

Allestree Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6pm on Wednesday 21 July 2010 at Woodlands School

Present:

Councillor Saddia Davis (Chair)
Councillor Roy Webb
Councillor Philip Hickson
Toni Leatherland
Samantha Wright
Jane Haresnape
Sergeant Rachel Frost
Nicola Murton
Chris Morris
Linda Elliott
Peter Steer
Rod Straw
Inspector Richard Keene
Darren Pickering
Andrew Jones
Jon Pumfrey
Tony Johnson
Anne Morgan

Derby City Council
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Neighbourhood Manager
DACP Minute Taker
Woodlands School
Police Service
Extended Services
Youth Service
NHS Derby City
Resident Board Member
Allestree Preservation Group
Police Service
Park Farm Shopping Centre
Traffic Management Department
Traffic Management Department
Friends of Allestree Park
Friends of Markeaton Park

1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies Councillor Davis welcomed everyone at the meeting and introductions took place. The Board welcomed Toni Leatherland in her new role as Neighbourhood Manager for the Allestree Board. Apologies for absence were received from Neville Wells, Peter Mitchell and Jamie Johnson.	
2.	Declarations of Personal and/or Prejudicial Interest There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.	
3.	Late Items The Board agreed to receive a funding proposal from the Crime Prevention Team.	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2010 were noted as an accurate record of meeting. Matters Arising	

	Core Strategy – it was noted that previous work relating to the strategy had now been abandoned and the Council are awaiting a future decision and guidance from the newly formed Government.	
5.	<p>Blenheim Parade Parking Development Update</p> <p>Jon Pumfrey gave a presentation to the Board on the proposed option to provide improved car parking availability on the Blenheim Parade. Jon Pumfrey referred to a Drawing to explain the proposal, Drawing Number 5LTP4D53/1 – improvement to parking bays.</p> <p>Jon Pumfrey had stated that one of the options would be to install a one-way system to access and exit the parade and shopping area. The Board asked that two disabled parking bays are included at both sides of the parade. Jon Pumfrey advised that the dropped kerb requirements are to be agreed with the Councils Access Officer.</p> <p>Councillor Webb reported that he had consulted with the businesses along the parade and they had stated that they were in favour of the proposal. The Board stated that they would also prefer the grass verge to also be protected. Jon Pumfrey said that he would talk to the Planning Department and Highways and Transport Department regarding installing a couple of bollards.</p> <p>Councillor Webb stated that the businesses had also requested that a maximum of a two hour waiting restriction should also be imposed and that a review of the new restriction should be carried out in 12 months time.</p> <p>Jon Pumfrey advised that he will arrange for a letter to be sent out to the businesses to inform them when the improvement work will commence on the parade.</p> <p>The Board agreed to the proposal received from Jon Pumfrey and thanked him for the updated information and presentation.</p>	
6.	<p>Allestree Parking Beat Survey (Derwent Avenue/Ford Lane)</p> <p>Andrew Jones gave a presentation to the Board on the Allestree Parking Beat Survey. It was noted that residents within the Allestree ward had expressed their concerns to local Councillors and Neighbourhood Board regarding the levels of on street parking generated by the number of businesses located around the Derwent Avenue, Main Avenue and Park Lane junctions of Duffield Road.</p> <p>The reported presented by Andrew Jones summarised the results of the parking beat survey conducted within the area which has been funded by the Allestree Neighbourhood Board.</p> <p>The report had identified three possible options as follows:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 – Make no changes • Option 2 – Implement a limited waiting restriction at the parking area at the junction of Main Avenue and Park Lane and a single yellow line along Derwent Avenue • Option 3 – Implement limited waiting and single yellow line restrictions along Main Avenue, Park Lane, Derwent Avenue and the parking area at the junction of Park Lane and Main Avenue. <p>The Board agreed that the Council should follow the consultation process to allow local residents to have their say and state their preferred option. The consultation will be carried out with local residents and the businesses.</p>	
7.	<p>Neighbourhood Reports</p> <p>Police Update Inspector Keene gave an update on policing and community issues within the Allestree area. Unfortunately, quite recently 18 vehicles had been subjected to criminal damage in the area and a person had been arrested for the offences.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been an increased number of car key burglaries where criminals are taking car keys from homes, this is because cars are now made with better security so thieves need the keys. Inspector Keene reminded everyone to at all times make sure that their vehicles are securely locked and that equipment is also removed from display in vehicles.</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported that the issues regarding anti-social behaviour in Allestree Recreation Ground area had reduced and the service will continue to monitor the area. The 'safe drive operation' had been well received in the Allestree area and there is an excellent Neighbourhood Watch Team helping to support the service.</p> <p>Sergeant Frost reported that she is in the process of setting up a University Community Watch Scheme. Several arrests had taken place in Markeaton Park due to theft and attempted theft of possessions. The Police Surgeries are now taking place on Saturday mornings in the library.</p> <p>Sergeant Frost advised that arrangements had been finalised with the University of Derby for the service to meet with new students which will be living in the halls of residence to advise them on how to keep safe, looking after their belongings and to explain about the car parking responsibilities in the area. The meetings are due to take place during mid September.</p> <p>Inspector Keene gave an update on the recent problems concerning a number of burnt out vehicles and notice boards left abandoned on Allestree Park. The Police Service had increased their patrols in the area to tackle any further problems that may arise.</p>	

	<p>Inspector Keene updated the Board on last year's crime figures stating it is pleasing to note that overall crime had reduced by 41% in the Derby North area. It was noted that the number of assaults had increased by a total of 11 and burglaries from dwellings/shops were a total of 4 reported crimes. The number of reported robberies had also reduced to 5 last year.</p> <p>Inspector Keene gave an update on this year's crime figures and advised that in total all crimes overall had reduced by 0.7%. Unfortunately, there had been an increased number of assault related crimes reported and Sergeant Frost is currently looking into these cases. The number of reported burglaries had increased to 13 and 9 offences of criminal damage had been received.</p> <p>The number of anti-social behaviour cases had reduced by 20% in 2009/10 and reduced a further 10% so far in 2010/11.</p> <p>Councillor Davis on behalf of the Board thanked the Police Service and PCSOs for their hard work, dedication and commitment in the Allestree neighbourhood.</p> <p>Youth Services A copy of the Extended Services Activities Programme for Allestree and Darley areas for summer time July and August 2010 was circulated at the meeting.</p>	
8.	<p>Sub Group Feedback Review and Update</p> <p>Toni Leatherland gave an update to the Board on the future and current review of sub group meetings and explained the terms of reference and role of each sub group.</p> <p>Toni Leatherland asked Board Members if they wish to volunteer to participate in the following two sub groups; parks and open spaces and people & communities.</p> <p>Action – Board Members are to contact Toni Leatherland if they wish to join any of the two sub groups.</p> <p>It was noted that the Friends of Allestree Park usually meet every 6 weeks. Toni Leatherland advised that she will arrange the next youth involvement sub group and will agree the terms of reference for the parks and open spaces and people & communities sub groups.</p>	ALL
9.	<p>Budget Outturn Report</p> <p>The Board received an update report on the Neighbourhood Community Budget 2010/11. The Board noted the contents of the report.</p>	

10.	<p>Community Budget Applications</p> <p>a) Little Chester Residents Association Little Chester Bowls Club are a long established club and hopes to celebrate its centenary in 3 years time. The group own the clubroom and equipment therein and part of this is an old water heating boiler, which has been regularly serviced each year.</p> <p>The club are applying for a contribution towards replacing the boiler.</p> <p>The Board decided to reject the application for funding based on 2 issues, firstly only 17% of it's members are from Allestree and secondly the club is actually outside of the ward.</p> <p>b) Portway Junior School Portway Junior School owns a piece of unused land on site and plan to develop this into a usable outdoor classroom and nature area, which the children can use to develop their understanding of simple ecosystems and diversity and the importance of conservation.</p> <p>Action – Toni Leatherland to contact John Pass to check if the school has any unallocated surplus funding remaining in the budget.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support and fund the application for £950.00 subject to the outcome of Toni Leatherland contacting John Pass.</p> <p>c) Famous Trains Model Railway The project involves replacing the roof of the designated model railway building – the first stage of the building upgrade work. The roof is currently formed of asbestos cement sheeting and must be replaced before any other refurbishment work can begin.</p> <p>The Board decided to reject the application for funding, this is because they have already received £20,000.00 off the City Council towards the project.</p> <p>d) Additional Street Lighting A proposal had been put forward to the Allestree Neighbourhood Board by Councillor Webb, on behalf of residents in the Wickersley Close area for additional street lighting.</p> <p>Action – Toni Leatherland to contact Ted Thorpe to check if the installation covers the revenue cost of the street lighting installation.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support and fund the application for up to a maximum of £3,000 subject to the information received from Ted Thorpe.</p>	<p>TL</p> <p>TL</p>
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	<p>e) I.T Development in the Library</p> <p>Councillor Hickson mentioned the development of It at the Library that he had previously mentioned to the Board, Toni Leatherland stated that no formal application has been received. Board were in favour of developing IT at the Library, however Toni Leatherland needs to receive an application to procede with this any further.</p> <p>f)Derby Community Safety Partnership - Crime Prevention Team</p> <p>The Burglary Reduction Project commenced in 2001 and has since evolved into a broader Crime Prevention Team, which now delivers a comprehensive crime prevention service across the City, mainly concentrated around reducing house burglary, although it does cover other areas such as ‘designing out’ crime and CCTV surveillance. It also acts as a consultative service for partners wishing in incorporate crime prevention within their work area.</p> <p>The Board agreed to defer the application for funding and requested that the Crime Prevention Team researches other funding options.</p> <p>g) Proposal for BMX Skate Area from Resident Young People</p> <p>The Board received a copy of a recent proposal for Allestree Recreation Ground. The plan involved building a skate/bmx park on the site of the disused tennis courts.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the letter received from the local young residents and would like a letter to be sent to the young people on behalf of the Board thanking them for their proposal and keen interest of improving the community.</p> <p>Action – Saadia Davis to send a reply letter and to invite the residents to join future meetings of the Board.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that this is not a viable proposal as there was a lot of investment in a very similar project 7 years ago at Markeaton Park. The Board discussed possible options for improving the previous tennis courts area and suggested researching options for installing seating. Ann Morgan said that the young people could be involved in designing the seating area.</p> <p>Councillor Davis said that she would contact the Cabinet Member for Leisure Services to discuss and come up with possible suggestions for improving the community area.</p> <p>Action – Councillor Davis to update the Board on her discussion with the Cabinet Member for Leisure Services.</p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SD</p>
11.	<p>Future Board and Forum Dates</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20 October 2010 at 6.00 pm at Woodlands School.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm