

## Mickleover Neighbourhood Board

### Minutes of meeting held 20 March 2008 at Mickleover Library.

<b>Present:</b>			
Councillor Jones	Chair	John Kelsey	resident
Councillor Hird	Councillor	Steve Taberner	resident
Councillor Winter	Councillor	Leanne Bloxham	young resident
Inspector Skelton	Police	Mike Bellamy	Mickleover Community Assoc.
Sergeant Williamson	Police	Andrew Templer	Scouts
PC Bird	Police	Tina Sarker	Youth Service
Graham Howarth	resident	Richard Smail	Neighbourhood Manager
Sue Storry	resident	Yvonne Luce	Community Cohesion Team
In attendance for item 4: Mrs Howard, Mr Ryan - residents			
Apologies – Pam Stretton, Dawn Slater, Chris Smith, Capt Sean Andrews, Geoff Smout			
<b>11/08</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>		
	Councillor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
<b>12/08</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting on 30 January 2008</b>		
	Minutes agreed as an accurate record with an amendment to Item 4/08 paragraph three, stating to open up the homework club for as many as required rather than for six students.		
<b>13/08</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>		
	Mike Bellamy declared an interest in the funding request from Mickleover Community Centre in item 8 as the Chairman of Mickleover Community Centre.		
<b>14/08</b>	<b>Response to Petition – Request for more Street Lights on Bath Road, Mickleover.</b>		
	<p>Richard Smail introduced the report from the Chair of Mickleover Board and Alan Jacques, Street Lighting Manager in response to the petition signed by 11 residents who requested the Council provide more street lighting to Bath Road. Initial investigations into the problem by Highways and Street Lighting identified that the street lighting had been upgraded and improved in 2006 providing nine rather than six columns with white lighting on Bath Road and the linking alleyways. This resulted in a significant increase in light levels on Bath Road but to improve the light into the cul de sac area, engineers have been instructed to adjust the lamp positions where possible on the relevant columns.</p> <p>However, further investigations by the Neighbourhood Manager, Police and the Crime Prevention Team identified that local residents had been experiencing problems of anti social behaviour at the cul de sac end of Bath Road next to the alleyways in the past year. In response to these complaints the Police have visited the residents, patrolled the area as a hotspot and continue to patrol the area as a priority, evidence suggests the perpetrators are local. The Crime Prevention Team installed a mobile cctv camera for a three month period and offered target hardening visits.</p>		

	<p>Mrs Howard, the lead petitioner and Mr Ryan a local resident responded and considered that the cctv camera was not effective, that more communication should have taken place when it was removed and that more streetlights was the best solution. They did not want to take up the offer of target hardening.</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendations not to install more lighting but to adjust the relevant lamps, that the Police continue to patrol the area as a priority and that the Crime Prevention Team offer of target hardening is made to the residents again. In addition the Board recommended that the Police visit the local residents again to reassure them action is being taken, that communication is improved when removing cctv cameras and that Street lighting engineers are specifically requested to adjust the lamps on the columns in the alleyways.</p> <p><b>Action: Police to visit residents, Richard Smail to inform Crime Prevention Team about improving communications and target hardening and to inform Street Lighting to adjust the lamps</b></p> <p>(Mrs Howard and Mr Ryan left the meeting)</p>	<p><b>Police Richard Smail</b></p>
<p><b>15/08</b></p>	<p><b>Police Report and Neighbourhood Forum Update</b></p> <p>Inspector Skelton provided an overview of the policing staffing levels and current priorities in Mickleover. He referred to specific priorities to be tackled relating to nuisance youths and criminal damage including in the Onslow Road area, Mickleover Park and Devonshire Drive area. Work is concentrating on tackling low level anti social behaviour and it relies on intelligence provided by residents. He is keen to work with local young people to develop relationships, promote the police service and profile.</p> <p>Richard Smail, Neighbourhood Manager updated on progress with issues raised at the last Forum meeting and the introduction of Tasking meetings in May where agencies work together to solve problems and share resources and information.</p> <p>Yvonne Luce from the Community Cohesion Team outlined the teams role in the city and more specifically to Mickleover where cohesion problems currently tend to relate to intergenerational issues. Yvonne confirmed their teams support for working with the Youth Service.</p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
<p><b>16/08</b></p>	<p><b>Mickleover Neighbourhood Priorities</b></p> <p>Richard Smail introduced the Identifying Priorities in Mickleover report that outlined residents responses at the Forum meeting on 27 February 2008.</p> <p>The outcome of the session was an indication of the key priorities for Mickleover residents and that these would form the basis for action as agreed by the Board. The Board recognised that the sample of 35 was not large and while the majority of respondents were older residents, the information will be used alongside other sources of information. Some key messages which came from the session which the Board supported included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of residents are satisfied with Mickleover as a place to live</li> <li>• Majority of residents feel fairly well informed about what is happening in Mickleover</li> <li>• Majority of residents feel fairly or very safe living in Mickleover</li> <li>• Majority of residents feel Mickleover is fairly clean</li> </ul>	

	<p>The report highlighted the following areas for consideration by the Board which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase the number of residents, especially young people, involved in decision making</li> <li>• improve communication and ways to inform residents of what is happening in Mickleover</li> <li>• tackle criminal damage</li> <li>• provide more support for young people especially those not in education or training</li> <li>• provide more support for the elderly</li> <li>• provide more youth provision and activities</li> <li>• tackle dog mess and litter by publicity and promotion campaigns</li> <li>• map community facilities</li> <li>• improve safety of children around schools</li> </ul> <p>The Board identified four key priorities for action – Young people, Safer, Stronger - including communications and engagement and cleaner. It was noted that these agreed priorities for action in the plan fit with the priorities identified at the meeting on 30 January 2008 and that sub groups would link to these priorities.</p>	<b>Sub groups</b>
17/08	<p><b>Highway and Transport programme 2008/09</b></p> <p>Richard Smail outlined the proposed work agreed at Council Cabinet. This included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Station Road – Vehicle actuation sign if the Road Safety Partnership can fund the work. The Board noted this was not one of their priorities and that extending the 30mph limit would be a better solution to the problem. The Board noted some problems with the new sign on Devonshire Drive.</li> <li>2. The Square, Warner Street, Etwall Road, Limes Avenue – parking investigation to assess short and long term solutions</li> <li>3. Public transport – revenue support to service 35 that serves Mickleover as well as Littleover.</li> </ol>	<b>All to note</b>
18/08	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Community Budget</b></p> <p>The Board considered two applications for funding.</p> <p>Mickleover Community Association were requesting £1,818 towards new tables and chairs and a grill as part of the refurbishment of the tea rooms in the Centre by December 2008.</p> <p>Children’s and Young peoples Service were requesting £1,000 to provide equipment to re launch the Youth Club at the Pavilion on Vicarage Park. The service is providing funding to refit the offices and rooms in the pavilion. Plan to open in April 2008.</p> <p>The Board approved £1,818 to Mickleover Community Association and £1,000 to Children’s and Young people Services.</p>	
19/08	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Arrangements 2008/09</b></p>	

	<p>Richard Smail outlined the arrangements and procedures to establish the new Mickleover neighbourhood Board after the annual meeting of the Council in May 2008.</p> <p>Residents interested need to complete a nomination form by 9 May and include 10 signatures from local residents. Those representing Community organisations would need a signed letter from the organisation endorsing their nomination.</p>	<b>All to note</b>
<b>20/08</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Subgroups</b></p> <p>In response to the discussion relating to the four main priorities for Mickleover identified in item 16/08 and the previous agreement made at the Board meeting on 30 January, the Board agreed to set up two sub groups. Volunteers were identified and encouraged to give a commitment to attending the meetings and finding ways to tackle the priorities.</p> <p>Communications – to include informing and communicating with residents, mapping facilities and engaging with/empowering residents. Members: Mike Bellamy, John Kelsey, Councillor Hird, Sergeant Williamson, (Geoff Smout also expressed an interest)</p> <p>Young people – to include youth support and provision, safety and antisocial behaviour and criminal damage. Members: Councillor Winter, Graham Howarth, Sergeant Williamson, Andrew Templar. Graham Howarth agreed to take the lead, Richard Smail to share contact details</p>	<b>Richard Smail</b>
<b>10/08</b>	<p><b>Date of Future meetings</b></p> <p><b>Board meeting</b> – Thursday 26 June at 6.30pm in Mickleover Library</p> <p><b>Forum meetings</b> – Wednesday 4 June at Mickleover School</p> <p>Board training session at Mickleover Court on Friday 11 July at 5pm</p>	