

MACKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 January 2009 at 6.00pm at the Diocesan Centre

Present:

Councillor Higginbottom	Chair
Councillor Baxter	Derby City Council
Councillor Tuplin	Derby City Council
Emma Tidbury	Derby Homes
Helen Faulconbridge	Neighbourhood Team
Peter Matthews	Neighbourhood Team
Jasvir Bahth	Youth Services
Glenys Stevens	New Zealand Resident
Inspector Richard Keene	Police
Lester Pendrey	New Zealand Resident
Mandy Coons	New Zealand Resident
Nathan Lucas	Enthusiasm
Paul Pegg	Mackworth Resident
Judy Kelsall	Mackworth Resident

Apologies: Terry Rogerson
Zoe Nettleship
Jane Harrison

01/09	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	Actions
	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made.	
02/09	DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST No declarations received.	
03/09	LATE ITEMS Proposal for the Arthur Neal Home / Lois Ellis Site Paul Pegg presented information on the proposal and circulated hand-outs for members' information. Paul explained local residents felt the proposals were a way forward for the Mackworth Estate and that the new development would enhance the area. He stressed this was a long term development and reported back on his visit to a similar scheme in Glossop, which he had found to be to an excellent standard. Paul added the manager of the Glossop scheme had overall jurisdiction as to what was required for each resident, and additional services were provided when needed and without a	

delay to residents.

Paul felt the city of Derby as a whole required a development such as this, which would comprise 100 flats, 33 to be for social letting, 33 for private rental and 33 for outright purchase. Those flats purchased outright by people would revert back to the ownership of the RSL who had originally sold it, to be reallocated to another suitable resident. In this manner, all flats would remain extra care units.

Pete Matthews added that a number of the proposed flats would specifically service Mackworth Estate's aging population and enable residents to stay in their locality, something which is not guaranteed at the present time.

Lester Pendrey expressed his concern re the proposed development and felt the idea of demolishing the Arthur Neal Home would not be of benefit to its current residents. Councillor Baxter however, explained the home as it stood today was the oldest in the City and completely out of date. Furthermore, renovation would be virtually impossible as so much work was required to the present building (c. £650K would be required to repair the roof and replace the windows alone). Paul Pegg added that current legislation stated all elderly residents should now be provided with en suite facilities and this would not be possible in the present Arthur Neal Home building.

Enquiry was made as to how many residents would have to be relocated from the Arthur Neal Home should this be demolished and this was confirmed to be 17. It was added that permanent residents were no longer referred there and that the Home had only 80% occupancy.

Pete Matthews informed the meeting of the Government's requirement for Derby City to have 210 extra care spaces by 2010, adding that he had also looked at converting Rebecca House to help satisfy this target too.

Lester felt moving the current residents at the Arthur Neal Home would traumatise them to the extent that they would not be able to recover their former health. Paul however, explained investigations were currently taking place to see whether they could be kept on site whilst the development was built in order to be re-housed there once works had been completed. Councillor Baxter however, felt this was not feasible as their life expectancies would not be great.

Following the above discussion, it was stated the proposal would be presented to Cabinet on 17 February 2009 and all were assured that the comments raised during the consultation period

	would be taken into account. Mackworth Board had missed the consultation period, which ended on 22 December 2008, but it was added the Forum had participated in the process and comments from here would be recorded in the consultation report.	
04/09	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>04.1 Accuracy The Minutes were agreed to be a true record.</p> <p>04.2 Matters Arising</p> <p>Adaptations to the Viking Centre Pete Matthews had received no feedback from Julie Basford to date and agreed to chase this matter up.</p>	Pete to speak to Julie Basford re this issue
05/09	<p>POLICE ISSUES</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported the Section 30 renewal had been signed off by both his Superintendent and the CSP and would therefore run for a further 6 months.</p> <p>Those present were informed of recent house calls on the Estate by a bogus alarm company who were alarming residents by stating they were living in a high crime area. In order to reassure people, articles have been included in the local press by the Police.</p> <p>Inspector Keene was pleased to report a reduction in crime figures for the area over the past 5 years and added that crime was down by 30%, a trend not evident in the remainder of the City. Anti-social behaviour is well below the City average, although these have risen slightly in the last year, although he hoped the Section 30 Order and alcohol free zone would help matters here.</p> <p>Crime in the New Zealand & Morley areas is up by approximately 12%, averaging 2 crimes per day at the present time. Anti-social behaviour for the area however, is significantly down. Resources have therefore been focused on this area.</p> <p>The crime detection rate is currently one out of 3 crimes, which is above the national average.</p> <p>The additional Community Watch Patrol van will be up and running by early February and will be deployed as and where needed. The Board may contact Inspector Keene who will respond to specific requests for its use. The Board was thanked for their support on this project.</p>	

	<p>Operation Iowa has recently seen officers successfully engaging with young people on Friday and Saturday nights to lower drinking and drugs on the streets. Approximately 100 youths were stopped by the Police during the operation, 3 arrests for drugs were made plus a further arrest for carrying an offensive weapon. Alcohol has been confiscated where found in the possession of those under age and the Police have also worked with local licensees. Referrals have been made to the ASB Team.</p> <p>The Board asked Inspector Keene to pass on their thanks to the beat officers and PCSOs working on the Estate as they were doing an excellent job. Councillor Baxter added Mackworth's Crime Prevention Group had likewise undertaken some excellent work and conveyed the Board's thanks for this also.</p>	
06/09	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD FINANCES</p> <p>The Mackworth Neighbourhood Board's Community Budget figures had been pre-circulated and were duly considered by those present.</p> <p>Pete Matthews requested ideas for the remaining £2,300 of funding remaining from the Council's one-off allocation of £10,000 and himself suggested the purchase of additional mobile cameras for the area. He added Sgt Frost had expressed a need for these as all current cameras were being used and a waiting list for their use was also in place. Upon enquiry it was confirmed day to night cameras cost approximately £600 to £700.</p> <p>The purchase of further shed alarms was additionally suggested.</p> <p>Councillor Baxter felt the Council would not claw back the remaining grant and added a further £10,000 would be available for each Board in the coming financial year.</p> <p>Following discussion members unanimously agreed to purchase further cameras within the remaining £2,300. Proposed Paul Pegg, seconded Chair, all in favour.</p> <p>Inspector Keene added that he would prepare an article for the paper re the purchase of extra cameras in order to make people aware these were being used and thus act as a deterrent.</p> <p>Pete went on to request ideas for the remaining £900 of funding available from the Board's main allocation, and drew members' attention to the priorities listed in his report.</p> <p>Members went on to discuss the delay with the release of</p>	

	<p>cheques to groups awarded funding by the Board and Pete stated all complaints had been noted by the Council and it was hoped such delays would not recur. Paul Pegg added that the recent changeover by the Council to the Oracle computer system had not helped here.</p>	
07/09	<p>ALCOHOL FREE ZONE</p> <p>Information has now been passed to the Council's legal team who are in the process of preparing their report for Cabinet. Locations for appropriate signage have been decided upon and the month long consultation period is currently taking place. Upon enquiry Helen confirmed that ESD would be erecting the AFZ signs. Balfour Beatty will also be informed of their locations to ensure these do not clash with the placement of new street lighting.</p>	
08/09	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The Chair thanked Pete for his efforts with the recent bid and Pete was pleased to inform those present that a further bid had now been submitted to the Lotteries Commission for the same funding. The results of this second application will be known next week and the result will be fed back to the Allotment Group in due course.</p>	<p>Pete Matthews to inform the Allotment Group on bid outcome.</p>
09/09	<p>AGENCIES REPORT</p> <p>As requested, Pete Matthews circulated a comprehensive list of agencies with whom the Board works, for members' information. The list additionally details brief descriptions of the type of work undertaken by each.</p> <p>Pete suggested the Board's sub-groups may wish to consider linking the achievements they had identified with the priorities in the Neighbourhood Plan and to contact the relevant agencies to request partnership working. This would create a more target driven agenda, with sub-groups reporting back on their work to the main Board.</p> <p>The Chair asked if it would be possible to have quarterly reports re hours involved by agencies working to specific targets. Pete however, felt this would be difficult. Nathan however, stated Enthusiasm would be able to produce figures around the number of contacts they made per week. Judy felt general feedback would be more appropriate and Pete suggested agency updates could be requested and included on future Agendas. He added agencies could also be invited to sub-group meetings to give reports on their work in the Mackworth area.</p>	<p>Helen Faulconbridge to e-mail list of sub-groups to Board Members.</p> <p>Helen Faulconbridge to request updates from major agencies working in Mackworth for next meeting.</p>

10/09	<p>FEEDBACK FROM TRAINING</p> <p>See Item 09/09.</p>	
11/09	<p>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>No applications received.</p>	
12/09	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>12.1 Junior Warden Scheme This scheme is currently being set up in the Mackworth area and will involve young people working in tandem with the Police. Year 6 school pupils will be asked to take part and if there are too few volunteers, a joint scheme will be developed with Allestree.</p> <p>12.2 Reduction of Council Services Councillor Baxter reported proposed reductions, including a reduction in weed killing on grass verges, signage and road marking maintenance and gulley cleaning. He expressed concern that these measures may impact on road safety in the future. Inspector Keene felt that from a Police perspective, it was Highways' responsibility to ensure the upkeep of roads and any serious failures to do this would be raised.</p> <p>12.3 Sturgess Field Paul Pegg thanked Councillor Baxter for his work here.</p> <p>12.4 Mackworth Community Association The lease for the St Francis Family Centre will be signed in 28 days time, after which time the Association will take over the Centre.</p> <p>12.5 BMX Track, Cheviot Street A consultation meeting will take place on Saturday 7 February 2009 between 10.00am and 12.00pm at the Lonny Wilsoncroft Centre.</p> <p>12.6 New Play Area, Knightsbridge Recreation Ground A bid from MECA for £100,000 has been submitted to the Lotteries Commission to provide a new play area for 3 to 16 year old children on Knightsbridge Recreation Ground.</p>	
13/09	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 4 March 2009 at 6.00pm at the Lonny Wilsoncroft Centre</p>	

