

Darley Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held 26 November 2007 at University of Derby, Kedleston Road.

	<p>Present:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Councillor Repton - Chair</p> <p>Councillor Richards</p> <p>Caroline Morrison - resident</p> <p>Joan Travis - resident</p> <p>Richard Butler - resident</p> <p>Maureen Parker - resident</p> <p>Dorothy Webster - resident</p> </div> <div> <p>Chris Wynn – resident</p> <p>Roy Hartle - resident</p> <p>Pete Matthews - Derby Homes</p> <p>David Ling – resident</p> <p>Val Beech – resident</p> <p>Neville Wells – Derby University</p> <p>Sarah Dosunmu – Neighbourhood Manager</p> </div> </div>	
	Apologies – Joyce Fitchett	
1/07	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Councillor Repton welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.</p>	
2/07	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest made</p>	
3/07	<p>Neighbourhood Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key tasks for the Board (attached) • Dates of future Board meetings 22/1/08, 11/03/08 <p>Joint meetings with Allestree</p> <p>Introduction to the Interim Darley Neighbourhood Board</p> <p>Sarah Dosunmu, the Neighbourhood Manager, referred to the document in the papers called Neighbourhood Board and Forum Good Practice Guide Key Points. It is a summary of the full guide that had been approved by the Council and partners but was still being improved and developed.</p> <p>The guide provides the framework for all the Forums and Boards across the city to work to.</p> <p>Board Membership</p> <p>There was a general discussion on the Board membership. It was outlined that there are 10 places on the Board for resident representatives and local community and voluntary groups.</p> <p>Nominations for membership on the Board have been received from 14 individuals/groups. Some members expressed the view that all should be able to participate on the Board and that there should be no limit to the number of representatives.</p> <p>Darley Abbey Society stated that they represent a wide area and a number of groups and are keen to participate in the Board.</p> <p>It was recommended that representatives reflect the five voting districts</p>	

<p>within the ward – DL1 – DL5, with two representatives from each voting district.</p> <p>DL1 and DL3 district would need to select two representatives from the four/five nominations received.</p> <p>It was agreed that the representatives be selected by voting at the next Forum meeting. However, discussions will take place to try and agree representatives.</p> <p>It was suggested that a representative from Strutt’s Park and Chester Green area would be useful to ensure representation across the ward, this covers DL4 and DL5.</p> <p>Good Practice Guide</p> <p>Sarah provided an outline of the Good practice and its role. A final version is yet to be completed. A draft version is available through the Council website.</p> <p>Key tasks for the Board</p> <p>Sarah outlined the key tasks of the Board. A query was raised regarding the Neighbourhood Profile and Plan and Neighbourhood Agreement. In response it was noted that these are key elements of neighbourhood working and central to the work of the Board. The profile is produced by the Research team at the CSP which helps the Board to define the priorities for Darley ward. The Neighbourhood Agreement is a form of charter between residents and service providers and outlines expectations and service standards in the ward.</p> <p>There was a general discussion on the powers and levels of influence of the Neighbourhood Board.</p> <p>It was noted that the Board will address issues that are related to Darley ward and those issues that directly impact on the residents of Darley ward.</p> <p>It was explained that the Boards are a new concept. The Neighbourhood Forums are a replacement of Area Panels and the Boards are a means of bringing together residents, public agencies, the Council, local groups and organisations in partnership. The Board aims to influence services and decision making relating to Darley ward.</p> <p>There was a discussion as to whether Board meetings should be open to the public.</p> <p>It was noted that it is difficult for the public if they attend the meetings and are not able to talk/contribute during the meeting. It was noted at times members of the public will be invited for example, when a petition response is presented to a meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the meetings should not be open to the public to ensure business of the meeting gets done. Minutes are to be available to the public.</p> <p>Agreed: To note the content of the Guide</p>	<p>All Board Members</p>
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4/07	<p>Consultation on the 2008/09 Highways and Transport Work Programme The report outlining the Highway and Transport issues in Darley was considered and debated. Board members also reviewed the University Parking Action Plan</p> <p>The members considered Markeaton Park, Resident Parking schemes and Access Only Orders as the priorities under the University parking Action Plan.</p> <p>Neville Wells informed the meeting that parking surveys have been undertaken on the streets surrounding the Markeaton Street campus. These surveys can give an indication of the worst areas for parking problems.</p> <p>It was noted that the joint meeting with Allestree ward will be focussed on University parking. The meeting is on 5 December 2007 at the University of Derby, Kedleston Road.</p> <p>Members wanted clarification as to whether those schemes prioritised for this financial year, that have not been completed are rolled forward for completion in the following year.</p> <p>The Board agreed the following priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resident parking scheme in Markeaton – costs to be covered through the Section 106 agreement funding 2. Broadway – verge parking 3. Wheeldon Avenue and surrounding roads – One Way Street 4. Darley Abbey Village – traffic management improvements <p>Highways Maintenance – Agreed that the Liversage Trust area should be prioritised for Highways/Footways Reconstruction.</p>	
5/07	<p>Neighbourhood Forum Update Sarah Dosunmu presented the update on the issues raised at the Darley Neighbourhood Forum on 13 November. The Board noted the updates and commented on some of the issues raised:</p> <p>Dustbins on streets – Waste management to be contacted.</p> <p>Enforcement – bins on streets – Councils powers to enforce penalties on those who leave bins on streets</p> <p>Lack of recycling facilities at the school Yard – Old St Mary's – Contact waste management.</p> <p>Street cleansing– Dog fouling/litter – report sent to Derby Direct.</p> <p>Early morning deliveries to Alice Street response from licensing states that deliveries are allowed between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm.</p> <p>Lack of adequate street lighting in Keys Street/Alice Street/Nottingham Road details to be passed to Balfour Beatty.</p> <p>Agreed: to note the feedback and to report back at the next Forum meeting</p> <p>General comments were made regarding the recent Forum meeting. Members noted the very good attendance by the Police and welcomed their support of the Forums. Agreed that there should be a slot for Police issues</p>	All Board Members

	<p>at the beginning of the agenda at the next Forum meeting.</p> <p>A member suggested that future Forum meetings could use a different format, possibly have break out groups/workshops.</p> <p>Another member also mentioned that there has been an increase in domestic burglary in the area and that it would be useful to get feedback on prevention measures both through the Forum and Board.</p>	
6/07	<p>Neighbourhood Petitions and Community Issues</p> <p>It was noted that the following petitions are outstanding and a response will be reported at a future meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Resident Parking Scheme, Mansfield Road • Request for a crossing on Whitecross Street • Request for Resident Parking Scheme on Markeaton Street 	
7/07	<p>Neighbourhood Profile and Plan</p> <p>This was discussed earlier. A profile for Darley will be circulated at the next meeting.</p>	SD
8/07	<p>Community Budget</p> <p>Sarah confirmed that Area Panel funding has been delegated to the Neighbourhood Boards by Derby City Council. For Darley Board, this means that the budget unallocated by Area Panel 5 for 2007/8 would be available for it to allocate. This amounts to £2,471 for 2007/2008.</p> <p>It was noted that this wasn't a great deal of money and the following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding used for erecting notice boards across the ward • Additional lighting columns • General communication/publicity for the Neighbourhood Forums <p>The Board will still be required to agree their priorities for funding. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
9/07	<p>Consultation on Council Budget</p> <p>Members were asked to decide their top five priority service areas delivered by the Council. Information will provided on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the budgets are currently determined; • key issues/problems in determining budget; • information on demand for service; • how service is monitored; • what the current service levels are (where appropriate); • how appropriate service levels are determined; • the cost of changing these service levels; • what consultation currently takes place. <p>The Board agreed the following five priorities:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waste management (enforcement – bins off streets) 2. Enforcement of To Let signs (planning regulations) 3. Maintenance of existing open spaces 4. Services for Older People 5. Public Transport – bus services for Darley Abbey at the weekend 	
10/07	<p>Date of Future meetings</p> <p>Board meeting –Tuesday 22 January at 7pm, Lafayette Suite, St Benedict's School</p> <p>Forum meetings – Tuesday 5 February at 7pm, Markeaton School, Tuesday 29 April at 7pm, venue tbc</p>	