## **Mackworth Neighbourhood Board**

# Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5 March 2008 at 6.00pm at The Lonny Wilsoncroft Community Centre

#### **Present:**

Councillor Gerrard	Chair	
Councillor Baxter	Derby City Council	
Matthew Ong	Mackworth Resident (youth rep)	
Emily Hawksworth	New Zealand Resident (youth rep)	
Emma Tidbury	Derby Homes	
Helen Faulconbridge	Neighbourhood Team	
Peter Matthews	Neighbourhood Team	
Judy Kelsall	Mackworth Resident	
Jayne Broughton	New Zealand Resident	
Terry Rogerson	Mackworth Resident	
Glenys Stevens	New Zealand Resident	
Richard Keene	Inspector (Police)	
Lester Pendrey	New Zealand Resident	
Mandy Coons	New Zealand Resident	
Councillor Higginbottom	Derby City Council	
Nathan Lucas	Enthusiasm	
Zoe Nettleship	Waste Management	

#### **Apologies: None recorded**

1/08	Welcome and introductions	Action
2/08	Declarations of Interest - None recorded	
3/08	Matters Arising	
	Page 2 - Richard Gerrard has sent a letter to Highways for the plans to be brought forward at Markeaton Island.	
	Page 2 - Richard Keene stated that speed checks on Prince Charles Avenue would not be possible as the Police encourage prevention methods. Pete gave a breakdown of the speeds traffic travelled along Prince Charles Avenue from information recorded by Highways and the speeds were not recorded as excessive. Highways feel that natural obstacles on Prince Charles Avenue such as parked cars help to reduce speeds.	
	The light reported as not working on Finchley Avenue has now been repaired.	
	Useful numbers requested by the Board will be displayed on the Newsletters for all residents in the ward.	

#### 4/08

#### Issues raised at the Forums

#### **New Zealand Forum**

Slack Lane closure. Highways have been contacted and signs are now in place advising that the road will be closed.

The bin men not putting bins back in the correct places – Zoe has raised this with Waste Management.

The Clean Sweep day on 15 March 2008 – Flyers will be given to all residents on the streets that the compressor will be collecting from. They will only be collecting rubbish from the streets detailed on the flyer.

Cheviot Street Rec – smell emanating raising concerns that Severn Trent may be using this area as an outlet for waste. Adrian Harper has spoken to Severn Trent re this.

What is the law with regards to bonfires? Information has been obtained by the Neighbourhood Team and will be distributed at the next Forum.

Why can't all packaging be recycled?

Speeding at Tattlers shop. The Neighbourhood Team have passed this to Highways to investigate.

#### **Mackworth Forum**

Fencing to Aldwych flats is being damaged most nights – Derby Homes are replacing the fencing with metal fencing.

White Lines from A38 Slip road need repainting – this will be completed by Highways by the end of March 2008.

Erection of goal posts on Knightsbridge Rec – The holes for the post have been made and the post will be erected in the near future.

Repairs to bus shelter at Henley Green – The Neighbourhood Team are chasing Derby City Council to carry out the repairs.

Zoe to raise with superiors at Waste Management

Neighbourhood Team to get update from Severn Trent

Zoe will get a representative from Waste Management to attend the next Forum.

Highways to investigate

The Police and
Community Watch
Patrol will patrol the
area, and Derby
Homes caretakers will
check and clear the
area regularly.

Neighbourhood Team to chase DCC

Cars travelling to fast along various roads on the estate – Speeds have been recorded by Highways and no excessive speeds were recorded. A breakdown of speed at various times of the day have been passed to the Neighbourhood Team.

Dog fouling on Collingham Gardens, Greenwich Drive South and North, and the cycle path – Residents to pass information to the Neighbourhood Team to deal with. Also the Community Safety Partnership are looking at carrying out a city wide campaign about dog fouling as this is a city wide problem.

Buses not turning up and breaking down – Arriva have been emailed and the Neighbourhood Team are awaiting a response.

Lack of presence of the youth service on the Estate – The Neighbourhood Team have a meeting with David Finn, Head of Youth Service on 5 March 2008 to discuss this.

To reinstate dropping off point for Arriva at Northcliffe House. The Councillors are pushing for this. Richard Gerrard has written to a senior officer at Highways and he has also spoken to Chris Williamson re this issue.

The Board raised the issue of the Westfield Centre and the consensus from the local residents was that the Westfield Centre has destroyed certain parts of the City Centre. Richard Gerrard stated that he would invite the Chair of City Scape to the next forums to discuss any concerns residents had. Richard Keane stated that he has attended some of the City Centre Management Scheme meetings, and concerns had been raised that if bus stops were moved from Debenhams this would have a further detrimental affect on this area of the city. Richard stated that figure seem to suggest at this stage that crime hasn't increase in the city centre since the opening of Westfield and that the Cathedral Quarter of the city has regular Police patrols and is also covered by City Centre CCTV. Zoe stated that the Cathedral Quarter has now been given BID status and other cities with areas with BID status such as Birmingham are now thriving.

Broken glass and litter on cycle path leading from the bottom of Greenwich Drive South to the college – Path to be cleared and the truancy number is now available for residents to call.

Gentleman who cleans front of Prince Charles Avenue – Richard Gerrard has the name of this man and will be sending a letter to him and his Manager to thank him for his hard work. Zoe has also taken this back.

Number 28 bus service, can this be re routed to include Radbourne Lane? Passed to Arriva to respond.

Neighbourhood Team to chase Arriva

Neighbourhood Team to address this with David Finn

Councillor Gerrard to invite the Chair of City Scape to the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Team to arrange for path to be cleared

Councillor Gerrard to send letter

The Mickleover / Mackworth line. – Ranjit Banwait to attend a future forum to talk about this project.

Application for Mc Donald's to go 24hrs. – Richard Gerrard has sent a letter from the Forum/Board objecting to this application, and the Councillors will raise this issue with Chris Williamson. A petition has been set up and this is circulating around the estate. The Neighbourhood Team met with the new owner of McDonalds on 4 March 2008. He stated that he would only be opening 24hrs initially for 2/3 nights a week, and it will only be the drive through not the actual restaurant. He stated that if this did create issues he was open to reviewing the situation. He has agreed to meet with local residents to discuss their concerns, the Neighbourhood Team will arrange this.

Neighbourhood Team to arrange meeting with owner of McDonalds

Parking on grass verges. Derby Homes are working with Highways to deal with individual cases. Richard Gerrard is to obtain further information in regards to a bi law which may be passed making parking on grass verges an offence in Derby. Richard Keene stated that the Police have no powers to deal with this issue unless the car is parked dangerously or is an obstruction. The City Council deal with the other issues. Richard Gerrard stated his concern was that the parking wardens don't work 24hrs so after they finish there is no one to police parking issues. Richard Gerrard to raise this concern with Derby City Council.

Councillor Gerrard to raise concerns with Derby City Council

Parking at the bottom of Enfield Road – The Police and The Neighbourhood Team are looking into this issue.

Problems with youths in area – The complaint was made by a specific resident. Police dealt with this issue individually after the meeting.

Provision of the bus shelter at the bottom of Prince Charles Avenue – This needs to be identified as a priority for the Board.

Large bush on Knightsbridge Rec near children's play area. A site visit has been arranged with Shaun Phillips from the tree department at Derby City Council and the Neighbourhood team to establish who the bush belongs to and who needs to remove it.

Neighbourhood Team to carry out site visit

People cycling on pavements outside the shops on Prince Charles Avenue – The Police are patrolling this area and will deal with individuals through ABC's, fixed penalty notices and contacting their parents.

### 5/08 Area profile

The Area Profile was circulated to all Board members and everyone was reminded it was not a public document. The

proposed priorities were looked at and Pete went through each priority. It was stated that if anyone had any further priorities or wish to change/amend any priorities please raise this with the Neighbourhood Team. Everyone agreed that they were happy with the priorities. Richard Keene stated that he agreed with the priorities in relation to his role. Pete stated that each priority would be broken down and sub groups would be set up to help achieve each priority. The first sub group to be set up will be the Community Safety sub group. Volunteers for this group were requested. Board members who volunteered for the group were: Richard Gerrard, Helen Faulconbridge, Pete Matthews, Glenys Stevens and Emily Hawksworth. The Neighbourhood Team will arrange a time, date and location Neighbourhood Team for this meeting and will advise all members of the sub group. to arrange the The sub group will look at work required and feed back to the Community Safety sub Board. group meeting Lester stated that some of these priorities could be perceived as being too negative and we should be telling the community about positive work in the ward. Pete stated that the Communication group were looking at this aspect and would be working to get positive publicity for the area. Zoe Nettleship stated that the long term priority – develop service level agreements with partners should take the form of an Area Agreement. Paul Pegg stated that the long term priority – better managing local facilities – if this is to be applied then the leases issued by the City Council need to have a section where by if the leaseholder is failing to maintain the property the lease can be revoked. Lester stated that the lease they have taken out on the Lonny Wilsoncroft Community Centre does have this in. **Application for funding to the Board** A copy of the funding application form from the New Zealand Community Association was circulated. The Board approved the application for funding for £960. Richard Gerrard stated that a budget of £10,000 has been

# 7/08 Demolition of Markeaton Park toilets

6/08

It was agreed by the Board that the demolition should take place. The Board asked if the money saved through no longer having to

allocated to each Neighbourhood for the next financial year.

Councillors Richard Gerrard to send letter

	maintain these toilets could be put in to refurbishing the other toilets near the craft centre. Richard Gerrard to send a letter from the Board re this.	
	Paul Pegg stated that in other areas of the country they were operating schemes where by the council pay private companies to open up their toilets to the public. Councillors to take this idea forward to the City Council.	Councillors to raise idea with Derby City Council
	Lisa Higginbottom stated that the council have agreed when events are held on Markeaton Park after the demolition of the toilets portable toilets will be brought in.	
8/08	Training for Board members	
	Pete stated that the Community Safety Partnership are arranging free training for all Board members. A venue, date, time and location needs to be agreed with all Board members so the training can be booked.	Neighbourhood Team to arrange training and advise Board members
	It was agreed that the last week in July was the most convenient date for all members as long as a substantial period of notice is given. It was agreed that the training would take place at the Lonny Wilsoncroft Community Centre.	
	An exact date and time would be arranged and all Board members will receive an invite.	
9/08	Walkabout Dates	
	Walkabout dates were circulated and Pete stated that the Mackworth Estate Walkabouts would be carried out by Derby Homes staff and any Board members are welcome to attend to look at issues in the area. The New Zealand walkabouts would be carried out by the Neighbourhood Team and Board members will receive an invite before each one. The Police will be attending each walkabout when available.	Neighbourhood Team to send out Walkabout invites to all Board Members
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8	Newsletters for the ward – Paul Pegg presented the newsletter for the Mackworth Estate. Copies were circulated. Paul stated if anyone has any amendments please let him know prior to print.  Lisa Higginbottom congratulated Judy Kelsall on getting sponsorship for the newsletter.	Paul Pegg, Helen Faulconbridge and Lester Pendrey to complete the work on the newsletters
	Lester Pendrey and Helen Faulconbridge have developed a draft newsletter for the New Zealand Ward. Board members were asked for any amendments or additions prior to print.	

Richard Gerrard asked the Board members if they were all happy to have their names on the newsletters so residents know who the Board members are. Everyone agreed they were happy with this.

**Budget for the Mackworth area** – Paul Pegg stated that he had seen the budget meeting the Councillors had and felt that nothing seemed to be coming to the Mackworth ward from the City Council for the next financial year.

He stated that Chaddesden were getting a library at the cost of £1.2 million. Councillors to get further information on this.

Judy Kelsall asked whether consultation will take place with the local residents re the library. Pete stated that consultation should take place with regards to the facilities at the library.

Terry Rodgerson asked whether the library would be a brick building? Richard Gerrard stated that it would be.

Judy Kelsall asked whether everyone was aware of the proposed location for the library? She stated that it would be next to the Co Op. Concerns were raised about the location size and the money available for the build, as this may mean that the library would not be very substantial.

It was agreed that these items would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Police reports** – Richard Keene gave details of Police reports for both New Zealand area and the Mackworth Estate. He stated that the statistics proved that the Mackworth Ward is a safe place to live and the statistics on crime don't bear out the perceptions of some residents that the ward is unsafe.

Richard also stated that he has some information on drug use in the ward and stated he would bring this to the next meeting if it was placed as an item on the agenda. Councillors to obtain further information

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