

Oakwood Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 10 August 2009 at The Church on Oakwood, Bishops Drive, Oakwood

Councillor Robin Wood (Chairman)	Derby City Council
Richard Smail	Neighbourhood Manager
Ruth Hardy	Integrated Children's Services
Ruth Kellogg	Children and Young Peoples Services
Nikolai Garbutt	Resident
Chris Fairhall	Resident
David Bryant	Resident
Rachael Peckham	Resident
Malwina Bartosiak	Resident
Kristian Hughes	Young Resident
Ben Parker	Young Resident
Savanna Taylor	Young Resident
Reverend Lindsay Hughes	Church on Oakwood
PCSO Matt Russell	Derbyshire Police
Clive Stanbrook	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Samantha Wright	Minute Taker

29/09	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Councillor Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence received from: Councillor Pauline Latham, Councillor Frank Harwood, Lorraine Howe, Inspector Richard Keene, Rob Fenton, Anthony Nicholls, Gary Dempsey, Terry Parker, Mick Barker, Joe Weston and Aimee Loughrey</p>	
30/09	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 15 June 2009 and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 June 2009 were agreed as an accurate record of meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Item 22/09 – Richard Smail said that he will remind Anthony Nicholls and Sergeant Bonsor for their articles for future editions of the C&C of Oakwood magazine.</p> <p>Item 24/09 – the Safer Oakwood Sub Group had recently met, and the Board agreed to discuss the progress updates on this sub group under Item 4 of the agenda.</p>	Richard Smail

31/09	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Ruth Hardy declared a prejudicial interest in a funding application from Children and Young Peoples Service in item 35/09</p>	
32/09	<p>Oakwood Neighbourhood Board Sub Groups and Plan 2009/10</p> <p>The Board received a detailed report on the Oakwood Neighbourhood Plan and Actions. At the Oakwood Board meetings in March and June 2009, the Board identified key actions to tackle the Board priorities until March 2010.</p> <p>It was noted that the actions will be developed either by the Board using its available funding or by partners as part of their regular work programme to address their priorities in the neighbourhood. The proposed actions had been listed in Appendix 1 of the report against the three active sub groups.</p> <p>Richard Smail asked that sub group members inform him of dates, times and venues of their sub group meetings. Richard Smail also added that he will circulate the sub group details to all Board Members for information.</p> <p>ACTION: Sub group leads to inform Richard Smail of their schedule of meetings</p> <p>ACTION: Richard Smail to circulate members contact details</p> <p>The Board noted the contents of the report and agreed that each sub group member should feedback on their progress and actions to future meetings of the Board.</p> <p>ACTION: Subgroups to provide updates to all Board meetings</p> <p>Ruth Kellogg gave a short talk to the Board on her role and responsibilities within the Children and Young Peoples Service.</p> <p>Ruth Hardy stated that there are so many business magazines full of adverts being distributed within the Oakwood area that many were just thrown away. Oakwood needs a magazine to focus on community related issues and activities for young people and other residents such as the Derwent together newsletter. The Board noted this magazine needs a lot of funding.</p> <p>Councillor Wood thanked everyone in the People and Community Sub group who helped out with the organising of the Big 1 Event, which unfortunately had to be cancelled twice due to weather conditions.</p> <p>Rachael Peckham circulated a recent edition of the Chaddesden, Oakwood and Spondon Gazette newspaper, possibly edition 3. Some Board members commented that they had never seen a copy. Noted that the main local news was about traffic on speeding cars on Bishops Drive.</p>	<p>Sub Groups</p> <p>Richard Smail</p> <p>Sub groups</p>

	<p>People and Community Sub Group – David Bryant updated the Board on recent discussions at the sub group. This included work to plan the Big 1 but also ideas for communal seating and benches for residents especially more elderly residents. PCSO Russell advised caution on installing benches without recognising potential un planned impacts such as it becoming a focus for anti social behaviour. Richard Smail advised that there may be suitable locations for the seating but consultation and discussions with residents would need to be carried out. Rachael Peckham suggested contacting Oakwood Evergreen club for their views on whether there was a need and if so where to place seating. ACTION: Richard Smail to contact Oakwood Evergreen club to invite them to nominate a Board representative.</p> <p>Young Peoples Sub Group – Joe Weston said that he will provide a progress update report on the work carried out by the group at the next meeting of the Board in November. Joe Weston also volunteered the sub group to look into activities for younger children, and Ruth Hardy said that she would support the Young Peoples Sub Group. A meeting needs to be arranged. ACTION: Joe Weston and Ruth Hardy to arrange a meeting</p> <p>The updates provided by Terry Parker on the Safer Sub Group meeting were noted at the meeting. Richard Smail commented that the Safer Sub group needs to widen its remit from just looking at the project to engage with the many Neighbourhood watch groups in Oakwood.</p> <p>The Board noted that there was no Environment Sub group and that its activities can be included within the other sub groups.</p>	<p>Richard Smail</p> <p>Joe Weston Ruth Hardy</p>
<p>33/09</p>	<p>Highways and Transport Priorities</p> <p>Richard Smail presented a report to the Board on Highways and Transport Priorities, and advised that members will recall that at the Board meeting on Monday 15 June 2009 the Board discussed potential Highways and Transport works that the Board could fund from the new £10,000 Highways and Transport Budget.</p> <p>The Board had also agreed to target the funding on highways and transport work that is most needed in Oakwood. The report identified a number of possible projects to put forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropped Kerbs for pedestrians on Loscoe Road • small areas of footway surfacing including slurry seal applications such as kerbstones on Lindford Close • One off grass verge maintenance such as on Winster Road open space • New street lights, within the highway such as at crossroads Morley Road with Lime Lane to improve safety and reduce 	

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- Replacement/enhancement of existing bus shelters such as at Smalley Road shops
- road safety and travel awareness, publicity initiatives targeted at pedestrians, cyclists, young drivers such as a speed awareness, motorbike/cyclist awareness campaign for Oakwood based on number of incidents on Mansfield Road

The Board members identified other possibilities:

- An initiative to reduce the number of cars parked on the bend on Smalley Drive making it difficult for residents to access the road safely. It was confirmed that yellow lines would not be an option because they would need a Traffic Regulation order.
- Work with the schools to produce pictures to put up near schools warning drivers to slow down around the school.
- dropped kerbs on Bishops Drive on the north side of the roundabout at Springwood Drive.
- Dropped kerbs on Mansfield road by Porters Lane leading to the Windmill Pub there are no dropped kerbs on the Oakwood side.
- Improvements to visual attractiveness of the roundabout at the junction Bishops Drive, Charingworth Road and Oakwood Drive
- some road surfaces are in poor condition, however noted that Highways and Transport section should carry out this type of repair and a programme was being set up. Richard Smail advised that all enquiries about potholes should be emailed to Customer Services at the Council email address customer.services@derby.gov.uk . This allows all enquiries to be logged centrally and followed up.

The Board also noted the approximate costs for some examples of work that can be included.

Richard Smail updated the Board on the investigative work recently completed on Mansfield road and the proposed improvements including resurfacing a large section of road from Bishops Drive towards the city boundary, installation of the pedestrian crossing by the Paddock Pub, installation of the refuge by the Windmill pub and ideas to run a 'think bike' campaign. The Board discussed in some detail the map showing the number of collisions on Mansfield road and the possibility of helping fund local awareness campaigns. Clive Stanbrook reported that the Fire Service have a statutory duty to reduce the number of road traffic collisions. A scheme called the Impact Road Show is carried out by the Fire Service in many schools as one way to help increase awareness and reduce collisions. He considered that any scheme that will reduce the number of collisions and raise people's awareness would be supported by the Fire Service.

The Board agreed to meet on Monday 28 September 2009 at 7pm in

	<p>the Church on Oakwood to agree their priorities for allocating £10k. ACTION: Richard Smail to collate suggestions, get costs and feedback from Highways prior to meeting on 28 September.</p>	Richard Smail
34/09	<p>Neighbourhood Reports</p> <p>Police Update – PCSO Matt Russell gave an update on policing within the Oakwood area. The Police Service will be launching “Operation Relentless” in September where the Police works in partnership with agencies, Fire Service, businesses, community groups, youth clubs, churches and residents. The objective of the operation is to reduce crime and improve people’s confidence and satisfaction in the Police.</p> <p>It was noted that auto crime is still a priority for the Police in Oakwood, and a majority of theft crimes are from unsecure motor vehicles. The Police have been distributing leaflets in the area and plain clothed Police Officers had also been patrolling the neighbourhood. Matt reported that the Police will be taking up an offer to provide a report in the Gazette newspaper to tell the public about the positive work and achievements that the Police Service carry out.</p> <p>He updated on the close partnership work with Sporting Futures that was continuing to be a success at Springwood Leisure centre. He reported an increase in cars that had been stolen, abandoned and set alight in the Acorn close area. They were working with the Fire Service to tackle this increase, the recent reduction in car values had added to the problem.</p> <p>Oakwood Neighbourhood Forum Update August 2009 – The Board received a detailed update report following the Forum meeting held on 23 July 2009.</p> <p>The Board noted the contents of the update report.</p> <p>Core Strategy Event – There were no matters arising at the meeting following the Core Strategy Event.</p>	
35/09	<p>Neighbourhood Board Funding 2009/10</p> <p>The Board received a detailed report on the Neighbourhood Board Funding for 2009/10. Oakwood Neighbourhood Board has a total of £26,000 available to allocate this financial year 2009/10.</p> <p>This represents three separate funds. The Community Budget £6,000 for Community groups to apply for to tackle the Board priorities, the Youth, Highways or Safety Budget of £10,000 and the Highways Budget of £10,000. In addition there is £10 carried forward into the Community Budget from 2008/09.</p> <p>The Board noted the contents of the updated budget report.</p>	

The Board had received five applications for funding and an enquiry from Derby Homes.

From the Community Budget:

Oakwood Evergreens - £800

The Board received an application for funding on behalf of Oakwood Evergreens. Oakwood Evergreens is a social club for the over 55's in the Oakwood and Chaddesden area. The aim and objective of the group is to stem loneliness to pensioner age group by arranging outings and weekly entertainment such as quizzes and speakers.

The Board agreed to support the application and contribute £500 towards the Christmas entertainment and meal for this year only. The Board would look more favourably in future years on supporting new activities/events that would benefit older residents in Oakwood ward.

ACTION: Agreed to allocate £500 and invite a member of the Oakwood Evergreen Group to join the Oakwood Neighbourhood Board.

C&C Magazines - £800

The Board received an application for funding on behalf of the C&C Magazines. C&C Magazine provides an opportunity for local community services, groups and charities to communicate with residents in the ward.

Ruth Hardy said that the magazine had no advertisement relating to Young People's Services. David Bryant asked Ruth Hardy to email him any articles for inclusion in the magazine.

The Board agreed to support and fund the application for £800, and asked that a front page of the magazine is used to advertise services and facilities for young people.

ACTION: Agreed to allocate £800

Litter Pick - Young Peoples Sub Group - £300

The Board received an application for funding to support a litter picking project. At recent meetings of the Young Peoples Sub Group the need to improve the visual appearance of the open spaces, especially Oakwood Park has been raised. Suggestions had included combining an organised litter pick with an event involving local young people from the youth club, local football teams, the scouts and other groups.

ACTION: Agreed to allocate £300

Surtal Asian Arts – Lantern Parade and Workshops - £280

The Board received an application for funding on behalf of Surtal Asian Arts. The organisation was established in 1994 and is a non profit making limited company by Guarantee with Charitable status based in Normanton.

The Board agreed to contribute towards the Surtal Asian Arts project subject to Parkview School agreeing to take part in the event. The Board asked Richard Smail to check the prices column detailed in the application.

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	<p>ACTION: Agreed to allocate £280, subject to Parkview school agreeing and confirmation of the materials cost</p> <p>From the Youth Provision, Highways and Safety Budget:</p> <p>Children and Young Peoples Service The Board received an application for funding on behalf of the Children and Young Peoples Service to support Music and DJing Workshops. Oakwood Youth Club works with young people age 11-19 year olds from the Oakwood area. The Youth Support Team encourage all young people in to the youth club to join in on fun activities, learn new skills, meet/make new friends workshops. There are over 100 members and the club meets every Monday evening at Oakwood Community Centre. ACTION: Agreed to allocate £2,235</p> <p>Proposal from Derby Homes</p> <p>Richard Smail reported that he had received an email from Derby Homes requesting about £300 funding to plant prickly shrubs along a low wall in the sheltered scheme in Youlgreave Close. The purpose of planting the shrubs is tackle problems of anti social behaviour caused by people entering the scheme over a wall. Derby Homes own the wall and have agreed to maintain the shrubs.</p> <p>The Board asked for more details about the size of the shrubs to be planted. The Board considered that unless they are planted as substantial bushes they will not be effective. ACTION: Richard Smail to contact Derby Homes for further details and sizes of the shrubs, and to invite an application to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Richard Smail</p>
<p>36/09</p>	<p>Date of the Next Meetings</p> <p>Next Board meeting is Monday 9 November 2009 at 7.00 pm at the Church on Oakwood, Bishops Drive.</p> <p>The date of the Forum meeting is Thursday 29 October 2009 at 6.30 pm at Oakwood Community Centre.</p> <p>Additional Board meeting agreed to discuss agreeing allocation of Highways £10k budget on Monday 28 September 2009 at 7.00 pm at the Church on Oakwood.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm