

Mackworth Neighbourhood Board

Wednesday 2 July 2008 at 6.00pm at
The Lonny Wilsoncroft Community Centre

Present:

Councillor Lisa Higginbottom	Chair – Derby City Council
Councillor Ray Baxter	Vice Chair - Derby City Council
Councillor Derrick Tuplin	Derby City Council
Lester Pendrey	New Zealand Resident
Paul Pegg	Mackworth Estate Resident
Mandy Coons	New Zealand Resident
Glenys Stevens	New Zealand Resident
Judy Kelsall	Mackworth Estate Resident
Jayne Broughton	New Zealand Resident
Emma Tidbury	Derby Homes
Richard Gerrard	Mackworth Estate Resident
Terry Rogerson	Mackworth Estate Resident
Pete Matthews	Housing and Neighbourhood Manager
Helen Faulconbridge	Community Safety and Engagement Officer
Richard Keene	Police Inspector

Apologies: Nathan Lucas, Enthusiasm

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1/08	Welcome and introductions	
2/08	<p>SUBMISSION OF PETITION</p> <p>Lead petitioner, Mr Bates, submitted a petition signed by 202 residents, stating that the children of Mackworth Estate are not being allowed to use the Community Centre on Prince Charles Avenue. They feel the Centre is under utilised and could be a valuable resource for the community if utilised correctly.</p> <p>Richard Gerrard stated a karate club was run at the Centre but the children who attended were not from Mackworth. He added he had been at the Forum meeting where the petition had been initially presented and felt it had been obvious the Centre's members did not want youths to use the building.</p> <p>It was asked whether a representative for the Community Centre had been invited to come to this meeting. This had not occurred as the procedure laid down by Derby City Council's Constitutional Services needed to be adhered to, and they would write to Mr Bates with a copy of this procedure. As Lead Petitioner, Mr Bates would be visited, and a visit would also be made to the Community Centre Committee. It was hoped the matter could be resolved amicably.</p> <p>The Chair asked if Richard Gerrard could verify the comments made at the Community Centre meeting. He stated it was difficult to quote</p>	

	<p>specific comments but added he came away from the meeting feeling the Committee were rigid in their opinions.</p> <p>Paul Pegg added the Committee had previously stated they did not want children over the age of 5 using the building. Furthermore, the 50 children currently using the Centre comprised those brought in by Sure Start on Wednesday mornings, the karate club and the City Mission Youth Club which only meets once a month on Wednesday evenings.</p> <p>Glenys Stevens enquired if the building was leased from Derby City Council and the Chair stated ownership would be identified as part of the investigation.</p> <p>Councillor Tuplin felt the Community Centre Committee were “out of their depth”, adding that they had run the Centre for many years and were quite elderly.</p> <p>Pete Matthews stated the petition presented gave one point of view only and the procedure needed to be followed when dealing with this. He therefore felt it inappropriate to discuss matters further at this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mr Bates for coming to the meeting to present the petition in person and additionally thanked him, on the Board’s behalf, for his work with the young people within the Mackworth area.</p> <p><i>(Mr Bates left the meeting at 6.10pm.)</i></p>	
<p>3/08</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Judy Kelsall and Paul Pegg declared an interest re the funding application to be presented at Item 9.</p> <p>It was noted the Chair would be leaving the meeting to attend another engagement and would hand over to the Vice Chair at this point.</p>	
<p>4/08</p>	<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>Nothing raised</p>	
<p>5/08</p>	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Members stated it had been good to receive the minutes prior to this evening’s meeting.</p> <p>Page 3: Terry Rogerson’s name had been incorrectly spelt.</p> <p>With the above exception the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2008 were agreed to be a true record.</p>	

	<p>The Mick/Mack Line</p> <p>Cllr Care had attended the Mackworth Forum Meeting to provide an update. It was felt those living in Morley and Mackworth would not use the line and no one present at the meeting seemed in favour of the proposals. It was noted that Lucy Care had agreed with this view also.</p> <p>The Chair had been pleased with the level of engagement seen at the Forum meeting and suggested that, if the proposals were to be put forward again, a 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' type voting system be used to ascertain people's views at a future Forum</p> <p>Bus Shelter, Prince Charles Avenue</p> <p>Work will be completed by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Shed Alarms</p> <p>All alarms have now been given out details are now required from the Safer Neighbourhood Team as to where they were distributed.</p> <p>Board Training</p> <p>The training date is 30 July 2008, to be held at the Lonny Wilsoncroft Centre. A buffet will be provided prior to training.</p>	<p>Inspector Keene to obtain information for local beat team as to where the shed alarms have been allocated</p>
<p>6/08</p>	<p>ALCOHOL FREE ZONE</p> <p>Pete Matthews has discussed the practicalities of an alcohol free zone (AFZ) across the Ward with Stewart Leslie. The main cost involved would be for signage to inform the public of the AFZ.</p> <p>Inspector Keene stated he would support the Board's decision but wished to lay out the pros and cons of the scheme.</p> <p>In support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An AFZ would provide the Police with additional powers; • The signage would alter people's perceptions and reassure the area was safer; • There would be a strong message that the Police were in the area; • The Section 30 has been applied for and if it is renewed it would only be renewed for 6 months. An AFZ is permanent; <p>From a negative point of view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Police currently have other powers such as Section 27 and Section 30; • A lot of asb is caused by under 18's and the Police already have the power to dispose of alcohol from this group; • The small number of complaints received by the Police show there is not a large problem with street drinking in Mackworth and Morley at the present time; • People's expectations may be raised beyond what the Police may be able to deliver. 	

- Cost implications.

The Chair asked Inspector Keene if he felt the implementation of an AFZ would be good value for money and Inspector Keene stated that, out of 304 asb incidents reported, 3 involved street drinking.

Pete Matthews felt that if people's perceptions were changed and the fear of crime reduced, then this would be a positive outcome. He added the cost for the signage would be a one-off and pointed out the Board did have funding available of £25,000 for the current financial year, as part of the Safer, Stronger Communities initiative. The cost incurred would be no more than £10,000, mostly for signage, and once the information on the number of signs needed was to hand, a firm costing could be given.

Pete Matthews felt that personally and from the point of view of Mackworth's Tasking Meetings, there was a high percentage of people behaving in an anti-social manner as a result of drinking.

The Chair asked Pete Matthews if he felt the cost provided good value for money and he felt it did.

Councillor Baxter enquired about the success of other AFZs and wondered if Mackworth's problems were comparable with the problems encountered by those AFZ areas prior to implementation. In response, Inspector Keene stated that 3 reports of street drinking out of 304 was not high. He added that the fact that a person walks down the street with a can does not make him/her a criminal.

Helen Faulconbridge stated the Mackworth Youth Forum had reported they felt that it was the over 18s buying the alcohol for the under 18's to drink.

Terry Rogerson felt the AFZ was a little excessive but it was pointed out that drinking would still be allowed on/outside licensed premises.

Paul Pegg enquired whether the AFZ would extend to Markeaton Park, it was stated that this fell out of the Mackworth ward.

Jayne Broughton was in favour of the AFZ if it would make people feel safer.

Glenys Stevens wondered if areas where street drinking was a specific problem could be considered for AFZs rather than blanket coverage.

Judy Kelsall pointed out that problems with street drinking on Balham Walk, the green areas on Wimbledon Road and on Prince Charles Avenue had been evident for years and that residents were fed up with having to clear up empty cans. She added the elderly were also frightened by youths hanging around these areas.

Lester Pendrey wondered whether the Board should wait and see how the Section 30 Order works prior to making the decision to implement an AFZ.

Upon enquiry it was confirmed AFZs could be based on beat areas if approved by the board and Cabinet. They could also cover smaller

	<p>areas but problems of displacement may then occur.</p> <p>Following discussion members agreed not to vote on the issue this evening and the Chair agreed for this to be carried over to the next meeting. It was added that public consultation with residents would be undertaken if the Board voted in favour of an AFZ.</p>	To place AFZ as an item on the agenda for next Board meeting
7/08	<p>DCC FINANCE FOR THE WARD</p> <p>Members unanimously agreed this item be deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><i>(The Chair left the meeting at 6.50pm and the Vice Chair continued the meeting.)</i></p>	To ensure item is on the next agenda
8/08	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENT FEEDBACK</p> <p>A copy of the feedback report had been pre-circulated with the Minutes. Pete Matthews felt it would be useful for members to digest the report and consider specific ideas that could be addressed at the forthcoming Board training session and it was additionally suggested the Communication Group may also wish to develop some of the ideas raised within the report.</p> <p>Paul Pegg felt the event had gone well, but added the final break-out session it had been difficult to hear each other.</p> <p>Derrick Tuplin stated the idea of a Youth Forum was excellent. Pete Matthews agreed, stating a Youth Forum had already been established by Helen and could be developed further, perhaps with some future involvement at this Board.</p> <p>Richard Gerrard felt one visit to Murray Park School would be more appropriate than two. Pete Matthews explained the reasoning behind these visits was to see if there was a way to involve them with neighbourhood working, particularly via their PHSE classes.</p>	
9/08	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD FUNDING</p> <p>A report on the Mackworth Neighbourhood Community Budget for 2008/09 had been pre-circulated with the Agenda.</p> <p>There is currently £15,998 available for allocation and acceptance of the bids tabled in the report would reduce this figure to £12,276.46. There are 4 further meetings at which bids can be considered for the remaining amount, it was confirmed that any monies not spent could be carried over into the next financial year.</p> <p>Pete Matthews informed members of Derby Homes' purchase of a mobile climbing frame which will be used at events around the City.</p> <p>The frame cost £30K, which includes the provision of one person to take care of the equipment plus a further 2 assistants.</p>	

<p>10/08</p>	<p>POLICE ISSUES</p> <p>Inspector Keene reported the Section 30 renewal would be submitted once the final few statements had been obtained and felt this would be approved in due course.</p> <p>Anti-social Behaviour For the period 01.04.08 to last week there have been 189 incidents within the Mackworth / Morley area. This is less than 3 per day, which is quite good. Additionally, many of these incidents will have been reported by more than one person, thus making the figures higher than they actually are.</p> <p>Crime Robbery is down by 33% and burglary to commercial properties and sheds are down by 30%. Theft of cars is down by 50%, damage and arson down by 12%, and violent crime is down by 9%. These percentages are as compared with the same period for 2007. Overall, crime is down by just over 9%.</p> <p>Burglary (dwellings) is up 35%. In real terms this equates to 15 properties in a 3 month period.</p> <p>The Police are currently detecting 55% of all assaults, detecting 40% of burglaries and 57% of burglaries (other). The overall detection rate is currently 30%.</p> <p>Inspector Keene went on to state that auto crime, criminal damage and arson were areas where detection rates needed to be improved and the Police will be focusing on these areas over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Paul Pegg enquired when the PC and PCSO for the area which had recently left would be replaced. Inspector Keene stated PC Bightton would be replacement PC Raynor and a PCSO would come on line with effect from October 2008.</p> <p>The Vice Chair asked if petrol crime was proving problematical in light of the recent price rises. It was stated there have been more 'drive-offs' from the Esso garage and that siphoning of diesel from industrial premises was also on the increase.</p>	
<p>11/08</p>	<p>DATES OF FUTURE FORUMS & BOARDS</p> <p>These had been pre-circulated with the Agenda. Members noted the venues stated for future Board meetings were actually the wrong way around. It was also asked whether the New Zealand Forums could be moved from a 7.30pm to a 7.00pm start time and following discussion, it was agreed that the meeting on 18 August should remain at a 7.30pm start, with a 7.00pm start time to be implemented with effect from the October meeting.</p> <p>With the above exception, members unanimously agreed to the dates and times detailed on the list.</p>	

<p>12/08</p>	<p>BOARD MEMBERS & PRIORITIES</p> <p>A paper detailing members and their specific areas of interest had been pre-circulated with the Agenda. It was explained this would be provided to those attending Forum meetings so that people would know who their Board members were. Members were asked to feed back any amendments by e-mail to Helen Faulconbridge at Derby Homes.</p>	<p>All to feed back any amendments to their details, via e-mail to Helen Faulconbridge</p>
<p>13/08</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>A paper had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and was now considered by members. Pete Matthews explained the idea of establishing groups for priority areas identified, as well as allocating specific priorities to specific Board members. Following discussion, responsibilities were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFER: Paul Pegg / Judy Kelsall / Jayne Broughton / Emma Tidbury • STRONGER: Terry Rogerson / Mandy Coons / Richard Gerrard • CLEANER: Judy Kelsall / Terry Rogerson / Glenys Stevens / Zoe Nettleship • COMMUNICATION GROUP: Paul Pegg / Judy Kelsall / Jayne Broughton / Lester Pendrey 	<p>Pete Matthews to contact all with future meeting dates.</p>
<p>14/08</p>	<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>Mackworth Board Funding Application</p> <p>Declarations of interest were received from Judy Kelsall and Paul Pegg.</p> <p>The Summary report was considered by members. Pete Matthews stated the bid contributed to Neighbourhood Priorities as detailed and added the Mackworth Estate Community Hub was available for use by the community as a whole. He felt it was vital for the Hub to remain operational and recommended members approve the funding application.</p> <p>Terry Rogerson enquired how long the funding applied for would keep the Hub running and Paul Pegg confirmed this would be for a period of 12 months. It was added the Hub was manned on a voluntary basis and that printing facilities were offered to other groups within the Mackworth area.</p> <p>Proposed Pete Matthews, seconded Terry Rogerson, all in favour.</p>	

	<p>Bramblebrook & Extra Care Provision</p> <p>The Chair expressed concern re some actions recommended within a recent Cabinet document, stating these would have a detrimental effect on the provision of care for the elderly in the Mackworth area.</p> <p>He explained that the previously planned improvements to Bramblebrook may well not go ahead in light of the actions recommended and that this affected the residents of Mackworth and Morley, who should be able to use the facility. Of the original 36 residents, 12 have now passed away and only 20 remain, meaning the facility may therefore have a short life span.</p> <p>Pete Matthews explained Derby Homes were currently looking at developing the Rebecca House complex to provide an extra care facility in order to meet its commitment to providing 200 extra care units by 2010 and suggested the Board may wish to invite a representative to a future meeting to discuss this further.</p> <p>Richard Gerrard stated the number of Council owned old people's homes had decreased from 13 to 8, with these being only 80% full and felt it therefore made sense to shut one and move the residents to the remaining 7 in order to fill the gaps.</p> <p>Pete Matthews stated the Council was committed to providing 200 extra care units by 2010. He added the Board needed to know about all vacant sites in the Mackworth Ward and suggested inviting Julie Baseford, Derby City Council's Asset Manager to a future meeting.</p>	
<p>15/08</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>ID BADGES</p> <p>Pete Matthews stated these were required for Board members, as well as name plates for members to use at Forum meetings. It was agreed to discuss this further at the forthcoming training session, as well as ideas for making the layouts for Forum meetings more 'friendly'.</p> <p>Walkabouts</p> <p>Pete Matthews stated he would like to undertake some walkabouts with members of the Board and would arrange some dates for these in due course.</p>	
<p>16/08</p>	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 3 September 2008 at 6.00pm, to be held at the Diocesan Centre.</p>	