

# Minutes Allestree Neighbourhood Board

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

6:00-8:30pm

Red Cow Public House

Chair: Cllr Kieran Morgan-  
McGeehan

## Present:

Cllr Kieran Morgan-McGeehan	-	Local Councillor
Cllr Ged Potter	-	Local Councillor
Rebecca Hudson	-	Locality Team
Steph Holt	-	Locality Team
PC Nick Hinett	-	Allestree SNT
William Keats	-	Local Resident
Anne Morgan	-	Friends of Markeaton Park
John Morgan	-	Resident
Rachel Horton	-	Friends of Allestree Park
Peter Steer	-	Friends of Allestree Library
Barrie Fones	-	Local resident
Clare Shelton	-	Trees for Derby

## Apologies:

Cllr Steve Hassall	-	DCC Councillor
Tim Banton	-	DCC Traffic and Transport
Kelly Pockett	-	Local Area Coordination
Monica Monticelli	-	Friends of Allestree Park

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr Potter – Member of St Johns Methodist Church	<b>Chair</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Late Items</b>  Update on Allestree Hall – Bill Keats	<b>Chair</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and Matters Arising</b> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.  <b>Matters Arising</b> Peter Steer – Updates on Speeding on Derwent Avenue. Speed awareness events were being held; did they happen?	<b>Chair</b>

	Request for an update regarding the parking on Evans Avenue and Main Drive. Has this been actioned by the PPO Team.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Board Funding Applications</b>	
	<p><b>Peter Cooke – Allestree Bowls Club: Presented application.</b></p> <p><b>Q. Any contribution from the Bowls Club?</b>  <b>A.</b> Other funds are available, but the club have another project underway where funds would be diverted if this application is successful.</p> <p><b>Q. Has a company been identified to carry out the works?</b>  <b>A.</b> Yes. Quotes have been obtained and work is ready for completion.</p> <p><b>Q. Security Camera – are you able to support, monitor and respond to requests? Advised it can be an onerous task.</b>  <b>A.</b> The camera would be located at the new pavilion covering the youth shelter area, it will have 28 days memory, enabling the club to facilitate any queries or requests.</p> <p>Peter Cooke withdraws the camera element of the application.</p> <p><b>Rich Seal – Kedleston Road Allotments: Presented application. Slight change in application, a cheaper alternative has been found.</b></p> <p><b>Q. Has the new water pump been costed up?</b>  <b>A.</b> Not yet.</p> <p><b>Q. £310.97 – Match funding, has this already been paid?</b>  <b>A.</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Q. Does the change in application represent the whole of the Allotment committee?</b>  <b>A.</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Q. Is a license required for drawing water?</b>  <b>A.</b> Not as far as the allotment is aware. Advised to check with Environmental agency.</p> <p><b>Q. Are the pumps low voltage? Who will be responsible for the maintenance and what security measures are in place?</b>  <b>A.</b> The pumps are 12V and the Club will maintain them. All allotment users are advised regarding security and advised not to leave valuables on site.</p> <p>Would prefer the Solar pump for the allotment, due to it being better for the environment.</p>	<b>ALL</b>

	<p><b>Alan Castledine – St Johns Church:</b> Presented application. Work has been completed on the fencing due to necessity and safety of the users.</p> <p><b>Q. With the work already completed, does the amount requested match the final cost of the works.</b> A. Yes, invoice does reflect the amount requested in the application.</p> <p><b>Peter Steer – Friends of Allestree Library:</b> Presented Project Application – Board application to be forwarded to Peter. 2 Parts to the application: (1) Decoration &amp; Furnishing (2) Contribution to start of Lego group.</p> <p>Funding for this is being contributed to by the Friends of Allestree Library group, request to the Board for both projects is a total of £1795</p> <p><b>Q. Are requests made to the wider community for contributions such as lego?</b> A. Yes. We do put out appeals.</p> <p><b>Q. How will the Lego project help the young people</b> A. Lego groups are starting all over the Country an there is a lot of evidence around helping with fine motor skills, SEND, sensory input and creative play.</p> <p><b>Raised: Concerns around health and safety, small pieces present a choking hazard.</b> A. Will raise it at the library.</p> <p><b>Raised.</b> For the mural a quicker and cheaper option would be to purchase decals. They can peel off and be reused.</p> <p><b>Nick Wright – Woodlands FC:</b> Rebecca Hudson represented application.</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> Cllr Morgan-McGeehan has spoken to Nick Wright regarding this application and spoke of Nicks passion around the club and benefits to the group.</p> <p><b>Future Projects / potential applications for Board to think about:</b></p> <p><b>Raised:</b> The Friends of Allestree Rec might be submitting a funding application for repairs to the wooden benches on Allestree Rec, these were recently vandalised.</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> Quarn Park – During the winter months the footpath floods Possibly need to look at stoning the path, to make the area useable.</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> A ward wide project to explore areas across Allestree to plant more trees</p>	
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	to help with future flooding.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Partner Updates</b>	
	<p><b>Police and Community Safety Update:</b>  <b>Allestree Safer Neighbourhood Team, SNT</b>  Usually 5-7 incidents of ASB every 2 weeks, with Halloween these figures have risen.  New PCSO Leverington, she has previously worked in Chaddesden prior to joining the Allestree team.</p> <p>Allestree, Darley and Mackworth have 4 PCSO's 4 PC's, the team are Incident led so will respond to calls in within the local community.  The SNT are part of a New partnership group for the Locality which meet regularly to discuss issues and solutions.</p> <p><b>Hotspot patrols</b> are taking place with specific 15 minute patrolling in certain areas – this is a nationwide information &amp; data led strategy that is proving effective.  <b>Lea Close</b>, possible dealing, patrolled daily and on a rolling 2 week monitoring period.  <b>Allestree Rec</b> – youth ASB  No issues reported or highlighted following the hotspot patrols at Lea Croft.</p> <p><b>Q. With the issues at Allestree Rec, this supports the Bowls Club request for a CCTV camera being likely to be damaged.</b>  A. The SNT have not received any calls for damage to security cameras and the issues are normally more prevalent in the summer months in this location.</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> The police weren't there for the floods follow up meetings. Were you invited? Are you sent the alerts?  A The SNT wouldn't normally attend this type of meeting as it would be at a more strategic level. The Team were, however, involved in the on the ground work with responding to the flooding within the community.</p> <p><b>Parks Team</b>  <b>No report given</b></p> <p><b>Friends of Allestree Park - Rachel Horton:</b>  There are currently a team of volunteers, including two professional gardeners, to clean up the park with a current focus around the formal gardens. The grass has been taken from around the pavement near the turtle pond. The Rotary club have donated purple crocus bulbs, which is in recognition of their huge success in the eradication of Polio around the World.  The group are looking for somewhere that could provide temporary storage which is needed for wheelbarrows and tools.</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> A natural pond has formed due to blocked drains, great for rewilding.  Tunnel under the main pathway towards the Hall.</p>	

<p><b>Action:</b> Contact David Winslow for a suggestion. Do we hold the responsibility for the drains on Allestree Park.</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> Unofficial groups starting up around the Allestree Park stating they are the main voice of the people for their particular cause. Reassurance given that the only official group that would be making decisions about the park would be the Council at this present time.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> No updates for the Hall other than it's back up for sale for expressions of interest.</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> Flooding on the path by the lake has been getting worse the past 3/4 years. Needs intervention or the path won't be usable during the winter period. Parking on Evans Avenue getting worse, especially on the hill.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Feedback to Parks around this subject</p> <p><b>Raised:</b> Planted 30,000 trees across the City with Derby City Council. Put hedgerows back, trees, to help with the flooding.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Board members to suggest areas where planting could be looked at, to speak with other residents as well.</p> <p><b>Local Area Coordination</b> No report provided.</p> <p><b>Public Protection Team</b> No report provided.</p> <p><b>Traffic and Transport Update:</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to confirm approved changes to the way that the Highways &amp; Transport (H&amp;T) work programme is developed, managed, and delivered. It also includes an update on current local priority schemes and details of other current issues in your ward, that could become schemes in a future year.</p> <p><b>H&amp;T programme delivery changes</b></p> <p>During 2022/23, Infrastructure Programme Board undertook a comprehensive review of programme delivery, the following issues for attention were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of Covid 19 – resulting backlog of schemes</li> <li>• Annual delivery – evolving assumption of annual delivery which often is unfeasible and cannot be achieved.</li> <li>• Programme resilience – the impact of unexpected projects added in year.</li> </ul> <p>To address the identified issues, it was proposed that the H&amp;T programme moves from a one year to a five year programme. With a focus on improving programme delivery, communication and transparency, the intention is to create an evidence</p>	
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based, profiled programme which move away from the in-built failure to design and deliver in the same year. The intention is to:

- a) establish a Year 1 consolidation and reset in the 5-year cycle
- b) consolidate scheme backlog.
- c) develop an entry and prioritisation criteria, using intelligence from asset management and carbon reduction strategies, benefits, and investment value
- d) review governance and refresh of outcomes and objectives in line with overall Council and city ambitions.
- e) strengthen risk management and programme resilience.
- f) accelerate investment in asset management protocols and develop data and intelligence to support our investment priorities.
- g) identify future investment projects across asset groups and with locality themes, beginning with early investigatory work.

In 2023/24, the first year of the new 5-year programme, we will continue to develop our new approach and to test and trial the proposals set out in this report. In this first year, any new scheme proposals, including Neighbourhood Board schemes, will be added to a provisional list. This will then be assessed for possible inclusion in future years programme based on the entry criteria developed. As locality working arrangements emerge, strategy and asset managers will engage with Neighbourhood Boards on the development of local investment plans for 2024 – 2026. Highway maintenance schemes will continue to be designed and delivered in line with the asset management and prioritisation approach already in place.

This approach was approved by Cabinet on 15 March 2023, more detail about the reviews, findings and new approach is contained in the programme report.

### **Existing schemes status**

As part of the year 1 consolidation, we have undertaken a review of all current schemes.

Scheme	Current Status
Kedleston Road Speed limit review	No objections to the Traffic Regulation Order. Order to be sealed when date is known for the signing works which are still with the Developer and Derbyshire County Council. (Developer is keen for sign off which is conditional on them implementing the sign changes)
Kedleston Road Service Road	Concerns and objections raised during public consultation. Proposals modified to remove some

		of the No waiting at any time and introduce a prohibition of driving on the corner adjacent the Markeaton Pub. Detail design of changes almost complete to be introduced next year along with the developer led junction changes	
<p><b>Other priorities/issues</b></p> <p>Issues captured here will potentially become schemes in a future year. This list will be updated throughout the year as new issues arise and inserted in priority order, in consultation with the Neighbourhood Board. This will ensure that all issues are captured and considered against each other in a consistent way and enable greater collaboration with other schemes and initiatives. Ultimately this will result in schemes being selected that will perform best in the scheme entry and prioritisation process that is being developed.</p>			
Issue and location		Status	
Carsington Crescent		Smaller consultation concentrated around Thorpeland's Drive has returned a majority in favour of a permit scheme, which will be considered for a future scheme.	
<b>Priority 1</b>			
Crossing request Allestree Lane, Blenheim Drive, Oakover Drive		Initial investigation identified the difficulties of providing a controlled crossing on the desire line because of driveways and the junction alignment, alternative option investigation and draft sketches produced. Well used crossing point particularly as part of the school journey. Funding from Active Travel England was unsuccessful this time but to be considered as part of wider future active travel strategy.	
<b>Priority 3</b>			
Request to convert Blenheim Drive Zebra to a controlled crossing		City wide crossing criteria being reviewed this year to take account of the pressure on council budgets imposed by increased energy costs. This request along with others across the city will be included in the prioritisation process.	
Crossing request on Blenheim Drive outside Woodlands School		See above	
Kedleston Road layby near Memorial Rd. Concerns about parked vehicles here obstructing visibility to the left. Request to remove the layby.		Investigation doesn't highlight significant safety issues and speed limit will shortly be reduced. But could be considered for removal in future years.	
School parking issues Woodlands Road		School invited to express interest in	

	outside Portway School	next phase of School Safe Havens funded by Active Travel England	
	Rewilding of Allestree Park and concerns about traffic impact	Consideration of designating Woodlands Road as a Quiet Lane	
	Markeaton Lane traffic speeds – improvements for pedestrians	Work on the culvert to be progressed this coming year. Consultation on traffic calming 2024	
	<b>Priority 2</b>		
	<p>Portway – School parking buddies, camera, more zigzags – Firs development, more houses, more cars on Woodlands Road. Planning application, Cllrs putting in an objection.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> The board have numbered their LTP's in priority order. To be sent to Tim Banton</p>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Locality Team update</b>		
	<p><b>Locality Working</b></p> <p>Derby City has been split into 5 Localities, each with a team within.</p> <p><b>Locality 5 – Mackworth, Darley, Allestree &amp; City Centre</b>  Locality Manager – Marissa Messam, currently not at work  Locality Officers – Steph Holt &amp; Rebecca Hudson  <a href="mailto:Stephanie.holt@derby.gov.uk">Stephanie.holt@derby.gov.uk</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:Rebecca.hudson@derby.gov.uk">Rebecca.hudson@derby.gov.uk</a>  PPO – Chris Lucas &amp; Zahid Javed  <a href="mailto:Chris.lucas@derby.gov.uk">Chris.lucas@derby.gov.uk</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:Zahid.javed@derby.gov.uk">Zahid.javed@derby.gov.uk</a>  LAC – Darley - Daren Palmer  <a href="mailto:Daren.palmer@derby.gov.uk">Daren.palmer@derby.gov.uk</a>  LAC – Allestree - Kelly Pocket  <a href="mailto:Kelly.pocket@derby.gov.uk">Kelly.pocket@derby.gov.uk</a>  LAC – Mackworth - Sally Robertson  <a href="mailto:Sally.robertson@derby.gov.uk">Sally.robertson@derby.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>MAD Partnership meeting</b> – the make up and reason why it was started: to gather Partners who work within the area with and for the community such as Police, Housing, Social Care, PPO's. We discuss local issues that are brought to the meeting, problem solve and work out how to tackle holistically with all involved. Tasks &amp; Actions based with real results.  Cllrs, residents &amp; groups can feed into this group for discussion.</p> <p><b>Board meetings &amp; Forums</b>  The Board meetings are part of the Councils constitution so certain parts, mainly around the Devolved budget, have to be conducted and presented in a certain way. The other parts are open for change especially the paperwork side. We have 3 meetings per year which are approx. 2 hours long and the origins of the boards</p>		



	<p>were to include the Elected members and residents to represent and bring forward the interests of the community. In most cases the boards are unrecognizable from the original ideas and have become a place to present reports and discuss at length the contents of them whilst missing out the important parts around the community and funding. They are also time consuming for the Partners that attend.</p> <p><b>Proposals:</b> To refresh the Boards with a focus around Devolved budgets, Section 106, Neighbourhood Key issues and Engagement. We would also seek to refresh the membership; things that could be included here could be around themed leads, projects, representing groups, inclusion in Neighbourhood activities – litterpicks, speedwatch, street scene, reporting etc. Partners would not necessarily be invited to Board meetings which will free up their time but a regular report via the Neighbourhood Team would be included within the Neighbourhood Key issues.</p> <p><b>Locality Plan</b> The team are looking to develop a Locality Plan. Each Locality has been asked to put together a Plan, information for the Plan will come from Data, Partners &amp; the Community / residents. From all of this information Priorities will be set which will determine Targeted Actions &amp; plans. Once we have pulled together the data, we will be working with the Councillors and Partners to pull together a draft which can be presented at the next Board.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Board Funding</b>	
	Indications from the Board around the applications for funding presented was discussed after the funding application presentations.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	None	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date and Time of the Next Meeting</b>	
	TBC	

