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NORMANTON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD
12 December 2011

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19 September 2011 at Austin Neighbourhood Base, Browning Circle

Present:	Councillor Hardyal Dhindsa	Chair, DCC
	Councillor Jangir Khan	Vice Chair, DCC
	Councillor Balbir Sandhu	Vice Chair, DCC
	Richard Keene	Derbyshire Police
	Neil Barber, St Giles Church	Resident Board Member
	Mahroof Mohammed	Youth Service, DCC
	Gopa Nath	Surtal Asian Arts
	Sue Cliff	Resident Board Member
	David Butler	Resident Board Member

In attendance: Andy Thomas, Head of Neighbourhood Services, City and Neighbourhoods Partnerships; Michael Kay, Head of Environmental Protection; Kully Kaur Boden, Area Coordinator (West) DCC Streetpride; Colin Avison, Neighbourhood Manager; Verna Bayliss and Sue Jacklin, Partnership Co-ordinators CNPs; Tim Banton, Area Traffic Engineer

Apologies ; Marissa Powley - Resident , Carla Mathurin - Resident, Jill Lamb – Resident, Dave Lamb – Resident, Sajda Kauser-Derby City PCT; Wesley Davidson - Youth Service, DCC

36./11-12	Welcome and introductions Councillor Khan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made. Apologies were recorded. Councillor Dhindsa arrived and took over the Chair	Action
37./11-12	Declarations of Interest None	
38./11-12	Late Items None	
39./11-12	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting were agreed. Matters arising and agreed actions <i>Parking on Belvoir Street:</i> Following the COPS event in the area, the Ikhlās Centre had been provide with some traffic cones and a high-vis vest to help them supervise the parking of those using their centre. No parking complaints had been received since.	

	EDL March: This did not go ahead but concerns remained that the EDL will target Derby in the future.	
40./11-12	<p>Roma Task Force – Andy Thomas</p> <p>Andy reported that work was on-going. Issues that were still arising were mainly environmental crime and housing related. The issues remained a key priority.</p> <p>Through the complex cases group work continued toward prevention through improved access to education, social care, housing tenure and income maximisation.</p>	
41./11-12	<p>Environmental Protection - Mike Kay</p> <p>Mike explained that capacity issues had meant that previously there had been delays in responding to concerns raised and that this had impacted on the area as around 90% of enviro-crime in Derby took place in the Normanton / Arboretum area. However a new response service would soon be launched. This was being piloted currently and would go live in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The new service involved 6 full time equivalent officers working over three shifts each day. This included an early shift, an office hours shift and a late shift who would be available till 2am Thurs to Sunday. The late shift would mainly focus on noise related complaints complementing information provided through the existing diary and noise monitoring equipment systems.</p> <p>Officers will be following up complaints and evidence finds around hot spot locations. The officers will be out on the streets, will be very visible and will be knocking on the doors of both complainants and perpetrators. The teams will be mobile with a van equipped with CCTV and have evidence cameras as well.</p> <p>The new service will be available city wide but it was likely that with the majority of issues concentrated in the Normanton and Arboretum wards that much of there work will be within this area.</p> <p>Mike stated that he would ensure that there were team members available at local Forums in the area to promote the service. A press release would be made soon that included the launch of the 24/7 hotline.</p> <p>Mike went on to explain about proposals that were being discussed to introduce a registration scheme for landlords. This would involve the designation of a defined area. Within that area, all landlords letting property for domestic residence would be required to register. If a landlord failed to register or did not operate within the required regulations then they would not be allowed to let their property or properties. Very much at the early stages, much work needed to be done before the scheme could be introduced. Discussions were taking place with other Local Authorities that had already introduced similar schemes to learn from their implementation. The subject would be broached with the Normanton and Pear tree landlord Association in due course.</p> <p>It was anticipated that a scheme would take around 12 months to be introduced.</p> <p>Councillor Dhindsa asked if statistics could be provided to illustrate the number of environmental protection issues within the Normanton /</p>	

	<p>Arboretum wards in comparison to the whole city.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the introduction of the new environmental response service and strongly supported the introduction of registration scheme for landlords within the Normanton ward and asked Mike to keep the Board updated on progress.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p>
42/11-12	<p>Police Update – Inspector Richard Keene</p> <p>Inspector Keene explained that crime statistics were collected on a Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) basis and that Normanton ward was covered by 2 distinct SNT areas: Austin SNT and Pear Tree SNT and therefore the crime statistics provided reflected this.</p> <p>Austin SNT area: The neighbourhood priorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB in the Caxton street / Coleridge Street area – this area was relatively quiet at the moment. The recent stabbing incident on Sunnyhill Avenue was not gang related but was drink related, • Mini motos – calls for service for this type of problem were very low probably due to several Section 59 warnings being issued to vehicle owners, • Metal thefts – these were a concern across Derbyshire. Operation Calanthia was underway and was achieving some successes. <p>For the year to date since April 1st the overall crime rate was down 25%. Assaults ↓ 48%, Dwelling burglary ↓ 5%, Theft from vehicles ↓ 37%, Theft of vehicles ↓ 25%, Criminal Damage ↓ 21%. Non dwelling burglaries were up by 2 offences from 12 to 14.</p> <p>The detection rate for all crime was 30.4%, up nearly 3%.</p> <p>Calls to the Police regarding ASB were down 25%</p> <p>Pear Tree SNT area: The neighbourhood priorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB in the Stanton Street area – CCTV was not in place in the area, incidents had calls had reduced. • Prostitution - Most activity had moved towards the Normanton Road area. Operation Scarlet patrols continued and brothels were targeted when they were identified. • General ASB and crime – This was targeting street drinkers. <p>For the year to date since April 1st the overall crime rate was down 5%. Assaults ↓ 15%, Robbery ↓ 8%, Non dwelling burglaries ↓ 9%, Theft from vehicles ↓ 43%, Theft of vehicles ↓ 22%, Interference with vehicles ↓ 50% Criminal damage ↓ 11%.</p> <p>Drug offences were up but this was as a result of proactive policing with stop / searches and targeting cannabis farms.</p> <p>Dwelling burglaries were up 42%. Recent overnight burglaries were being tackled with plain clothes covert patrols; some good arrests being made however, the majority of burglaries were at properties that were insecure.</p> <p>Operation Calanthia was targeting metal thefts. A recent find included a hoard of road signs at a scrap metal merchants.</p>	

	<p>An objection had been received regarding reducing the amount of on-street parking. Tim had visited and observed a bin lorry in operation on site. The lorry had encountered difficulties due to parked vehicles. The proposals would be 'tweaked' to maximise the retention of on-street parking.</p> <p>Pear Tree Street Parking restrictions</p> <p>No objections had been received and the proposal would be enacted as is.</p> <p>North Normanton One Way System</p> <p>One negative comment had been received from a resident. Tim provided a copy of a report on the consultation – attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support the implementation of the proposals and agreed to contribute £2500 from the Streetpride Devolved budget for 2010/11 in place of the 20mph speeding project which in turn would be reconsidered for 2012/13.</p> <p>A formal objection had been received from Arriva regarding the relaxation of parking restrictions on Upper Dale Road that was included in the one way system proposals. It was decided that this proposal would go ahead however the situation would be monitored</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
47./11-12	<p>Local Transport Plan 2012/13 – Tim Banton</p> <p>Information has been provided about the process in the Board papers for the meeting.</p> <p>2 local ward priorities were required by November 8th in order to be included in the budget for next year.</p> <p>It was agreed that all Board members should be contacted by email and asked to send in any observations or recommendations.</p> <p>Ward Councillors would then meet and decide on the priorities.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>
48./11-12	<p>Forum Feedback</p> <p>Pear Tree Forum – Some Roma related issues had been raised. Many of the attendees were not from Normanton ward. This was because of the move from Pear Tree School venue. The database would be reviewed to remove the Arboretum ward residents. Their details would be provided to the Arboretum Ward neighbourhood Manager for inclusion in the invitations to Arboretum Ward Neighbourhood Forums</p>	<p>CA</p>
49./11-12	<p>Derby Plan and Neighbourhood Priorities</p> <p>Colin Avison, Verna Bayliss and Sue Jacklin introduced this item.</p> <p>Following discussion the Board agreed that a working group should be established to make recommendations on priorities for the ward and linkages with Derby Plan.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the working group should focus on priorities linked to the Stronger and Safer Communities Board and the Children, Families and Learners Board as issues relating to these two themes were of most immediate concerns to the communities within Normanton Ward.</p>	<p>CA</p>
50./11-12	<p>Surtal Asian Arts</p> <p>Gopa Nath explained that Surtal Asian Arts organised two festivals annually</p>	

	<p>within Derby. These were the South Asian Arts Festival and the Derby Festival of Light. Around 40% of the festival's attendees were from outside the area. However, due to funding pressures Surtal Asian Arts would be struggling to be able to deliver the festivals in future. Gopa asked for the support of the Board to create a joint working group with Arboretum and Abbey Neighbourhood Boards.</p> <p>Following discussion where it was highlighted that there was a need to develop a joined up cultural plan for the area that incorporated the needs of the whole community.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support the establishment of a working group to be organised by Gopa to develop a cultural plan for the 3 wards area and a sub group of that working group to specifically consider festivals. The Board also agreed that this working group should link with the Derby Active Culture Board and the soon to be launched Cultural Strategy for Derby.</p>	GN
51./11-12	<p>Sunnyhill Community Centre</p> <p>The Chair explained that the Centre was in a financially precarious position and needed to both market the centre to users and attract additional income. While the centre was used for the majority of time, the centre management committee were struggling to cover costs and had recently had to reduce staff numbers and reduce the remaining staff's hours.</p> <p>The Board agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the management committee to explore issues and opportunities.</p> <p><i>[Please note that this meeting has now been put off until the New Year]</i></p>	CA
52./11-12	<p>Neighbourhood Budgets</p> <p>The following applications were discussed and recommendations to the Ward Committee were made as set out below.</p> <p><u>Community Budget</u></p> <p>Roma Heart: Agreed to recommend that the Ward Committee award £500.</p> <p><u>Youth and Community Safety Budget</u></p> <p>Derby County in the Community: Agreed to recommend that the Ward Committee award £500</p>	
53./11-12	<p>Summer Holiday Activity Programme</p> <p>It was reported that the programme had been very successful with an average of over 30 activities per week across Normanton and Arboretum wards.</p>	
54./11-12	<p>Normanton and Arboretum Newsletter – PIS</p> <p>Colin Avison reported that an agreement has been made with Public Information Services Ltd (PIS) to produce a booklet containing information from Normanton and Arboretum wards. The booklet would be available in March 2012. 50% of the booklet would be advertisements sourced by PIS, the remaining pages would be equally shared between Normanton and Arboretum wards. The content of advertisements was fully in our control and the final version of the booklet would be vetted before publication.</p> <p>The content of the local pages will need to be developed and agreed in due</p>	Chair / CA

	course.	
55./11-12	New Petitions None received	
56./11-12	Section 106 No allocations	
57./11-12	Stenson Road SID Information <p>The SID on Stenson Road had now been moved to the top of Walbrook Road.</p> <p>The data of traffic flows for the last 15 days from the SID at the Stenson Road location were presented as charts in the Board papers. The information indicated that most vehicles were driving within the speed limit and most of those that were exceeding the speed limit were exceeding the limit by less than 5 mph.</p> <p>The worst period for speeding was between 2am to 5am when a very small number of vehicles (low single figures per day) exceeded the speed limit by a large amount.</p> <p>The Board noted the information</p>	
58./11-12	Forum and Board meeting dates <p>Noted</p>	
59./11-12	Date of next meeting 12th December 2011, 6pm, Austin Neighbourhood Base, Browning Circle	

Appendix 1

Report by Traffic Management to Normanton Neighbourhood Board on progress to introduce one ways on Crewe Street, Violet Street and St Giles Road. 19 Sept 11

Background

A consultation exercise carried out in 2010 showed a high level of local support for the introduction of one way streets, which in turn was highlighted as a priority by the Neighbourhood Board.

Advertised Proposals

The formal Traffic Regulation Order consultation which ended on the 9 September proposed to revoke the no waiting at any time on Crewe Street near to its junction with Pear Tree Road and on Upper Dale Road on its eastern side between Violet Street and St Giles Road. It also proposed to make Crewe Street, Violet Street and St Giles Road one way as shown on the attached drawing TMD/102/11

Objections

During the consultation process a formal objection was received from Arriva with regards to the removal of the double yellow lines on Upper Dale Road as they believe it will impede the progress of buses along this route. Service 36 and 37 operate a high frequency service along Upper Dale Road and they are already subject to delays at the bottom of Normanton Road, in Babington Lane and around the Spot.

Officer comment

- ✓ Whilst it is recognised that Upper Dale Road is on a scheduled bus route, the effect of the removal of the double yellow lines between Violet Street and St Giles Road is felt to be sufficiently far from the speed cushions and bus stops so as not to cause delay.
- ✓ There are already issues with vehicles contravening the restrictions as shown.
- ✓ The provision of a legitimate place to park will perhaps encourage drivers to not park so close to the speed cushions as they do at present, thereby benefiting the buses.
- ✗ The current double yellow lines allow for loading and unloading, whilst removal of the yellow lines may result in long term parking by residents or commuters, which in turn may result in more on street parking, in inappropriate locations.



Officer recommendation

To progress with removing the double yellow lines and monitor the changes in parking habits, with a view to introducing limited waiting during the day to ensure a turnover of vehicles, if long term parking is an issue.

Although not registered as a formal objection a number of questions were raised by a resident of Crewe Street (including being raised at a Council meeting on the 12 September)

The consultation process was questioned, and concerns were raised about:

- forcing extra traffic onto Walbrook Road
- increased vehicle speeds following introduction of one ways

A number of alternative suggestions were also put forward for consideration.

Officer comment

Initial consultation with local residents last year showed significant support for the proposals.

The advertised proposals do not force all drivers to use Walbrook Road. Residents of Middleton Street can use Walbrook Rd, Violet St, Crewe St or St James Rd when leaving the street and Walbrook Rd, St Giles Rd, St James Rd, or Goodale St via Joseph St or Portland St when accessing the street, much the same as they do currently. Those on Violet Street and Crewe Street will have to abide by the one way and continue to Upper Dale Road or Pear Tree Road when leaving but have the same choice as those on Middleton Street when arriving. As there is little opportunity for drivers to turn round on these streets currently, I suspect journeys should be pretty much the same distance as before, just more directed and with less conflicts resulting in vehicles having to reverse.

Increased vehicle speeds are a concern when introducing one way traffic, but it is considered that these proposals will generally reduce the number of conflicts currently experienced by vehicles on these narrow terraced streets. Vehicle speeds should be restrained by the existing traffic calming of round top road humps and raised plateaus, and drivers may feel under less pressure to reach the end of the street before meeting an oncoming vehicle. However this is something we will monitor carefully. This is also one of the reasons the one ways on Crewe Street were picked in opposite directions to discourage its use as a cut-through, and remove some of the conflicting traffic manoeuvres at the Middleton Street junction.

The alternatives suggested have been given consideration; however they are very difficult if not impossible to introduce without acquiring additional land:

- turning areas for vehicles would be required if the roads were closed at Middleton Street
- echelon parking requires more space than conventional kerb side parking
- provision of passing places would result in fewer on-street parking places which is unlikely to be acceptable given the demand for on street parking in this area

What next?

Take back the comments from the Neighbourhood Board and Ward Councillors to the Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods, with the recommendation to continue the TRO process and proceed to making the order as advertised, subject to the comments from the board.

As there are no specific capital funds allocated for implementation of the project in this years budget the suggestion that the board may be able to contribute £2,500 towards the scheme would be gratefully received.