

# Abbey Neighbourhood Board

## Minutes of meeting held 8 October 2008 at Firs Youth Centre

	<p><b>Present:</b>          Councillor Bryan Lowe – Derby CC          Jaz Greer – Cast Trust          Verica Kecovich – CSP          Lindsey Maidstone – CSP          Chris Smith – Fire and Rescue Service          Naomi Feldman – C&amp;YP          Adele Styles – C &amp; YP          Patrick Tracey – DCC          Neil Woodford - DCC</p>	
	<p>Apologies :          Councillor David Batey – DCC          Malcolm Ford – Stockbrook Cluster          Malcolm Price – DCC          Dan Sexton – Derby Homes          Nishi Madan – Derby PCT</p>	
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>          Cllr Lowe welcomed those attending and invited those present to introduce themselves.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>          None to declare.</p>	
3	<p><b>Late Items</b>          No late items.</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b>  <b>Firs Estate Primary School Petition</b>          VK reported that there had been no further contact from the lead petitioner and that the suggestion was to note and approve DCC's response to the petition.          JG suggested that council need to consult more widely with the community and voluntary sector. JG felt that DCC need to consider the impact on adult learning services already in the area.          JG asked that the board request a presentation for the next board about the proposed plans.</p> <p><b>Young Peoples' representation at the board</b>          VK explained to the board the difficulty she was having with getting young people to attend the board. VK had tried to consult with the young people about how we could make it easier for them attend but had not received any feedback.</p>	<p>NM to make contact with C&amp;YP Department</p>

	<p>Naomi Feldman told the board that she was running training for young people about the neighbourhood boards on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and would ask them about the barriers to them attending and how they would like to be involved in the neighbourhood boards.</p> <p><b>Music Project</b> VK informed the board about the music project which she runs along with Bethel Church. The project offers free instrumental tuition to children in years five and six, from the three primary schools in the area. Fifteen young people completed the course in the summer term. The group applied for £5000 of funding, but only received £2,500. The group will be applying to the board for the additional £2,500. The group plan to bring an additional fifteen children to join the children who completed phase one in the summer term.</p> <p><b>Away day for residents who sit on the Neighbourhood Boards (18 Sept 2008)</b> No residents from the Abbey Neighbourhood Board attended the away day. Patrick Lee attended and reported that Council Departments had agreed to improve communication with Neighbourhood Boards.</p>	Feedback attached
5	<p><b>Rowditch Recreation Ground Improvements- Neil Woodward</b></p> <p><b>Issues raised:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners raised the issue of teenage provision on the recreation ground. Neil assured the meeting that they would be catered for up until the age of 16.</li> <li>• Partners on the whole preferred option three, as the ball court was positioned away from the play ground, creating separate defined areas for younger and older children.</li> <li>• NF raised the issue of disabled access and sensory play features in the new play ground. NW stated that the park would be made as inclusive as possible.</li> <li>• The issue was raised of the new park having adequate dog bin provision.</li> <li>• The parks Department have been visiting the schools in the area to look at play environments. Becket School children will be asked to develop a model of what they would like to see at the park. Bemrose students will also be consulted.</li> <li>• A public meeting to discuss the proposals will be held a Bemrose School on Oct 15 at 6:30pm. The leaflets advertising the meeting will be sent to the Abbey Neighbourhood Forum mailing list and will be put up in community spaces.</li> </ul> <p>Jaz Greer stated that he was unhappy with the level of advertising that had taken place to promote the meeting. JG stated that there are 5000 households in the area and each one should be informed of the meeting. NW stated that they would try to consult as widely as possible in</p>	VK to liaise

	<p>the time available. VK offered for the Neighbourhood Team to distribute leaflets in the immediate area around the park. JG stated that this was unacceptable and distribution was not wide enough. JG felt that the meeting should be advertised through CAST Trust's Community Newsletter. The newsletter would not however be going out until after the planned meeting and there was not a confirmed date for distribution.</p> <p>VK to pass on details of the date the newsletter would be going out to NW, when CAST Trust confirm.</p> <p><b>Presentation regarding the Barracks area adjacent to Rowditch Recreation Ground- Patrick Tracey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Barracks area has been neglected for many years and is in very poor condition</li> <li>• There is very little activity on the site: two of the cottages are occupied and one building is used by the museum for storage.</li> <li>• Asset Management Department would like to redevelop the site and bring it back in use, to coincide with the work being done on Rowditch Recreation Ground.</li> <li>• PT will be forming a steering group to look at the development of the site and the various options that are available.</li> <li>• It was suggested that PT could attend a future resident's Forum to discuss the Barracks area and the options available.</li> </ul>	<p>with Parks Department re: publicity and give them Cast Trust contact details</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Managers Report – verbal</b> VK informed the Board that Patrick Lee had asked her to let everyone know that new Neighbourhood Manager for Abbey, Toni Leatherland will start in post on Monday 3 November 2008.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><b>Fire and Rescue Update</b> CS informed the board that the new Fire and Rescue Community Safety Officers now attend the Neighbourhood Tasking Meetings. CS feels that this is working well as the officers are at a more appropriate level to deal with issues that arise at the meetings.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Community Budget Applications and Update</b> VK circulated a paper that outlined the process for Ward Committees whose purpose is to authorise the use of the budget delegated to the Neighbourhood Board by the Council. Ward Committee requires two councillors to be present with the chair having a second casting vote. This committee will ratify expenditure decisions taken by the neighbourhood board, although the committee could turn down or modify a proposal in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>The paper also contained a summary of the application for funding from Bramblebrook Community Centre and proposed that Board approve the proposal and allocate the full amount requested.</p>	<p>VK to set date for Ward Committee</p>

	<p><b>There was a unanimous decision to approve £1,296.00 funding bid from Bramblebrook Community Centre for refurbishment of the seating area.</b></p> <p>The paper also proposed that the funding previously allocated to Stockbrook Colts - £1,000.00 should be assigned to Corporate Reserves Pilot Budget and the funding allocated to Cast Trust - £2,228.00 should be assigned to the Community Budget as there was a requirement to attribute costs to one of the two budget headings.</p> <p><b>The Board approved this proposal.</b></p>	
9	<p><b>Proposed board dates for 2009</b></p> <p>VK circulated proposed dates and times to the Board members for consideration.</p> <p>JG questioned whether the evening meetings were working, as there was poor attendance by board members, and suggested this would worsen with the darks nights approaching.</p> <p>VK explained that the time of the boards had been moved to 6:30pm to encourage people who work to attend.</p> <p>AS felt that the time of the board was too late for young people and may be discouraging them from attending.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to agree the remaining dates and times for 2008, but to review them at the next board meeting.</p> <p>JG asked VK why there were not more residents sitting on the board? VK explained that she had tried to engage residents and encourage them to join the board, but that she had not had any interest.</p> <p>JG suggested that this should be put on the agenda for the next board to be discussed.</p>	Neighbourhood Manager to ensure Board Membership is placed on the agenda for next meeting
10	<p><b>Issues raised at the last Neighbourhood Forum</b></p> <p>LM informed the board that the only issue raised at the Abbey Residents Forum which affects the board was the issue of cyclists riding on the pavement, and the lack of no cycling on the footpath signage.</p> <p>JG asked what the Police had been doing to address this problem, as they had made an undertaking at a previous Neighbourhood Forum to tackle this problem.</p> <p>JG asked that the Board send a letter to the Police Inspector asking for a report of what has been done.</p>	VK to contact police
11	<p><b>Date of next meeting – 10 December 2008, 6.30 to 8.00 pm, Firs Youth Centre, Amy Street</b></p>	