SPONDON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13 February 2013 at St Werburgh's Church Parish Rooms, Church Street,

Present:

Councillor Jennings (Chair)

Councillor Williams

Insp Roberts

Derby City Council

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Derbyshire Police

Mark Davis - Spondon Traders Association
Corinne Eyre - Church of St Werburgh's

Susan Miller - Resident

Beth Cholerton Spondon Youth Club Sian Howard Spondon Youth Club

In Attendance:

Richard Smail - Partnership Manager Ruth Hardy - CYP Youth Worker

Apologies

Councillor Poulter Derby City Council

Father Julian Hollywell Resident

Cliff Perry Asterdale school

Steve Bowdler Resident Peter Berry Resident

Jennifer Slatcher - Spondon Community Association

Nicole Cokayne Young Mums Group Courtney Austin Spondon Youth Club Jodie Miller Spondon Youth Club

Steve Baguley Children and Young Peoples Service

Item		Action
53/12	Introductions	
	Councillor Jennings welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions	
	made. Apologies as above	
54/12	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising	
J7/ 12	Minutes	
	The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2012 were	
	agreed as an accurate record.	
	Matters Arising.	
	Matters arising from 12 December were::	
	43/12. Ruth Hardy to update on:	
	 future role and level of support for the younger Board members 	
	 future funding for Craddock Avenue Youth Club 	
	Agreed that Steve Baguley would provide the update on future funding	
	options	
	47/12. Richard Smail to report back Board resolution to object to	
	section 106 funding for Acorn Way crossing - completed	
	48/12 Everyone to promote Young team of the Year Award – ongoing	
	now on Spondon online and so far two nominations received.	

55/11	Late Items Agreed None	
56/12	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations of Interest	
57/12	Youth Club and Young People in Spondon Report	
	Sian and Beth reported that they are attending the Friday night Zumba group again and is going well. They reported that their attendance at the Youth Clubs has reduced and that along with a lot of their friends and other young people they go to Chapelside on a number of evenings each week. They explained that young people like to gather at this location because its central, there are places to buy food and sweets and hot drinks from the coffee machine.	
	They recognised that the large numbers of young people who gather at Chapelside are the problem and that some do not live in Spondon. While there have been incidents of adults not treating the younger people with respect - which should not be tolerated, they recognised that this location is where people live and visit to use the local shops and services.	
	Inspector Roberts explained that the problem of large groups regularly gathering and intimidating local people had continued even though attempts to engage and educate the young people had started back in October 2012. In January there had been 38 calls for service from Chapelside and therefore he had initiated Operation Bury to provide a high visibility police presence.	
	This means more Police enforcement rather than education and interventions alone. He had instructed his safer neighbourhood team not tolerate any public order offences, criminal damage or nuisance and to arrest offenders. On the first night of the operation last week the young people were dispersed to Brunswood Park and while the Police then received calls for service from local residents about noise, he explained that the park is a more suitable place for such large groups than the shopping precinct. Break out and other services attended with his officers to engage and educate young people about drugs and alcohol and will continue to be involved.	
	Inspector Roberts asked that Beth and Sian let the other young people know that Operation Bury will continue in the coming weeks and that Chapelside is not a place where young people should gather. He advised them to take up the offers that are available to them such as attending Ozbox and the youth clubs which were being provided for them. He confirmed the Police will be using video, that the mobile cctv camera is now in place to gather evidence and act as a deterrent and that an application for a section 30 order is currently being progressed.	
	Councillor Jennings pointed out the young people who gather at Chapelside have a choice – they can go to other places or they can walk away after they have purchased sweets and drinks. They do not have to go to Chapelside and they do not need to stay there when they have met up with friends. He thanked Beth and Sian for contributing to the discussion	

and for their support in helping to communicate the messages to other young people. He confirmed the Police and Spondon Board would not tolerate people feeling intimidated and he also clarified that the concerns about young people at Chapelside were not specifically aimed at Beth or Sian. 58/12 Youth Service provision in Spondon While Steve Baguley had been unavoidable detained elsewhere and could not provide an update, Councillor Williams provided some context to the item explaining that funding reductions for the youth service next year had been agreed at the recent Council meeting. Councillor Williams explained that this meant the youth club sessional staff who support the youth clubs were now at risk of losing their jobs from April and therefore youth clubs were likely not to run after April. Councillor Williams confirmed that she had started a dialogue with Steve Baguley the Head of Service, about the impact on youth service provision in Spondon. Councillor Williams outlined options could include commissioning the Youth Service to provide a specific Spondon based service. This commitment would need to be communicated before the sessional staff were made redundant. It was pointed out that the Youth Service youth club offer is different to the service provided by other youth clubs. Their offer involves more than recreational activities and includes educational programmes and sessions run by trained staff. The Board needs to be mindful of value for money and to know that the numbers attending make the cost of the service worthwhile. The numbers attending are as important as making sure a service is provided. The Board supported the proposal for Councillor Williams to work with Steve to identify options for the future of the youth service in Spondon and to identify the cost of other activities/options such as Sporting Futures, Enthusiasm and independent youth clubs like the 'Cellar Club' and Springfield school Youth club. CIIr The Board noted that their next year's budgets had not been confirmed and **Williams** that they are likely to be reduced in 2013/14. The Board agreed in principle to provide some funding depending on the options that come forward. Action: Councillor Williams work with Steve Baguley to identify youth service options for the Board to consider funding in 2013/14. 59/12 **Police Report** Insp Roberts reported that Sergeant Graham Young would be leaving the Spondon SNT at the end of March and would be moving to Derby North as a reactive Patrol Sergeant. This was part of a reorganisation of the Derby North section and allowed a second Sergeant to be on duty on a shift that is the busiest in the whole Derbyshire constabulary. Sergeant Woods would n now be responsible for all four wards in Derby north east working out of Roe Farm station.

On behalf of the Board Councillor Jennings thanked Sergeant Young for his excellent work in Spondon and wished him the best in his new role.

Inspector Roberts updated on some recent statistics – which are available in the latest monthly Beas report. Particular expressed to PCSO bannister for her work with Safer Spondon and promoting Smartwater for victims of burglaries.

In addition to the information in the previous item about how the problems at Chapelside are being tackled he confirmed that the file to request a Section 30 order for Spondon had been collated and he was currently assessing it. Also, over 420 Community feedback letters have been distributed around locations where ASB has been reported in Spondon including Chapelside. This gives opportunity for residents to explain what issues are effecting them.

60/12 | Neighbourhood Board Budget and Funding Applications

The Board received a report detailing the Neighbourhood Board Budgets for 2012/13. The Board had received a total of £16,000 to allocate in 2012/13.

The Board considered the following two proposals and applications for funding and recommended the decisions to the Ward committee. The Board noted all £16,000 funding had now been allocated.

1. <u>Communications proposal (payable to Spondon Community Association)</u>

The Board considered a series of options to improve the online communications offer. While a number of the options outlined will need significant funding the Board fully supported the development of a Mobile App version of the Spondon online website. This will significantly improve the accessibility of information for the growing number of smartphone users. The App will be developed with a £60 one off charge plus £67 a year. Steve Allen will manage the work. The Board specifically liked the opportunity for the App to became sustainable as costs can be recouped by links to mother Spondon websites for a small charge.

Board noted C&C of Spondon monthly articles will need funding after June 2013 and annual village wide SCAN is due in May. Existing budget of £825 will not cover both costs and more funding needed next financial year. The £127 cost for the App will be paid from the funds held by SCA using £125 allocated at this meeting.

The Board noted the survey taking place to help inform the Board about potential future efficiency savings with its communications offer.

Agreed £125 from Youth Safer Highways budget for Communications Proposal to be paid to Spondon Community Association.

2. Spondon Neighbourhood Team - anti sit bars

This proposal is to fund an extension to the existing anti sit bars on Chapelside. The proposal was deferred in October 2012 asking for more evidence that they will provide an appropriate solution to the problem. Since October the problem of anti-social behaviour has continued around Chapelside. It has been a Police priority for many months. A number of recent meetings have taken place to build up a series of interventions and

solutions to tackle this problem. No one solution is felt will solve the problems. It needs a mix of education, enforcement and adapting the location to make both a short term and longer term impact.

Partners acknowledge that the anti sit bars have done a good job at deterring people from sitting on the low walls on the front and displaced the problem along the wall.

Insp Roberts considered that the use of more anti sit bars will significantly help reduce the problems being experienced at this location.

Agreed to fund £1,125 for anti sit bars from the Youth Safer Highways Budget.

The work will be subject to the agreement of Tanners the agents to repair the wall and agree to the anti sit bars being installed.

Detail	Budget	Amount
Spondon Neighbourhood Team ((Langley Gates) for Anti sit bars on Chapelside	Youth Highways, Community Safety	£1,125
Communications project (Spondon Community Association)	Youth Highways, Community Safety	£125

61/12 Network Rail Crossing Diversion Plan

The Board considered the report outlining the request from Network Rail to extinguish or divert the pedestrian rail crossing on Megaloughton Lane. The Board noted the opportunity to comment and agreed that on safety grounds alone the proposal is supported. The Board noted that there is only a small number of uses of the crossing (70 in 10 days in December 2012) and likely that this is made up of an even smaller number of individual users. The Board considered that the amount of inconvenience for the few people who use the crossing carries less weight than the improvement in their safety and the saving of lives should the crossing be diverted or extinguished. The Board recognised the route is used by cyclists but it is not part of Route 66 – which is the main cycle route being promoted in this area and uses Station Road, Celanese road and Megaloughton lane. The Board considered the suggested alternative diverted route appeared reasonable and should cyclists not wish to carry cycles up the steps across the bridge route 66 was an option.

Action: Richard Smail to report back Board response to support the proposed closure of the pedestrian rail crossing

Richard

Smail

62/12 Streetpride Devolved Budget 2012/13 and 2013/14, Local Transport Plan (LTP) priorities and section 106 funding

The Board noted the progress to deliver the 2012/13 Streetpride Devolved Budget projects. In particular the work being completed using the previously unallocated £5,469 including the work at Lodge Lane steps that had been completed. The Board noted the thanks and appreciation for this work made by George Hawksworth who had campaigned for some time to see improvements at this location. Board members also noted the improvements with the refurbished street

name plates.

The Board supported the designs proposed for the carving in the Sensory garden commented on the To update on Streetpride Devolved Budget and LTP priorities 2012/13.

The Board noted that the amount of funding available for the Streetpride Devolved Budget for 2013/14 had not been confirmed. While the Board did not put the items into priority order, this task was delegated to the Highways Sub Group when the budget is known. The sub group will also need to confirm details for some of the items.

Cllr Poulter and Highways Sub Group

ACTION: Highways Sub Group to prioritise Streetpride Spend Plan and confirm details for specific items

63/12 | Section 106 in Spondon

The Board considered their recommendations to the four section 106 programme funding available for allocation in Spondon and agreed:

CitC-01 – City Contracting £49,510 – Board noted officers propose to commit all the funding to upgrade crossing on Acorn Way to a Toucan crossing. Board reconfirmed their resolution not to support the proposal as outlined in the Highways and Transport Programme for 2013/14. However, the Board noted there were no specific costs for the proposed work.

SRSp2-01 – Rhapsody Development £16,024.91 – Board noted £1,846.09 had been used in 2012 to enhance Canal Walkway. No current Board recommendations for the remaining funding.

SRSp2-03 – Rhapsody Development £1,238 – Board noted already committed to Station Road/Derby Road Traffic island landscaping.

Boc1- 01 – BOC Gases Raynesway £20,340 – Board noted that while the Board had previously acknowledged in 2011 this funding would be committed to the A6 corridor Transport improvements – in line with the section 106 agreement, it hadn't previously been specifically to be used on London Road Bridge.

Councillor Williams supported by Councillor Jennings expressed her concern about the system in place for agreeing the section 106 heads of terms. While the process does give an opportunity to comment at planning application stage by submitting views on the Community impact, access to the draft heads of terms does not take place. Even taking account of sensitive financial data that is not available to the public there is no way to ensure Boards priorities are being interpreted accurately thus removing genuine opportunity to influence the heads of terms content. Councillor Williams proposed that the opportunity to contribute to the heads of terms should start earlier and well before they appear on the website as a public document. At minimum Neighbourhood Boards should be given a 'heads up' on the likely content to be included when the negotiations are nearing completion. The Board supported more involvement in the ways to influence the heads of terms.

ACTION: Richard Smail to feedback Board resolutions

Richard

	ACTION: Richard Smail to feedback the Boards request to receive more opportunities to genuinely influence the heads of terms	Smail
64/12	Spondon Neighbourhood Board Sub Group Reports and Action Plan Update	
	Highways Cleaner Greener – Richard Smail referred to the work done to deliver the Streetpride Devolved budget spend plans and the groups involvement in the resurfacing of Sitwell Street footways. Richard shared the details of the diversion plan in place and the proposed diversion days and times for cars, buses and local residents.	
	Mark Davis expressed his concern about the misinformation provided within the letter sent out by Carillion, especially to the businesses on Sitwell Street and the advance diversion signs which indicate the road is closed all Saturday daytime. He confirmed he will be writing to the Council.	
	Communications - Steve Allen	
	Steve Allen thanked the Board for the opportunity to outline the way various online electronic communications are currently reaching a wide audience in Spondon.	
	Spondon Online $-4,050$ visits a month. Aim is to refresh to make easier to use, consider advertising, integrate with facebook and create a Mobile App version. The Board funding for this proposal is welcomed.	
	Spondon facebook – 1,090 people 'like' the page as of January 2013. Average of 40 new 'likes' a month. However, the introduction of old photos has significantly increased its use with the photos of Raj's attracting 150 'likes' on its own. Aim is to grow the number of 'likes' and widen usage to other 'communities'.	
	Spondon twitter - 262 followers. Currently populated by copies of posts to the facebook page.	
	Spondon e-newsletter – 575 subscribers. Read by an average of 47% of subscribers. Aim is to get more subscribers.	
	Steve outlined the plans for the Communication Survey that has been put together and is now being completed online. The intention is to find out which methods are most used, most well known and could be rationalised. The survey is available on line, with hard copies going into Libraries, shops, Youth clubs and also copies will be completed on the Spondon streets with support from volunteers.	Councillor Williams, Councillor Poulter,
	ACTION: Councillor Williams, Councillor Poulter, Peter Berry and Sue Miller agreed to support this and get surveys completed.	Peter Berry and Sue
	Councillor Jennings thanked Steve for all the work he is doing to support the Board and the Spondon community in his own time. It should be recognised that the progress and significant impact the communications offer has in Spondon owes a lot to his commitment, dedication and skills.	Miller.
	ACTION: Steve Allen to produce a poster to encourage publicity of the survey	Steve Allen

	Safer Spondon –	
	Sue reported that the Sub Group had sold 100 purse bells. They were linking well with the Police to use Smartwater for burglary victims. The group was taking part in the Community Safety Day coordinated by PCSO Bannister at ASDA. Sue hoped to sell a lot of the older stock that was gathering dust. Shed Alarms being sold for £2 with a sign. The Safer Spondon website http://www.saferspondon.co.uk/ was progressing.	
	Councillor Jennings thanked Sue for her work and report.	
	Spondon Youth Initiative	
	Councillor Williams reported on a recent meeting of SYI involving the Police, Youth Service and Sporting Futures where discussions took place around coordinating the activities and interventions for young people in Spondon. In light of the feedback from last years Summer holiday activities programme it was agreed to make Summer Holiday activities a priority to compliment Youth Services provision. Sporting Futures tasked with producing options for how their service can deliver interventions with their remaining funding.	Councillor
	ACTION: Councillor Williams to feedback options for activities provided by Sporting Futures	Williams
	Village Rejuvenation Team - Mark Davis agreed to circulate an update by	
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