

Littleover Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held on 8 September 2008 Littleover Grange Hall Community Centre

Present:

Cllr. Allen	Derby City Council
Cllr. Care	Derby City Council
Trevor Fox	Resident and Derby & S Derbys. Neighbourhood Watch Associations
Insp. Skelton	Derbyshire Police
Janette Jackson	Resident and Littleover Grange Hall Community Association
Alan Vaughan	Resident and King's Drive Area Resident's Liaison Group
Lawrence Sanders	Resident and Heatherton Community Centre
Nanda Savage	Derby City Youth Services
Dawn Slater	Derby City Extended Services
Sarah Dosunmu	Neighbourhood Manager
Debbie Gange	Littleover Dazzlers

Apologies Cllr. Mike Carr, Jeremy Lockhart, Richard Frey, Richard Petrie

		Responsibility
1	Introductions and Apologies Cllr Allen welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Declarations of Interest Nanda Savage (item 7 community budget – son is involved with Littleover Dazzlers)	
3	Minutes of the 21 July 2008 Meeting and Matters Arising The minutes were checked for accuracy and the following changes required: Correction on page 2 regarding venue for the forum meetings. Comments made were as follows: <i>'It was noted that Littleover Community School offer good facilities but there is concern that was the evening grow darker and with limited lighting to the school hall for those walking, residents may be discouraged form attending.'</i> Correction on page 2 regarding the submission of a petition. Changes to be made as follows: <i>'A petition was received regarding inconsiderate parking around the school crossing patrol area on Corden Avenue.'</i> Matters arising Forum venues Littleover Methodist Church may be available for the next forum meeting. It was suggested this should be used as a venue. There is the	

	<p>issue of parking and an approach could be made to the fire service for the use of their car park for forum attendees.</p> <p>Inconsiderate parking/school crossing patrol on Chain Lane</p> <p>Corden Avenue/Chain Lane</p> <p>Parking difficulties are still occurring. No response received yet to the petition. There are five persistent offenders.</p> <p>Shaun asked if the details of the vehicle s are available as the police will write to the owners of the vehicles advising them of the difficulties that they are causing.</p> <p>ACTION: Details of the vehicles to be passed to Insp. Skelton.</p> <p>School Councils</p> <p>Dawn stated that she has been nominated to attend Littleover school council meetings. She has agreed with the school council to chaperone a representation from the school council to a future board meeting.</p> <p>It was stated that we must ensure the pupil is resident in Littleover ward. Derby Moor school should also be approached. It was suggested that no more than no more than four reps in the 11-16 age range. Nanda normally brings along young people involved in the youth club and this should continue. It was noted that there are a shortage of reps aged in their 20s/30s.</p> <p>Littleover in Bloom</p> <p>Jan provided an update on Littleover in Bloom. The main issue has been the maintenance and watering of baskets.</p> <p><i>Etwall</i> – not using lamp post based baskets due to having to pay a fee. May be similar issues in Derby with the street lighting PFI. Other areas used local contractors such as Blooming Gardners.</p> <p><i>Hilton and Belper</i> use locally based firms but they also have to pay a lamppost fee so have in the main changed to individual pots.</p> <p>A query was raised as to whether the shop keepers could not water and maintain the lamp post baskets. In response it was stated no as a pump system is required.</p> <p>Further options are to be explored.</p>	
4	<p>Police and Community Safety update</p> <p>Insp. Skelton outlined a comparison of figures for April to August 2007 and 2008.</p> <p>There is a 6% reduction in overall crime</p> <p>Violent crime has reduced.</p> <p>Vehicle crime has reduced by 32%</p> <p>Assault with injury ahs reduced by 35%. A total of 72 offences compared to 46.</p> <p>The detection rate has increased from 21% to 26%</p> <p>The three policing priorities re main as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASB related to schools along Moorway Lane	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King George V playing fields • Seven Fields/Sunnydale Park – Robbery and ASB <p>Speeding traffic is continually raised by residents and staff within the Safer Neighbourhood Team are to receive training in the use of hand held radar guns and will be deployed across the neighbourhood upon completion of the training.</p> <p>The team are also looking at combating burglary.</p> <p>A query was asked as to whether 26% detection rate is good. In response, the target for the division is 27%. A detection rate of 27% was achieved last year however, with the increasing number of burglaries this will make it difficult.</p> <p>The team are progressing well and are involved in all aspects of activity and continue to link in with the forum and other agencies.</p> <p>Requests were made to consider Haven Baulk Lane regarding speeding vehicles and Squires Way regarding inconsiderate school parking, buses are experiencing difficulties passing through the area.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding the Council's pavement and verge parking campaign. Whether there has been any feedback on the campaign.</p> <p>Hillsway – it was reported that this was discussed at recent Blagreaves Board and forum meetings. It has been agreed to undertake some consultation with residents to gain feedback on traffic and parking issues for residents.</p> <p>ACTION AGREED Action – Obtain feedback on the Council's verge and pavement parking campaign.</p>	
5	<p>Community Budget</p> <p>The Board received an update on the Community Budget. The Board has a total of £13,924 left to allocate this year.</p> <p>The Board considered a funding application from Littleover Dazzlers which was deferred from the last meeting due to the applicant not attending the previous meeting to present their funding proposal.</p> <p>Debbie Gange outlined that Littleover Dazzlers were established in 1971. They have eight football teams and one girl's team Age groups range from under 18s to under 7s. All staff at the club are volunteers. Winter training takes place at Derby Moor; the facilities are excellent but a little expensive.</p> <p>The group are seeking funding to purchase three sets of kit for the under 18s, under 16s and under 10s teams. Kits are £400 each.</p>	

	<p>A query was asked as to whether the group seeks sponsorship or looks t other means for funding.</p> <p>Debbie confirmed that they are always seeking sponsorship; however, in the current economic climate I is proving very difficult. They organise quiz nights, race nights, etc to try and raise funds.</p> <p>A query was asked about parental contribution. Parents are required to pay subs and the club tried to keep it to a level that they can afford. The subs contribute to training/costs of Derby Moor/Pitch at Willington. Current subs are £2 per week.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding possible increase in subs. Debbie replied that they are considering the introduction of a £5 annual registration fee to help with costs but are conscious that many parents will not pay and this may in turn lead to the young people not being allowed to continue to attend.</p> <p>The Board agreed to recommend funding the group £1,200 to cover the cost of the training kits, subject to the group acknowledging support from the board.</p>	
6	<p>Littleover Neighbourhood Profile and Plans</p> <p>Neighbourhood Profile</p> <p>Board members were referred to the neighbourhood profile. Changes to the document are required. Littleover District Centre has disappeared according to the profile. It was noted that there are a number of typing errors. The profile still does not include the kind of information useful for the neighbourhood. In particular, highways and transportation, population changes, the impact and information on new developments;</p> <p>ACTION: All board members to review and provide comments and required changes to the profile.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Members reviewed the draft plan and were asked for comments or amendments.</p> <p>Library for Littleover: Board agreed that this should be a priority for the neighbourhood. The key issue is to identify land/space for the development of a facility. It could also serve as a local multi agency base for a range of organisations. Locality services part of the Children and Young People's Service are looking at locations and have suggested the former Derby University site on Burton Road for Littleover. This is not appropriate as it lies within Abbey ward. The new hospital city is a possibility. Work should be progressed regarding identifying land/premises and finance for the initiative.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the following are essential for Littleover:</p>	

Library
GP facility
Meeting rooms

Could look to the PCT to work with us as there is the potential for all the above in one space.

Fire Headquarters is one possibility depending on future plans for the building.

Planning policy and approval – Section 106 funding is crucial for Littleover with potential for funds from the Kingsway and Heatherton sites. Key issue is public ownership in Littleover and ensuring there are appropriate facilities for the community. Now is the time to be commenting on planning applications for Kingsway and Heatherton.

Strategic Transport planning – The board will discuss highways and transport priorities for the ward at its meeting in December. Defer discussion regarding this aspect of the plan until then. Key issues as follows:

- Transport management for Heatherton
- Access through to Mickleover from the Kingsway development
- Walking route from A38 slip road round to the hospital
- Appropriate walking and cycle routes to shops and local conveniences
- Link to Mackworth/Mickleover
- Update on the Park and Ride
- Transport along Burton and Uttoxeter Roads – this transport corridor is crucial and this needs to be looked at as a matter of urgency given the number of new housing units – 700 Kingsway/900 at the Mickleover University site/Heatherton development and South Derbyshire development.

Parks and open Spaces and Public Realm – need to also look at allotment sites, this will help with a possible community growing project and a means of accessing affordable fresh fruit and vegetables. Need to identify open spaces available to convert to allotment sites.

City Park – there are still issues with acquiring ownership of the land. Derby has secured funds from 3 Cities 3 counties Growth point which equates to £150,000 this year.

Kingsway – need to consider a park or open spaces as part of the Kingsway development.

Land between the A38 and the schools. It is a bit of green wedge in Mickleover that has potential to be developed into a green open space.

Youth provision – A base needs to be identified for the delivery of youth provision near Littleover village and we also need to open up provision to those residents living along and off Haven Baulk Lane. It was reported that CSP are undertaking a survey of youth provision

	<p>across the city, results of which will be presented to the Board.</p> <p>Communication and supporting the local community – it was agreed this should be a key area. Concern was raised that there is insufficient publicity for the forum meetings. It was agreed that a sub group should be formed to take forward the communications work.</p> <p>The following volunteered to work on the sub group: Alan Vaughan Trevor Fox Lawrence Sanders Nanda Savage Janette Jackson</p> <p>A meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.</p> <p>ACTION – Organise a sub group meeting within two weeks.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Board members were reminded of the next Forum meeting which is on Thursday 18 September 2008 and not the 17th as indicated on the agenda.</p> <p>Andrew Morgan from the parks department will attend to outline consultation on changes to King George V playing fields.</p>	
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 20 October 2008, Littleover Grange Hall Community Centre. Please note all Boards meetings will now take place at Grange Hall Community Centre.</p>	