July 2011 and allocate £960</p> <p>Agreed – To allocate £960 from the Community Budget to C&C Magazines for articles in editions up to and including June 2011.</p> <p>2. Derby Karate Academy</p>	

	<p>Derby Karate Academy made an application for £1,929 for flights, accommodation, competition fees, travel in Japan, food and expenses for a member of the club who lives in Oakwood to attend the Japan Nationals and World Karate Championships in August 2010. The club teaches karate and self defence to people from across Derby of all ages from 7 years upwards, along with exercise programmes and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and develop respect for one's self and others.</p> <p>Councillor Wood considered that this was a bid for funding to fit the budget available and not in response to local need. The Board noted this was a request for 30% of the Board funding for one person and that the application did not meet the Oakwood Board priorities.</p> <p>Agreed - The Board agreed to reject the application for funding.</p> <p>3. Derby Community Safety Partnership Crime Prevention Team</p> <p>The Crime Prevention Team application was for £3,000 to fund the Crime Prevention Team work in the Oakwood ward. The funding was requested because of budgetary constraints that mean the service can no longer provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the full security improvement service for residents in homes that have been burgled and will have to move to a more limited installation service, a survey and guidance to the resident. proactive work for residents who have a fear of crime and want a security assessment of the home by a fully qualified Security Installer followed by the installation of additional locks, as required and advice. <p>In addition funding could be used towards the purchase of Smartwater. The team would be able to secure this for £15 per property.</p> <p>The service will also be less able to act as a consultative service for partners wishing to incorporate crime prevention within their work area.</p> <p>It was noted that Derby Homes tenants in Oakwood will continue to receive this service as Derby Homes have provided funding.</p> <p>The Board noted how little previous publicity the service had provided and that no previous information had been provided about the work done in Oakwood.</p> <p>The Board agreed to reject the application for funding because there is funding in place for some of the most vulnerable residents already, because the application does not directly support the Boards neighbourhood priorities and because the budget available was being prioritised to pay for improving youth facilities and activities</p> <p>Agreed - The Board agreed to reject the application for funding.</p>	
27/10	<p>Neighbourhood Board Highways and Transport Budget</p> <p>The Board noted the work done with the funding in 2009/10 and the possible options for the Highways and Transport Budget in 2010/11. Richard Smail invited the Board to identify any relevant work for the funding and to email all suggestions to him by 30 August.</p>	

	<p>Kerbs on Binscombe and Briony were raised but it was noted that the amount of funding needed to complete this work is well above the £10,000 available.</p> <p>A list will be presented to the Board to I make a decision on how the funding is allocated at the Board meeting on Monday 18 October</p> <p>Action – Board members to inform Richard Smail of suggestions by 30 August for the Highways Budget to be presented to the Board on Monday 18 October 2010.</p>	All Board members
28/10	<p>Neighbourhood Board Budget Outturn Report 2009/10</p> <p>The Board noted the update report on the budget outturn for 2009/10. In 2009/10 Oakwood Neighbourhood Board was allocated a budget of £26,000 by Derby City Council. This was made up from £6,000 the Community Budget, £10,000 for Youth provision, safer and highway issues and £10,000 for Highways and Transport.</p> <p>It was noted that the Board had allocated all of its funding during 2009/10. The Board also noted the contents of the updated report and supporting appendices.</p>	
29/10	<p>Neighbourhood Reports</p> <p>Police Update</p> <p>Inspector Keene gave an update on policing in the last few months in the Oakwood area. It was noted that a new PCSO had now joined the Oakwood team and her name is Stella Simpson.</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported that a number of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts had been issued to young people in Oakwood and these are being closely monitored. Recently there had been problems in the area relating to abandoned burnt out vehicles and reported anti-social behaviour consisting of underage drinking.</p> <p>There had been an increase in house burglaries and the Police are carrying out house to house enquiries. There has been an increase in scrap metal being stolen city –wide and traded into scrap metal merchants. The Police are carrying out regular checks with traders and garages to help reduce this type of crime.</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported that overall crime had reduced by 5.6% compared to last year. It was noted that there was only 1 report of robbery and burglary dwellings had also reduced. Unfortunately there had been a slight increase in damage and arson related crimes. The number of assaults had also increased by 12.2% and there were 2 cases of violent crimes reported last year.</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported on this year's crime figures and advised that only 1 offence of robbery had been reported. Unfortunately there had been an increase in dwelling and shed burglaries. Theft from vehicles had reduced by 25% and theft of vehicles had increased to 5 vehicles stolen so far during this year. Reports of criminal damage had also reduced by 42%.</p>	

	<p>The Police aim to reduce crimes overall on a year on year basis. Inspector Keene advised that last year there were a total of 655 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported totalling a 7.4% increase. It was note that in Inspector Keene's reports up to 30 May 2010 the number of reports of anti-social behaviour had reduced to 6.5%.</p> <p>Ruth Hardy expressed her appreciation that the PCSOs are active in the neighbourhood, and Stella Simpson had already attended the youth club and engaged positively with the young people.</p> <p>It was reported that the local off-licences and supermarkets in the Oakwood area had passed the Police Licensing Tests on not to serve alcohol to people who are under age.</p> <p>Springwood Leisure Centre Update Rob Fenton gave a brief update on activities in and around Springwood. He advised that working very positively with sporting futures and sessions take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.</p> <p>There are still some issues with anti-social behaviour mainly during Friday evenings as young people meet outside the centre. A security guard has been employed for 3 evenings a week on a temporary basis. The new CCTV system in place and is working well.</p> <p>Rob Fenton advised that Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) sessions are taking place on one Friday a month and staff at the centre are supporting the activities.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager Report Richard Smail circulated a draft copy of the Oakwood Neighbourhood Boards Achievements 2009/10 and an Introduction to 2010/11. Printed editions will be available later in the month. The Board noted the contents. Councillor Barker suggested inviting the Library Manager Karen, to join the Board and attend the future meetings. Action – Councillor Barker to invite the Library Manager to be a Board member</p>	Councillor Barker
30/10	<p>Sustainable Communities Strategy – 3 Wishes</p> <p>The Board received a report on the Sustainable Communities Strategy – 3 Wishes. The deadline for receiving wishes is 31 July 2010.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the new idea of engaging communities in developing the new Strategy. The Board was invited to identify their Big Wish which was agreed as 'A primary school in Oakwood that meets the needs of the local community'.</p>	

31/10	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Board meetings: Monday 18 October 2010 and 24 January 2011 at 7.00 pm at The Church on Oakwood. Forum meetings are Thursday 16 September 2010 and 9 December 2010 at 6.30 pm at The Church on Oakwood.</p> <p>It was noted that there may be a possible Extra Board meeting taking place in September 2010. Richard Smail will inform Board Members in due course.</p>	
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Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Summary of Actions

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