

# Arboretum Neighbourhood Board

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Pear Tree Library.

### Present:

#### Board members:

Cllr. Rehmat Khan	Derby City Council (DCC) - Chair
Maxine Bell	Resident
Jon Topham	NHS Derby City (PCT)
Ashley Waterhouse	Community Champion
Louise Davies	Resident
Chris Woodward	Resident
Zia Bhatti	CYPO Youth Service
Fareed Hussain	Derby City Council
John Green	Group Managers Fire & Rescue
Kasser Hussain	Resident
Sgt 2991 Jim Patrick	Derbyshire Police
Tahira Waseem	Resident
Nasreen Akhtar	Resident
Simon Keeling	DCC Children & Young People Dept.
Imke Goalby	DCSP

#### Advisors:

Rajeev Nath	DCSP
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#### Observers:

Carl Willis	Minute Taker
Dr. Mark Roberts	De Montfort University
Toni Leatherland	DCSP

### Apologies

Malcolm Price, Pam Sidhu, Cllr Faratullah Khan, Shaun Skelton, Yvonne Luce.

<b>01/09</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b> Cllr. Rehmat Khan welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year and invited those present to introduce themselves.	<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>02/09</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Zia Bhatti expressed an interest in a funding application. There were no other declarations made.	
<b>03/09</b>	<b>Late Items/ Announcements.</b> Yvonne Luce has resigned from the board. The Board extended their thanks to Yvonne for her contributions whilst a Board Member.  Children & Young Peoples Dept. Application did not go out with the papers and was instead circulated at the beginning of the meeting.	

04/09	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.</b></p> <p>Louise Davies had been omitted as attending the meeting.</p> <p>59/09 MC should read MP – Malcolm Price.</p> <p>Also the money needs to be reallocated by 31.03.09, and not just a decision made as stated in the previous minutes.</p> <p>AW also asked to be listed as a Community Champion as opposed to resident.</p> <p>There was no further amendment and the minutes were agreed as a true record.</p>	
05/09	<p><b>Community Budget Applications and Update</b></p> <p><b>Community Budget 08/09</b></p> <p>IG presented the report and informed the board that there was a revised balance of £1238.00 outstanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Derby Forced Marriage Forum - Amount Requested £500.</b></li> </ul> <p>The board discussed the application at length and agreed to fund the full £500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Corporate Reserves Pilot Funding</b></li> </ul> <p>ZB presented the application and built on previous comments made regarding what the initiative would involve. Primarily the project would look at the following:</p> <p>Engage young people in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education &amp; Training</li> <li>• Employment initiatives</li> <li>• Referrals to a new initiative starting in March looking at leadership qualities. This will be a One year program to compliment this project amongst others.</li> <li>• Hands on educational input</li> </ul> <p>Parental engagement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult Behaviour</li> <li>• Basic skills</li> <li>• Parental skills</li> <li>• Dealing with stress</li> <li>• Discussion groups to provide clearer direction.</li> </ul> <p>ZB explained that longer term sustainability for this initiative could be secured through the youth opportunity fund.</p>	

	<p>TN asked how this differentiated from the service that should be provided by the Youth Team.</p> <p>ZB explained this was not a core youth service activity and that pressure on the existing budget prevented projects such as this being considered.</p> <p>TN also asked what targets could be set to ensure the project's success? IG suggested that the application could be agreed by the board at their next meeting with a condition that ZB would draft some realistic targets for the next meeting.</p> <p>IG also suggested that the board could receive quarterly updates on the projects progress and informed the board that regular meetings of IG, ZB and the youth worker involved could ensure the board had some continued influence into the way of the project evolved.</p> <p>The board raised some concerns regarding the number of those benefiting from the project and whether £9000 was sufficient to achieve and sustainable outputs suggested by ZB.</p> <p>After discussion the board agreed to consider the application at the next meeting on the 4 February 2009 after further information is provided by ZB.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Normanton Board would be making a decision on their contribution towards the project on 26.01.09</p>	
<b>06/09</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Profile &amp; Plan</b></p> <p>IG introduced this item and supplied board members with a voting handset. A sub groups has been set up to reflect all priorities set by the Board. In total there are 7 priorities and 4 sub groups.</p> <p>IG asked the board to prioritise 2 or 3 areas of work within each priority. This will identify the key areas of work for that group to focus on. From this base line figures can be obtained so that progress against priorities can be mapped –</p> <p>The board voted as follows: (14 eligible to vote.)</p> <p><b>Raising Employment Levels.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Co-ordinate &amp; expand ESOL provision in the area</li> <li>2. Encourage &amp; stimulate local business through 'buy local' campaign. This was also linked to: Link with local regeneration framework.</li> <li>3. Signposting pathways for adult education opportunities - The board agreed this tied in aspects of : Promoting and advertising literacy schemes and computer literacy</li> </ol> <p><b>Supporting everyone in learning and achieving.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raising awareness what can impact on attainment.</li> </ol>	

2. Tackling underachievement in local schools.
3. Supporting vulnerable communities to understand our education systems.

**Creating a stronger community that builds trust and reduces tensions between communities and agencies.**

1. Carry out work with new and emerging communities
2. Review and evaluated effectiveness of youth provision.
3. Support and encourage formation of local community groups.

**Neighbourhood Board Communications**

1. Communicating the work carried out by the NB
2. Improve awareness of Neighbourhood Forums
3. Communicating the message that people can get involved.

**Helping us all to be healthy, achieve and independent.**

1. Campaigns for healthy eating, exercise and reduction of smoking.
2. Support alcohol and drug reduction schemes.
3. Support and advertise local venues that provide gym and sport exercise facilities.

**Leading towards a cleaner environment**

1. Highways and transportation was previously identified as a priority
2. Encourage individuals of groups to act responsibly and clean up their own patch
3. Work with schools to make a film about fly tipping- widen out to other projects with schools once partnership is established.

**Creating a safer neighbourhood by reducing crime and fear of crime.**

1. Reduce street crime and robbery, incorporating action against burglary and auto crime.
2. Reduce ASB including drug dealing
3. Encourage reporting of incidents.

**Sub Group Development**

IG informed the board that sub groups will begin in January. Each sub group will develop an action plan to address the priorities identified at this meeting.

The first sub group sessions will be facilitated by the neighbourhood manager to assist in developing the initial action plans.

07/09	<p><b>City Centre Neighbourhood forum</b></p> <p>IG explained that parts of the city centre are covered by this ward, however there is currently under representation of residents from this area.</p> <p>After a discussion with the CSP IG has proposed a City Centre Residents Forum, this will include all properties within the boundary of the ring road within the city centre. This forum would be for residents not commercial or business.</p> <p>The first meeting will be held on 19/03/09 at St Peters house at 6:30 pm. The board supported this proposal.</p>	
08/09	<p><b>Board Estate Visit</b></p> <p>IG made a verbal presentation regarding an idea AW raised at a previous meeting:</p> <p>The board hire a mini bus on Wednesday 11 of February from 1 pm to 3 pm and visit estates within the ward to improve their understanding of the entire ward. Estates to be visited are St Chads (lead by AW) City Centre (Lead by CW). It was also proposed to have a drive around the remainder of the ward.</p> <p>The board agreed to the proposals. IG will finalise arrangements and draft a proposed route.</p>	
09/09	<p><b>Date and hour of next meeting:</b></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 4.30 PM at Pear Tree Library.</p>	