

Oakwood Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 22 March 2010 at The Church on Oakwood, Bishops Drive, Oakwood

Present:

Councillor Robin Wood (Chairman)
Councillor Frank Harwood
Richard Smail
Inspector Richard Keene
PC Luke Scribbens
Ruth Hardy
Mick Barker
Rachael Peckham
Terry Parker
Gloria Newell
Reverend Lindsay Hughes
Kristian Hughes
Ben Parker
Joe Weston
Samantha Wright

Derby City Council
Derby City Council
Neighbourhood Manager
Derbyshire Police
Derbyshire Police
Integrated Children's Service
Resident
Resident
Resident
Oakwood Evergreen Club
Church on Oakwood
Young People's Group
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Young People's Group
Minute Taker

11/10	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies Councillor Wood welcomed everyone at the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pauline Latham, Graeme Walton, Rob Fenton, Ruth Kellogg, Cheryl Elliott, Roy Reynolds, Nikolai Garbutt, Chris Fairhall, Malwina Bartosiak, Lorraine Howe, Aimee Loughrey and Savanna Taylor.	
12/10	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2010 and Matters Arising The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 January 2010 were noted as an accurate record of meeting. Matters Arising Item 02/10 – Richard Smail advised that an Oakwood boundary sign had been installed near the Kings Corner Public House. The additional two other 'Welcome to Oakwood – Check you Speed' signs paid for by the Board will be installed shortly. Richard Smail advised that speed monitoring kits had been installed in Oakwood, as well as elsewhere across the city. The identified results should be analysed and presented to the Boards in the next few months.	

13/10	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.</p>	
14/10	<p>Oakwood Board Young People's Sub Group</p> <p>The Young People's Sub Group representatives presented an update report to the Board on their work and contributions in the Oakwood community.</p> <p>The report included a summary of the last meeting held on Monday 22 February 2010. It was noted that the preferred option to install the cycle stands would be in front of the community centre. The Saturday Night Youth Club music sessions had been very successful and it is proposed that the music sessions will continue. The recent litter picking event was successful and well attended by local young people and twenty two bags of litter were collected. Discussions had taken place regarding ideas for new play equipment; this issue is currently being reviewed by the sub group.</p> <p>Joe Weston and Kristian Hardy-Hughes reported that Steve Medlock, Head of Parks Services attended the Forum meeting on Thursday 18 February 2010, and outlined the position regarding the provision of facilities on Parks. A summary of the presentation by Steve Medlock was presented to the sub group and will be in the next forum papers.</p> <p>The sub group had also been working closely with Ben Rigby of Sporting Futures, and young people are planning to enter a Street League Tournament. The group are aiming to engage more young people at Springwood sessions and organise activities such as the use of the mobile climbing wall.</p> <p>Oakwood Gala Update – it was noted that the gala had been planned to take place on Sunday 11 July 2010, and the activities are to include climbing wall, army wall, Baby J music demonstration and cycle initiatives. Various partnering organisations had been involved in planning the event, Sporting Futures and Derby Homes.</p> <p>Community Litter Pick on 12 April – a third litter pick community event had been organised for Monday 12 April 2010 from 10.30 am on Oakwood Park.</p> <p>At the next sub group meeting the group will be reviewing and developing action plans at the meeting on Monday 29 March 2010.</p> <p>The Board thanked the Young Peoples Sub Group for their hard work and valuable contributions within the community.</p>	

15/10	<p>Oakwood Neighbourhood Board Priorities for 2010/2011</p> <p>The Board received a report outlining the neighbourhood priorities and ideas to develop a neighbourhood plan. The report included information presented to the Oakwood Neighbourhood Board during 2009 and in January 2010 including partners priorities and performance data.</p> <p>Appendix 1 included survey results on actions and priorities collated at the Forum on Thursday 18 February 2010.</p> <p>The Board discussed the existing priorities, the results of the forum feedback and the other information available as part of the decision to agree the new priorities.</p> <p>There was a discussion about continuing to develop a stronger Oakwood Community and the need to improve communications.</p> <p>Councillor Wood proposed that there was no longer a need to have making Oakwood safer as a priority in response to the recent improvements in crime figures. It was noted that tackling antisocial behaviour was the main issue raised at the forum and therefore there was still a need to provide activities to help divert young people into positive activities.</p> <p>There was agreement to keep the environment as a priority as it was the highest ranked issue raised at the forum meeting. There were suggestions to tackle litter by providing the new recycling bins outside local schools and community centres. Also noted that there is a chance that what is currently seen as well maintained open spaces could easily become poorly maintained especially the unadopted land.</p> <p>It was noted that one of the highest responses for action raised at the forum was to tackle the roads and pavements and this needs to be a priority.</p> <p>While it was recognised there is little evidence of additional primary school places being provided in Oakwood, Rachael Peckham suggested it would be a good idea to keep Education on the list of priorities for the Board. This was agreed and Councillor Wood proposed a representative from the Education Service is invited to attend a future Forum meeting.</p> <p>Action – Richard Smail to invite a representative from Education Services to a future Forum meeting.</p> <p>The high standards of health in the ward meant that there was no need to make health a priority.</p> <p>The Board agreed the following themes as their priorities for Oakwood in 2010/2011:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build a stronger Oakwood community and improve communications 	RS
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Support the provision of more activities and facilities in Oakwood for people of all age groups. 3. Improve the environment and open spaces in Oakwood 4. Improve highways and transport especially the maintenance of roads and pavements in Oakwood 5. Extend Primary school education in Oakwood <p>The Board agreed to use the same priorities for the Community Budget Funding for 2010/11.</p> <p>Richard Smail advised that the Board and its sub groups will need to work in partnership with service providers on ideas for the Boards Neighbourhood Action Plan.</p> <p>Action – The Board and sub groups to work on ideas for the action plan and feedback to the Board.</p>	ALL
16/10	<p>Oakwood Neighbourhood Board Sub Groups and Plan for 2010/2011</p> <p>People and Community Sub Group It was noted that David Bryant had resigned from the Board. Richard Smail is currently in the process of co-ordinating articles for the C&C of Oakwood Magazine. Deadline is 13th of every month.</p> <p>Richard Smail advised that Rajeev Nath was now providing support to this sub group and will help organise the future Sub Group meetings.</p> <p>Action: All suggestions for articles to be sent to Richard Smail.</p> <p>Safer Oakwood Sub group Agreed to not continue this sub group.</p>	ALL
17/10	<p>Neighbourhood Reports</p> <p>Police Update PC Luke Scribbens gave an update on policing in the last few months in the Oakwood area. It was noted that overall the number of crimes for last year were a total of 40 crimes reported, and for this year 2009 overall crimes had decreased and overall the total number of crimes reported was 21.</p> <p>There has also been a successful reduction in anti-social behaviour in the area and this was due to the increased number of police on patrol and increased continued partnership working with Springwood Leisure Centre, Community Centre, shop keepers and local residents. The Police Service are also continuing with late night patrols and this is working well raising public awareness and visibility.</p>	

	<p>Unfortunately there are some minor issues regarding theft from vehicles. The Police Service are working closely with residents to ensure they lock valuables away and they are removed from being on display in vehicles.</p> <p>Inspector Keene advised that a mystery shopper review was carried out in the Oakwood area, and good positive feedback was received on the service.</p> <p>Ruth Hardy said that she would like to thank the PCSOs and Police Service for their support and help with the youth club</p> <p>Petition: Inspector Keene reported that he had received a petition from Councillor Harwood in response to the proposed closure of the Police Office in Oakwood. The Petition stated that residents said they would feel much safer if the office remained open and occupied by the Police Service. Inspector Keene would respond to the petition and asked the Board for its comments.</p> <p>The cost to rent the office is £1,240 per annum which had been previously agreed with the Oakwood Community Centre Management Committee. In addition to this there is about £600 a year other costs associated with the Police keeping it open. Inspector Keene advised that the Police service, like other public services are reviewing their costs and are having to make budgetary reductions in the near future. The closure of the Oakwood office was one part of cuts being adopted by the Police. This decision had not been taken lightly as work had been done with the Oakwood Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to make sure their presence on the streets in Oakwood is not compromised. New technology and discussions with other services in Oakwood means that the officers are able to remain in Oakwood without having to go into the office. The SNT are expected to be out and about on patrol and working in the community.</p> <p>Councillor Harwood commented that he recognised the financial constraints but considered, along with those who signed the petition, that the office acts as a deterrent and therefore it is needed. Councillor Harwood suggested that the damage to the Community centre that was experienced in the past is no longer a problem because of the office being there and the light and sign outside. Gloria Newell agreed that the damage was less now.</p> <p>Inspector Keene noted the cost to keep it open will be an annual cost and therefore if the Board was to consider funding the cost it would need to be every year.</p> <p>After a discussion about options it was agreed to ask the Community Centre Management Committee if they would consider a reduction in rent.</p> <p>(Inspector Keene then attended the Oakwood Centre Committee</p>	
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	<p>meeting as it was meeting at the same time in an adjacent room)</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported back to the Board that the Community Centre would agree to reduce the rent to £1000 per annum.</p> <p>Mick Barker noted that it was the Oakwood Community Centre management committee that would lose out due to a loss of income rather than the whole community losing a Police presence.</p> <p>After a further discussion and after a vote the Board agreed not to consider Neighbourhood Board funding to pay the rent charged by the Community Centre to the Police.</p> <p>The Board agreed not to support the petition to keep the Police office open on the grounds of the reduced need by the SNT.</p> <p>Oakwood Neighbourhood Board Membership 2010/2011 Richard Smail advised the Board that the membership is reviewed every year and existing members need to complete a nomination form to be considered for membership after May 2010. The forms need to be completed and returned to Richard Smail no later than Monday 19 April 2010. The Councillors will then determine the membership of the Board after the Council Elections in May.</p> <p>If Board Members are aware of other residents that are interested in joining the Board, please let Richard Smail know and he will arrange for a Board Membership form to be distributed.</p> <p>Oakwood Neighbourhood Forum 18 February Update Richard Smail updated on issues raised at the forum in February.</p> <p>Residents had complained about car parking on the roads around Barcheston Close causing vehicle access problems for Emergency Services and Refuse Collectors. Richard Smail advised that Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service have visited and said there is no problem for them but has distributed reminder leaflets regarding vehicle access issues.</p> <p>It was noted that the presentation by Steve Medlock, Head of Parks Services was well received, and the Board agreed that future success of attracting more facilities on Oakwood parks will need much more local community involvement.</p>	
18/10	<p>Neighbourhood Board Funding 2009/2010</p> <p>The Board received an update report outlining the Neighbourhood Budgets for 2009/10. The Board was congratulated on allocating nearly all of its funding with just £2,448 remaining in the Community Budget. This remaining budget for 2009/10 was allocated by the Board to the following proposals.</p>	

	<p>Funding Proposals</p> <p>1. Oakwood Gala Steering Group - £1,500 requested The Oakwood Community Centre provide services for the local community and for 16 different groups on a weekly basis such as over 60 in door bowls club, a youth club and this also includes facilities for parties.</p> <p>The Oakwood Gala will take place on Sunday 11 July 2010 from 12 noon to 5.00 pm. The stalls will include a mix of public and private enterprise including local/public information and fun activities targeting all age groups, which will include a dog show, fancy dress for different age groups, dance groups, air cadets, martial arts, car show, bouncy castle and climbing wall.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support and contribute £1,496.00 towards the project requested by the Oakwood Gala Steering Group.</p> <p>2. Park View School Parents and Friends Association The Park View PFA was established in 1999 when the school opened and gained charity status in 2009. The aim of the Park View PFA is to advance the education of pupils in the school.</p> <p>The purpose of the project was to provide one large canopy or two smaller canopies to provide protection from the rain and sun in the Nursery playground.</p> <p>The Board agreed to defer the application for funding requested by the Park View PFA.</p> <p>Action: To defer Richard Smail to inform Park View PFA of the decision</p> <p>3. Children and Young Peoples Service – Youth Support Music Workshops - £3,266 requested The Oakwood Youth Club works with young people 11-17 years. They encourage all young people from the Oakwood Ward to join all youth activities, term time and holidays.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to continue the work started on Saturday nights with funding received from Oakwood Neighbourhood Board in August 2009. The monthly workshop and music sessions are due to finish in March 2010. The aim is to carry on the sessions as they have been so successful at enabling young people to engage in the music and workshops.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support and contribute £652 towards the project for two sessions in May and June 2010. AS there is insufficient funding to allocate anymore funding agreed to reconsider the proposal at the next Board meeting in July for the period July 2010 to March 2011.</p> <p>Action: To fund £652 Ruth Hardy to resubmit proposal to next Board meeting</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>RH</p>
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	<p>4. Big 1 Steering Group – requested £1,000 The Steering Group develop and deliver the annual Big 1 at Chaddesden Park. The event is supported by a range of voluntary and statutory partners including Derby Live, Derby Homes, Derby City Youth Service, Friends of Chaddesden Park, local residents and voluntary groups.</p> <p>The event has been organised to take place on Sunday 6 June 2010. The purpose of the event is to bring the whole community from North East Derby together and provides a platform for statutory and voluntary organisations to promote services, consultation, fund raising and the chance for residents to take part in activities.</p> <p>The Board noted that there were insufficient funds to approve the whole request, in addition a request to support the re launch of a local event was deemed more of a priority. The Board recognised that the Big 1 event is for all Oakwood residents and were keen to help promote it with the funds that were available. Action: To fund £80 towards the cost of a full page advert in C&C of Oakwood</p> <p>5. Communications Strategy for Oakwood – requested £960 The Oakwood People and Community Sub Group aims to engage with the residents of the Oakwood Ward in a variety of ways. To get messages into every household the sub group has invited C&C Magazines to provide costings to provide the service.</p> <p>The Board agreed to use the existing funding that remains in the Communications Budget allocated in 2009 to cover the costs for the next 4 months. To reconsider the proposal at the next Board meeting for the period July 2010 to March 2011. Action: To defer Richard Smail to resubmit proposal to next Board meeting</p> <p>6. Derby Community Safety Partnership and Derby Homes The proposal is to inspire 30 young people from Oakwood Ward to develop a variety of skills, to improve their career opportunities, increase their awareness of the needs of the most vulnerable within their communities and to improve their own environment.</p> <p>The Board requested that a local press article is provided publishing the work carried out by young people with the support of the Board. The Board also asked that the dates for the project are altered as some of the specified dates are during young people's exam times.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support and contribute £220 for the project requested by the Derby Community Safety Partnership and Derby Homes.</p>	<p>RS</p>
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	Action: To approve £220 subject to the application to Be Inspiring fund and Derby Housing Focus Groups being successful.	
19/10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Councillor Harwood reported that he had not received any recent copies of the C&C of Oakwood Magazine along with other residents living in the Vestry Road area. Ruth Hardy also added that she had not received a copy of the magazine on Appledore Close.</p> <p>Richard Smail reported that C&C Magazines will investigate all complaints of non delivery as long as a specific address is given. If there are any other residents that Board Members are aware of that have not received a copy of the magazine to please let him know.</p> <p>Action – Richard Smail to inform C&C Magazines of non delivery at the Vestry Road and Appledore addresses supplied.</p> <p>Councillor Wood advised that the Board meeting held on Monday 22 March 2010 would be his last meeting as Chair of the Board, and he wish to thank everyone for their support and contributions over the last year.</p>	RS
20/10	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>The date of the next Neighbourhood Board meeting is Monday 12 July 2010 at 7.00 pm at The Church on Oakwood, Bishops Drive.</p> <p>The date of the next Forum meeting is Thursday 3 June 2010 at 6.30 pm at Oakwood Community Centre.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm