

SPONDON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2010 St Werburgh's Church Parish Rooms Spondon

Present:

Cllr Chris Poulter	- Chair
Cllr Evonne Williams	- Derby City Council
Inspector Richard Keene	- Police
David Hayes	- Spondon Community Association
Carole Chambers	- Spondon Community Association
Tom Strachan	- Neighbourhood Watch
Alan England	- Resident
Susan Miller	- Resident
Angie Doughty	- Resident
Bethany Austin	- Young Resident – Youth Club
Jessica Ormston	- Young Resident– Youth Club
Richard Smail	- Neighbourhood Manager
Stephanie Morley	- Minute Taker

Observer: Shannon Whaley - Young resident

Apologies: Cllr Peter Berry
Zoe Boyes
Julian Hollywell
Ruth Hardy
Ruth Kellogg
Roy Reynolds
Grace McFadden
Hazel England
Derek Hathaway

09/10	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	<u>ACTIONS</u>
	<p>Welcome by Chair and introductions were made. Apologies noted. Richard added the Fire Service had changed how they engaged with Boards and Roy Reynolds would only attend in future at the Board's request. He will however, still be classed as a Board Member. David Hayes stated that he understood Derek Hathaway was still a Board member and was tending his apologies while he was away. Richard Smail responded that he understood Derek had resigned and would consider rejoining on his return. Richard confirmed he could still be considered as a Board member and have his apologies accepted.</p>	
10/10	MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS	
10/10/1	<p>Minutes of Meeting Held 3 February 2010 Agreed to be a true record.</p>	
10/10/2	Matters Arising	

	<p>Item 06/10 Recycling Data</p> <p>David Hayes asked if there had been any feedback on no data about recycling, waste management and Climate Change included in the performance data provided for the Board. Richard Smail responded that the information produced is a standard set provided across the city and has been in place for 2 years. The data needs to be available at a ward level and he understands Climate Change data is city wide, the waste management service includes emptying bins and this data is based on bin rounds not wards. Richard confirmed that this information may be forthcoming once Streetpride has been introduced.</p>	
11/10	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Angie Doughty declared an interest in Item 6 – funding application for The Big One.</p> <p>Tom Strachan, Susan Miller, Angie Doughty and Alan England declared an interest in Item 6 – funding application from the Board’s Safer Sub-group.</p>	
12/10	<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late Application for Funding from Spondon Flames Basketball • Police Report • Board Member Nominations 	
13/10	<p>REPORT FROM YOUNG BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>Bethany Austin and Jessica Ormston reported that recent activities undertaken by the Youth Club have included skiing at Swadlincote and the start of Dance Club at its new venue at the Methodist Chapel, which is proving a great hit with quite a few new faces coming along.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place about anti social behaviour generally in Spondon which they felt was not a major problem however a recent incident that caused concern involved 5 young people coming to the area in a taxi started trouble. The Chair went on to enquire whether Brunswood Park was alright and it was stated the new light that had been installed made this area much better. Inspector Keene stated the Safer Neighbourhood Team could provide incident log sheets if problems started.</p> <p>The Chair asked if the young members would like to help with the Board’s survey and they stated they would be pleased to do this. Following discussion it was agreed they would hand out questionnaires at the youth clubs and the new dance club.</p> <p>ACTION: Young Board Members to help with Board Survey, as</p>	<p>Young Board Members</p>

	<p>agreed.</p> <p>Richard Smail reported that there had been an event attended by some Spondon Board members about Involving Young People in Neighbourhoods. It was reported at the event that in the Children and Young Peoples Plan all Neighbourhood Boards have been tasked to include an item for young people on their agendas and develop an action plan to show how they will involve young people within their board. It was noted that an 'opinionometer' is also being used within schools to gather young people's views, which members felt to be an excellent idea.</p>	
<p>14/10</p>	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported that a lot of work has been done to tackle anti social behaviour (ASB) with 2 young people having been arrested and 3 placed on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC). Officers have working through the night to address auto crime in the area, to good effect – 2 people arrested last night for dwelling burglaries and arrests have also been made for vehicle crime and drug offences.</p> <p>Inspector Keene thanked the Board for funding the PCSOs 'Primary School Challenge' and stated this was working well.</p> <p>He reported on an increase in incidents of damage to property at Asterdale leisure Centre and officers have been on extra patrols in the area and providing target hardening advice. The local football club unfortunately has no money to make the large site more secure.</p> <p>He reported on a successful meeting with partners and businesses to tackle ASB on Sitwell Street. This was coordinated by PCSO Harris who has also been nominated for Derbyshire Constabulary's PCSO of the Year Award.</p> <p>Spondon Police Surgery is now up and running at the Library.</p> <p>He reported on a serious assault that took place in the village and an arrest made regarding this.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place with ASDA about store crime so that those found shoplifting, who co-operate with the store and return the goods / money to the store, will not be prosecuted. This will help lessen crime statistics for Spondon considerably.</p> <p>Crime statistics for the area are positive, with all crime down 15.2% year on year to 21 March 2010. This equates to 180 fewer victims in the Ward. Dwelling burglaries have however, increased by 11.8% (which equates to 4 houses in the year). Assault down 12%. The detection rate is 34% compared with an average detection rate of 20% for Derbyshire as a whole. ASB down 9%.</p>	

	<p>Angie enquired if policing in Spondon would be affected by the fact that PCSO Kate Bannister was now on light duties and Inspector Keene responded this would be the case until her Maternity Leave ended.</p> <p>The Chair reported that Councillor Redfern had offered to attend a future Forum meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities of the Licensing Committee but members felt this would not be required as there were currently no major issues in Spondon. Angie did express concern however, that young children were often in one of the local pubs at 10pm.</p> <p>ACTION: to write to Councillor Redfern to decline offer for licensing presentation.</p> <p><i>(Bethany Austin, Jessica Ormston and Shannon Whaley left the meeting at 7.20pm.)</i></p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>15/10</p> <p>15/10/1</p> <p>15/10/2</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD COMMUNITY BUDGET & FUNDING</p> <p>The Budget report had been circulated with the agenda, but one late item was circulated from Spondon Flames at the meeting. The following applications were considered:</p> <p>Safer Spondon The declarations of interest made at Item 11/10 were duly noted.</p> <p>This funding proposal had been put together by the Safer Spondon Sub group in response to the Boards request for ways to support vulnerable people in the community. The proposal was for £1,604 for the purchase of a variety of safety equipment to be sold at competitive rates at local events; this will help sustain the project. The initiative aims to reinforce the Board's commitment to improving safety in the area to local residents and businesses. Richard added the proposal served a dual role in providing safety equipment whilst also sign-posting people to additional services.</p> <p>Inspector Keene offered additional equipment free of charge from the Police and this was accepted with thanks.</p> <p>Agreed to fund £1,604 from Youth Highways and Safer Budget.</p> <p>ACTION: Members of the Safer Sub group to ensure collection of free safety equipment from Police.</p> <p><i>(Inspector Keene left the meeting at 7.50pm.)</i></p> <p>BIG 1 Event. The Big 1 Steering Group had applied for £1,000 for the provision of publicity and activities for the BIG 1 event. Applications have also</p>	

	<p>submitted to Chaddesden, Oakwood and Derwent Boards. Chaddesden have funded in full, Oakwood have funded £80 and Derwent have not yet considered the application.</p> <p>It was commented that while a large number of people attended and many were from Spondon it was not a local event. The Chair however, stated the 2008 event had been well attended and felt the Board should support it accordingly.</p> <p><i>(Susan Miller left the meeting at 8.00pm.)</i></p> <p>Alan felt £1,000 was excessive and Councillor Williams additionally stated the £15 charge for charity stores was too high and informed members she had today written to the appropriate Cabinet member to express her dissatisfaction. There was also concern that the catering arrangements were restrictive and that more local caterers should be invited.</p> <p>Following discussion the Board agreed to fund £750 with the proviso that unless the catering arrangements are changed, and that Charity stores are charged less such as £5, the allocation will be for £500</p> <p>Agreed to fund £750 subject to conditions from the Community Budget ACTION: Richard Smail to pass on the conditions to the Big 1 Steering Group</p>	
15/10/3	<p>Spondon Parent & Toddler Group</p> <p>The application was from Spondon Parent and Toddler Group for £960 to enhance child development through a number of structured creative activities over and above the usual weekly voluntary run activities. The Board noted the close working with the Extended Schools team and the recent successes with similar activities.</p> <p>Agree to fund £960 from the Community budget.</p>	
15/10/4	<p>Be Inspiring - Derby CSP & Derby Homes:</p> <p>This funding application was from Derby Homes and Derby Community Safety Partnership for £220 to cover cost of a local celebration and publicity with £20 towards the city wide celebration event for young people involved in other Be Inspiring projects. The total project will cost over £5,000 with the main funding coming from Derby City Partnership Be Inspiring Fund.</p> <p>The Be Inspiring project in Spondon will involve 30 young people from Spondon helping to design a new garden for a Derby Homes tenant from first ideas and interview, through, design and selection of plants and planting and publicity at the end. The aim is to inspire young people to want to do something positive as a result of their experience and contributions. Similar projects are taking place in</p>	

<p>15/10/5</p>	<p>Derwent, Oakwood and Chaddesden.</p> <p>Agreed to fund £220 from Youth Highways and Safer Budget.</p> <p>Spondon Flames Basketball This funding application was from Spondon Flames Basketball club with support from PowWow projects for £998. The funding was to provide equipment to start up additional junior teams based at West Park School. The club aim to develop links with all primary Schools in Spondon Angie pointed out the group were already working in Borrow wood School as children here paid to attend the group's sessions and added that they were not currently involved with Asterdale School.</p> <p>Upon enquiry it was stated the funding, if granted, would come from the Board's Budget.</p> <p>Agreed to fund £998 from the Youth, Highways and Safer Budget</p> <p><i>(Carole Chambers left the meeting at 8.25pm.)</i></p>	
<p>16/10</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD PRIORITIES 2010/11</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Managers report had been pre-circulated along with the results from the recent Neighbourhood Forum meeting, and both were duly considered by Board members. The Board was asked to confirm the priorities for the Board in 2010/11 and for the Community Budget criteria in 2010/11.</p> <p>The Board had a discussion about the priorities including the need to continue its work on climate change to tackle issues with the environment while it was noted at the forum that litter and dog mess were still the top two local issues.</p> <p>It was noted that while a lot of work had been done to engage local residents in the past years the feedback at the forum was that more needs to be done to communicate information to and from residents and find ways to involve the community in decision making. Councillor Williams supported the continued inclusion of Health as a priority and need to tackle inequalities.</p> <p>It was noted that the results from the forum indicated Spondon was considered a safe place to live but that anti social behaviour was the main concern including damage and young people hanging about. The main issues relating to Highways were the amount of heavy goods traffic through the village and a lack of an alternative route.</p> <p>The following priorities for the Board and for Community Budget for 2010/11 were agreed:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve highways and transport – with a focus on reducing heavy goods vehicles, speeding, parking and safety around schools 2. Improve Community Engagement and Empowerment in Spondon - with a focus on communications 3. Support a healthier community – with a focus on inequalities and obesity 4. Improve community safety – with a focus on antisocial behaviour, car crime and fear of crime 5. Improve the Environment in Spondon – with a focus on climate change, dog mess and litter <p>ACTION: All Board member to promote the new priorities for 2010/11</p> <p>The Board had a discussion about the results of the Place Survey 2008 and felt that a more accurate picture would be gained by asking more questions locally. Susan Miller introduced her ideas to ask a representative sample of local residents a series of agreed questions linked to the Place Survey questions. The Board agreed to the progression of Susan Miller’s survey and Councillor Poulter agreed to work with Susan to progress</p> <p>ACTION: Susan Miller and Councillor Poulter to progress survey and to incorporate the results in future Board actions and priorities for 2010/11.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Chair / Susan Miller</p>
<p>17/10</p> <p>17/10/1</p> <p>17/10/2</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD SUB GROUPS</p> <p>Cleaner, Greener Spondon David Hayes provided a verbal report. The building foundations at West Park School are being cleared, to be replaced with top soil and landscaped. The area by the radio mast at Cromer Farm has now been tidied up by the land owner and work is being done at the nature reserve, with the pathway being cleared and 60 saplings planted. Saplings have been planted around the Village Hall also and the beds have been cleared for planting up with flower shrubs. The pond on Dale Road will be cleared in the near future following some grant money being secured. The Canal Society are preparing to lay the tow path hedge and are running some training courses in hedge laying as well.</p> <p>Communications The written report previously circulated was noted. Angie drew attention to the commitment that the Sub group had arranged to attend a number of events over the next 10 months. A copy of the events has been distributed by Richard Smail. Angie requested that photographs are provided to her and David agreed to forward some photographs of recent work undertaken by Cleaner, Greener Spondon.</p>	

	<p>The outstanding Communications Budget of £1,544 is still being held by Spondon Community Association. The Board approved the Spending plan as outlined in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display Boards – about £100 • Contribution to C&C Magazines of £960 for 2 pages every month after April 2010 until March 2011 • Delivery of an insert with C&C of Spondon to every property - @£120 a time subject to need • Subject to further investigations the cost of Advertisement Consent for the Noticeboards - @£85 <p>ACTION: All to forward photographs to Angie Doughty including environmental work</p>	
17/10/3	<p>Highways</p> <p>The new free parking sign that will be erected will not refer to the Village Hall. David Hayes asked if the Library sign that they have outside the Library could be modified to read “Library & Village Hall”. This would need funding and David asked if any funding is available it could be used to discuss the option with the Library. Richard suggested the Highways Sub-group take on this proposal and contact the Library and identify any funding. Councillor Williams added that she felt this would not be a problem.</p> <p>ACTION: Highways Sub group to consider new sign outside Library to read “Library & Village Hall” with funding from the Highways Budget.</p>	All
17/10/4	<p>Safer Spondon</p> <p>The written report had previously been circulated. The Board noted that the proposal for security equipment funding had been presented to the Board for consideration and that the group had set up a bank account in the name of Safer Spondon.</p>	Highways Sub-group
17/10/5	<p>Spondon Youth Initiative</p> <p>Councillor Williams provided a verbal report. A funding application for £5,000 has been submitted to Be Inspired in order to run a Jobs & Careers Fair in conjunction with local businesses. Goodie bags will be provided for the young people who attend and the winner of a planned competition will be able to shadow a job of their choice for a day.</p> <p>A pizza event is also being organised at Craddock Aveune that involves both young people and the local older residents.</p>	
18/10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Board Member Nominations</p>	

	Richard reminded everyone that these would need to be completed and returned to him by 19 April.	
19/10	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>Forum: Wednesday 9 June 2010. Theme for meeting to be Streetpride.</p> <p>Board: Wednesday 23 June 2010.</p>	

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- 1. Young Board Members to help with Board Survey, as agreed.**
- 2. Chair to write to Councillor Redfern to decline offer for licensing presentation.**
- 3. Members of the Safer Sub group to ensure collection of free safety equipment from Police.**
- 4. Richard Smail to pass on the conditions to the Big 1 Steering Group**
- 5. All Board member to promote the new priorities for 2010/11**
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