

**MINUTES OF THE MACKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010, 6.30 PM, DIOCESAN CENTRE**

Present:

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| Councillor Higginbottom | Derby City Council (Chair) |
| Councillor Tuplin | Derby City Council |
| John Whitby | Derby City Council |
| Inspector Richard Keene | Police |
| Helen Faulconbridge | Neighbourhood Team |
| Peter Matthews | Neighbourhood Team |
| Nick Robinson | Youth Services |
| Emma Tidbury | Derby Homes |
| Lynn Marley | New Zealand Resident |
| Nathan Coons | New Zealand Resident |
| Mandy Coons | New Zealand Resident |
| Joanne Lawton | New Zealand Resident |
| Angela Bird | New Zealand Resident |
| Paul Pegg | Mackworth Resident |
| Judy Kelsall | Mackworth Resident |
| Terry Rogerson | Mackworth Resident |
| Richard Gerrard | Mackworth Resident |
| Ray Baxter | Mackworth Resident |
| Janet Winter | Derby PCT |

Apologies:

Nathan Lucas - Enthusiasm

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| 1 | Welcome, Introductions and Apologies Councillor Higginbottom welcomed everyone to the meeting | |
| 2 | Declarations of Personal and or Prejudicial Interest Paul Pegg declared he was the chair of Friends of Markeaton Park. Judy Kelsall declared that she was a member of Friends of Markeaton Park. | |
| 3 | Late Items Vacant Land – Finchley Ave It has been recommended the land go to auction. | |
| 4 | Fire Service There have been some incidents of arson in the area, one on Mackworth and one on New Zeland. This will be discussed at the tasking meeting on Wednesday. Pete will report back to the Board. | |

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| | Steve Ratcliffe is currently on annual leave. | |
| 5 | <p>Police</p> <p>There will be a number of street briefings during the summer. Anti social behaviour and crime hot spot areas are being targeted. The police are working with the fire service particularly on the Morley estate. The Restorative Justice process is now well established and is used for minor offences. Police surgeries will be starting on New Zealand as the Campion Street office will be closing down at the end of the month.</p> <p>Some good intelligence has been received which resulted in the arrest of a persistent priority offender. Information was also received about a cannabis farm. A number of plants were seized. Last year there was a particular problem with street robberies. Students and late night revellers were being targeted. As a result patrols were increased and an offender has been arrested and is serving a custodial sentence. Two suspects have also been arrested for fire setting on the Mackworth estate. A male has also been arrested for drug offences and a number of arrests have been made for assaults.</p> <p>Crime figures for last year – year ending March 2010 were very pleasing. Assault was down by 10%, Robbery down by 65%, Burglary dwelling down by 30%, Non Dwelling Burglary was up by 17%, Damage & Arson up by 7.3% and Vehicle Crime down by 42%. Total crime was down by 11.2% which equates to 118 less victims. Over the last 2 and a half years crime has reduced by over 30%.</p> <p>Figures to date for this year are – Assault down by 7.5%, Robbery down by 67%, Non Dwelling Burglary down by 72%, Theft of Vehicle down by 69%, Criminal Damage up by 27% and Burglary Dwelling up (9 burglaries compared to 4 for last year). In total crime is up by 24%.</p> <p>Anti social behaviour reduced by 9.7% last year. This year it is up by 27%. Hot spot areas are being targeted and the section 30 dispersal order is still in force. Still working on the alcohol free zone.</p> <p>The street briefings will focus on trying to improve the feeling of safety on Mackworth. A positive message needs to be sent out to residents. Some leaflets</p> | |

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| | <p>have been produced and there are shed alarms available.</p> <p>Since the off licence closed on Prince Charles Avenue there has been a reduction in anti social behaviour around the shops. A new off licence is opening up again. The police have visited the new owners.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Highways</p> <p>Last year the Board decided to spend the Highways budget on slurry sealing a number of pavements. The work has been delayed due to the bad weather. Pete will try to find out an exact date for when the work will commence.</p> <p>The Board needs to decide by October what it would like to spend the money on this year.</p> <p>One priority is to improve the district centre. Plans will be submitted in the summer months for consultation. Ray stated that this had been ongoing since 2004 and that the Council needs to ensure that the money is in the budget. Councillor Higginbottom asked the question at the Council leader elections. All prospective candidates guaranteed that the money would be available to improve the centre.</p> <p>A representative from Highways will be attending the next New Zealand Neighbourhood Forum to speak about parking problems in the area. Residents from New Zealand have been attending the University parking group, that has been set up by local residents, as they feel they have a voice on this group. Mandy pointed out that these residents also need to know that they will be listened to at the Forum meetings. Highways need to be working with the Forum on these problems.</p> | <p>Pete Matthews</p> |
| 7 | <p>Neighbourhood Days</p> <p>There will be a fun day on Cheviot Street recreation ground on 7th August. The event will start at 11 am with a parade lead by a group of Brazilian drummers.</p> <p>There will also be an It's a Knockout contest on Knightsbridge recreation ground on 19th June. All money raised will go to charity. The event will start at 12 noon and replaces Mackworth Link Day.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Board Forum - Dates and Format</p> <p>It was agreed that the forum dates would be agreed at the end of the month to ensure that the councillors</p> | |

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| | <p>can attend. Helen will liaise with the Councillors and send the dates out to everyone.</p> <p>The Board unanimously agreed to continue with 6 forum meetings and 6 board meetings per year.</p> <p>The Board agreed that any reports would be sent out prior to meetings and they would be put on the agenda for noting only.</p> <p>It was also agreed that residents attending forum meetings would be asked to vote on a priority for the area. Work would then be done around that priority and updates given at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Board would also like to see minutes of the previous meeting on the Board meeting agenda.</p> | <p>Helen Faulconbridge</p> |
| 9 | <p>Youth Issues</p> <p>The Board has agreed that it would like to set up a shadow board consisting of young people. A representative from the shadow board will then sit on the main board. Pete is looking for 15 young people to form the shadow board and is aiming to have it in place by September.</p> <p>Nick gave an update on the new youth/community centre in Mackworth. There are various activities taking place Monday to Thursday. The team is looking to provide activities on Fridays and at weekends.</p> <p>A bid will be submitted to fund activities in the holidays. The Board asked if it could have a stats report. Nick will provide this at the next meeting.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the building was not open at the weekends as this was part of the funding bid. Nick explained that they are looking to recruit staff for weekend work. He will ask when the centre is likely to open at the weekend. It was suggested that some of the outside agencies such as Enthusiasm or City Churches could provide cover at the weekends. Councillor Higginbottom asked if it was a breach of the funding bid if the facility was not open at weekends.</p> | <p>Nick Robinson</p> |
| 10 | <p>Library Updates</p> <p>Attendance figures are good, 7000 people have visited the library since it opened on 25 March 2010.</p> | |

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| | <p>There have been 278 new adult members and 308 new junior members.</p> <p>Seating is to be installed at the rear of the library. Health and safety checks were carried out and there is a problem with the rear gate. At present there is a padlock securing the gate, this will need to be removed and the gate will need to be wired into the fire panel so that the gates will open automatically in the event of a fire. The wall and steps at the rear need to be fenced. There is also no disabled access to the rear of the building so it has been suggested the window in the meeting room be replaced with patio doors.</p> <p>MECA has agreed to purchase some crocuses to be planted at the front of the building by the junior wardens.</p> <p>It is hoped that the construction apprentices at Derby College will lay a path at the side of the library to prevent people from walking across the grass.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Neighbourhood Manager's Report</p> <p>The allotments are progressing well. There will be a meeting on 17 June, 6.30 pm at St Francis Church. Everyone on the waiting list will be invited.</p> | |
| 12 | <p>Sub Group Updates</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be one sub group for Mackworth, one for New Zealand and one for Highways. Any any issues which affect the ward as a whole will have a sub group developed to ensure any work required is completed. Residents are requested to attend their relevant sub groups</p> | |
| 13 | <p>Funding Bids</p> <p>Famous Trains Model Railway A bid for £1000 has been submitted. There was some concern about how sustainable the project would be.</p> <p>Bid from CSP – crime prevention funding A bid for £3000 has been submitted to help fund the level of service that is currently provided. If the funding is not agreed the crime prevention facility will be withdrawn from the estate for private residents. It was agreed that many people have benefited from this service in the past.</p> | |

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| 14 | Any Other Business None. | |
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Date of next meeting – To be confirmed after the Cabinet meeting.