

SPONDON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 22 June 2011 at St Werburgh's Church Parish Rooms, Spondon

Present:

Councillor Williams (Chair)	- Derby City Council
Councillor Chris Poulter	- Derby City Council
Inspector Roberts	Police
Cliff Perry	- Asterdale School
Father Julian Hollywell	Resident
Susan Miller	- Resident
Angie Doughty	Resident
Mark Davis	Spondon Traders Association
Alan England	- Resident
Susan Miller	- Resident
Tom Strachan	- Neighbourhood watch
Kirsty Shelton	- Youth Club

In Attendance:

Ruth Hardy	- Youth Work Manager
Richard Smail	- Neighbourhood Manager

Item		Action
13/11	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Councillor Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for their work and commitment during the past year.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Jennings, Jonathan Oakes, Carole Chambers, Jennifer Slatcher, Bethany Austin, Courtney Austin, Sian Howard, Xenia Kapasi, Shannon Whaley</p>	
14/11	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 April 2011 were noted as an accurate record, with the amendment to item 11/11 to state that STA were explicitly not prepared to clean the toilets.</p> <p>Matters Arising 5/11 - Park Road ASB – has been raised at Spondon Tasking 7/11 – Board comments on Neighbourhood Youth Panels fed back to Youth offending Service 11/11 – conversations have started with Doctors surgeries about use of their toilets</p>	
15/11	<p>Late Items Agreed</p> <p>The following late items were agreed for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Brunswood Recreation Ground Play facilities 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spondon Access Guide ➤ Funding application for Speed tubes on Arnhem Terrace 	
16/11	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Angie Doughty, Alan England and Emma Donald all declared prejudicial interest for Spondon Festival funding application.</p>	
17/11	<p>Young people in Spondon</p> <p>Kirsty Shelton provided a brief report as a member of Stoney lane Youth club. She outlined the activities at the youth club over the summer and stressed the importance of the activities for young people. She noted that some young people from Chaddesden come into Spondon in the evenings, but they are not always the ones responsible for problems.</p> <p>It was noted that the six young Board members representing the Youth clubs will take it in turn to attend the Board meetings. They will all try to attend the Spondon Youth Initiative meetings.</p> <p>The chair thanked Kirsty for her report</p>	
18/11	<p>Spondon Toilets</p> <p>Councillor Poulter reported that options are still being considered for toilets in Spondon. He confirmed that the existing toilet block is not fit for use and not financially viable due to the high repair/maintenance costs or the high costs of a stand alone cubicle.</p> <p>He reported that representations had been made to the Councillors from Spondon Traders Association(STA), Spondon community Association (SCA) and just three residents.</p> <p>Emma Donald observed that the cost of replacement in any format seemed excessive if there is not a lot of use being made of them.</p> <p>Councillor Poulter confirmed there had been very positive responses from both Doctors surgeries. Both willing to take part in a local scheme to offer their toilet facilities for local users in an emergency. They do not plan to put signs up. Expected that word of mouth will allow service to be publicised. All subject to review in case of abuse. Noted that the Sitwell Street Doctors are closed on Saturday afternoons.</p> <p>Councillor Poulter also asking other local businesses if interested in making their facilities available.</p> <p>The Board again confirmed that there is no expectation that SCA make the Village Hall toilets available.</p> <p>Mark Davis considered having no toilets gave a feeling of no investment in Spondon. He reported that people including taxi drivers use the back of the toilets as a place to relieve themselves. All Board members asked to note the details of any car driven by taxi drivers seen doing this and to report details to the Council or Councillor.</p> <p>Action:</p>	

	<p>All to report to the Police and Council anyone seen using the back of the toilets as a toilet.</p> <p>Councillor Poulter to invite other businesses to take part in the scheme to make their facilities available</p>	<p>All Cllr Poulter</p>
19/11	<p>Spondon Bus Subsidies</p> <p>The Board considered the loss of Bus subsidy from the Council for the service 19 (Notts and Derby) that goes into Spondon Village via Asterdale area and then to city Centre via Albert Road estate. City Council subsidy will end by September 2011.</p> <p>Also the loss of subsidy to the Service 9 (Littles) which goes from City Centre through Spondon Village to Ockbrook and Borrowash and back again. This service will lose its City Council subsidy from September 2011 but the County Council will continue to fund until March 2012 when it will be reviewed.</p> <p>A general discussion noted that the Service 9 is well used at School time for pupils but Education does not provide any funding for the service now. So maybe Littles could consider keeping the route for school time. Ockbrook Parish Council is considering a precept to cover some costs. Brief discussion about the two services routes being combined in some way.</p> <p>Mark Davis informed the Board that STA feel that the total loss of both these bus services would be very worrying, disastrous to the residents affected, and very disquieting for businesses in Spondon village centre.</p> <p>He reported that STA wish to make strong representations regarding the decision to withdraw Council subsidies from the Service 9 and 19, and wanted to see support in the long term for provision of environmental transport for the affected residents.</p> <p>It was noted that with amendments to service 9 the route could service parts of Spondon losing the 19 service and that the Board may want in principle to contribute financially alongside Ockbrook and County Council depending on negotiations.</p> <p>Councillor Williams reported that she had invited trentbarton to adjust one Spondon Flyer service every hour to enter Spondon via Nottingham Road, she had not yet received a response.</p> <p>The Board was keen to support any publicity and promotion of the services should they continue in one format or another. The Board recognised that it was all about use it or lose it.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Williams to report back on approach made to trent barton to amend Spondon Flyer • Cllr Poulter to report back on negotiations with bus companies, Ockbrook parish Council and County Council on route alterations for service 9 through Spondon • Board to promote the services while they still exist – including route 9 until March 2012 	<p>Cllr Williams Cllr Poulter</p> <p>All</p>

20/11	<p>Neighbourhood Board Community Budget and Funding</p> <p>The Board received a report detailing the Neighbourhood Board Budgets for 2011/12. The Spondon Neighbourhood Board has a total of £16,000 available to allocate this financial year 2011/12. The Board noted the contents of the report and considered the following funding proposals.</p> <p>Funding Proposals</p> <p><u>Spondon Cricket Club</u></p> <p>The proposal was to contribute to a large scale project to tackle climate change and reduce the cricket clubs carbon footprint. Funding of £864 was requested to purchase a photovoltaic System Display in the cricket club. The other £15,000 funding had been raised by the club through grants and their own funds.</p> <p>Agreed: The Board agreed to support and fund £864 which will be allocated from the Community Budget. On condition that a plaque or equivalent is provided to show it was funded by the Spondon Board</p> <p><u>Spondon Festival</u></p> <p>The proposal was to contribute to the costs to organise and deliver the Spondon Festival in 2011. The organisers had received Board funding in 2010 to contribute to the costs of the first Spondon Festival in 2010 which had been a great success. The group had provided details of how the funding was allocated and spent. This year the event was much bigger – 2 days, and would cost more to put on, but more income was being planned to make the event more sustainable. The Board was being asked to contribute £2,500 to some core costs including licences, health and safety equipment, fencing, advertising and some entertainment costs.</p> <p>Agreed: The Board agreed to support and fund £2,500 which will be allocated from the Youth, Safer and Highways Budget. On the condition that the Spondon Festival group continues to show progress to make the event sustainable.</p> <p><u>Children and Young people Youth Support – Holiday Activities</u></p> <p>The proposal was considered by the Board in response to requests for the Children and Young peoples service to outline what holiday activities they can provide. The proposal for £2,743 was to fund holiday activities for between 25 and 30 young people and equipment at the Youth Clubs. The activities were for about one day a week during the Summer 2011 holidays, October 2011 half term and February 2012 half term. In addition there was a request for £718 towards two new pool tables and equipment at Stoney Lane and Craddock Ave youth clubs.</p> <p>The Board noted that Spondon Festival had a pool table that could be used, but recognised it was needed every week during term time.</p> <p>Agreed: The Board agreed to support and fund the application of</p>	
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	<p>£2,743 which will be allocated from the Youth, Safer and Highways Budget</p> <p><u>Spondon Rovers FC</u> The proposal was for £1,300 to contribute to new mini football goals for their most junior teams and to contribute to the costs of indoor training venue hire during the winter. The Board noted that they do not allocate more than £1,000 to applications for funding from individual clubs and will normally only fund a club for one year towards their club running costs.</p> <p>Agreed; The Board agreed to fund £1,000 from the Youth, Safer, Highways Budget.</p> <p><u>Late Item - Arnhem Terrace Speed Tubes request</u> A late item was discussed in response to complaints about speeding on Arnhem Terrace. A possibility was to fund speeding tubes at a cost of £200. This was considered by the Board in response to a complaint about speeding vehicles. The Council had reported that on investigation there was no reported accidents, there were many parked cars on the road and it was a bus route. The Board considered that the location could be considered in the future as a place to use the Police laser gun when available. The Board agreed to reject funding for speeding tubes</p>	
21/11	<p>Spondon Board Priorities 2011/12 and Derby Plan The Board considered the report on linking the Board Priorities to the Derby Plan Outcomes. It was agreed that the local priorities and actions were the important consideration and agreed that a local Action Plan needed to be developed. This will form the focus for the sub group activities. In the meantime the existing sub groups would continue. The Board noted the Derby Plan Outcomes and indicators and the current Spondon Communication and Engagement plan. The Board agreed that, in response to a suggestion by Councillor Poulter, that the Councillors and Richard Smail review the current actions and projects in place this year. They then produce a draft action plan for consideration by sub groups and the Board at a future meeting. In the meantime all Board members can give thought to what actions should be included in the new action plan that will reflect how the Board is tackling the Board priorities/themes. ACTION: Spondon Councillors and Richard Smail to draw up a draft action plan All Board members to consider actions to be included in the plan and to be delivered by the sub groups</p>	<p>Cllrs and Richard Smail</p> <p>All</p>
22/11	Streetpride Report	

	<p>The Board noted the report updating on progress to deliver the items in the 2011/12 devolved budget. The Highways, Cleaner, Greener sub group had been tasked to provide the details as required to allow the items to be delivered.</p> <p>The Board also noted the progress on the two Local Transport Plan priorities in Spondon.</p> <p>The investigations around ASDA island are ongoing.</p> <p>Glendale Drive</p> <p>The work on Glendale Drive had progressed and Richard Smail presented to the Board plans showing the current proposals. This included the extent of the grasscrete and the no waiting at any time restriction around the junction of Glendale Drive and A6096. The Traffic Regulation Order(TRO) process will begin shortly. This process typically takes six months to implement, however if objections are received then this is likely to delay the process.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the plan and appreciated the opportunity to see and comment on the proposed design.</p> <p>It was noted that the Grasscrete can be installed by early September 2011.</p> <p>There was a detailed discussion about the yellow line positions and agreed that the following actions are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the double yellow lines on the west side of Glendale Drive opposite the last parking bay • No extension of yellow lines on eastern side beyond where marked on the plan • The TRO is actioned with the greatest of speed and urgency so that it does not take many months before lines can be painted on • The painting of the yellow lines takes place at the same time the new parking bays are completed. <p>The Councillors requested prompt feedback on any objections received to the TRO proposals.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Richard Smail to feedback Glendale Drive comments to Traffic Management</p>	<p>Richard Smail</p>
23/11	<p>Neighbourhood Services Reports</p> <p>Police report:</p> <p>Inspector Roberts presented a comprehensive verbal report to the Board outlining crime figures reduced by 22%, but burglaries same as last year. Metal thefts continuing. Sue Miller reported that the Safer sub group were looking to purchase some Smartwater and had a price of £60 per property, but she wanted a cheaper price and were asking the National NW group. Inspector Roberts supported any efforts to purchase and use Smartwater locally.</p> <p>He confirmed ASB had reduced from 134 to 112 since last year.</p>	

	<p>Operation Selset was continuing as Police targeted hotspots of ASB being caused by young people. He stressed that the Safer Neighbourhood Team will not be moving young people on from park to park. They will only take action if causing damage or excessive noise.</p> <p>The Board thanked The Police for their work on Operation Selset and were reassured that there had been fewer call for service. Details of a complaint about a moped were given to the Inspector.</p> <p>Inspector Roberts was asked to provide some text for local newsletters – C&C of Spondon and Crime prevention Advice would be the first article.</p> <p>ACTION Police to provide articles for C&C and Crime Prevention article to be the first.</p>	Insp Roberts
24/11	<p>Late item -. Brunswood Recreation Ground Play Facilities</p> <p>Richard Smail presented a plan to the Board showing the proposed improvements to Brunswood Recreation ground play area. With the limited funding available the design has allowed much of the original work anticipated in 2010 design as part of the playbuilder scheme.</p> <p>Plans are to provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perimeter fence and self closing gates to create a dog free area 2. Reduced height mound to head height to help reduce ASB. 3. new safety surface tiles to reduce maintenance costs. 4. seat to replace one that has been vandalised. 5. Removal of concrete and stone steps from old slide. 6. Wider access to facilitate access by maintenance vehicles and remove all knee high rails. 7. Small area of wild flower grass <p>The Board had a detailed discussion and welcomed the plan and appreciated the opportunity to comment on the proposed design. The Board noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding was tight • The fence was appreciated to allow young people to be safe • Previous plans indicated a gate wide enough for a double buggy • The words reducing the mound to 'head height' was not clear – was this 6 feet or 3 feet? Acknowledged the lower the mound the higher the cost and wider the spoil is spread • Keeping the mound would provide a play feature in itself • Spondon Community Association Representative had requested that the mound is not removed • There is space in the 'middle' to allow new equipment to be provided in the future subject to funding • No evidence on plans of signs being included <p>The Board agreed that the following actions are taken:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the gates is wide enough for a double buggy • Lower the mound to no more than 1 metre high – this is head height to young people in the play area. The Board was aware that this could be a pressure on the budget if the planned 'head height' was intended to be 2 metres high. • Erection of two of the standard type Signs at the gates - indicating expected use and standards to be kept if using the play area • All future consultation with local residents will be taken on by the Ward Councillors. <p>ACTION: Richard Smail to feedback Brunswood Play area comments to Leisure Facilities</p> <p>Late item – Spondon Access Guide</p> <p>Richard Smail reported that work on the Spondon Access Guide had come to a halt after much work done by Board members and volunteer members in the community. Special praise was made of the work done by Jean Martin around the access to local shops</p> <p>Derek Hathaway was standing down from his lead role as he had no capacity to continue the work.</p> <p>Agreed that to put on hold until a suitable volunteer was identified.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>All Board members to consider ways to progress the Spondon Access Guide work that has started.</p> <p>Late item – Arnhem Terrace speeding</p> <p>See item 21/11</p>	<p>Richard Smail</p> <p>All</p>
25/11	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>Board – 12 October and 14 December</p> <p>Forums - 14 September and 30 November</p>	

Summary of Actions

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