

## Sinfin & Osmaston Neighbourhood Board

### Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at Redwood Junior school, Redwood Road, Sinfin

**Present:** Councillor Baggy Shanker (Chair), Councillor Prem Chera, Kimani Chikwendu, Sharon Sewell, Jon Eccarius, Sylvia Eccarius, Councillor Robin Turner, Inspector Nick Gamblin, Becky Hudson, Chad Foster, Sue Foster, Sarah Marsden, Richard Mullings, Pete Blount, Steve Astle, Sonia Siozkarenko, Rachael Clarke, Andrew Mellors, Nasreen Akhtar, Narinder Dhiensa

**Apologies:** Susan Boon, Gurpal Singh

1/08	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	<b>Action</b>
2/08	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None were raised	
3/08	<b>Late items</b> There were no late items tabled.	
4/08	<b>Minutes and matters arising</b>  Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed – correction was agreed as followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Parking issue relates to Grosvenor Street and not Craven St.</li> <li>• <u>Action</u> <b>Andy to send out copies to board members</b></li> </ul>	<b>Andy Mellors</b>
5/08	<b>Osmaston Road Phase ii Consultation</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justine Hardy was due to attend the meeting to present a report from highways - agenda Item (5) “Osmaston Road Phase II consultation”, however, was unable to attend.</li> <li>• It was agreed that councillors and board members should be notified of any changes prior to work being carried out.</li> <li>• <u>Action</u> <b>Councillor Shanker to make contact with Justine to discuss issue further and bring back to the board.</b></li> <li>• It was noted that phase I is already causing a problem in terms of congestion / delays – key point for learning for phase ii.</li> </ul>	<b>Councillor Shanker</b>
9/08	<b>Partner updates</b>  <b>At this point it was decided to bring agenda item 9 forward as Sergeant Nick Gambling needed to leave early</b>  <u>Police</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the escalation in gun crimes, a special unit has been set up to address these issues. The unit will be operational as from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 and is headed up by Detective Chief Inspector Stokes and will be based at St Mary’s Warf.</li> <li>• A total of six individuals are being held on remand and awaiting hearing</li> </ul>	

	<p>for their involvement in various gun related crimes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caribbean Carnival is taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> July and there will be extra police work prior to the event and extra security will be available on the days of the events.</li> <li>• There has been an application for the use of land next to Cotton Lane Police Station for the proposed Travellers Site – residents have been asking the Police to sign petitions, but as an agency they have to remain neutral and so will not sign anything</li> <li>• ASB issue at Moorways relating to groups of young people – the Police are working on this issue</li> <li>• Report from Inspector Skelton suggests that there have been a number of issues at Cromarty Close and a number of environmental improvements are being considered.</li> <li>• Criminal damage has increased across the section.</li> <li>• Inspector Nick Gamblin confirmed that the age range of gun crime related incidents involves young people aged between 17 and 25. Powers of search is dependant on level of intelligence. Offenders will be given up to five years custodial sentence. New Gun Crime Unit will be a highly contained and specialised unit and there will be a lot of high visible policing.</li> <li>• Inspector Gamblin offered to ask a member of the new unit to attend a future Neighbourhood forum to give a talk / update.</li> </ul> <p><u>Neighbourhood Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Becky H.</u> A number of people have either left the area or received ASBOs, so things appear to have quietened down. Ongoing work with the police to address issues relating to the A1 Crew.</li> <li>• <u>Andy M.</u> a few incidents have taken place particularly around the Cromarty Close area and these have been over exaggerated. A number of options are being considered and work is being done to address the issues.</li> <li>• Work is also being done with Falcon News and around that area.</li> <li>• Andy M suggested that the board needs to look at Community Development / Engagement and how this takes place across the ward.</li> <li>• Andy also brought to the attention of the board that Sharon Sewell will be the new Neighbourhood Manager as from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008.</li> <li>• <u>Kimani C.</u> updated on the community cohesion project being planned with the cohesion unit.</li> <li>• Jobs fair being developed with working links, Workstation etc to provide interview techniques, completing an application form as well as jobs being advertised.</li> <li>• <u>Nasreen A</u> gave insight into definition of community tensions, her role and responsibilities and the wider teams work. Nasreen described her work with Muslim women in particular and work she is currently doing with the neighbourhood team.</li> <li>• Councillor enquired if the cohesion team will be getting involved in the traveller's site. Nasreen's response was that this decision needs to be taken at manager's level.</li> <li>• Andy M reaffirmed that the board needed to be thinking of these issues and how they can influence decisions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nick Gamblin</b></p>
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### PCT

- Richard M a Life Style service is being piloted in Sinfin, the project will be shaped by local residents and will involve a range of services in one place such as help to give up smoking, advice around alcohol, drugs, sexual health etc. Currently consultants are engaging with residents to determine the scope of the project. Time-scale for consultation is six months.
- A new walking group has been set up and commenced today 18<sup>th</sup> June. The walk will take place every Wednesday for 40 minutes and will end at the Health Centre with some social interaction.
- Buggy walks to the library are continuing with social events at the end of the walk. A number of local residents have been trained and are continuing walks. Buggy walks take place on Mondays and Thursdays.
- The “Just for Girls” group which looks at teenage pregnancy, relationships etc is changing days and will now operate on Thursdays
- Currently Richard’s remit is to cover old and new Sinfin and not the Sinfin ward as a whole.
- Councillor Turner commented that there should be more venues for local residents to socialise.

### Rolls Royce

- Rachael Clarke Nothing to report

### Derby Homes

- Steve A various people are working to design out crime particularly around the Cromarty Close area. Steve suggested that cobble stones, fencing, moving railings and the phone box are amongst some of the options being put forward to the Estates Pride Board for consideration / approval under the Quick Fix funding pot of money.
- Measures are being taken to raise the fencing on Cowper Street as a result of anti-social behaviour in the area.
- Height of fencing will be increased - next to the sub station - to deter fly-tipping
- Residents will be able to attend the estate walkabout on 7<sup>th</sup> August at from Invarary Close car park.
- There will be a Housing Focus Board meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July – this is for residents to raise any Derby Homes housing issues specifically and they will be held every 2 months. This Board meeting will also vote on initiatives put forward for Quick Fix funding, prior to proposals going to the Estates Pride Board in August.
- Councillor said that it has been brought to this attention that drugs are being sold in the Shakespeare Street area
- Knife fight occurred last night - the police have been informed.
- Councillor asked if the surveillance camera in Cromarty Close is working. Andy M confirmed that the camera had suffered some water damage but has been repaired and is now in full working order.
- Steve A informed that Derby Homes only had a budget of £150k which was not enough to do exactly what was needed to be done, so work will only be a quick fix.
- Andy M suggested that the board need not go into minor details as there are some confidential issues at present, however, a report can be

	<p>provided to the board to explain the steps being taking at tasking meetings</p> <p>Pete Blount said that he had spoken to young people and that they had suggested that they wanted seating around the multi use games area (MUGA) on Swallowdale Road. Councillor Turner suggested that youth shelters considered although they met with some negative responses when they were first discussed some years ago, residents may consider them now as an option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was highlighted that the design of Sinclair Close is problematic and work could be done with residents to resolve parking issues.</li> <li>• Andy Mellors said it was encouraging that the board are beginning to think of ways to address some of the wider issues.</li> </ul>	
6/06	<p><b>Neighbourhood priorities, profile and plan</b></p> <p>Andrew Mellors introduced the Sinfin &amp; Osmaston revised and updated priorities for the ward looking at key issues identified. At the previous meeting board members were asked to review last year's priorities and also the new issues raised to determine what they thought were important. The board was divided into three groups to discuss and agree collectively up to 5 key priorities. Priorities agreed are as follow:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Young people</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive activities for young people</li> <li>• Consult and speak with young people to involve them</li> <li>• Safe places and facilities for young people to go (existing and new)</li> <li>• Education and training</li> <li>• Parenting skills to support the family</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Improving the local environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeting specific streets and hotspots e.g. Shakespeare St, Grosvenor St for clean up</li> <li>• Tackling private landlords / empty properties</li> <li>• Gardens / hedges / fencing</li> <li>• Tackling noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour of all age groups</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. Creating healthy lifestyles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling drugs / alcohol / underage drinking / solvent abuse / domestic violence</li> <li>• Raising awareness – educational campaigns around healthy lifestyles</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. Community cohesion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting different sections of the community to intermingle</li> <li>• Intergenerational work – old and young people</li> <li>• Cultural awareness sessions</li> <li>• Street parties and cohesion events at various venues</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Pete Blount commented that we need to see some action and not just use the board as a talking shop. It was agreed that the neighbourhood team Andy Mellors, Kimani Chikwendu and Sharon Sewell would pull together agreed priorities and bring back to board.</p>	<p>Andrew Mellors / Sharon Sewell / Kimani Chikwendu</p>

7/08	<p><b>Community Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Mellors provided an update to the board on projects paid through area Panel 2 funding. All projects except for Ashwater Close have been paid to date.</li> <li>• Two projects were approved at the board meeting of April 2008.</li> <li>• A letter of thank you was received from St Stephen's Church Youth Group</li> <li>• A total of £16k has been allocated for the ward.</li> <li>• £10k to be spent on community safety, young people, highways and the environment.</li> <li>• £5,998 is the left over from area panel divided amongst the 17 wards to be distributed to voluntary sector organisations.</li> <li>• There was no clarity as to the level of funding that each voluntary sector group could apply for. The Board to agree if they wanted to have a limit on the amount that groups can apply for or hold at any one time.</li> </ul> <p><u>Current applications for consideration</u></p> <p>1) <b>Gad Khalsa Sports Club</b> A number of concerns were raised about this project at the previous meeting and although the group had provided further clarification, it was agreed that the advertisement could be done via the current "InSinFin newsletter" therefore this application for funding was rejected</p> <p>2) <b>Rolls Royce Cricket Club</b> This project had been discussed at the previous board meeting and concerns were raised about additional funds sought and targeting and consultation with young people from Sinfin. The group provided information regarding schools that they are working with in Sinfin however, it was suggested that this should be explored and clarified. Funding of £400 is therefore provisionally approved with the additional proviso that they also target schools in Osmaston.</p> <p>3) <b>NYPD</b> newly received project to match fund staff cost for outreach work to promote sports session for young people. Project discussed and funding was fully approved as this project will provide positive sporting activities to promote better health and well being whilst deterring young people from anti-social behaviour</p>	<p><b>All Board Members</b></p> <p><b>Andy Mellors</b></p>
8/08	<p><b>Future Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issues tabled on the agenda were to be considered by the Board to be discussed at future meetings. Board members to email Andy Mellors with any additional issues</li> </ul>	<p><b>All Board Members</b></p>
10/08	<p><b>Dates to note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 July Board celebration event at PRIDE Park stadium between 9.30am and 1pm.</li> <li>• Sinfin Board training event at Cotton Lane Activity Centre on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 08. 9.30am</li> </ul>	
11/08	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at Cotton Lane Activity Centre – building accessible from 5.30pm <b>start at 6pm– 8pm</b></p>	