

## Item 4

### Normanton Neighbourhood Board

#### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2008 at Austin Neighbourhood Base.

**Present:**

Cllr H Dhindsa	-	DCC Chair
Cllr A Nath	-	DCC
Cllr C Williamson	-	DCC
Trevor Lamb	-	Resident
Pam Sidhu	-	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service
Dave Lamb	-	Dale Community Champions
Jill Lamb	-	Dale Community Champions
Zoe Nettleship	-	Waste Management DCC
George Barrow	-	Resident
Sgt Fiona Kilgour	-	Police
Neil Barber	-	St Giles Church
Gopa Nath	-	Surtal Arts

**Advisors:**

Stuart Felce	-	Neighbourhood Manager DCC
Liz Reedy	-	Community Safety Officer
Naseem Aktar	-	Minute taker

**Observers:**

Dan Howett	-	Performance Team – DCC
Peter Price	-	Highways - DCC
Tim Banton	-	Highways - DCC
Dawn Slater	-	Locality Services Officer
Simon Keeling	-	Locality Services Officer
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<b>59/08</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>  Councillor Williamson chaired the meeting until arrival of Councillor Dhindsa.  Councillor Williamson welcomed the meeting and invited those present to introduce themselves.  Apologise were received from Yvonne Luce, Zoe Nettleship, Phil Rees and Jacquie Wyper.	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>60/08</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>  There were no declarations made	

<b>61/08</b>	<p><b>Late Items</b></p> <p>The Chair agreed to receive a short presentation from GP as an update of the project “Aspiration Normanton”.</p> <p>GP is organising an exhibition to promote Normanton and its different cultures and diversity the projects is called Aspiration Normanton. GP requested if the board could report any ideas to SF. The preparation of the exhibition will take place from January till August 2009 and then the exhibition will begin late August early September 2009.</p>	
	<b>Cllr Dhinsa arrived.</b>	
<b>62/08</b>	<p><b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 October 2008 were agreed as an accurate record of meeting.</p>	
<b>63/08</b>	<p><b>Population profile update</b></p> <p>DH presented a report which identified key risks and threats in the area.</p> <p>Normanton neighbourhood is situated south west of the city centre between the Rose Hill area of Arboretum wards and Sinfin neighbourhood. The area incorporates the Peartree and Austin housing estates and Normanton Park. The Austin estate is highly residential and has very little retail or commercial land use within it. There are four Schools in Austin: Village Infants, Sunnyhill Infants, Normanton Junior and Peartree House Muslim Junior School.</p> <p>DH informed the board between 2001 and 2007, Normanton’s population density has increased from 5,974 people per square kilometre to 7,785. This compares to a city average of 3,109 people per square kilometre.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the conclusions of the report and how the averages presented in the report was calculated. DH reported Normanton is still one of the most deprived areas in the city for many of the indicators used within the report.</p> <p>SF informed the boards the community cohesion has dropped by 3<sup>rd</sup> in the area and needs to be looked into for the reasons why this has occurred. One of the options could be to conduct research as to why this has happened that could then be used to tackle the issues raised.</p> <p>HD suggested a more detailed breakdown of the areas in Normanton would help the board to identify key priority areas. DH explained that this was not possible at present but they were looking into it.</p>	<b>SF</b>
<b>64/08</b>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>PP summarised the report and asked the board to highlight their three main problem areas for consideration in the 2009/10 highways and transport work programme. Following four strategy areas:-</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local safety and accessibility improvements</li> <li>2. Strategic public transport improvements</li> <li>3. Strategic traffic management and demand restraint</li> <li>4. Maintenance of transport infrastructure</li> </ol> <p>It was theme 3 that the consultation would inform and set suggested priorities for.</p> <p>A discussion took place and the board agreed on the following three key areas to be considered for 2009/10 highways and transport programme:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Construction of Cavendish area parking proposal</li> <li>2. A comprehensive study of traffic management with suggested plans for North Normanton, (covering all roads within the area from Lower Dale rd in the north, down to Walbrook rd to the south, Pear Tree rd in the East and across to Haddon St. in the West).</li> <li>3. Delivery of Browning Street Parking plan</li> </ol> <p>Confirmation of these priorities needs to be agreed and forwarded to Highways within a week of this meeting to ensure they can be considered.</p> <p>A discussion then took place on the petition of the new direct bus service from Alvaston, Allenton and the Cavendish to the City Hospital. PP explained that Highways are currently looking into a Bus link and the government have come up with a kick start funding for the bus link to hospitals and will be government funded.</p>	SF
65/08	<p><b>Sunnyhill Rec Shooting</b></p> <p>FK updated the board on the Caxton Park Shooting, stating 2 young men have been charged with murder and arrested and a number of other men have been arrested with assisting the offenders. Approx 30 addresses have been searched including areas around Merrill Way. She explained further people still need to be questioned and the Police are encouraging witnesses to come forward.</p> <p>The Police recovered a fire arm yesterday that was suspected to have been used in the murder but they were awaiting confirmation from forensics. The funeral was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 and went without any incidents occurring.</p> <p>The board suggested they need to be looking into community cohesion to put in facilities and activities to push young people away from such crime and put in tactics to overcome differences.</p> <p>SF informed the board youth projects will be put into place which will include partners such as Youth Services, Enthusiasm, Sporting Futures and Ozbox.</p>	SF
66/08	<p><b>Neighbourhood Managers Report - Petition - Havelock Rd</b></p>	

	<p>SF updated the board on the concerns of ASB and drug activities on Havelock Rd and informed the board to overcome the issues they have taken the following steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remove shrubs – reduce areas to take/deal drugs or dump drugs litter.</li><li>• Provide positive activities on the park, through sports</li><li>• Increase Police Patrols</li><li>• Continue drug outreach work in partnership with the Police</li></ul> <p><b>Bins on Street</b></p> <p>SF informed the board officers from Environmental Health enforcement team have been targeting 2 streets at a time, (Thorne and Meynell Street), from 11 November 2008 and will cover the area by February next year.</p> <p>HD explained that there had been ongoing meetings called by the councillors, with the relevant services, and that these would be ongoing to address the concerns of residents to increase resources and level of prevention and enforcement work being targeted at this problem. The next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> February at Pear Tree Library at 6pm.</p> <p><b>COP's</b></p> <p>Cllr Williamson suggested they should link up with Community Champions and the relevant service providers to address issues such as the “Bins on Streets” and go on Patrol door knock to overcome this issue. Chair suggested that Environmental, Fire, Police be involved as a minimum.</p>	CR/SF										
67/08	<p><b>Budgets and Funding</b></p> <p>SF presented a report to the Board on budgets and funding for 2008/09 for the Normanton area.</p> <p>The Board was informed one application for funding had been received from Persian Cultural Association – Artistic Workshop. The grant will be used to fund series of artistic workshops/ activities such as traditional / modern music and dance, painting, calligraphy, handicraft, costume design and poem and storey telling. These activities will culminate in a one day arts/cultural, crafts, music/dance festival that offers artistic performance together will some refreshments and entertainment for audience/visitors.</p> <table><tr><td>Room hire to run workshops and preparation activities before and for the main day</td><td>£120</td></tr><tr><td>Hire of big hall for main event</td><td>£400</td></tr><tr><td>Cost of performances by musician and artists</td><td>£320</td></tr><tr><td>Volunteer costs(Travel/ Transport/ Refreshments)</td><td>£140</td></tr><tr><td>Publicity and Marketing</td><td>£100</td></tr></table>	Room hire to run workshops and preparation activities before and for the main day	£120	Hire of big hall for main event	£400	Cost of performances by musician and artists	£320	Volunteer costs(Travel/ Transport/ Refreshments)	£140	Publicity and Marketing	£100	
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	Food and refreshments for all participants during the main event	£450	
	Total cost of the project / service (£765 applied to Arboretum ward and the same amount to the Normanton ward)	£1530	
	Requested amount £765. <b>Discussion took place and board agreed to contribute £400 towards the projects.</b>		
68/08	<b>Dates of next meetings</b> Monday 26 January 2008 6pm at the Austin Neighbourhood Base.		

**The meeting closed at 8:50pm**