

# Mickleover Neighbourhood Board

## Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27 January 2011 at Tea Rooms, Mickleover Community Centre, Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover

### Present:

1	Maggie Hird (Chair)	Councillor	9	Andrew Templer	Resident
2	Hilary Jones	Councillor	10	Richard Keene	Police Inspector
3	Fay Winter	Councillor	11	Geoff Smout	Resident
4	Sue Sorry	Resident	12	Mike Bellamy	Resident
5	John Kelsey	Resident	13	Tony Roelich	Resident
6	Capt. Sean Andrews	Resident	14		Murray Park Student
7	Nanda Savage	Youth Service	15	Peter Barker	Resident
8	Tony Roelich	Resident	16	Insp. Keene	Derbyshire Police

### In Attendance:

1	Sarah Dosunmu	Neighbourhood Manager	2	
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### Apologies:

1	Liz Limbert	Derby City PCT	2	
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49/10	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b> Councillor Hird welcomed all to the meeting and introductions took place. Cllr. Hird offered a particular welcome to and Inspector Keene who is attending for the first time at the Mickleover Board meeting.					
50/10	<b>Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial</b> Nanda Savage declared an interest in the Sporting Futures bid for funding as it supports Youth Service provision n a Wednesday evening.					
51/10	<b>Late Items</b> None					
52/10	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting from November 2010</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 November 2010 were checked for accuracy. The minutes were then noted as an accurate record of the meeting.					
53/10	<b>Matters Arising not on the Agenda</b> <table border="1"><tr><th>Item</th><th>Update</th></tr><tr><td>43/10</td><td>Sarah reported that Vicarage Park is to be discussed under item 5 and 6 and an update on the Section 30 order under item 6 of the agenda. There is also a proposal on</td></tr></table>	Item	Update	43/10	Sarah reported that Vicarage Park is to be discussed under item 5 and 6 and an update on the Section 30 order under item 6 of the agenda. There is also a proposal on	
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		undertaking community outreach sessions and the development of My Mickleover 2011 under item 9 of the agenda.	
	<b>44/10</b>	<b>Limes Avenue</b> – It was agreed to discuss this under item 8 on the agenda.	
	<b>45/10</b>	Sarah reported that arrangements are being made to deliver assembly sessions at Murray Park School to promote neighbourhood working following attendance at a Murray Park School Council meeting on Tuesday.  The Board is to consider a funding application from Sporting Futures under item 10 on the agenda.	
	<b>46/10</b>	Sarah informed the Board that a draft Streetpride spend plan has been produced for discussion under item 10 on the agenda.	
	<b>47/10</b>	Sarah confirmed that she had spoken to the resident regarding the dropped kerb crossing request for the top of Ladybank Road. In total five dropped kerb crossings are probably required at the location but this is prohibitive in terms of cost. Therefore, it is intended to proceed with one pair at the top of Hedingham Way and one at the top of Etwall Road opposite the hotel. Sarah confirmed that she will chase Derbyshire County Council regarding the request on their side of the boundary.	
	<b>48/10</b>	The Board reviewed the suggestions regarding management of meetings and agreed that it is a positive way forward.	
<b>54/10</b>	<b>Parks and Open Spaces Sub Group</b>  Sarah presented the report which summarised the work to date of the sub group.  <b>Mickleover Meadows</b> Mark Smith from Cycle Derby was due to attend the meeting to present a proposal for the replacement of the BMX area on Mickleover meadows with a Wheeled Sports Park. Mark if the Board supports the project is happy to co-ordinate a funding bid for the facility to the National Lottery.  Examples of similar projects were presented to the meeting.  Cllr Winter highlighted that she has been approached by young people for an improved facility there for some time and the facility seems ideal.  Concern was raised about the length of time that it has been there and the lack of maintenance and to be mindful of criticism that the Council has failed to meet its commitments resulting in the need to replace the facility.  It was confirmed that the current facility was installed in 2003 and the design meant it would not last, a tarmac surface is preferable.		

	<p>The Board agreed that it is important to do something positive for young people.</p> <p>Sean provided examples of similar projects in Southampton and Scarborough and this proposed facility is more in tune with what is being installed currently.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the location of the facility. It is fairly isolated and some parents may have concerns sending their children to such an isolated spot. There was a suggestion we should consider another location.</p> <p>The possibility of installing it on the open space to be developed as part of the Varsity Grange site was discussed. But this was considered to be even more isolated.</p> <p>It was noted that the Friends of Mickleover Meadows would not be happy for it to be located elsewhere as it would not fit in with the management plan.</p> <p>It was agreed to propose the same location as the existing site as the other key factor is that it is away from houses so there is not the noise nuisance issue.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding lighting of the facility. The cost may make it prohibitive. It was suggested we ask the costs for this are considered within the proposal if feasible.</p> <p>Section 106 funds were raised and the possibility of using them to contribute to the cost of the facility.</p> <p>It was suggested that work with the School is important on this proposal and consultation should be undertaken with the pupils at Murray Park.</p> <p>It was noted that there are issues with dog fouling on parks and funds should be allocated in next year's Streetpride budget for a campaign. Sarah outlined recommendations the sub group have suggested for their budget allocation that require ratification of the Board.</p> <p>Sarah circulated maps outlining the proposed works on the cycle route with the removal of several barriers to make cycling easier along the route.</p> <p>Sean updated the Board on work undertake by FOMM – a Bio Blitz is planned for 3,4, and 5 June 2011 to identify a number of species and habitats on the Meadows. It will start with a Bat walk on Friday evening. Currently trying to get Derby Astronomical Society involved. Other activity includes a Moth Watch.</p>	
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Tree planting session is due to take place on the weekend of 29 January 2011.

### **Vicarage Park**

The Board discussed the recent incident relating to graffiti on the pavilion building. The cost for the chemicals was just under £300.

Two young people have been apprehended for the damage and action is being taken against them.

The Board discussed the proposal to fund anti graffiti coating to the building. It was agreed that the Board could contribute but a contribution should be sought from the Pavilion Association.

### **Devonshire Drive**

The Board expressed frustration at the parks service not resolving the condition of the grass mound. It is not suitable on the play area. It was suggested that grass seed may be the best option for the mound.

The need for improvements to the tarmac areas on the multi use games area was also discussed. This is in need of urgent repair to enable play and recreational facilities for older children.

### **Varsity Grange**

Sarah outlined that there are proposals for the development of an open space that will link with Mickleover Meadows area. It was agreed that the proposals should be presented to the sub group for discussion.

### **ACTIONS**

- Board agreed to a contribution to the wheeled sports park of **£5,000** from next year's Streetpride devolved budget.
- Board agreed to a Dog fouling campaign within the Streetpride devolved budget in 2011/12 **£750**
- Board agreed to the recommendation to fund notice boards in the Meadows and possibly other parks from the sub group's budget.
- Board agreed to the recommendation to fund additional waste bins from the sub group's budget.
- Board agreed to support the Bio Blitz event in June 2011.
- Board agreed to contribute to the cost of an anti graffiti coating on the pavilion building on condition the Pavilion Association contributes to the cost. The sub group agreed to contribute up to a maximum of £1,000 from its budget.
- Sarah to find out how long the anti graffiti coating lasts.
- Send out an update flyer to local residents living locally to Vicarage Park, to include information on when the new column will be installed. Funds from the Communications budget to be used to pay for the flyer.
- Invite the Pavilion Association to display a stall to encourage members to join the management Committee at the next forum meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send a request to the Head of Parks regarding the mound on Devonshire Park and costs for the improvement to the tarmac area.</li> <li>• Highways, Planning, Transport and Development to discuss the conditions of the Section 106 agreement for the Varsity Grange at their next meeting.</li> <li>• Sarah to request the S106 funds for the Varsity development are used to contribute to the Wheeled Sports Park.</li> </ul>	
<b>55/10</b>	<p><b>Police and Community Safety Update</b></p> <p>Inspector Keene introduced the item. He is due to start in post on Monday 31 January 2011 but wanted to come along and introduce himself to the Board.</p> <p>Insp. Keene introduced himself to the Board. He outlined that he has 17 years of service, the last 8 years as an Inspector. He is working at Pear Tree giving him the opportunity to work in the second biggest division in Derbyshire.</p> <p>His key priorities will be to reduce crime; sustain a reduction in crime; detect crime; reduce ASB and bring perpetrators of crime to justice. . He confirmed that he will make himself contactable and aims to provide a responsive and effective policing service to the area.</p> <p>Crime is reducing – 6 thefts from Motor vehicles and 1 burglary. This indicates a downward trend.</p> <p><b>Mickleover Policing Priorities</b></p> <p><b>Youth ASB</b> - Operation Creech has been focused on the Vicarage park area and Devonshire Drive but has covered the whole of Mickleover. A series of Stop and search and letters home to parents has been undertaken over the last few weeks.</p> <p>The incident of damage to the pavilion building has resulted in two persons identified. They have admitted the offence and will be repaying some of the costs for the chemicals to remove the graffiti.</p> <p><b>Burglaries</b> have reduced locally however, metal thefts have risen. The police have established a specialised team of 1 Sgt and 6 probationary PCs.</p> <p><b>Crime statistics</b></p> <p>Crime in Mickleover is low. However, it does mean that when incidents occur it gives the impression that there has been a huge increase in crime.</p> <p>Overall crime is up 30% but in actual numbers this is low.</p>	

	<p>Assault is up 47%, robbery 233% but this relates to 10 incidents of robber, less than 1 per month. Burglary is up 55%, this equates to 31 incidents over 10 months. Criminal damage is up 11.9% and ASB is up 18%. Criminal damage is up 60%.</p> <p>However, there has been a reduction in burglary from non dwellings, down 40% and auto crime is down 46%.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Lead and copper issues are worrying. In response it was stated there are measures in place to prevent this and aware that it happens frequently at present but the team established is making progress.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Aware that there has been an increase in rag and bone men operating in the area. Some elderly residents have expressed concerns. There was a discussion as to whether a permit is required to operate. Maggie stated that she has details of the vehicles.</p> <p><b>Question</b> It was commented that there is an excellent policing team at Mickloever. Although, Mackworth which is a similar size area has 3 PCs and 3 PCSOs. Why the difference in policing levels? Insp. Keene responded that in certain areas will be better resourced but he is looking at staffing levels across the section and staff are available to support form neighbouring SNTs.</p> <p><b>Question</b> There was a question regarding alcohol and the Inspector's view on the issuing of licenses and does that contribute to the problems we are having locally with young people and alcohol. In response it was stated we ware constrained by national legislation but it is understood that there may be changes in the future regarding the issuing of licenses.</p> <p><b>Section 30 order</b> Richard reported that preparation has taken place for a Section 30 order for Mickleover but the recent trend suggests crime is reducing so it has not been progressed.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the problems around the One Stop Shop on Devonshire Drive.</p> <p>It appears there are two groups of young people. A younger group around Devonshire Park mainly from the Mackworth area and the older group on Vicarage Park.</p> <p>Richard confirmed there is not a Section 30 order in Mackworth.</p> <p><b>Alcohol free Zone</b></p>	
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	<p>This has been raised previously as one is understood to be introduced in the Mackworth area. Richard reported that the Mackworth AFZ had mixed support and they are normally more appropriate in areas where street drinking occurs.</p> <p>The costs for introducing an AFZ are quite high costing a few thousand pounds.</p> <p>The main problem in Micklegate is those under 18 drinking. An AFZ is not required to confiscate alcohol. This can be done under other policing powers.</p> <p>Concern was raised that if an AFZ is introduced in Mackworth, will it displace problem drinking to Micklegate. In response it was stated it is unlikely. A Section 30 order is more likely to have the effect of displacement.</p> <p>The proposal to introduce a 'No Cold Calling' zone was discussed. Insp. Keene agreed to raise this with the SNT.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the proposal to establish a Parkwatch scheme in Micklegate. Local residents would volunteer to help patrol the parks and help to reduce ASB problems locally with a presence.</p> <p>The Board were keen for this to be progressed. A scheme in Long Eaton was cited as a good example.</p> <p>The Community Speedwatch scheme was discussed and the need for progress on this.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding access to bicycles for PCSOs. It was raised Tracy Musson has been waiting some time for the appropriate equipment. Previously, PCSOs using bikes has proved very effective.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hird to pass registration details of Rag and Bone vehicles to Insp. Keene</li> <li>• Insp. Keene to fast track the request for PCSO Musson's bike kit.</li> <li>• Insp. Keene to provide an update on the Section 30 at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Insp. Keene to make enquiries about the Rag and bone men acting suspiciously coupled with increase in metal thefts</li> <li>• Insp. Keene to raise the introduction of the No Cold Calling Zone with the SNT.</li> <li>• Insp. Keene to raise the introduction of Park Watch with the SNT with the possibility of the consideration of a proposal for funding</li> </ul>	
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	at the next meeting.	
<b>56/10</b>	<p><b>Communities Sub Group</b> A paper updating the Board on the work of the Communities Sub Group.</p> <p><b>Vicarage Park</b> – A new session to be delivered from the pavilion building is being developed on Friday evenings. Nanda reported that the outreach sessions are continuing in the area but that there are increasing problems around the Devonshire Drive area. Andrew commented that the One Stop Shop are suffering persistent problems.</p> <p><b>Community Fun Day</b> - Agreed to hold the event on 23 July 2011. it was suggested that East Midlands Airport Fund and Crime beat for funding.</p> <p><b>Older People</b> – The Senior Citizen's Day is to be held on 25 June 2011. The Board discussed the proposal to develop a personalisation project in the ward. To support the proposal it was agreed that the Board would undertake a number of actions to support the project.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit funding applications to Crime beat and East Midlands Airport Fund for the Community Fun Day</li> <li>• Sean to arrange for a copy of the Mickleover Community audit to be sent to Sarah</li> <li>• Andrew to update the community groups list to be used to circulate information on the personalisation agenda to local groups.</li> </ul>	
<b>57/10</b>	<p><b>Highways, Transport, Planning and Development</b> An update report was presented to the Board.</p> <p><b>The Square</b> The Board to consider covering the cost of the introduction of parking restrictions dependant on the outcome of the report from officers. This report is expected to be presented to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>The Parade</b> The report is expected to be completed prior to the next Board meeting. The Board need to consider actions following the production of the report.</p> <p><b>Highways and Transport 2011/12</b> Council Cabinet will agree next year's work programme at its meeting in February. The board will need to develop a brief for schemes in Mickleover if they are included in the work programme.</p> <p><b>Hedingham Way</b> It was noted that the works have been completed on Hedingham Way.</p> <p><b>Devonshire Drive</b> The Board discussed the on-going problems taking place around school parking. It was agreed that measures for Devonshire Drive should be included on the Street pride devolved budget.</p>	



	<p><b>Local Schools</b> The Board considered the request from Brookfield School for a number of measures. It was agreed that the Board would fund the keep clear markings and include the request for grit bins and signage on the Streetpride spend plan. The request from the school to fund improvements to the footpath link from The Hollow to Pastures Hill is being considered by Littleover Board.</p> <p><b>Speed Surveys</b> – it is hoped that the results of speed surveys will be available for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Speed indicating Devices</b> – The schedule of where SIDs will be deployed is expected for the next Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Developing the local plan</b> The Board were updated on the changes to the development of the local plan. The Board were reminded that is one of their key priorities. It was agreed that officers from the City Council should be invited to the next forum meeting to launch the local plan in Mickleover.</p> <p>It was suggested that Mickleover Community centre would be an ideal venue for an event and it was suggested to hold it on a Saturday.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sub group to develop a brief for the scheme subject to its inclusion on the work programme.</li> <li>• Defer the decision to allocate the funding following consideration of the survey results</li> <li>• Board Members to agree to cover the cost of keep clear markings in 2010/11- <b>£500</b></li> <li>• To include an agenda item at the next forum on the local plan – Andrew Waterhouse to attend the meeting.</li> <li>• Arrange a Mickleover planning day to start discussions focused on building a profile of the ward based on residents' views/aspirations for the neighbourhood to contribute to the development of the local plan.</li> <li>• The sub group is charged with the responsibility of organising the above event with support from the Communications sub group.</li> </ul>	
58/10	<p><b>Communications and Community Engagement</b> The Board were provided with an update on the activity of the communications group.</p> <p><b>Mickleover Directory</b> The Board were informed that there is £400 remaining to spend from the communications allocation. Recommendations for its expenditure were requested.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Forum meetings</b> The Board discussed how to encourage and promote more attendance at forum meetings. It was suggested that the following venues can be used to help publicise forum meetings. For example, GPs surgeries; on the screen at the local post</p>	

	<p>office; local churches; etc.</p> <p>Following the recent decision not to send out paper copies of the forum papers, the Board considered covering the cost of continuing to post out forum packs. It was agreed to cover the cost of printing additional packs for distribution locally.</p> <p>It was noted that across Europe, the UK has the lowest percentage of households with access to the internet. The distribution of forum papers by email was not considered to be inclusive and does not encourage a diversity of residents to be able to be involved in their local forum meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the membership as a whole can help to promote the forum meeting.</p> <p><b>Community Forums</b> There was a discussion regarding hold more accessible forum meetings, for example and sheltered housing complexes; Neighbourhood Watch meetings; etc.</p> <p>It was suggested that the most appropriate format would be road shows across the neighbourhood highlighting the work of the board, etc.</p> <p><b>My Mickleover 2011</b> The Board discussed the establishment of MyMickleover events across the neighbourhood. It was agreed that an event on a Saturday to support the local plan would be ideal. It was agreed that it should be something undertaken by Board members and Councillors and provides an opportunity to highlight the work of the Board and gather information on the views/perceptions and aspirations of residents.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund two months of advertising at The Parade Post office at a cost of £50</li> <li>• Fund the printing of additional forum packs to the value of £30</li> <li>• Sarah to forward dates of future forum meetings</li> <li>• Sarah to produce posters for distribution/display to publicise forum meetings</li> <li>• Organise a My Mickleover event to support the local plan development and to gather views of residents</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>5910</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Community Grants Budget</b></p> <p>The Board received an update report on the Mickleover Neighbourhood Community Grants Budget 2010/2011. The report included contents of the budget expenditure to date. The amount remaining to allocate is £6,391 made up of £391 in the Board priorities fund and £6,000 in the Community Budget fund. The Board noted the contents of the budget report. The Board agreed that there had been few applications from local community groups and that the fund should be publicised further to generate applications from local groups.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Sporting Futures – Wednesday night 1.5 hour session</b></p>	

	<p>The funding had been requested by Sporting futures to continue to provide Wednesday night sessions to support the youth club sessions. The Board discussed the proposal and seemed happy with the project but had concerns about the costing for the project. IT was agreed that clarification would be sought on the cost breakdown. In addition, there was a discussion regarding the group delivering sessions in other areas of the ward. Potentially Devonshire Park and this could be raised as a possibility.</p> <p><b>The Board agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting and request additional information.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Umbrella Siblings Project</b>  The proposal was to develop a new project to support siblings of their main client group. It is a city wide project and 5 families in Micklover would benefit from the project. The Board were very supportive of the group but had concerns the project is not sustainable and thought it unwise in the current climate for the group to be establishing new projects with no form commitments of financial support.</p> <p><b>The Board agreed to reject the application but recommended the group are encouraged to submit another more suitable application that can demonstrate direct support and benefit to local residents.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>DCC – Keep Clear Marking – Brookfield School</b></p> <p>As discussed under item 8 of the agenda the Board agreed to award £500 to keep clear markings outside Brookfield School</p> <p><b>The Board agreed to fund keep clear markings outside Brookfield School costing £500.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Advertising on Post Office screen – The Parade</b>  As discussed under item 9 of the agenda, the Board agreed to award £50 for advertising on the Post Office screen in The Parade.</p> <p><b>The Board agreed to award £50 for two months worth of advertising on the Post Office screen.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Production of additional forum packs</b>  As discussed under item 9 on the agenda, the Board agreed to award £30 for the printing of additional forum packs.</p> <p><b>The Board agreed to fund £30 towards printing of additional forum packs.</b></p> <hr/>	
60/10	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>The closure of the Children’s Centre was raised. Concern was expressed at the loss of a facility and the impact on families in the neighbourhood.</p>	

	<p>Comments were made that the facility was originally built in the wrong location and did not meet the original criteria which was to provide support to disadvantaged communities. However, there is no doubt that the facility is well used.</p> <p>It was considered that it seems odd to close a facility that is well used and a waste of tax payer's money to build a facility to then close it.</p> <p>IT was noted that it will not be closed but likely that the management of the facility will be transferred from the City Council to the school. A decision has yet to be made and will not be finalised until after the close of consultation on 28 March 2011.</p> <p>The Board agreed to forward comments on the consultation as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the community still have access to the facility</li> <li>• Where is the current baby clinics to be delivered</li> <li>• What services will continued to be delivered at the building</li> <li>• Are there any plans for alterations to the building</li> <li>• Is there the potential for the use by Youth Services</li> <li>• With increased provision at Ravensdale School – is there the potential to change the catchment areas for Varsity Grange to enable residents from there to also access Brookfield School.</li> </ul>	
<b>61/10</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The date of the next Board meeting is scheduled for <b>6.30pm, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011, Mickleover Community centre, Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover</b></p>	