

Spondon Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 October 2008 at St Werburghs Church Parish Room, Spondon.

Present:

Councillor Evonne Williams	Chair
Councillor Poulter	Derby City Council
Richard Smail	Neighbourhood Manager
Ruth Hardy	Youth Leader
Inspector Keene	Derbyshire Constabulary
Carole Chambers	Spondon Community Association
David Hayes	Spondon Community Association
Tom Strachan	Neighbourhood Watch representative
Derek Hathaway	Resident
Angie Doughty	Resident
Hazel England	Young resident
Emma Morley	Young resident
Grace McFadden	Young resident
Rachel Harvey - Guest	Highways and Transport

Apologies

Cllr Berry, Josh Coleman, Colin Davies, Dennis Barron, Lorraine Howe, Cat Smedley, Cliff Perry, Ruth Kellogg

46/08	<p>Welcome, Introductions & Apologies Cllr Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those present to introduce themselves.</p>	
47/08	<p>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising Spondon Reusable Bags – the next 1,000 bags are now being used. One shop - Meatloaf has reduced use of plastics bags by 50%. Spondon Community association will be checking if other businesses have had similar results.</p>	
48/08	<p>Declarations of Interest Ruth Hardy declared a personal interest in the Springfield School/Youth Service funding application</p>	
49/08	<p>Police Report and Neighbourhood Forum Update The Board noted the updates provided from issues previously raised at Forum meetings. Inspector Keene provided a verbal update on current Police activities and statistics including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social behaviour in Spondon is still going down. While there appears to be a perception that crime is going up. 	

- There has been a 23.6% increase in shed burglaries.
- A recent article in the Derby Evening Telegraph indicated that there has been a dramatic increase – but there is not a crime wave.
- Damage and arson is up by 15%.
- Section 30 order is proposed to continue.
- Operation Little taken place and seen as a success on Chapelside in response to recent incidents. Will continue for another week with officers out in force for this weekend.
- Referrals to Anti-Social Behaviour team made – incident have been reduced.
- Police have been visiting the schools
- Many thanks for the 2 new bikes provided by the Board.

David Hayes expressed concern that there was a lack of police visibility. Inspector Keene reassured the Board that the local SNT are patrolling and making a visible impact.

Councillor Williams reported that to help support the business community to feel safer there are plans to set up a Traders Association and get a representative to join the Board.

Inspector Keene confirmed the Police would be attending the meeting on Crime Prevention Day 3 November

50/08 Highway and Transport Programme 2008/09 & 2009/10

The Board received a report from Highways and Transport presented by Rachel Harvey including an overview of Highways and Transport Division, Highways and Transport Work Programme Development Process, Derby Joint Local Transport Plan Objectives and Strategy Areas, Highways and Transport Schemes and Funding Levels and Consultation and Prioritisation Process with Neighbourhood Boards. In addition, Rachel outlined the progress on issues put forward by Spondon Board during the consultation on last year’s highways and transport working programme.

Finally Rachel provided details of the highways and transport issues that have been identified this year which could be considered for possible inclusion in the 2009/10 work programme.

In response to questions from the Board Rachel also reported that:

There is an e-mail address for residents to use if they want to report issues about traffic management to Highways and transport: traffic.management@derby.gov.uk and for maintenance issues the email address is customerservices@derby.gov.uk

any issue’s raised after February 2008 will be looked at and if after investigation they can be included in the years work, they will be, otherwise work will have to wait until 2010.

The section faces challenges of resources and a fixed amount of staff time that restricts the amount of work that can be done. Highways and Transport is capital rich and revenue poor.

Councillor Williams summarised the current work being done including Chapel Street, where the objections to the parking restrictions has delayed some of the installation of

the changes. The Board wanted reassurances that the work would still be completed in 2008/09.

Councillor Williams and other Board members noted that the outcome of the investigations into Derby Road/Nottingham Road traffic flow issue had not been reported back to the Board and instead what the Board has got is the officers solution. This is not what was wanted as it doesn't resolve the problem.

Rachel confirmed that this piece of work did not include highway maintenance issues which is why they are not on the programme list. The Board was not being asked for its views on footway and highway maintenance at this point.

A discussion took place on which three issues were the main ones to ask Highways to consider in 2009/10. Comments included:

- The Ockbrook weight restriction issue needs to be communicated as a priority for Spondon. There is a need to have evidence in place should the proposals be developed.
- Dale Road/Locko Road investigation was confirmed as a piece of work that is aimed to be completed by January 2009 in time for the outcome to be considered for 2009/10 programme. The Board members had anticipated a longer period of investigation and agreed to delegate the Councillors to represent the Board should a decision be needed at short notice.
- Asterdale School/Borrowash Road issue was felt to be two separate issues and the wording in the report misrepresented the bigger issue of traffic using Borrowash Road as a shortcut. This needs an investigation, while the addition of a few zig zag lines were seen as a quick addition to the existing set
- Borrow wood School Travel plan – no one on the Board was aware of any highway issues in this area.
- Sitwell Street – a feeling that enforcement and education is the best option
- Aspens Drive, there was no information or previous discussion about any problems in this location. No one was aware of the problem or who was responsible.

ACTION

- **To confirm to Highways and Transport that the agreed priorities for Spondon are:**

1 – Ockbrook/Spondon Village Traffic - Investigation into traffic flows, HGV counts through Spondon and impact of Ockbrook Weight restriction proposal. To provide evidence to allow objections to the proposal should it proceed to consultation.

2 – Asterdale School, Borrowash Road – investigation into the wider issues of amount of traffic on Borrowash Road, impact on school safety and links to possible travel plan.

3 – Locko Road and Dale Road – design and put in place the proposals as a result of the current VAS trials.

- **To ask Highways to confirm that changes to the Asterdale School zig zags go in regardless of outcome of wider investigations.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To ask Highways to confirm that if the Chapel Street work is not completed in 2008/9 that it will be completed in 2009/10 anyway. 	Richard Smail Rachel Harvey
51/08	<p>Petition Response</p> <p>The received a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to the request for additional lighting on Vancouver Avenue jitty.</p> <p>The Board agreed with the proposed action that no action is taken to install a street light within the jitty and that no action is taken to move the angle of the lantern at the nearest column because of the impact on reducing lighting levels on the highway at the head of the cul-de-sac.</p> <p>The Board also noted that it would cost £3,600 plus energy costs for 25 years to install an additional light in the jitty. There was no funding set aside for this.</p> <p>The Board resolved to ask the Police to step up patrols in the area in response to the recent reports of additional incidents in the area.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Smail to request Police to increase patrols in the location until necessary 	Richard Smail
52/08	<p>.Neighbourhood Board Sub Groups</p> <p>Communications Sub Group</p> <p>A report was presented to the Board for approval summarising recent discussions and proposals of the sub group. The additional funding provided for C&C has now been used up but they will be distributing to all Spondon households in future, but with two editorial pages for the Board. Additional pages can be bought at a rate of £75/page.</p> <p>The group has agreed a Publicity Strategy for C&C and SCAN for the Board to consider funding.</p> <p>Work to provide Noticeboards was noted with four boards being produced to be sited at various strategic locations</p> <p>A ‘header” banner will be designed, with the text: “Public Notice Board, provided by Spondon Neighbourhood Board” and incorporating the Council logo.</p> <p>The group discussed “The Big One” and agreed to support the 2009 “Big One” on 7 June 2009. Proposing to invite local organisations to participate.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to consider the Publications Strategy proposal for £1,290 as a late funding item in item 53/08 • Board noted and supported the proposals <p>Disability Sub Group</p> <p>A report was presented to the Board for approval and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a follow up letter being sent to those residents who have expressed an interest in developing local initiatives to support people with disabilities. • ideas to promote its activities and is considering posters to show that the sub 	

	<p>group is part of the Board and leaflets to be prepared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The possible Arts and Crafts ‘club’ is being investigated. • Sub group members are surveying arterial routes in and out of Spondon to identify locations where dropped kerbs needed. Cost to install a pair of dropped kerbs is £600. Sub group to consider submitting a proposal to the Board for installation of kerbs from £10k allocated to the Board. • Suggestion to develop a competition involving a local junior school to help raise awareness of disabilities and impact of abusing parking spaces – in response to recent issues at Village hall. Sub group members to go to school, promote idea, raise awareness, and encourage poster competition with winning entries used locally. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted and supported the proposals <p>Spondon Youth Initiative</p> <p>There have been no recent meetings of the sub group</p> <p>Cleaner, Greener Spondon</p> <p>A report was presented to the Board for approval. It included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draft Terms of Reference • draft Policy, Aims and Objectives • Suggestion that Celanese are invited to join sub group. Decided to follow up through the Celanese Liaison Committee - with the proviso that the person should be a Spondon resident. • Schedule of meetings: to hold a meeting before board meeting which precedes a forum meeting. • Feedback from an open discussion about what the group work programmes could include and a variety of topics were identified that could become local initiatives: <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted and supported the proposals 							
53/08	<p>Neighbourhood Board Community Budget and Funding.</p> <p>The Board received one application for funding from the one off Budget from Spondon Traders Association/Derbyshire Police. In addition, there was a request for funding from Springfield Primary School from the funding held by Spondon Youth Initiative, SYI. SYI funding is aimed at proposals that help engage and support young people or reduce anti social behaviour., because there had been no meeting of the SYI the application was considered by the Board.</p> <p>There was also the late item from the Communications subgroup for the Board to consider.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. Springfield Primary School/Youth Service</td> <td>£2,140 for a new youth club</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Derbyshire Police/Spondon Traders Association</td> <td>£2,500 for start up costs and equipment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Communications Sub group costs</td> <td>£2,190 for publication strategy</td> </tr> </table> <p>1. Springfield Primary School/Youth Service</p>	1. Springfield Primary School/Youth Service	£2,140 for a new youth club	2. Derbyshire Police/Spondon Traders Association	£2,500 for start up costs and equipment	3. Communications Sub group costs	£2,190 for publication strategy	
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Springfield Primary school is working with the Youth Service to develop a Youth Club at Springfield Primary school to start in November 2008. Funding of £2,000 has already been granted from the Extended Schools Locality Services to fund salary costs from November 2008 to March 2009. Springfield is keen to open their facilities to the community and the community youth club will be a contribution to this aim of getting more use by the community after school hours. Noted that £2,000 had been provided by Extended Schools Locality funding.

Action:

Agreed to fund £2,140 towards equipment and salary costs from Spondon Youth Initiative fund

2. Derbyshire Police/Spondon Traders Association

Spondon District centre has experienced higher levels of anti-social behaviour and business crime in recent months. With the support of the Police Business Crime Prevention Adviser a meeting of local traders is planned to consider developing some collective action such as a Traders Association for Spondon. The proposal is to encourage the setting up of the group and pump prime, with the added opportunity of funding security equipment. The figure of £2,500 was requested.

The Board considered the proposal would benefit everyone in Spondon by providing a vibrant business network, but before any funding would be released the following conditions must be met:

- Spondon Traders Association needs to show evidence of its agreed articles of association
- A committee established and bank account opened
- An outline proposal to be provided to the Board to show how the group would spend the £2,500 to benefit the members

Action:

Agreed to fund £2,500 towards start up costs and equipment subject to the above conditions being met.

3. Communications Subgroup]

The Communications sub group have set out a strategy for ensuring good communications are maintained with Spondon residents over the next year. The cost of retaining 2 extra pages of text in C&C 4 times a year will cost £600. This publication goes to all residents every month. In addition, 4 pages in avillage wide edition of SCAN will cost £690.

Action:

Agreed to fund £1,290 towards the publication costs

Detail	Budget	Amount
Springfield Primary School – Youth club	One off budget 07/08	£2,140
Spondon Traders Association – Setting up costs	One Off Budget 08/09	£2,500
Communications Sub Group – Newsletter costs	Community Budget	£1,290

54/08	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Forum 11 March 2009 Board 4 February and 25 March 2009</p>
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