

## MACKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2009 at 6.00pm at the Lonny Wilsoncroft Centre

**Present:**

Councillor Higginbottom	Chair
Councillor Baxter	Derby City Council
Inspector Richard Keene	Police
Emma Tidbury	Derby Homes
Helen Faulconbridge	Neighbourhood Team
Peter Matthews	Neighbourhood Team
David Finn	Youth Services
Steve Ratcliffe	Derbyshire Fire Service
Nathan Coons	New Zealand Resident
Mandy Coons	New Zealand Resident
Paul Pegg	Mackworth Resident
Judy Kelsall	Mackworth Resident
Terry Rogerson	Mackworth Resident
Nicola Murton	Extended Services
Tessa Myerscough	Community Safety Partnership
Richard Gerrard	Mackworth Resident
Nathan Lucas	Enthusiasm

**Apologies:** Councillor Tuplin  
Lester Pendrey  
Laraine Tuplin  
Jasvir Bahth

29/09	<b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	<u><b>ACTIONS</b></u>
	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies were noted.	
<b>30/09</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	Richard Gerrard, Paul Pegg and Judy Kelsall declared an interest re funding application received from Mackworth Crime Prevention Group.  Judy Kelsall and Paul Pegg declared an interest re funding application from St Francis Church.	
<b>31/09</b>	<b>LATE ITEMS</b>	
	Nothing raised.	
<b>32/09</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>	
	Agreed to be a true record.	

<p><b>33/09</b></p> <p><b>33/09/1</b></p> <p><b>33/09/2</b></p> <p><b>33/09/3</b></p> <p><b>33/09/4</b></p> <p><b>33/09/5</b></p> <p><b>33/09/6</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>Section 106 Agreement</b> Upon enquiry it was explained a S106 related to planning applications and provided provision for Councils granting planning permission to request monies from contractors for the provision of local community facilities.</p> <p><b>Actions from Last Meeting</b> Confirmation was given that all actions had been completed.</p> <p><b>Magistrates' Presentation</b> Members were pleased to hear these had been well received at the Mackworth and New Zealand Forums.</p> <p><b>Ozbox</b> This is no longer running in Mackworth but it is hoped it will be reinstated as soon as funding allows. Upon enquiry it was explained the Police did not have the staff to continue the sessions, which had been planned for a 6 week period. However, the College have now built a boxing gym and will be introducing boxing as an activity in the near future.</p> <p><b>Cheviot Street Rec</b> Mandy enquired when work would be completed. Pete explained an order had been raised via Oracle by Derby Homes but a confirmation letter from Steve Medlock, Head of Parks, was still awaited before works could commence.</p> <p><b>Derby PCT</b> Paul stated his comment within the Minutes stating the PCT should be fined, were inappropriate, the word 'penalised' being a more suitable alternative.</p>	
<p><b>34/09</b></p>	<p><b>MACKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE</b></p> <p>David Finn updated members on progress. Work commenced on the building on 26 October and the first site meeting took place earlier today. The project is currently within budget and it is hoped work will be completed by the first week of March 2010. The foundations for the extension are now in place and the asbestos is due for removal next week.</p> <p>The Council has provided additional funding to ensure young people are provided with the facilities they would like and David is keen they should be involved.</p> <p>Problems occurred on-site during the first week when the keys were inadvertently left in a vehicle which was then taken by some youths.</p>	

	<p>Members were pleased to hear however, that those who had done this had now been caught. The Chair questioned if the contractor had also been reprimanded re the incident and was assured this had been the case. Fencing to the site has been secured further and flood lighting put in place in order to deter youths from going on site in future. As footballs were being kicked on to the site, the provision of netting to prevent this was also suggested, and David agreed to pass on the Board's comments re this to the contractor. Pete also confirmed the site had been put on Tasking and asked if a larger plan of the project could be provided for the Local Housing Office. The site will be closed for 2 weeks over the Christmas / New Year period.</p> <p><b>ACTION: David Finn to inform contractors of suggestion to put in place netting to prevent footballs being kicked on to the site / to provide large plan for display at LHO.</b></p> <p>David updated the Board on youth work being undertaken in Mackworth. Young people are met with twice a week, outreach work is continuing elsewhere on the estate and the team are looking to do some week end work in the New Year. David went on to request any hot spots to be passed on to Jasvir, who would ensure the Youth Team responded accordingly.</p> <p>Enthusiasm are continuing to run a Youth Club at the College on Friday evenings and there will be opportunities for the Youth Service to link in to this.</p> <p><i>(David Finn left the meeting and Steve Ratcliffe entered the meeting at 6.25pm.)</i></p>	David Finn
35/09	<p><b>FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE</b></p> <p>An overview of the service, formerly known as the Children's Information Service, was given by Nicola, and information sheets circulated to members. The Service is currently developing a website of local opportunities and services and it was asked that the circulated Inclusion Template be completed for any local services / organisations known to members for onward referral to the site. Nicola went on to explain her role to encourage partnership working in the area in order to provide a 'joined up' service to local families.</p> <p><b>ACTION: To complete Inclusion Template re organisations in area providing services to families and forward to Family Information Service.</b></p>	All
36/09	<p><b>FIRE SERVICE UPDATE</b></p> <p>Steve was pleased to report a low incident number in the Mackworth / Morley area. The few incidents that have occurred included a chip pan fire, Langley Street on 26 October, following which a number of residents requested fire safety checks. Leaflets were delivered to local</p>	

	<p>shops as part of the Service's Bonfire Night campaign and it was felt there had been fewer problems than in recent years.</p> <p>Paul expressed concern re parking problems stemming from the bonfire held on Markeaton Park, stating that even the traffic islands had been parked up with cars. Grass verges were also used and on Ashbourne and Enfield Roads, parking had been up to 4 cars deep. The Chair felt parking at the Mundy Play Centre could have been opened up and it was added people attending the bonfire had not wanted to pay the £5 parking fee at the University, nor walk from there to the event. Steve explained complaints needed to be directed to the Council but added he would also report back the problem parking within his report, and that the Board had formally raised a complaint regarding this. The Chair added the Board would also write a formal letter of complaint re the matter as well.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Steve Ratcliffe to note within his report re Markeaton bonfire event, the Board's formal complaint re parking on grass verges / islands within the vicinity.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Board to write formal letter of complaint to Council re problem parking on evening on Markeaton bonfire event / to additionally request the Board be consulted re arrangements for next year's event (to copy in Inspector Keene &amp; Steve Ratcliffe).</b></p> <p>An Open Day at Kingsway Fire Station is taking place on Saturday 5 December 2009 between 10.00am and 3.00pm and all were asked to promote this event. Steve enquired if anyone had ideas for entertainment and Nathan stated Enthusiasm would be happy to bring along some of their young people to provide some Christmas music. Nathan additionally agreed to leaflet the schools re the event.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Enthusiasm to provide equipment / Christmas music for Fire Station Open Day.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Steve Ratcliffe to forward promotional flyers for Fire Station Open Day to Nathan to circulate to local schools.</b></p>	<p>Steve Ratcliffe</p> <p>Chair / Pete Matthews</p> <p>Nathan Lucas</p> <p>Steve Medlock</p>
37/09	<p><b>ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR / FIP REPORT</b></p> <p>Information re the Family Intervention Project (FIP) was circulated for information and Tessa gave a presentation re the referral process for ASB cases and how ASB is tackled in the area.</p> <p>Judy enquired about visitors to properties causing ASB and how these cases were dealt with. Tessa explained her team worked very closely with the Police and a lot of background work took place which is not apparent to the onlooker. She added they also worked closely with Derby Homes and when tenancies were breached due to ASB, legal action would be looked at. Helen pointed out that any incidents of ASB</p>	

	<p>should be referred to Tessa but added that it was important to obtain evidence as lack of this proved problematical when dealing with cases.</p> <p>Noise ASB was raised as a concern. Tessa stated the Police would not turn out for noise issues but added that complainants still needed to report such incidents to the Police in order to obtain an incident number. Complaints should be directed to Environmental Health who will issue diary sheets and put the complainant on the waiting list for noise monitoring equipment to be installed. If the noise levels are then found to be above the set limit action can then be taken and any equipment causing noise (e.g. CD players), can be seized.</p>	
<b>38/09</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS BUDGETS</b></p> <p>The Board needed to agree their 3 priorities for 2010/11 and additionally agree how the £10,000 of funding for the current year should be spent.</p>	
<b>38/09/1</b>	<p><b>£10,000 Budget 2009/10</b></p> <p>Judy informed the Board an elderly lady had required hospitalisation following a fall on Balham Walk and hoped this would encourage the Board to make the pavements improvements here a priority.</p> <p><i>(Inspector Keene entered the meeting at 7.10pm.)</i></p> <p>Pete stated he had received feedback from Highways re part-reconstruction and he and Paul have also visited some examples of slurry work to pavements across the City, adding the standards here were quite good. Slurry works to the pavements on Balham Walk would cost £2,200 and further pavements identified where this would be appropriate include Stepping Lane and Willesden Avenue, plus several further recommendations from Highways. Full reconstruction to the pavements on Ballam Walk would cost £18,000 and part-reconstruction, £9,000 to £10,000.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed the £10,000 funding be used to undertake slurry work improvements to the pavements on Balham Walk and to additionally undertake slurry sealing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stepping Lane (one side only – odd numbers)</li> <li>• Willesden Avenue (one side only – even numbers)</li> <li>• Part of Stanley Street <u>or</u> Handford Street.</li> </ul>	
<b>38/09/2</b>	<p><b>Top 3 Priorities 2010/11</b></p> <p>Highways had been due to attend the meeting to present plans for the District Centre but latterly requested this be deferred to the next meeting. This was duly noted by members.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> Following discussion the Board's top 3 priorities for 2010/11 were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Centre – Improvements and crossing.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through traffic solutions for Mackworth / New Zealand.</li> <li>• Development of Travel Plans for local schools.</li> </ul>	
39/09	<p><b>POLICE ISSUES</b></p> <p>Inspector Keene reported 47 crimes in Morley for October 2009, including 3 dwelling burglaries and one distraction burglary. He stressed members promote the message that identification should be obtained by residents prior to allowing anyone in to their homes. Non dwelling burglaries and auto-crime were down and there have been 3 cases of criminal damage in the area. ASB is also down in Morley. 10 Section 30 Order warnings have been given and 13 ASB referrals made.</p> <p>In Mackworth there have been no dwelling burglaries and only 1 non-dwelling burglary in the area, although 1 motor bike was taken as well as 3 theft from vehicles. A number of drive-offs from the petrol station have taken place. Anti-drug campaigns have run in the area, 3 drug warrants have been executed in the ward. The Church Watch signs are now in place and a Neighbourhood Watch meeting is taking place this evening at Streatham Road Community Room. Sgt Frost is working to reinstate the Oz Boxing as soon as possible but other areas within the city have been prioritised.</p> <p>Operation Relentless has just ended and proved successful across the city and members were invited to attend the celebration event taking place tomorrow between 2.00pm and 6.00pm at The Quad.</p> <p>Inspector Keene has sent a further letter of support re the proposed Alcohol Free Zone to Legal and has stated he anticipates little displacement of drinking by the proposed zone, on to Markeaton Park.</p> <p>Within Derby North ASB has increased by 5.6% when compared to the same period last year. However, within Mackworth and Morley ASB is down by nearly 12% for the first 7 months of this year, and a reduction in crime overall is down by 9.6%. Unfortunately robberies are up by 116% but it is important to remember this refers to a total of 13 crimes only. Furthermore, these took place largely in non-residential areas and plain clothes officers are now patrolling the affected areas to prevent further occurrences and 2 people have to date, been arrested.</p> <p>Councillor Baxter requested more officers be on duty at next year's Markeaton Bonfire event as parking had proved problematical on the night. The Chair additionally informed Inspector Keene the Board were going to formally write to him re this matter and requested a written response in return. The Board had also felt the £5.00 parking fee charged by the University had been excessive and the Chair agreed to raise this at the next meeting of the University Parking Working Group.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Chair to raise concern re £5.00 parking fee charged by</b></p>	

	<p><b>University on night of Markeaton Bonfire event at next University Parking Working Group meeting.</b></p> <p><i>(Inspector Keene left the meeting at 7.50pm.)</i></p>	Chair
40/09	<p><b>BOARD SUB-GROUPS</b></p> <p>Pete explained that, although sub-groups had been set up to drive forward the Board's priorities, he now felt it was important to ensure partner agencies became involved with this in addition to Board members. He added he hoped the sub-groups would in future also report back to the Board on a quarterly basis re progress in tackling the Board's priorities, and this would in turn be reported back to the Neighbourhood Forums.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed the following sub-groups be formed to deal with issues as detailed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Safer Sub-group to meet on 25 November 2009 at 4.30pm, at Mackworth LHO.</li> <li>• The Stronger Group to look at issues around building on cohesion, impact on health facilities, the Radbourne Lane building proposals and youth issues.</li> <li>• The Cleaner Group to link in with the Council's agenda (Waste Management, etc).</li> </ul>	
41/09	<p><b>AGENCY REPORTS</b></p> <p>Reports had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and these were duly noted. Pete asked members to let him know if they required further information or presentations.</p>	
42/09	<p><b>ALCOHOL FREE ZONE</b></p> <p>The Parks Manager has raised concerns re the displacement effect the AFZ may have on Markeaton Park and consultation is now on hold until further investigations re this have been completed. Markeaton Park may be included within the AFZ but if this is the case, will be funded by Allestree Neighbourhood Board.</p> <p>Pete recommended putting to one side the sum of £5,000 from Derby City Council's on-off allocation of £10,000 to pay for solicitor's fees and signage once the project progresses further.</p> <p>The Board agreed in principle to the above recommendation and this will require ratification by the Councillors.</p>	
43/09	<p><b>PARTNER ORGANISATION GROUP</b></p> <p>This initiative proved successful and a list of activities that took place is</p>	

	<p>attached to the Neighbourhood Teams Performance Report, for members' information. Photographs of work undertaken have been taken and will be displayed at future Forum meetings. In future, more walkabouts with the Police are recommended and it is hoped these can commence in the New Year. It is also hoped to further develop links with local schools and the Board Sub-groups should lead here.</p> <p>Upon enquiry it was confirmed the above report would be made available to those attending the next Neighbourhood Forum meetings.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to provide POG report at forthcoming Neighbourhood Forums.</b></p>	<p><b>Pete Matthews</b></p>
<p><b>44/09</b></p>	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING</b></p> <p><b>St Francis Church</b>  £879.54 requested to enhance security at the Church to prevent further loss and break-ins. Councillor Baxter stated the Church had received £200,000 from the sale of land to the rear of the building. However, it was explained this money would have gone directly to the Diocese of Derby. Richard felt gates were not needed but Paul stated they had been recommended by the Church Watch and would prevent vehicles driving in to load items such as stolen lead piping.</p> <p><b>Voices In Action</b>  £200 is requested to help pay for an event for all young people in the city and each Board is being asked to contribute the same amount. Pete felt this linked in with the Board's intention to form a Youth Board in Mackworth in the New Year.</p> <p><b>Mackworth Crime Prevention Group</b>  £650.00 is requested for the purchase of shed alarms to distribute to residents on the estate.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>  £100.00 is requested to cover set up costs and ensure money is available to replace and erect signs when damaged. Pete stated Sgt Frost had informed him Neighbourhood Watches did not have to pay for their signs and as such, recommended this request be investigated further. Paul added that Brackensdale Road Neighbourhood Watch had become defunct but had funds remaining. It was therefore suggested the Board requested this money back from the Group so that it could be distributed to other Neighbourhood Watches in the area.</p>	
<p><b>45/09</b></p>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 13 January 2010 at 6.00pm at the Diocesan Centre</b></p>	



## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

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- 8. Neighbourhood Manager to provide POG report at forthcoming Neighbourhood Forums.**