Allestree Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2010 at Woodlands School

Present:

Councillor Roy Webb (Chair) Derby City Council

Zoe Nettleship Neighbourhood Manager Samantha Wright DACP Minute Taker Inspector Richard Keene Derbyshire Police Service

Rob Salmon Derby City Council Plans & Policies Department Sonia Ray Derby City Council Plans & Policies Department

Peter Mitchell Voluntary Youth Organisation
Chris Morris Derby City Council Youth Service

Edwin Slade Friends of Allestree Park

Sue Seward COMEG Allestree Neighbourhood Watch

Anne Morgan Markeaton Brook/Park

1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
	Councillor Webb welcomed everyone at the meeting and apologies were received from Councillor Saadia Davis, Councillor Philip Hickson, Tony Johnson, Jane Haresnape, Rod Straw, Mike Bickmore and Peter Steer.	
	Please note that this meeting was not held quorate and the Board agreed to make recommendations to the Councillors Ward Committee on their decisions on the proposed funding applications.	
2.	Declarations of Personal and/or Prejudicial Interest	
	Sue Seward and Inspector Keene declared an interest in two applications for funding.	
3.	Late Items	
	There were no late items received at the meeting.	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2009 were noted as an accurate record of meeting.	
	Matters Arising	
	The Board thanked Zoe Nettleship for circulating the meeting correspondence prior to the Board meetings.	

It was noted that there is an access issue with the garages adjacent and around the Park Farm shopping centre being blocked by parked vehicles. Councillor Webb advised that he had reported the problem to the Councils Highways and Transportation Department and he is waiting to receive information on the appropriate enforcement action. Zoe said that she had spoken to parking services and the enforcement is a police issue as it is wilful and unlawful obstruction and therefore ticketed by the police. The Board also added that signage and road markings should be improved in the area.

Zoe Nettleship reported that the funding recommended to be looked at by Peter Mitchell for the Badminton association bid was not appropriate for this application however there is external funding available to community and voluntary organisations for young people to participate in future sporting activities.

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The Board received a letter of appreciation from Mike Bickmore on their support for coaching young people activities.

Councillor Webb reported that the University car parking sub group met on Thursday 14 January 2010. It was noted that work improvements on Birchover Way, from its junction with Kedleston Road through to and including the Ferrers Way junction, a single yellow line will be in place from April 2010.

The extension of the existing Access Only restriction to cover part length of Kedleston Road service road from Birchover Way, the work will commence in April 2010.

It was noted that Amber Road and Fairway Crescent, throughout their length including Ashover Road and Beeley Close are to be offered restricted parking. The restriction is to be Monday to Friday 8am until 6pm.

Oakover Drive, from its junction with Amber Road through to Birchover Way is to be offered restricted parking.

Please note, that the above highway projects are all predicted timescales pending a consultation process and any objections received.

It was noted that further updates and supporting information on community issues were contained in the report, Item 7.

5. Neighbourhood Reports

Police Update

Inspector Keene gave an update on community policing within

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the Allestree area. It was noted that there had been reports of a homeless man walking the streets within the Allestree area. The Police Service is monitoring the situation closely and it was highlighted that there are no potential risks or dangers to members of the public. Inspector Keene will continue to update the Board where necessary.

Inspector Keene reported that there had been a number of anti social behaviour issues reported concerning young people attending St Benedict School. There had been an additional patrol officer on duty in the area of the school to help resolve and tackle the reported issues. Inspector Keene advised that the services are continuing to work closely with youth involvement officers and the school.

The Police Service had received recent reports of vehicles playing loud music whilst travelling through the Allestree area and Mundy Play Centre. Section 59 Orders had been issued to resolve the problems.

Mr Sandhu a local shop keeper had donated £1000 to the Police Service and £1000 to Woodlands School. The Board said that it would be a kind way of gratitude to thank Mr Sandu for his support and donations.

The PCSO service had been working well within the Allestree area and they had been attending local cub groups and youth centres to help raise public awareness.

Inspector Keene reported that Allestree has an excellent low crime rating and overall all crimes had reduced by 4% compared to previous years.

It was noted that robbery reported crimes had reduced by 43% and theft from vehicles had also reduced by 53%. The number of reported assaults had reduced by 13% and there had been no violent crimes reported. Anti social behaviour related cases had reduced by 4.5%.

Please note the above figures were measured between November 2009 to date.

The Board wished to thank the Police Service and PCSOs for their hard work and commitment in the Allestree area.

Chris Morris asked that a member of Inspector Keene's team attends the youth club at St John's Church to improve police awareness and encourage engagement with young people.

Action – Inspector Keene to nominate an officer to attend the youth club during Friday evenings.

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Community Issues Update

	The Board received a report on updated information on community issues. The report provided an update on issues raised at a recent Forum meeting. It was noted that planning permission had been granted for nine wind turbine units to be installed on the roof of the University of Derby subject to environmental impact and noise conditions. A decision on the single wind turbine will be considered at Planning Committee on Thursday 18 February 2010. Further information will be published on the Councils website. Action – Zoe Nettleship to email the link to the Councils website to Board Members.	ZN
6.	Core Strategy Options Consultation	
	Sonia Ray and Rob Salmon gave a presentation to the Board on the Core Strategy Options Paper. The paper included details of Option A - concentrate development in the urban area, and Option B - regeneration with Greenfield expansion. The Board also received a copy of the existing and potential major sites in and around the edge of Derby. This site plan identified potential strategic sites and locations.	
	The Core Strategy will be the key document within Derby's Local Development Framework, replacing many existing policies of the Local Plan. The Core Strategy will build on the Sustainable Community Strategy, providing a spatial vision and objectives and setting out proposals for the kind of place that we want Derby to be 2026.	
	It was noted that exhibition drop-in sessions had been organised to discuss different options and ideas for the core strategy. The events are taking place on the following dates:	
	 Wednesday 17 February 2010 between 2.00 pm and 6.30 pm Thursday 18 March 2010 between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm 	
	Sonia Ray circulated a copy of a questionnaire on the core strategy options and asked the Board for their comments and preferred options by Wednesday 31 March 2010.	
7.	Neighbourhood Community Budget 2009/10	
	The Board received a report setting out the status of the £26,000 awarded to the Allestree Neighbourhood Board for the financial year 2009/10. Zoe Nettleship advised the Board that they would need to allocate and recommend to the Ward Committee the remaining budget of £6,575.00.	
	Funding Applications	

Derby Homes

The Board received an application for funding from Derby Homes. Derby Homes Junior Warden Scheme has specifically been set up to make a difference for children aged 10-16 years. The children are expected to be drawn from those with or without perceived or actual behaviour problems.

The Board recommended to the Ward Councillors to defer the application to the next meeting of the Board.

Derbyshire Police

The Board received an application for funding from Derbyshire Police. The PCSO Primary Challenge has been designed to place a structured, regular and consistent approach into Derby North Primary Schools, by PCSOs. The PCSO Primary Challenge has been set up from when the first official meeting was held on the 23 July 2009. Fifteen PCSO's from across all of Derby North, which includes Spondon, Oakwood, Derwent, Chaddesden, Morley, Mackworth, Allestree and Darley Abbey, are on board with the scheme.

The Board recommended to the Ward Councillors to fund the application of £110.28.

<u>Allestree Neighbourhood Watch – Community Matters Editorial</u> <u>Group</u>

The Board received an application for funding from the Allestree Neighbourhood Watch – Community Matters Editorial Group. The project is to promote the activities of the Allestree Neighbourhood Watch through the 'community matters newsletter' which is distributed to 3,500 homes in the Allestree area. The group also holds three crime reduction surgeries in the Park Farm shopping centre and the library.

The Board recommended to the Ward Councillors to fund the application of £1,375.00.

Famous Trains Model Railway

The Board received an application for funding from Famous Trains Model Railway. The project involves replacing the roof of the designated model railway building – the first stage of the building upgrade work. The roof is currently formed of asbestos cement sheeting and must be replaced before any other refurbishment work can begin.

The Board recommended to Ward Councillors to fund 50% of the application at a total cost of £1,360.00 subject to other Neighbourhood Boards contributing towards the project. Consideration to fund the full application will be discussed and agreed by ward Councillors subject to funding availability.

Live at Home Scheme

Further to the previous meeting of the Board held on Wednesday 10 November 2009, the Board agreed to recommend to the Ward Councillors to fund the application of £1,490.00. Derwent Avenue Area The Board received a request for funding to assist with resolving the traffic and car parking issues in Derwent Avenue area. The funding would be used to carry out an in depth survey. The Board recommended to the Ward Councillors to part fund the request for funding subject to the Highways and Transportation Department making a contribution towards this highways matter of £1700 Bus Stop and School Sign on Woodlands Road The Board received a request for funding to re-position a school sign. The Board noted that residents had raised this issue at previous Forum meetings. The Board recommended to the Ward Councillors to support and fund the application of £500.00 to re-position the school sign. 8. **Informal Sub Group Development Session** Councillor Webb reminded Board Members to hold a sub group meeting between now and the date of the next Board meeting in April, and to prepare a short report on their role, involvement and work carried out by the sub groups in the community for the Forum meeting in March. Action – Board Members to provide a short sub group ALL update at the next Board and Forum meetings. Zoe Nettleship advised that a publication advertising details about the Forum meeting will be published in the 'Allestree Little Book'. **Youth Involvement –** Chris Morris advised that there is a youth activity event arranged for Saturday 20 March 2010 at St John's Church. The activities range from indoor activities and the use of the outdoor climbing wall. Action – Zoe Nettleship to email the poster advertising the ΖN event to Board Members. Chris Morris reported that the Youth Services Team would like to arrange a community event for the summer time, and the key theme would be to develop partnership working, engage and encourage community involvement. Zoe Nettleship advised that the Board needs to research options and ideas to engage with young people to be involved at a board

	level similar to the process of other neighbourhood boards. It was noted that a city-wide event had been arranged for the morning of Saturday 13 March 2010. Councillor Webb said that it would be a good idea to approach local schools and youth groups to help discuss their priorities in the community as part of the Neighbourhood Boards priorities. Zoe Nettleship said that she is attending a youth club on the evening of Friday 26 February 2010 to help engage with young people.	
9.	Date of the Next Meeting	
	The date of the Board meeting is Wednesday 21 April 2010 at 6.00 pm at Woodlands School.	
	The date of the Forum meeting is Wednesday 24 March 2010 at 7.00 pm at Woodlands School.	

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm