

Boulton Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2011, 6.30pm at Water Meadow Common Room

Present:

Councillor Frank Leeming	Derby City Council (Chair)
Councillor Ranjit Banwait	Derby City Council
Councillor Barbara Jackson	Derby City Council
Andrew Mellors	Neighbourhood Manager, Derby City Council
Win Buchan	Local Resident
Thelma Bradshaw	Local Resident
Insp. Andy King	Derbyshire Police
David Bilton	Local Resident
Pearl Swann	Local Resident

01/11	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies Councillor Frank Leeming welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Joe Russo, Zoe Nettleship, Jonathan Till, Wayne Brooks, Maria McGauran and Insp. Kam Bria.	ACTION
02/11	Declarations of Interest and/or Prejudicial Interest There were no declarations of interest made.	
03/11	Late Items Councillor Leeming confirmed that there was one late item, which was tabled and discussed at this time with the Board's Agreement. Councillor Leeming confirmed to the board that Jim Hardy was quitting his position with Aorta and as such, had tabled his resignation from the board as he sat on the board in his capacity as a representative of the organisation. As nobody had agreed to come forward and take forward the organisation it was also confirmed that the group was likely to fold at its forthcoming AGM and therefore, there would be no other representative at this time put forward to sit on the board. If the group does in fact continue, then this would be re-considered. Board members noted Jim's contribution to the board and thanked him for all his hard work with Aorta and across the area. Board members NOTED the update.	
04/11	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 15 December 2010 were AGREED as a true record.	

	<p>It was considered that the majority of matters arising would be picked up as part of agenda items, although the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53/10 – Canal path; issue of barbed wire dealt with via tasking and local Police team • 53/10 – Big Lottery; Neighbourhood Manager is linked into process and will keep the board informed as and when developments occur. There will be £1m available to spend in the area although will not be available until 2012. Will need to publicise availability in the area. <p>Board members AGREED the minutes and NOTED matters arising as indicated.</p>	
05/11	<p>Community Budget applications</p> <p>Andrew Mellors presented this report confirming that in accordance with previous discussions, this agenda item had been brought forward to an earlier slot on the agenda to allow increased time for discussion. It was confirmed that there were 2 applications for the board to consider. Representatives from both of the organisations submitting applications had been invited to attend the meeting but unfortunately, both were unavailable to attend.</p> <p><u>Allenton Primary School</u> – this application was for funding to build a willow enclosure at the school to create a space to assist with outside learning for pupils in relation to nature, growing vegetables and promoting wildlife in general etc which would bring associated benefits to local young people such as an introduction to healthy eating. This application was discussed in detail with several key points being reviewed. This included whether or not this should come from mainstream school funding, benefits to the wider community and wider benefits to young people in the area such as whether this was just for children at the school and use during holiday periods. After discussion it was recognised that this would be an important project for the school, was something supported in principle by the board, but that on the information presented, it was considered that this should come from mainstream school funding. In order to make a final decision however, it was suggested that further information was required to clarify certain points – links to wider community groups, involvement of young people outside of school and the wider community benefit. On this basis, it was AGREED to defer a decision on the application until a later meeting and more information was forthcoming.</p> <p><u>Field Lane (Alvaston) Community Association</u> – this application highlighted that the group was a new group set up to run the centre following the transfer of the lease from Derby City Council and was for funding to provide a new alarm and CCTV system to help secure the centre and also help decorate the building. Again, this application generated a lot of discussion with a key point being what would happen to the improvements if the group folded and the centre had to close or</p>	AM

	<p>revert back to Derby City Council. It was also noted that the group was a new group (made up of representatives of centre user groups) and that at this stage there was no business plan in place for taking the group forward. Whilst recognising that the centre is an important part of the local community (and supported by the board in the past) it was felt that more information was required from the group about sustainability and plans for the future. A concern of board members was that the board did not just become one more avenue of funding each year on which the group was reliant upon for the centre to remain open. On this basis and on the desire to assist and protect this community asset it was AGREED that a decision on the application be deferred until future plans were much clearer. In the meantime, it was suggested that closer links were sought with the group including a possible representative sitting on the board and representatives from the board attending one of their committee meetings to discuss how best to support the group and move the management of the centre forward.</p> <p>Board members NOTED the report and AGREED decisions as detailed.</p>	AM
06/11	<p>Neighbourhood Board – Funding Update</p> <p>Andrew Mellors presented this report, highlighting the Board's current position in relation to awarding funding against agreed budgets for the current Financial Year 2010/11 and against the 20K devolved Streetpride budget for 2011/12. Board members noted the current position of all budgets including the confirmation of carry forward's from the previous Financial Year (2009/10). One further award of £160 was also considered to support an estate clean-up on the Shalfleet estate in partnership with Affinity Sutton Housing and the Enthusiasm Trust during the Easter holidays which was agreed.</p> <p>Board members NOTED the report and AGREED spend as detailed.</p>	
07/11	<p>Local Development Framework: Revised approach and timetable for Core Strategy Development</p> <p>Andrew Mellors presented this report detailing the proposed revised approach for developing a core strategy for Derby, following the recently published Decentralisation and Localism bill and following on from discussion the previous year and the forum meeting of the 9 March 2011. It was explained that the Government is seeking to change planning policy to essentially encourage more local involvement in the planning system via the development of local plans which will identify what can and can not be done across the city. Board members were asked to note the report and (as per discussions at the recent Forum meeting) agree to the development of a dedicated sub-group to look at planning issues within the neighbourhood as this develops further.</p> <p>Board members NOTED the report and AGREED proposals as detailed.</p>	ALL

08/11	<p>Boulton Ward – Section 106 Agreements</p> <p>Andrew Mellors presented this report detailing information about Section 106 Agreements and the developing role of Neighbourhood Boards in determining them, including processes and scope of board involvement and influence in agreeing them.</p> <p>Board members NOTED the report.</p>	
09/11	<p>Neighbourhood Update</p> <p>Councillor Frank Leeming introduced this report and invited board members to update on activities relevant to the board from all partners. Several items were noted including:</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Manager</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues raised at the last Neighbourhood Forum meeting • Deployment of Speed Indicator Devices funded by the Neighbourhood board • Road Permit scheme being developed by Derby City council • Promotion of Community Fire Safety Champions • Information ref. Census 2011 • Information relating to a bid by Derby City Council into the national Local Sustainable Transport Fund. It was NOTED that this was supported by the Board. • Board nominations – existing members were encouraged to re-apply for the board and for members in general to help promote. <p><u>Police</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance good with a decrease in crime of 10% • Detection rates have also increased • Sector 30 no in force in the Allenton area, but are ready to go again if problems return • Body camera's funded by the Neighbourhood Board have been purchased for use by the local team • Hoping to re-launch Speedwatch – Cllr Banwait, David Bilton & Thelma Bradshaw all indicated that they would be involved. • Alert-box scheme has been introduced into shops in Allenton <p>Board members NOTED the report and proposals as detailed.</p>	
10/11	<p>Date of next meetings & meeting schedule for the year</p> <p>Andrew Mellors confirmed that no meeting dates had yet been set for the new financial year and that a draft schedule would be sent out in due course. After discussion, it was AGREED that a regular pattern of dates be determined for the next financial year.</p>	AM

	Councillor Frank Leeming closed the meeting and thanked Board members for their support and efforts throughout the year.	
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