

# Boulton Neighbourhood Board

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 March 2012

### Present:

Councillor Frank Leeming	Derby City Council (Chair)
Councillor Ranjit Banwait	Derby City Council
Councillor Barbara Jackson	Derby City Council
Insp. Kam Bria	Derbyshire Police
Phil Rees	Derby Homes
Pearl Swann	Local Resident
Win Buchan	Local Resident
Thelma Bradshaw	Local Resident

### In attendance

Richard Smail	Partnership Manager, Derby City Council
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<b>41/11</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>  Councillor Frank Leeming welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Councillor Leeming thanked all Board members for their work during the past year and in particular Andy Mellors who had worked with and supported the Board for many years before leaving the Council. <b>Action – Richard Smail to write to Andy Mellors</b> Apologies for absence were received from, Joe Russo and David Bilton.	<b>ACTION</b>         <b>Richard Smail</b>
<b>42/11</b>	<b>Declarations of Personal Interest and/or Prejudicial Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest made.	
<b>43/11</b>	<b>Late Items</b> No late items	
<b>44/11</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> Minutes of 14 December 2011 were agreed. There were no matters arising	
<b>45/11</b>	<b>Community Budget applications</b>  Richard Smail introduced this report confirming that £611.58 of the Community Budget remained to be allocated and that applications received were in excess of this amount. Board members were reminded that as a guide, amounts awarded should usually be between £50 and £1000, although more could be awarded at the board's discretion. Noted that the Board consider all applications first and then determines the awards afterwards.  <u>Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire – Holloway Road Open Space – £1,600.</u> Councillor Banwait outlined the origins of the proposal and explained that Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire had been invited to produce a proposal that would give access to the space for education,	

	<p>play and family learning and ultimately increase its use as managed space by local residents.</p> <p>The funding will pay for their time to deliver the work including consultation, workshops and training events as well as some plants and materials. Aim to deliver the project between April and September 2012. Draft outline plan of how land could be used was considered.</p> <p>Board members had concerns about planting fruit trees that could attract anti social behaviour and some members wanted reassurance that the investment will reap local benefits as it is possible no 'group' or school buys into the idea. There were also concerns that the appearance of the area will not be changed dramatically, that the land will remain 'fenced off' and all activities will be managed.</p> <p>Richard Smail and Councillor Banwait reassured the Board that the group had a good track record, all the details will be decided after consultation and that none of the ideas had already been agreed.</p> <p>Richard invited the Board to fund with conditions.</p> <p><b>AGREED to approve £611.56</b> with the following conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remaining £1,000 to be considered for allocation after 1 April on submission of an updated proposal and the submission of a monthly written report updating on progress and funding spent.</li> <li>• There will be no additional maintenance costs to Council Grounds Maintenance Team as result of the scheme</li> <li>• Board members are invited to events</li> </ul> <p><u>Dropped kerb Redruth Place</u></p> <p>The Board received a proposal from Councillor Banwait to fund dropped kerbs on Redruth Place – the Board acknowledged that dropped kerbs are a Board priority action and every opportunity to install dropped kerbs will be considered. Councillor Leeming proposed that the Board should have a plan on where they will install kerbs and not be reactive and that the Penzance and Falmouth Road area was where to start.</p> <p>Richard Smail confirmed it will cost £2,500 and can be funded in 2012/13 from the Boards Youth, Safer, Highways budget. The Board asked why the cost was now as high as £2,500.</p> <p><b>Action – Richard Smail to investigate why cost of dropped kerbs had risen so much from last year.</b></p> <p><b>AGREED to consider at June Board meeting</b></p> <p><u>Communications Proposal</u></p> <p>Richard Smail introduced the idea of the Board having a communications budget to help it to promote and publicise its role, purpose, achievements, activities and successes. An Achievements Report had been produced in 2009/10 for each Board by the Council but now all Boards need to fund their own if they want to produce one.</p> <p>Richard Smail distributed an example of one produced this year. The Board recognised the value of the report and supported producing a Boulton achievements report but felt that it needed to be electronic only as people did not tend to pick up and read leaflets.</p> <p><b>AGREED to develop a sub group to look at communications and specifically to put together a Boulton 'Achievements report' for</b></p>	<p>Richard Smail</p>
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	<p><b>2011/12 and to present ideas to the June Board meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Action – All Board members to consider being part of Communications sub group and inform Richard Smail</b> <b>Richard Smail to share the 2009/10 Boulton achievements report</b></p>	<b>All Board</b>										
<b>46/11</b>	<p><b>Boulton Neighbourhood Board priorities and action Plan</b></p> <p>The Board received the report to confirm Board priorities and action plan proposals for 2012/13. Richard Smail outlined how the purpose of the Action Plan is to allow the Board and its partners to show the work taking place to tackle and achieve the agreed Board priorities. Board members can then use this document as a way to review progress and to hold those delivering the actions to account.</p> <p>The Board members were invited to put forward areas to focus on and specific actions to be included in the plan.</p> <p><b>Action – Phil Rees to store Dog Mess Stencils and spray cans at Derby Homes Bingham Street office</b></p> <p><b>AGREED to keep the same Board priorities for 2012/13.</b></p> <p>The table below outlines the proposals put forward:</p> <table><tr><th>Priority</th><th>Actions</th></tr><tr><td><b>1. Reducing crime and improving community safety</b> - with a focus on<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gangs strategy</li><li>Speeding vehicles</li><li>Fear of crime</li></ul></td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community speedwatch</li><li>Deployment of Speed Indicator Devices</li><li>Build on good work with COP's</li><li>Build on targeted mentoring programme and diversionary activities delivered by Enthusiasm</li><li>Police to develop use of SNT newsletter and widen publicity</li><li>Support use of head cameras</li></ul></td></tr><tr><td><b>2. Promoting community cohesion-</b> with a focus on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reducing intergenerational barriers</li></ul></td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support community events and fun days such as Affinity Sutton Carnival, Field Lane FC Fun Day</li><li>Use of Neighbourhood Bus</li><li>Maureen Carter Award</li><li>Support Boulton Community Forum</li><li>Support Big Local</li></ul></td></tr><tr><td><b>3. Improving highways and transportation-</b> with a focus on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accessibility</li><li>Condition of footways</li><li>Safety on the highway</li></ul></td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provision of dropped kerbs</li><li>Slurry sealing footways ( Gilbert Street and Medina Close and Hardhurst Road, Wesley road and Lilley Street)</li><li>Pedestrian refuge on Merrill Way</li><li>Use of dog mess stencil</li></ul></td></tr><tr><td><b>4. Creating opportunities for children and young</b></td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop links with Tesco to provide employment</li></ul></td></tr></table>	Priority	Actions	<b>1. Reducing crime and improving community safety</b> - with a focus on <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gangs strategy</li><li>Speeding vehicles</li><li>Fear of crime</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community speedwatch</li><li>Deployment of Speed Indicator Devices</li><li>Build on good work with COP's</li><li>Build on targeted mentoring programme and diversionary activities delivered by Enthusiasm</li><li>Police to develop use of SNT newsletter and widen publicity</li><li>Support use of head cameras</li></ul>	<b>2. Promoting community cohesion-</b> with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reducing intergenerational barriers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support community events and fun days such as Affinity Sutton Carnival, Field Lane FC Fun Day</li><li>Use of Neighbourhood Bus</li><li>Maureen Carter Award</li><li>Support Boulton Community Forum</li><li>Support Big Local</li></ul>	<b>3. Improving highways and transportation-</b> with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accessibility</li><li>Condition of footways</li><li>Safety on the highway</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provision of dropped kerbs</li><li>Slurry sealing footways ( Gilbert Street and Medina Close and Hardhurst Road, Wesley road and Lilley Street)</li><li>Pedestrian refuge on Merrill Way</li><li>Use of dog mess stencil</li></ul>	<b>4. Creating opportunities for children and young</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop links with Tesco to provide employment</li></ul>	<b>Phil Rees</b>
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	<p><b>5. Improving and promoting education and opportunities-</b> with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop use of Holloway Road open space</li> <li>Engage more with schools to work within the community</li> </ul>	
<b>47/11</b>	<p><b>Streetpride Devolved budget</b></p> <p>Richard Smail introduced the report summarising the Streetpride Devolved budget work completed in 2011/12 and the Boards two priorities in the 2011/12 Local Transport Plan. In addition to confirm the Streetpride Devolved Budget work in 2012/13 and the two Local Transport Plan priorities for 2012/13.</p> <p>The Board noted Streetpride Devolved Budget spend for 2012/13 Slurry Seal on the footways on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gilbert Street - £12,861.83</li> <li>Medina Close - £6,805.20</li> </ul> <p>Total of £19,667.03.</p> <p>The Board noted Local Transport Plan priorities for 2012/13:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merrill Way - Implementation of new pedestrian refuge</li> <li>Slurry sealing footpaths at Hardhurst Road, Wesley Road, Lilley St</li> </ol>		
<b>48/11</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Reports</b></p> <p><u>a). Police – Inspector Kam Bria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had been 9 consecutive years of reduction in crime in the County</li> <li>performance in Boulton Ward was good with 18% reduction in crime and ASB from 1 April 2011 to 29 Feb 2012 compared to the previous year. This was replicated across the whole division</li> <li>Burglaries down 28%, thefts from cars down 31%, ASB offences down 26.9% and 176 fewer calls for service for ASB</li> <li>The Boulton Safer neighbourhood Team now covers the whole of Boulton ward since a reorganisation earlier this year</li> <li>awareness that crime figures are now much lower - after 9 years of reductions - therefore Police preparing for increases in future</li> <li>In response to a query from Councillor Banwait confirmed that number of officers and PCSO's covering Boulton ward is no different than before the reorganisation.</li> <li>In response to query from Councillor Leeming confirmed that no current plans to reduce the staffing resource in Boulton however it is possible that wider Police pressures may mean reallocation could happen in the future.</li> <li>Councillor Banwait asked that Police resources are maintained in Boulton ward and the need for this was shown in the recent Council satisfaction survey.</li> <li>In response to proposal from Winifred Buchan that Police could publicise good news stories to wider audience confirmed that the</li> </ul>		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board to note funding not yet available to be used and Board will be informed when comments are invited on how it can be used.</li> </ul> <p><u>g). Local Development Framework</u> Board noted the content of the Local Development Framework newsletter for Feb 2012 updating everyone in the Derby Housing Market Area ( Amber Valley, Derby City and South Derbyshire) of the outcome of last years consultation on Options for Housing Growth, progress and timetable.</p> <p><u>h). Partnership Manager update</u> No further information to provide</p> <p><u>i). Maureen Carter Award</u> The Board considered the one nomination and agreed to award the Maureen carter Award for 2012 to Joe Russo for his work supporting young people and for getting the Enthusiasm Neighbourhood Bus up and running. A trophy will be presented to Joe at the forum meeting on 14 June.</p> <p><u>j). Speed indicator Device feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board noted the feedback from the Field Lane and Boulton Lane Speed Indicator Devices (SID). Councillor Banwait noted the information can be used to help justify how complaints are responded to</li> <li>Board was reassured that the results showed that speeding was not as big an issue as had been suggested.</li> <li>Board noted that the narrowness of the road on Boulton Lane can give the impression that speeds are higher than they actually are.</li> <li>Field Lane results indicated that there had been a slight reduction in average speed with the SID in place but the speeds were generally within the limit.</li> <li>Boulton Lane results indicated a higher average speed and a bigger reduction but the speeds were also generally within the limit.</li> <li>Board asked for the same feedback from the Crayford Road and Brackens Lane SID instalments</li> <li>Suggestions made for future use at Brackens Lane, by schools and at Community centres</li> </ul> <p><b>AGREED to consider funding from the Boards Budget in 2012/13 for more SID locations</b> <b>Action – Cllr Jackson and Thelma Bradshaw to identify possible SID locations for 2012/13 to consider at next Board meeting</b> <b>Action – Richard Smail to provide information from SIDs at Crayford Road and Brackens Lane</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr Jackson and Thelma Bradshaw Richard Smail</b></p>
49/11	<p><b>Date of next meetings</b> Neighbourhood board on a Thursday at 6.30pm at Watermeadow Road Community Room. <b>28 June, 20 September, 20 December and 21 March 2013</b> Neighbourhood forums on a Thursdays at 6.30pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>14 June at Moorhead Primary School,</b></li> <li><b>6 September at Oakwood Junior School (to be confirmed)</b></li> <li><b>6 December at venue to be confirmed</b></li> </ul>	

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**Summary of Actions:**

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48/11	Councillor Jackson and Thelma Bradshaw to identify possible locations for 2012/13 to consider at next Board meeting
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