

Spondon Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2008 at St Werburghs Church Parish Room, Spondon.

Present:

Councillor Evonne Williams	Chair
Richard Smail	Neighbourhood Manager
Lorraine Howe	Derby Homes
Inspector Keene	Derbyshire Constabulary
Colin Davies	Resident
Pat Hlland	Resident
Dennis Barron	Resident
Ruth Kellogg	Resident
Cliff Perry	Asterdale Primary School
Carole Chambers	Spondon Community Association
David Hayes	Spondon Community Association
Tom Strachan	Neighbourhood Watch representative
Hazel England	Young resident
Josh Coleman	Young resident
Grace McFadden	Young resident
Carl Willis	Minute Taker from DACP
Emma Coxon	Minute Taker from DACP

Apologies

Derek Hathaway, Cllr Berry, Cllr Poulter, Emma Morley, Cat Smedley, Ruth Hardy

36/08	Welcome, Introductions & Apologies Cllr Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those present to introduce themselves.	
37/08	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising The minutes were agreed as a true record. Matters Arising 24/08 The Primary Care Trust, PCT is attending the next forum meeting focussing on Health, while Rolls Royce are invited to attend a future meeting. 26/08 Inspector Keene has contacted the Police Communications officer about improving local communications. 29/08 The Spondon Youth Initiative meeting on 23 rd July was cancelled due to poor high number of apologies received Cllr Evonne Williams has accompanied the PCSO on patrol and fed back that without the high visibility uniforms, they are difficult to identify. 28/08 Cllr Williams has met with senior council officers regarding the Boards request in 2007 to have action taken on Locko Road and Dale Road. Cllr Williams reported that concerns were expressed regarding managing local expectations when funding is offered to a Board only to be informed that local priorities are overruled. At the Highways meeting it was agreed to install 2 mobile temporary	

	<p>Vehicle Actuated Signs on Dale Road and Locko Road. These will be monitored before, during and after the 12 month period and their success analysed. If successful proposals to install fixed signs will need to be part of the annual work programme.</p> <p>David Hayes raised concerns regarding how genuine devolution to Boards is, and asked whether there was any discussion about the principal of devolution at the Highways meeting. Cllr Williams responded that this was one of the first examples where the process had been challenged and that this would set the scene for future challenges. Richard Smail pointed out that the problems had arisen partly because the funding criteria allowed the Board to allocate it towards identifying problems and resolving Highways issues. Another outcome of the Highways meeting was a recommendation not to allocate funds to Boards for highways work that would be part of the annual work programme.</p> <p>However, Cllr Williams clarified that there are some examples of highways work that involved simple installations that funds could be allocated to, such as dropped kerbs.</p> <p>32/08 The Spondon Community Association thanked the Board for the £500 towards the cost of usable bags. Donations of about £600 been received for these bags which has enabled a further order to be placed.</p>	
38/08	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Ruth Kellogg declared a personal interest in Item 9 the Neighbourhood Board Community Budget and Funding request from Sporting Futures.</p>	
39/08	<p>Police Report and Neighbourhood Forum Update</p> <p>Inspector Keene updated the board on recent Police activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO's have now visited schools and youth clubs in the area and this has been well received by young people. • The ASB transit van working across north Derby has visited Spondon on Friday nights providing support and a visible presence. • The mobile CCTV camera at Chapelside has been removed and relocated to another priority location • Police are aware of ongoing issues around Chapel Side and Brunswood Rec, while there have been reports of large numbers of young people gathering, there are some incidents of low level ASB but few reports of serious ASB. • There is however an emergence of retail crime in Spondon, and that Ian Hinds the Police Business Crime Prevention Advisor has been visiting businesses providing target hardening and security advice and asking if there are businesses willing to support a cctv camera <p>Inspector Keene reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assault down 25% detection Rate 48% • Burglaries down 44% detection Rate 33% - This is on top of last year's excellent figures and represents only 9 burglaries in 5 months • Theft from vehicle down 40% only detected 3% currently 1 vehicle per month. Damage/Arson has stayed the same, which represents the current 	

	<p>ASB in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall crime is down 6% with 33% of all crime being detected, this represents a total of 323 crimes. Deduct offences relating to ASDA and this leaves just 240 crimes committed over the last 5 months. <p>Ruth Kellogg asked whether a mobile cctv for Spondon could be paid for by the Board. Insp Keene stated that it is not feasible for the Board to purchase its own cctv camera. Richard Smail explained that the Community Safety Partnership currently uses 5 mobile cameras across the city and moves them to locations in response to need. The mobile cctv remained in Spondon for some time and was used to gather footage as evidence.</p> <p>Lorraine Howe explained the purchase cost is reasonable, though ongoing maintenance and electricity costs make it unworkable. Colin Davies raised the point that local businesses had expressed some interest in financially contributing towards a more permanent CCTV arrangement. Richard Smail referred to previous discussions with the agent for the Chapel Side premises and suggested that Ian Hinds includes this suggestion with his discussions with businesses.</p> <p>Agreed that need to explore approximate costs and to contact the Business Crime Advisor to follow this up with local businesses through the current work being done.</p> <p>ACTION - Richard Smail to investigate options for cctv and contact Ian Hinds about business support.</p> <p>The young Board members raised concerns regarding “Boy Racers” – vehicles being driven at times recklessly by young people in and around car parks. Insp Keene responded that the issue is being monitored, it is believed that it is young people socialising as opposed to the vehicles being used to facilitate crimes.</p> <p>David Hayes asked whether there was a Wildlife Crime Officer in the city. Inspector Keene confirmed there was a part time post of Wildlife Crime Prevention.</p> <p>Cllr Williams thanked the Police for the work being done to tackle crime and complimented particularly the PCSO's in Spondon.</p> <p>Richard Smail distributed Item 4 reporting on an update of issues previously raised at the forum – ‘You said – We Did’. This report will be taken to the next forum meeting on 17 September. In future this report will be posted out with the Board papers. Cllr Williams asked that Dale Road be clarified in this report.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Smail to circulate the report with the Board papers in future Richard Smail to clarify that Dale Road is included in the Highway and Transport work. 	<p>Richard Smail</p> <p>Richard Smail</p>
40/08	<p>Highway and Transport Programme 2008/09 & 2009/10</p> <p>Richard Smail presented the report outlining the process how Boards and Forums are involved in identifying the main highway and transport works to be included in the next years programme paid for from Highways budgets not the Board</p>	

	<p>budgets.</p> <p>Issues raised at the forum on 17 September will be noted and a representative from Highways will be present at the next Neighbourhood Board Meeting on 29 October to support the Board identifying the main problems in Spondon and to update on work being done in 2008/9.</p> <p>Tom Strachan asked that Highways be aware of all the issues prior to the Board meeting in order to avoid a further delay by having to go away after the meeting to obtain further information.</p> <p>Richard Smail stated that this would only occur if Board members waited until that meeting before raising an issue.</p> <p>Anyone can report day to day maintenance problems regarding highways at customer.services@derby.gov.uk or by contacting your local councillors.</p> <p>David Hayes raised concerns regarding consultation with Ockbrook Parish Council on the proposed weight limit of 7.5 tonnes for the road through Ockbrook. Cllr Williams responded that Derby City Council is making a response to the County Council stating that they object to the proposals. It was confirmed that the Public Consultation had not yet started and that what happens with developments at Stanton Ironworks, regarding a new by-pass may affect any proposals.</p> <p>Cllr Williams concluded that it was unlikely that anything would happen before a decision on Stanton ironworks, and that there would be public consultation before any proposal would be considered.</p>	
41/08	<p>Neighbourhood Board Sub Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Sub Group <p>Cllr Williams presented the report provided by the group as Derek Hathaway was unable to attend the meeting. In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The notice board budget now not needed, alternative arrangements have been made at no cost. ▪ Board invited to fund another village wide SCAN at a cost of £400. ▪ New Posters have been designed to encourage greater attendance at the forums. ▪ Request for all Board members to share their e-mail addresses ▪ The proceeds of the Festival weekend are proposed to be distributed as £18 to Asterdale School and £106 to Spondon Community Association to contribute to order of re-usable carrier bags. ▪ There will be a trial Friday night disco on 21 November at the Village Hall led by Stoney Lane Youth Club and Ruth Hardy – looking to make it sustainable if successful ▪ The Village quiz is on 7 November – will the Board submit a team? ▪ Discussions about a Spondon carnival for 2010 have been started <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to support proposal to fund a village wide scan ▪ that the new posters were much better than existing publicity 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to share email addresses ▪ distribution of funds ▪ to submit a team for the quiz – need to agree who. <p>• Disability Sub Group</p> <p>Colin Davies reported there are now approximately 12 people on the group, while a poor response from C&C article there was a good response during Festival weekend. The next meeting is on 24 September 2008 from 7-8pm at the Conservative Club. At this meeting they will be discussing the creation of an arts group, and how this might work and be sustained.</p> <p>The group is also developing a 'Dropped Kerb' plan which will be presented to a future Board meeting, and is looking at involving local schools and residents in publicising this and the other initiatives the group is working on.</p> <p>The Board agreed to note the report</p> <p>• Spondon Youth Initiative</p> <p>This group has not met since the last meeting; due to changes in how finance are now managed the funding applications have been included under Agenda Item 9.</p> <p>• Cleaner, Greener Spondon</p> <p>David Hayes accepted the proposal that he chairs this sub group. A meeting will be arranged in October. Cllr Williams offered her support as she is on the Climate Change Commission.</p> <p>Tom Strachan and Josh Coleman raised the issue of missing litter bins that had previously been attached to lamp posts prior to the installation of new street lighting columns.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Williams agreed to check progress.</p>	
42/08	<p>Feedback from Spondon Neighbourhood Board Training Session</p> <p>The Board noted the information produced at the training session and agreed to consider creating an action plan at a future date. Members noted that they had already achieved many of the objectives of the training and that their needs have moved on.</p> <p>ACTION: Develop an action plan to come back to a future meeting</p>	
43/08	<p>Spondon Neighbourhood Profile, Priorities, Plan & Performance Reporting.</p> <p>The Board noted the latest profile, and confirmed the agreed priorities. It was pointed out that this document was not for the public domain as information had been provided by some agencies on the understanding it was for the use of the Board only.</p> <p>Board members agreed an introduction to the history of Spondon would complement the profile.</p> <p>The Board noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wyvern retail park is not in Spondon. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 7 - Religious Statistics do not add up. • There are more than three parks/open spaces. • Page 16 –The negative deprivation figure is affected by the Aster dale Estate. • There are 2 Doctors Surgeries in Spondon, not 1. • Page 17 infant death rate should react = 63.2% <p>It was also noted that the information within this report will not be as up to date as, for example, the Police statistics reported tonight. This profile should be viewed in its context.</p> <p>The Board also noted the proposed performance management framework. It was raised that it was at times difficult to evaluate tangible out-puts from those projects, but agreed that there was a need for some feed-back to be obtained. The Board agreed the applications should meet the criteria, and respond to the Boards request for information relating to out-puts.</p>	
44/08	<p>Neighbourhood Board Community Budget & Funding.</p> <p>The Board received four applications for funding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Derbyshire Police £1,100 for two bikes 2. Derby CVS £2,887 for a volunteering project 3. Sporting futures £6,394 for a series of sporting activities 4. Leesbrook Rugby Club £735 for equipment <p>1. Derbyshire Police</p> <p>Disappointment was expressed that this was not match funded. Cllr Williams explained that the projects applying to the Spondon Youth Initiative funding had not been requested to contribute match funding. The Board agreed the application for £1,100.</p> <p>2. Derby CVS</p> <p>The Board discussed the application in detail. The Derby CVS proposal aims to engage young people in the community in positive community activities. The work will be focused around engaging younger residents of Spondon in community activities to tackle concerns around anti social behaviour. The proposal includes a volunteer management training programme involving Spondon groups and a volunteer recruitment/speed volunteering event in the spring 2009 in Spondon aiming to match volunteers with groups. The training programme will be free for local groups and will focus on volunteer management best practice. The training programme will be limited to 20 groups and include volunteer policies, recruitment and supporting volunteers. The proposal noted the need to work in partnership with existing community groups and local agencies. The Board agreed the application for £2,887.</p> <p>3. Sporting Futures</p> <p>The Sporting Futures proposal aims to engage with young people to reduce crime</p>	

	<p>and anti social behaviour while developing the individual through a series of sporting and education activities over the next year.</p> <p>A menu of activities will be provided depending on the information gathered from outreach work and from local agencies. Activities could include golf, football, boxercise, drop in sessions and sports leaders courses.</p> <p>The Board raised concerns with long term sustainability and were keen to see local sports clubs engaged in the project. The Board was also keen to make sure that the activities selected were in response to local demand.</p> <p>The Board approved £6,394 with the condition that a meeting is arranged with them to confirm the outcomes and regular feedback</p> <p>4. Leesbrook Rugby Union Football Club</p> <p>Leesbrook Rugby Club have returned to the Asterdale Leisure area where they will run two teams, they currently have 120 members aged 17 to 65 with many under 23 living in Spondon and Chaddesden. The club are aiming to re establish them selves in the neighbourhood prior to looking at setting up a junior section. The club have spent over £3,000 on the ground and were requesting funding for some balls, signs and a strimmer. The Board agreed the application for £735.</p>	
45/08	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Forum 3 December & 11 March</p> <p>Board 10 December & 4 February & 25 March</p>	

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