

ALVASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 February 2010 at At 6.30pm, Humber Close Community Room

Present:	Councillor Alan Graves	- Chair
	Councillor Paul Bayliss	- DCC
	Inspector Karl Mortimer	- Police
	Chris Doyle	- Enthusiasm
	Jack Wray	- Resident
	Mark Varney	- Cygnet
	Bill McCauley	- Cygnet
	Kevin Winson	- Neighbourhood Watch / Resident
	Caroline Zivoder	- Youth Service
	Jim Dodgson	- Resident
	Brian Farthing	- Neighbourhood Watch/Resident
	Tracy O'Connor	- Housing & Neighbourhood Manager
	Jonathan Till	- Safety & Engagement Officer
	Stephanie Morley	- Minute Taker
Apologies:	Cheryl Elliott	- PCT
	Maddy Hackett	- Resident
	Kath Hardy	- Resident
	Jim Hardy	- Aorta
	Jenna Winson	- Resident / Voices In Action
	Jackie Blaney	- Resident

1/10	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	ACTIONS
	Cllr Graves welcomed those present and additionally introduced Jim Dodgson as a new Board member. Apologies were noted and it was added Adrian Piggott, who had moved on to a new post, was standing down as a Board member.	
2/10	DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST	
	Cllr Graves declared an interest in Item 8.	
3/10	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING	
164/09	The Information Day will now be held on 2 March 2010 between 10.30am and 2.00pm, to take place at Humber Close Community Room.	
166/09	A report from the Fire Service will be added to future agendas, to be raised at general issues / reports.	
169/09	Chris explained Enthusiasm's new team leader in the area was not familiar with issues and this had been the reasoning behind the request for Enthusiasm to present their report at the beginning of Forum	

<p>170/09</p>	<p>meetings. The Chair however, explained it was important for a representative to be present when residents raised their issues and this was duly noted.</p> <p>The location of the 50 empty properties within Alvaston had not been released to Tracy due to data protection. The Chair however, pointed out the Data Protection Act was for the protection of people, not property and therefore requested Tracy enquire what part of the Act prevented the passing on of such information.</p> <p>ACTION: Tracy to seek clarification re why information on empty properties in area may not be released.</p>	<p>Tracy O'Connor</p>
<p>4/10</p>	<p>CYGNET</p> <p>Mark Varney updated the Board on progress. The facility scheduled to open on time with staff starting on 8 March 2010. The first patients will be taken from mid April and a residents' opening event is planned for 25 March, between 4.00pm and 7.30pm, with 350 invitations to be sent out to local residents. A further event will be held for health professionals and the emergency services on 26 March.</p> <p>90% of job vacancies have been filled by local people and local foods will be sourced for the facility.</p> <p>Upon enquiry, Mark confirmed approximately 50 people have been employed and ample parking had been provided for them on site. Concern was raised re parking provision for visitors but Mark assured those present that the 2 disabled spaces and 4 visitor spaces provided would be ample. It was asked what type of patients would be referred to the facility and Mark confirmed low security, male patients would be housed there. 24 hour CCTV is provided and patients leaving the facility for walks would usually be accompanied by staff.</p> <p>Chris asked if a visit for the Youth Forum could be arranged and it was stated Enthusiasm could take make group visit via prior agreement. To arrange this Sam Yates should be contacted on tel: 01332 365434. Councillor Bayliss additionally enquired whether a visit would be possible six months following the opening and it was explained this would not be possible due to patient confidentiality.</p> <p>ACTION: Tracy to publicise 25 March Open Day at next Neighbourhood Forum on 22 March.</p> <p>ACTION: Mark Varney to forward Open Day publicity leaflets to Tracy.</p> <p>Inspector Mortimer enquired whether Cygnet had learned from other facilities re the smooth running of such centres. Mark stated close liaison with the Police, the provision of 24 hour CCTV and Open Days</p>	<p>Tracy O'Connor</p> <p>Mark Varney</p>

	<p>prior to opening a facility were all beneficial, adding there would be a manned reception between 8.30am and 8.00pm.</p> <p><i>(Mark Varney and colleague left the meeting at 6.50pm.)</i></p>	
5/10	LATE ITEMS	
5/10/1	<p>Retirement Councillor Bayliss stated Father MacDonald's last service would be 8 August 2010 and suggested the Board may wish to arrange a leaving present.</p>	
5/10/2	<p>Tim Banton Councillor Bayliss additionally informed members Tim Banton from Highways, had unfortunately suffered a stroke and suggested the Chair write to him offering the Board's best wishes.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to write to Tim Banton / find out who Tim's replacement is.</p>	Chair
5/10/3	<p>Planned Tesco Superstore at Allenton Kelly Edwards had contacted Councillor Bayliss re the proposal to inform him of a consultation event on 26 February. Councillor Bayliss added that issues re traffic and the relocation of Allenton Market, as well as the purchase of properties on Whitechurch Street would all be of concern to local residents and therefore recommended inviting Kelly's team to a future Neighbourhood Forum to give a presentation to residents.</p> <p>ACTION: Tracy to invite Kelly Edwards to future Neighbourhood Forum.</p>	Tracy O'Connor
5/10/4	<p>Derby's Core Strategy Public consultation is currently taking place, with 2 meetings taking place at The Guildhall on 17 February and 18 March 2010. Further events are planned for Neighbourhood Board members on 4 March at the Quad, between 2.00pm and 3.00pm, 4.00pm and 5.30pm and 6.00pm and 7.30pm, and Tracy took the names of members interested in attending these sessions.</p>	
5/10/5	<p>Fencing on Darley Close Concern was raised that this was being repeatedly vandalised and the Council were extremely slow in repairing it. Cllr Graves stated he was bringing pressure to bear on Councillor Troup, the responsible Cabinet Member, who would also be attending the next Forum meeting. 3 manhole covers had also been removed from the site, causing a health and safety concern, but have now been replaced, and local residents are worried the site may be accessed by travellers if the fencing remains insecure for periods of time.</p>	

<p>5/10/6</p> <p>5/10/7</p>	<p>Section 106 Quarterly Report The Chair requested a printout of Alvaston's 106 Agreements be circulated to members.</p> <p>ACTION: Jonathan to circulate copies of 106's to Board members.</p> <p>Flooding Cllr Graves informed the board about a meeting re flooding in the city is taking place in this area on 2 March 2010, to be held at Osmaston Park, and details were duly circulated.</p>	<p>Jonathan Till</p>
<p>6/10</p>	<p>ISSUES RAISED AT ALVASTON FORUM</p> <p>Tracy reported on issues raised. There had been some concern raised re the proposed recycling incinerator at Spondon, although Councillor Bayliss stated he had only received 3 e-mails regarding this issue. It is unsure when the planning application will be heard but members were asked to consider whether the Board wished to put in an objection. Cllr Graves stated he had already made a personal objection and had received numerous calls and emails concerned about the installation. Cllr Bayliss felt the Planning Committee would have to reject the application on the same terms the application for Sinfin had been rejected.</p>	
<p>7/10</p>	<p>ALVASTON ALLOTMENTS UPDATE</p> <p>The Chair reported on his recent meeting with potential allotment holders and informed members one area had been allocated to allotments. However, Environmental Services have stated consultation must take place prior to submission of the planning application for this, and had added they were unable to undertake such consultation until the next financial year. The Chair had therefore offered to deliver consultation letters personally, to which Environmental Services responded that they would after all, deliver them. Overall, progress is quite positive and the Chair hoped the allotments would be in place soon.</p>	
<p>8/10</p> <p>8/10/1</p> <p>8/10/2</p>	<p>BUDGET REPORT & FUNDING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>Alvaston Neighbourhood Board Budget 2009/10 A copy of the reports had been circulated with the Agenda and were considered by members. £3,831.50 remains in the Community Budget, £6,255.50 in the Highways, Youth & Community Budget and nil in the Highways (10K) Budget, making a total budget remaining of £10,087.00.</p> <p>Application for Funding: Field Lane Football Club</p> <p><i>(The Chair had declared an interest at Item 2.10 and left the meeting at this point.)</i></p>	

	<p>An application for £1,747.50 for the provision of football strips and equipment. Boulton Neighbourhood Board have also been approached for funding.</p> <p>Chris stated the Club comprised a great group of lads and additionally suggested they look at additional ways of securing funding such as doing car washes. Councillor Bayliss felt the sum requested to be reasonable and upon enquiry it was confirmed the Club pay for their pitches and were formed in 1982. It was added that once the Pavilion on Alvaston Park had been completed, the Club would play there also.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p> <p><i>(The Chair re-entered the meeting.)</i></p>	
8/10/3	<p>Application for Funding: Patient Link-Hema</p> <p>An application for funding to put towards the provision of 1 x automatic defibrillator. Funding raised by the group so far equals £580.50 and Jonathan stated the group are continuing with their plans for fundraising to raise a further £500.00 towards the total cost of the defibrillator. It was proposed to match fund the £580.50 already raised.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to fund £580.50.</p>	
8/10/4	<p>Application for Funding: BMX Club</p> <p>An application for £675.00 to put towards purchase an anti-vandal container, with Cycle Derby funding £300.00 and the Club funding £300.00 towards the total cost.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p>	
8/10/5	<p>Application for Funding: Upbeat Community Dance</p> <p>An application for £1,000 to put towards a possible event at the Assembly Rooms (a further application for £1,000 made to Sinfin & Osmaston Neighbourhood Board also). Upon enquiry it was stated the group was a voluntary organisation.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p>	
8/10/6	<p>Application for Funding: Alvaston Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>An application for £1,000 to mark out parking bay to 2 car parks off Hodge Beck Close, any remaining surplus to be returned to the Neighbourhood Board. Tracy explained this was to deter ASB parking. Councillor Bayliss felt all 4 car parks in the area should be marked up and Tracy therefore suggested leaving the decision until 29 March to see if any further funding applications were received; if this is not the case, to mark up all 4 car parks. The Chair felt Derby Homes should make a contribution to costs but Tracy explained they were already funding planting in the area and other housing associations owned properties in the vicinity also.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to fund £1000.00 and look at funding further car parks on 29 March 2010.</p>	
8/10/7	<p>Application for Funding: Alvaston Park Friends</p>	

	<p>An application for £1,000 for park event to be held in June 2010. Concern was raised re the charge quoted for Civil Aid to attend the event. However, it was explained this was a volunteer organisation and had to raise money via charging for their services. It was further explained portable toilets had been included in the costings as the Pavilion would not be completed by the time of the event.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to fund in full.</p>	
9/10	OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS / PARTNERS TO RAISE GENERAL ISSUES / RESULTS / REPORTS	
9/10/1	<p>Police Update</p> <p>Inspector Mortimer cited current police priorities in the area as being ASB on Eden Street and the new youth provision on Kedholme Lane. Parking outside St John Fisher School was also raised as a concern at the last Neighbourhood Forum but Kate had stated all avenues open to the Police to deal with this have been exhausted. Despite this, the issue remains on the Police's database of priorities and the PCSOs are continuing to patrol the area as often as possible.</p> <p>Enquiry was made re the house on Eden Street and Inspector Mortimer explained the house, which was a Church house, was being targeted with ASB.</p> <p>The Chair raised the matter of the jitty between Goodwood Drive and Curborough Drive, stating 2 people had expressed concern re ASB here. Inspector Mortimer agreed to investigate.</p> <p>ACTION: Police to investigate ASB, jitty between Goodwood Drive, Curborough Drive / Inspector Mortimer to raise at Tasking.</p> <p>With regard to statistics, ASB reported to be down by 1.5% and overall crime down by 3.3% for Alvaston. One of the largest problems for the area is robbery with 37 in total, year to day, equating to an increase of 9, and extra patrols are taking place at lunchtimes and early evenings to combat this. Shed breaks have also been occurring in the area and extra patrols allocated to deal with these with stop-checks being made. Auto-crime figures are the same as for last year and serious crime down by 36% (from 11 to 7 offences).</p>	Police
9/10/2	<p>Update by Enthusiasm</p> <p>A new team is working in Alvaston and will be introduced at the next Neighbourhood Forum. New projects include the Community Bus Project which will go live in May 2010. Here, a bus has been donated by Arriva and will be used by Enthusiasm across the city in youth outreach work. A bid was submitted to Lloyds TSB Foundation to help fund a new gang strategy and if successful, work will be up and running by 1 April 2010. Young people are being involved in improving their environment via initiatives to remove graffiti and it is hoped to identify an area for further conservation over the coming year. The Chair suggested the</p>	

	<p>small piece of land at the entrance to Alvaston Park as a possible location for this work and additionally suggested Chris may wish to talk to the Chair of Alvaston Park re the use of the community bus.</p>	
9/10/3	<p>Recycling Bins, Garsdale Court</p> <p>Jack expressed concern these had not been provided, adding that older residents found it difficult to recycle. Tracy explained older residents were able to request extra help re this and suggested anyone wishing to benefit from this should contact Waste Management.</p>	
9/10/4	<p>Youth Service Update</p> <p>Carolyn thanked everyone for distributing publicity for recent events. An Open Day would take place this Wednesday and all were asked to hand out leaflets promoting this. The climbing wall will be present and street dancing will be taking place. The Youth Service are currently working closely with Sporting Futures who have a coaching programme for young people. Although off to a rocky start, the Friday youth club has been successful over the last 2 Fridays, with approximately 20 young people attending. Since September, outreach work has been taking place on Keldholme Lane on Wednesdays between 6.30pm and 8.30pm but few young people have been seen out and about at these times, and members were therefore requested to promote this work.</p> <p>Tracy requested a list of all coming Youth Service events in the area be updated every Quarter and asked that Carolyn additionally provided this information to Aorta.</p> <p>ACTION: Carolyn to update Youth Service events on quarterly basis, provide updated list to Aorta and advertise events on DCC Website.</p> <p>Carolyn also reported on work being done to design a programme for 'the women' involved with gang members, entitled 'Independent Ladies'. Referrals for the programme are welcomed.</p>	Carolyn Zivoder
9/10/5	<p>Derby Homes Update</p> <p>Tracy reported the Supported Living Service was being extended to all residents over 60 years of age; those benefiting from Housing Benefit would receive the service free of charge.</p> <p>An event for Board members on engaging young people is planned at Derwent – those interested passed their name to Tracy. A project launch for the Youth Sector Development Fund takes place on the 18 February 2010 between 12.00pm and 4.00pm at De Vinci College.</p> <p>Groundwork are providing a free gardening service until the end of March for those who have difficulty doing their gardens and a Derby Homes Information Day for Older People is taking place at Humber Close Community Room and free soup and a roll will be provided. Leaflets will be circulated shortly.</p>	

9/10/6	<p>Fire Service Update</p> <p>Tracy met with the Fire Service recently to talk about secondary bin fires and whilst these are of concern, they are worse in other areas of the city. Fire checks will also be offered to new Derby Homes tenants by the Fire Service and children will also be targeted with fire safety advice within the schools.</p>	
10/10	<p>EMPTY PROPERTY ON CHURCH STREET</p> <p>Councillor Bayliss had requested this item be placed on the Agenda and explained the Council had only limited powers to intervene where properties were kept badly. Despite this, he felt action should be taken against the owners of this property and therefore requested Tracy invite the appropriate Cabinet Member to the next meeting to discuss this further.</p> <p>ACTION: Tracy to contact Councillor Troup to inform him empty property on Church Street will be raised as an issue when he attends the next meeting.</p>	Tracy O'Connor
11/10	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>The next Neighbourhood Forum Meeting to be held 22 March 2010 at 6.30pm.</p> <p>The next Neighbourhood Board Meeting to be held 29 March 2010 at 6.30pm.</p>	