

Abbey Neighbourhood Board

DRAFT Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at Bramblebrook Community Centre

Present:

Councillor David Batey (Chair)	Derby City Council
Toni Leatherland	Community Safety Partnership
Paula Solowij	Derby Homes
Jaz Greer	Cast Trust
Councillor Brian Lowe	Derby City Council
Ajit Atwal	Resident
Malcolm Price	Derby City Council
Steven Ratcliffe	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service
Inspector Nick Gamblin	Derbyshire Police Service
Tim Banton	Highways & Transportation Department
Tony Gascoigne	Highways & Transportation Department
Nishi Madan	NHS Derby City
Simon Keeling	Children & Young People's Department
Carla Owen	Enthusiasm
Verica Kecovich	Community Safety Partnership
Malcolm Ford	Firs Allotment Association
Terri Plunkett	Resident
John H Riley	Resident
Zia Bhatti	Youth Service
Samantha Wright	DACP Minute Taker

1/09	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies Councillor Batey welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place. There were no apologies for absence received.	
2/09	Declarations of Personal and/or Prejudicial Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
3/09	Late Items There were no late items received at the meeting.	
4/09	Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2009 and Matters Arising The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2009 were noted as an accurate record of meeting with the exception of the list of those present and apologies noted as duplication in the minutes.	

	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>VK advised that she had spoken with the Mother and Toddler Group, and a representative of the group will be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board.</p> <p>TL advised that she had contacted Sean Scannell and he now has the leaflets to re advertise the training.</p> <p>TL reported that she had spoken to the Headteacher of the School regarding the scaffolding company which had been parking their vehicles on the pavement outside the school causing obstructions. It was noted that the matter had been resolved satisfactory and no further action will be taken.</p> <p>TL stated that she had spoken to the Senior Management Team regarding a Forum promotion leaflet.</p>	TL
5/09	<p>Police Update</p> <p>Inspector Gamblin advised that the Police force will shortly be undertaking a restructuring process, it is anticipated that posts within the service will be reviewed in the offices. PCSO posts will also be reduced over the next few months. Inspector Gamblin reassured the Board that the front line service will continue to remain as usual.</p> <p>It was noted that burglary dwellings had reduced by 30% compared to previous years, and criminal damage had also reduced. Anti social behaviour had reduced by approximately 5% compared to previous year's statistics.</p> <p>Restorative Justice had been working positively and to date 253 crimes had been resolved. Unfortunately, there had been reports that motorcycles had been stolen to order in the Abbey area. The Police had researched the case and a suspect has been named.</p> <p>TL advised that there had been some recent problems reported in the Derby Evening Telegraph that quilts and needles had been abandoned on the park. The matter had now been resolved.</p>	
6/09	<p>Highways and Transport – Budget Proposals and Priorities for Next Year</p> <p>Tim Banton presented Appendix 1 – update on priorities put forward by the Board last year and of highways and transport issues being worked on in Abbey ward in 2009/10.</p> <p>TL reported that she will prepare a draft letter on behalf of the Councillors to residents informing them that enforcement will be operating in the St Albans Road area to help tackle the car parking issues.</p>	

	<p>do so and to telephone her direct.</p> <p>It was noted that the role of Board Members and work carried out by sub groups had improved work in the community and strengthened partnership working.</p> <p>TL reported that she is in the process of developing a Forum newsletter, and that she had been successful in obtaining funding from Operation Relentless for a Crime Prevention Day at Laverstoke Court to target the issues in the Drury Lane area. This will mean working with students living in the area to engage their views, improve perceptions and engage community spirit.</p> <p>It was advised that Ellie from Family Action will be producing a report for the December Board meeting on behalf of the Stronger Communities Sub Group. VK stated that approximately 219 people attended the recent Healthy Living Event which was a great success and very enjoyable day. PS said details of the event will be published in the Autumn Edition of Derby Homes News and Derby Evening Telegraph. TL added that she would like to thank all Board Members, volunteers and partnering agencies for their hard work and commitment to work together and achieve an improved standard of living in the Abbey area.</p> <p>TL informed the Board that the “You said we did and what now” event will take place in January 2010.</p>	
<p>8/09</p>	<p>Community Budget Applications</p> <p><u>Derby City Boxing Academy</u></p> <p>The Board received an application for funding from the Derby City Boxing Academy. Derby Boxing Academy provides fitness and boxing training to the wider public, but the main emphasis is on providing service to young people. Most of the young people who use the club come to exercise and train gain a great deal of confidence when they reach a certain level of fitness.</p> <p>AA stated that very few of the people that use the Boxing academy are from the Abbey area, and that one of his business associates will be opening a new place in the area soon. Following this JG stated that AA should have declared an interest before discussing the funding application, AA stated that was not the case as it is not him who is opening a new facility it is an associate of his. PS asked TL to email her the list of names and addresses of the people attending the boxing academy so that she may check if they are Derby Homes tenants, as she suggested that she may be able to seek funding from Phil Davies.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support and fund the application for funding of £500 pending evidence on substantial number of users from the Abbey area attending the boxing academy. TL to liaise with PS to</p>	<p>PS/TL</p> <p>PS/TL</p>

research possible match funding.

Voices in Action

The Board received an application for funding from Voices in Action for an event that Young People will deliver. Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board are a representative group of young people aged 11-19 from across Derby City. It is made up of young people from different schools, youth groups and individuals across all the neighbourhoods in the city, who have an interest in issues and opportunities affecting young people.

Carla Owen advised that this is a positive group for young people attend and share a voice, and that young people from Enthusiasm will be attending the event taking place on Thursday 17 December 2009.

TL said that she will contact the organisers to see if it would be possible for one Board Member to attend the event. TL will also request feedback on how successful the event was. Board agreed to fund this application.

It was noted that the Derby City Boxing Academy and Voices in Action applications for funding will be allocated from the Community Budget.

Abbey Clean Up Week

It was reported that the clean up week was a very successful event for local residents. The service was provided by Enthusiasm who worked hard throughout the day and thank you to Nathan and Carla who had organised and supervised the event.

It was agreed that a similar activity should be organised to take place in February 2010 during the school half term break. Enthusiasm have calculated that the cost for the event to take place would be £4,950, and the Board agreed funding for this work to be undertaken by Enthusiasm, this will be allocated from the Youth Community and Highways Budget. The Board agreed to the proposal for the event.

Abbey Youth Partnership

Zia Bhatti gave an update on the work carried out by the youth partnership. TL advised the Board of the need to undertake more work in the area with Young People, and suggested that the Youth Service were best placed to build on the existing work with Enthusiasm, and deliver further work in the area to a cost of £960. This funding would be spent on additional activities for young people and the activities will involve launching workshops to help tackle drug misuse and alcohol related issues. Dance groups, healthy eating, music workshops, writing positive lyrics and

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	<p>recording CDs will be produced. The workshops will be run by staff from the Council's Youth Service Team, partnering agencies, volunteers and specialist staff.</p> <p>It was noted that the workshops will take place monthly rather than a weekly event taking place at the Rykneld Community Centre. Zia Bhatti advised that the Youth Service will still remain a service during the remaining three week period to continue to engage with young people. Board agreed that this work should be undertaken by the Youth Service in partnership with Enthusiasm, funding will be allocated out of the Youth, Community Safety and Highways Budget.</p> <p>TL reported that there is approx £4,000 remaining in the Community budget for this financial year to allocate on projects. The sub groups are yet to produce proposals for funding.</p> <p>Stockbrook Colts Lighting</p> <p>It was reported that this group engages approximately 80 young people who are well supported by family and friends at events. It was noted that training sessions take place on Tuesdays and league games are played on Thursdays. 32 young people attend each session.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support and fund £375 to Stockbrook Colts Lighting in order for the group to continue operating, without this funding the activities will cease in the dark nights, the Board agreed that they want the work of Stockbrook Colts to continue, and that the work they do is extremely valuable to the community. The funding will be allocated from the Youth Community and Highways Budget.</p> <p>TL said that an advertisement for this year's 'Unsung Hero' Awards has been published, and suggested that Kenny Stockbrook Colts could be nominated for the award. It was noted for further information please check the BBC website. TL and VK will look into this.</p>	<p>TL VK</p>
<p>9/09</p>	<p>Update of Neighbourhood Forum</p> <p>There were no issues arising at the meeting.</p>	
<p>10/09</p>	<p>Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>Following discussion, the Board agreed that future meetings of the Board should take place on Tuesday. VK is to co-ordinate diaries and email Board Members with a revised meeting date timetable.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 4.30 pm at Bramblebrook Community Centre.</p>	<p>VK</p>

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm