

## Normanton Neighbourhood Board

### Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7 April 2008 at Austin Neighbourhood Base

#### Present

Cllr Hardyal Dhindsa	Chair
Dave Lamb	Dale Community Champions
Jill Lamb	Dale Community Champions
Peter Pegg	Park Hill Neighbourhood Watch
Neil Barber	St Giles Church
Yvonne Luce	Community Cohesion Unit (CSP)
Trevor Lamb	Resident & Community Friends
Rajeev Nath	Derby Community Safety Partnership
Tracy Arnold	Derby Community Safety Partnership
Shaun Skelton	Police Inspector Peatree Section
Colin Avison	Derby Community Safety Partnership
Phil Rees	Derby Homes
Rachel Callow	Derby Homes
Zoe Nettleship	Waste Management
Observer	Waste Management
Carl Willis	Derby Association of Community Partners

#### Apologies

Cllr Nath, Cllr Williamson, Surinder Mehan, Sue Noakes, Jackie Wyper, and Marie Cowie.

21/08	Welcome & Introductions	ACTION
22/08	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> Yvonne Luce declared an interest in one of the funding applications. No further declarations made.</p>	
23/08	<p><b>Late Items/Announcements</b> None.</p>	
24/08	<p><b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b> Trees have been removed and replacements planted elsewhere.</p> <p>CCTV has solved the problem to date. P Pegg expressed delight at the result but expressed concerns about long term solution. The PCSO's have been making referrals to other agencies for those individuals identified.</p> <p>Currently very quiet on Almond Street and around the Butchers Shop.</p> <p>Zoe updated the group on the wheelie bin pilot, and asked for those present to identify 2 - 4 priority streets for campaign purposes (education to enforcement). The timeframe for the campaign was yet to be agreed.</p>	<b>ALL</b>

	<p>Cllr Dhindsa expressed concern over the timescales involved, and felt something needed to be done quicker. Cllr Dhindsa asked Zoe to get both the Assistant Director of Environmental Health and Waste Management to contact him within the next few days to progress this.</p> <p>It was commented that follow up with landlords was needed.</p> <p>Tracy to contact the resident from Blackmore Street who has offered advice and assistance on some work with young people.</p> <p>Tracy has forwarded the suggestion regarding Budgets &amp; Funding made at the previous meeting to Derby City Council, and is waiting for a response.</p> <p>TA pointed out the proximity of the next Board meeting date to the Council AGM and that due to the nomination process for community groups and resident board members it was agreed that the May meeting would be cancelled. It was mentioned that the next Board meeting was in the evening as per the Board's request. TA confirmed that the next Board meeting would be held on 30/6/2008, 6-8 pm. Board members would be informed by email.</p>	<p><b>ZN</b></p> <p><b>TA</b></p> <p><b>TA</b></p>
<p><b>25/08</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Forum Issues</b></p> <p><b>Austin &amp; Old Normanton Forum</b>  Mainly complaints regarding Arriva, Tracy has contacted the Manager at Arriva who has requested to go on the next Forum Agenda.</p> <p>Also queries regarding the Community Centre. Ground Breaking event took place on 31.03.08 attended by Cllr Williamson. An article will be going into Austin Newsletter to address these queries. TA to follow up article with JW.</p> <p><b>Normanton Forum</b>  The majority of complaints were regarding issues of fly-tipping and bins on streets. Waste management and the Neighbourhood teams in Normanton and Arboretum are organising a campaign to target the most problematic streets. The campaign will focus on getting the key messages out in the most appropriate languages. Schools would be targeted initially during weekdays followed by the wider community over a Saturday and Sunday to enable us to reach a greater number of residents.</p> <p><b>Peartree Forum</b>  Several complaints regarding the Homezone and road markings, and the traffic lights. Concerns also raised regarding the Width restriction on Peartree Crescent being removed.</p> <p>A general discussion took place regarding the format of Forum meetings. Colin suggested an idea being rolled out throughout other areas which would see a 30 minute 'surgery' session taking place before the main meeting. This would filter out individual problems, and ensure only community issues were raised in the main meeting. Partners could be invited to hold information stands, and it would tackle the problem of residents wanting to stay around</p>	<p><b>TA &amp; JW</b></p> <p><b>RN &amp; TA</b></p>

	<p>after to raise points.</p> <p>All agreed to this proposal, where the venue could accommodate this. Sessions would start at 6pm, with the main Forum Meeting starting at 6.30pm. RN &amp; TA to explore venue availability.</p>	
<p><b>26/08</b></p>	<p><b>Monitoring Reports</b>  TA circulated the updated Action Plan. Quarterly crime figures will soon be available at these meetings broken down by ward.</p> <p>SS updated general crime statistics:  25% Increase in violent crime, but also in its detection. This is a national trend, particularly around random attacks and domestic violence, and attributed to alcohol.  30% of all crime now detected – target is 27%.  Burglary, Auto Crime and Damage all decreased.</p> <p>Cllr Dhindsa asked for figures relating to those who have received target hardening. TA explained exact figures were difficult to quantify, but with the new quarterly reports will provide the opportunity to extract more meaningful trends in the area.</p> <p>SS expressed the need for all crimes to be reported, if only to encourage intelligence and assist in identifying trends. TA tasked with creating guidance on reporting and the importance of gathering intelligence. An article will also go into the Austin Newsletter promoting this.</p> <p><b>ASB</b>  Current hotspots include, Huxley Close, at the back of the church, Sunnyhill Ave and Havelock Rd. CCTV cameras are in these areas. As before, Almond Street remains quiet around the Butchers shop where previously there have been numerous problems.</p> <p><b>Prostitution</b>  There have been fewer reports made, yet it is too early to say whether the local media campaign has attributed towards this. The campaign will finish in 2 weeks, at which point an evaluation of reports received during that time can be made.</p> <p><b>Fear of Crime</b>  Covered under ASB</p> <p><b>Fire Safety</b>  Leaflet regarding securing derelict buildings is in the process of being produced. Awaiting further information from neighbouring Fire Service.</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b>  A fun day is being planned for the opening week of the community centre. Also Normanton Fun Day being held at Dale School on 28 June 2008 12-5pm. Yvonne Luce offered her support in organising these events.</p>	<p><b>TA</b></p>

	<p>Yvonne also updated the meeting on some intergenerational work being considered, including book clubs, cookery clubs and debating sessions.</p> <p>There is also an Open Space Event being held on 23 April between 11-4pm at the Indian Community Centre for Refugee &amp; Asylum Seeking communities.</p> <p><b>Arboretum Youth Forum</b> This forum attracted more and more people from the Youth club, and it was felt a more detached approach was needed. It was agreed that these would be better integrated into the main Forum meeting. Agreed it was important to promote the youth provision in the area.</p> <p>Question raised over work being undertaken to encourage use of facilities at new community centre at Aboretum Park. RN to provide information at next meeting.</p> <p>Regarding garden maintenance, the number of untidy hedgerows has been reduced from 100+ to around 20. There are still some ongoing issues, but these are being processed. The meeting agreed there needed to be a more consistent approach adopted towards this issue.</p> <p><b>Dog Fouling</b> Environmental health will be leading a citywide campaign starting in May including education in schools, and a Trailer that can be placed in hotspots.</p> <p>Finally, questions were asked about providing skips in the area – there were no plans to do this again at present. It was requested that the Action Plan be amended to include Fly-tipping &amp; Littering as a priority. The NEAT Team statistics were requested to be provided</p> <p><b>Graffiti</b> Stated that this was no longer a major issue. Virgin Media could provide free green paint to anyone who was prepared to volunteer to paint the green communications boxes . Graffiti cleaning kits were being made available to community groups and businesses.</p>	<p><b>RN</b></p> <p><b>TA / ZN</b></p>
<p><b>27/08</b></p>	<p><b>Health Group Update</b> The Freshstart initiative is going well. Unfortunately the Green Gym did not secure the funding from Small Change; however there are some indications that money may be available from the PCT to progress this initiative.</p> <p>Notes from the sub group were circulated to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>28/08</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Managers Update</b> There will be a celebratory event for all board members at Pride Park stadium on Saturday 21 June 2008 9.30am-1pm.</p> <p>Also the CSP and Improvement &amp; Development Agency are hosting a training session on 24 June 12.30pm-5pm at the Austin Neighbourhood</p>	

	<p>Base, specifically for members of this board. All Councillors, staff, and residents are strongly encouraged to attend.</p> <p>TA also distributed the nomination forms for Board members 2008/2009. TA will provide further forms upon request, and email to existing members.</p>	<b>TA</b>
<b>29/08</b>	<p><b>Budgets &amp; Funding</b></p> <p>Five applications had been received. There is £9,396 available to allocate, with a further predicted £10k to be released once qualifying criteria has been agreed.</p> <p>Each application was discussed at length. It was pointed out that the funding guidance expected that grants would generally be no more than £1000 for any single application unless there were exceptional circumstances and that applicants could only apply once in any financial year.. The following decisions were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Cohesion Unit - agreed £720.00 towards the costs of the venue.</li> <li>2. Association Of Ukrainians in GB - agreed £750.00 towards the overall cost.</li> <li>3. Guru Nanak Istri Sabha Womens Group - agreed £750.00 towards overall cost.</li> <li>4. Gad Khalsa Sports Club - agreed £445.00 towards entrance fee &amp; football kit.</li> <li>5. Community Friends Group – agreed £1000.00 towards the cost. The Board considered that community newsletters were vital mechanisms for communication. However, they recommended that less expensive printing options be explored. The Board agreed to ring-fence £1000.00 each for Peartree and Normanton forums, for community newsletters subject to suitable applications being received..</li> </ol>	
<b>29/08</b>	<p><b>Time &amp; Date of the next Meeting</b></p> <p>An earlier discussion had agreed to cancel the meeting on 19 May due to Derby City Council's AGM. The next meeting will take place on 30 June at the later time of 6-8 pm at the Austin Neighbourhood Base. TA to confirm venue availability.</p>	<b>TA</b>

### Summary of ACTIONS

- Board members to identify priority streets for wheelie bin initiative.
- ZN to request that either the Assistant Director of Environmental Health or Waste Management contacts Cllr Dhindsa.
- TA to contact the resident from Blackmore Street who has raised issues regarding activity for young people.
- TA to follow up article with JW regarding Ground Breaking Event.
- RN & TA to explore venue availability for 30min surgery session prior to Forum meeting.
- TA tasked with creating guidance on reporting and the importance of gathering intelligence.
- TA to provide nomination forms upon request, and email to existing members.
- TA to confirm venue availability due to later meeting time.