

Littleover Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held on 17 December 2007.

	Present: Cllr Allen (chair) Cllr Mike Carr Cllr Lucy Care Trevor Fox – Resident and Derby & S Derbys Neighbourhood Watch Associations Janette Jackson – Resident and Littleover Grange Hall Community Association Alan Vaughan – Resident and King's Drive Area Resident's Association Insp. Shaun Skelton – Derbyshire Police Laurence Sanders – Heatherton Community Centre Richard Petrie – Local Business Jo McHugh – Spirita Housing Association	
	Apologies – Nanda Savage (Youth Services), Dawn Slater (Extended Services)	Responsibility
1	Introductions and Apologies Cllr Allen welcomed all to the meeting and particularly welcomed new Board members to the meeting.	
2	Declarations of Interest LS provided clarification that he is involved with Heatherton Community Centre, After School Club and various other activities.	
3	Minutes of the 17 December 2007 Meeting and Matters Arising The minutes were checked for accuracy.	
4	Board Membership The lack of a health centre in Littleover is an issue. Would be useful to have a representative from the PCT or locality services. Cllr. Care raised the potential of LIFT funding for health facilities in Littleover and would be useful to have the PCT on the Board from the beginning. Cllr Allen suggested a representative from Littleover Churches Together as between them they are organising the bulk of social action activity.	
5	Police and Community Safety update Insp Skelton outlined the main issues in the ward. King George playing fields. There have been issues around the need for additional lighting and possible diversionary activity for young people. There have been reports of criminal damage in the area and graffiti. Stated that graffiti, if racist or offensive is removed within 24h hours otherwise normally 1 to 2 weeks before removal.	

	<p>It was raised that graffiti on private property is an issue as consent is required from the owner of the properties.</p> <p>Graffiti removal packs/toolkits are available from the CSP. These can be distributed through Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.</p> <p>Crimes in Littleover are at the lower end of crimes, assaults and burglary problems are relatively low.</p> <p>There are problems with alcohol misuse by young people and there is a need to target those stores selling the alcohol to young people.</p> <p>Insp. Skelton raised the matter of Police Liaison Group meetings. They will cease to operate as agreed by the Police Authority and become incorporated into Neighbourhood Forums. There is an issue for the Police as there are more Boards and Forums therefore meetings than previously with the one Police Liaison Group meeting.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the Littleover Forum needs to be publicised more widely and the use of Ringmaster for publicising the next Forum meeting will encourage the attendance of those previously involved in the Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>It was noted that the Police Surgeries should be more widely publicised. Neighbourhood Forums should not be the only means of interacting with the police.</p>	<p>INSP. SKELTON</p>
6	<p>Community Issues</p> <p>King's Drive Concern raised at the speed of action to resolve this matter. The Board agreed that the Highways Department should be contacted and encouraged to come to a speedy conclusion.</p> <p>Introduction of Parking Meters in Littleover Reported that within a Cabinet Paper, there are proposed plans to introduce pay and display parking across a number of streets in Littleover District Centre. Copies of the proposals attached to the cabinet report were circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>Concern was raised that neither the Board nor the ward Councillors had been informed of the proposals. In addition, the introduction of pay and display may lead to displacement of parking onto other streets. The increasing number of fast food restaurants will be encouraged as there will be a preference for shops to serve evening trade as parking restrictions will discourage shoppers/businesses.</p> <p>Consultation is likely to take place in the New Year. The issues of economic viability of the businesses and where staff of the local businesses would park was discussed. The Board was unanimous in their objection to the introduction of the scheme.</p>	<p>SD</p>

	<p>Community centre, clarification required as to whether surveys have been undertaken to justify additional provision.</p> <p>It was suggested that Heatherton Community centre contact Andrew Flack, Head of Education to clarify and provide statistics to confirm the need for additional provision. Currently, there does not appear to be sufficient numbers to support two services.</p>	
7	<p>Neighbourhood Profile and Plan</p> <p>Sarah introduced the Neighbourhood Profile. All Board members were asked to review the profile as profiles will be used to help inform priorities for the Ward. A revised profile will be produced in June/July of this year and Board members are asked to highlight any additional information they feel is important in the profile. Members suggested the following additions:</p> <p>Travel to work patterns and core residential care in the community.</p> <p>Agreed – Board members to review the profile and forward any comments or additional requirements to Sarah.</p> <p>Agreed – Board to discuss profile at a future Board meeting.</p> <p>The Board also discussed neighbourhood plans and how they can determine the priorities for the Board. It was agreed that the Board needs to canvass local opinion, in particular encourage young people to have a view. The board needs to grasp the 'Vision for Littleover'.</p> <p>It was suggested we contact the Schools Councils seeking young people's vision for Littleover.</p>	ALL BOARD MEMBERS
	<p>Neighbourhood Forum Meeting</p> <p>Members of the Board discussed the forthcoming Forum meeting on 24 January 2008 and agreed the following agenda:</p> <p>Update on issues Raised Police update and opportunity for questions to the Police Public Question Time Vision setting – possible electronic voting.</p>	
8	<p>Future of Derby Playhouse</p> <p>The Board had a discussion on the future of Derby playhouse. It was noted that it was a great asset.</p> <p>There appears to be little information available. The Playhouse is not run or owned by the Council</p> <p>It was noted that the current production is excellent.</p>	
9	<p>Publicity</p> <p>It was agreed that publicity needs to be improved. The use of notice</p>	

	boards was suggested. The Board could consider using some of its community budget to fund publicity activity for the Forum.	
10	<p>Community Budget</p> <p>Sarah introduced the Community Budget application form. She stated that the Board needs to agree priorities for funding.</p> <p>The Board were also asked to consider funding for the King George's Youth Club who are seeking £200 for their Christmas event.</p> <p>Agreed - The Board agreed to award £200 to the Youth Club event and agreed the following criteria/priorities for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support provision for young people in the area • To support activities and services for the local community • To tackle and crime and community safety issues in the neighbourhood • To support the development of neighbourhood working in Littleover • To support community and voluntary groups in the area • To support and develop facilities in the neighbourhood 	S.D
11	<p>Council Budget Priorities for Consultation</p> <p>The Board had discussed this at a previous meeting and agreed the following areas as a priority for further information relating to their budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Transport Planning • Youth Provision • Libraries • Planning enforcement • Street Cleansing. 	
12	<p>Highways and Transport Priorities</p> <p>The Board discussed the Highways and Transport priorities for the ward. Concern was raised at the lack of clarification and response to queries raised. The Board did not consider they had sufficient information to come to a decision on all of the issues. As a result the Board agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastures Hill • Traffic calming on Bretton Ave., Constable Ave., Constable Lane., Constable Drive. And Lawnheads Avenue. • The Hollow/Thornhill Road and The Hollow/Hillsway 	
	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>To be arranged. Not all Board members are available on the scheduled date of 7 February 2008.</p>	