

# SPONDON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

## Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### Present:

Cllr Chris Poulter	Chair - Councillor
Cllr Peter Berry	Councillor
Carole Chambers	Spondon Community Association
David Hayes	Spondon Community Association
Tom Strachan	Neighbourhood Watch
Angie Doughty	Resident
Alan England	Resident
Susan Miller	Resident
Zoe Boyes	NHS Derby City
Richard Keene	Police Inspector – Derby North
Richard Smail	Neighbourhood Manager
Gary Dempsey	Station Manager - Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Ruth Kellogg	Locality Services Planning Officer – Derby City Council
Jon Pheasant	Planning Officer – Derby City Council
Shelia Mitchell	Local Development Framework Support Officer – Derby City Council
Carl Willis	Minute Taker

<b>56/09</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>  Councillor Chris Poulter welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies received from Councillor Williams, Ruth Hardy, Lorraine Howe, Derek Hathaway, Pat Hulland, Father Julian Hollywell, Abbie Stringer, Hazel England, Jessica Ormston, Grace McFadden, Bethany Austin	
<b>57/09</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting held on 30 September</b>  The minutes were agreed as a true record with one amendment for accuracy that St Werburgh's Church is on Gascoigne Drive not Avenue <b>50/09 Highways</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• awaiting response from Tim Banton regarding work around ASDA island</li> <li>• meeting now arranged with trent barton.</li> </ul> <b>51/09 Board Sub groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfortunately no young people representatives attended the event on 28 November</li> <li>• Both the Youth initiatives and Police report have been moved further up the agenda.</li> </ul>	
<b>58/09</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  David Hayes declared a personal interest in the Spondon Community Association Budget Application in Item 8.	

	Tom Strachan declared a personal interest in the Spondon Horticultural Society Budget Application in Item 8 No other declarations were made.	
<b>59/09</b>	<b>Late Items</b> A funding application from Derbyshire Police was accepted as a late item	
<b>60/09</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Police Report</b></p> <p>Further to the request at the last meeting Inspector Keene explained that he was unable to provide a written report for the foreseeable future. He would continue to provide a detailed verbal report based on statistics he has.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall crime down 8%</li> <li>• Derby North averaging 3% lower</li> <li>• Spondon is below this level</li> <li>• Speeding traffic is being monitored</li> <li>• Underage and street drinking figures reflect pro active policing in Spondon, and not a significant problem compared with the City.</li> </ul> <p>A discussion regarding current statistics took place, in particular reference to ASDA crime figures being included in Spondon crime figures. It was stated that caution should be applied when interpreting statistics if reflecting on overall crime levels in Spondon.</p> <p>He also explained that all statistics are based year on year and crime is generally down, across the City and Spondon also has the highest detection rates. He concluded that the statistics are available on Derbyshire Constabulary website, should the Safer Sub Group or any resident wish to explore these further.</p> <p><b>Spondon Youth Initiative Young Board Member Update</b> Councillor Berry agreed to update in Item 61/09 in the absence of the young Board members.</p>	
<b>61/09</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Sub Groups</b></p> <p><b>Spondon Youth initiative. (SYI)</b> A written report was not available. Councillor Berry provided a verbal report from the last meeting. It was noted that Sporting Futures did not attend. Sporting Futures moved their sessions to Gravel Pit Lane park from Brunswood Rec in September but attendance has dropped and the sessions have been postponed. Willowcroft sessions now stopped and Boxercise has moved to Youth Club at Craddock Avenue. SYI has evaluated Sporting Futures current activities and agree with their plans to review the sessions at Willowcroft park, the Youth clubs and Gravel Pit Lane to re start in the spring.</p> <p>Sporting Futures are exploring an idea for a variety of revolving sessions at different indoor venues and Councillor Williams will follow this up with Sporting Futures. There are plans for sessions at the Snooker Club, and are progressing this with the club and local</p>	

businesses and Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP). This came out of a positive meeting on 3 December with the local Nottingham Road businesses. Other venues are being explored. Ruth Kellogg questioned whether enough was being done by Sporting Futures to promote the Sporting Futures activities. Members felt more could be done but it was recognised that likely to be down to a lack of interest from young people in sports activities during winter. Richard Smail added that Sporting Futures have been asked to deliver outreach work , in particular at Borrowood Park. Richard Smail concluded that Sporting Futures are conscious of maximising the funding and welcomes any suggestions, including indentifying additional indoor venues. Councillor Berry referred to the new Derbyshire Army Cadet Hut on Station Road as a possible option. They will be looking for new members 12 to 18 year olds. The Moon Hotel was offered as another possible venue.

### **Communications Sub Group**

A detailed written report was considered by the Board and Angie Doughty presented the key elements on behalf of the group.

1. E-newsletter – going from strength to strength
2. 2010 Planning
  - Many events being lined up to attend with publicity
  - C&C articles need a new author when Derek steps down. Angie reported that Kathryn from C&C will help pull articles together and Angie offered to support her and asked that articles are sent to her.
  - Noted £738.31 left in communications budget but more funding needed to carry on work including village wide SCAN. Further proposal needed to go to the Board.
  - Access Guide will need funding – link to Communication proposal
3. Communications event
  - Derek and Angie and Councillor Berry attended
4. Notice Boards and Mailboxes
  - Maibox now at Moon Public House
  - Library mailbox proposed to move, members uncertain why but support at village hall
  - Support new board erected at Church
  - Forum Posters will be A4 in future
5. Publicity
  - Noted e-newsletter will include Board member pen portraits
6. Board meetings
  - The Board discussed the ideas put forward by the sub group to change the way board meetings operate. Focussing meetings on specific elements was supported such as work of sub groups and links to Board plans. Board agreed: that Councillor Chris Poulter and Richard Smail would explore the proposals and report back to the Board on the merit of the proposals

**ACTION: Councillor Poulter and Richard Smail to consider the proposals to change the way the Board operates**

7. Sub group membership

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan England now on the sub group</li> </ul> <p><b>Cleaner, Greener Spondon Sub Group</b> David Hayes provided a thorough update report on the Low Carbon Communities Challenge application that was being submitted in conjunction with the Council Climate Change Team. David reminded the meeting of the Low Carbon Communities Challenge (LCCC) proposal. He outlined the background to the initiative by the Dept of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to identify and test out ways of reducing global warming by changing what we do and how we do it in the communities in which we live.</p> <p>He explained that there was £10million allocated to this initiative, £5m this year and £5m next year, which will be awarded to about ten communities each year. Each community selected will receive about £500,000 depending on what's in their proposal.</p> <p>Working with the Council Climate Change Team the Spondon Neighbourhood Board is part of the governance structure to manage the proposal through the Cleaner Greener Sub group which is being led by Councillor Williams and David Hayes.</p> <p>He outlined the main focus of the proposal which has been developed with Spondon organisations, businesses, schools, church and Council officers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Energy efficiency improvements for homes across Spondon</li> <li>• Improved waste recycling arrangements for all Spondon homes - - electricals and batteries</li> <li>• Linking with Severn Trent Water wind turbine proposal.</li> <li>• Equipping West Park Community school renewable energy generation</li> <li>• Solar panels and heat pumps at St Werburgh's Church</li> <li>• Educational initiatives at the Education Centre</li> </ul> <p>The final application needs to be submitted by 30 December and meetings were being held to complete the application.</p> <p>The Board noted the support expressed at the recent Neighbourhood Forum meeting. The Board endorsed the work that was being progressed by the sub group and fully supported the LCCC application.</p> <p><b>ACTION: David Hayes and Councillor Williams to complete the application process on behalf of the Board</b></p> <p><b>Safer Spondon</b> The Board noted the written report submitted to the Board. It was reported that a new Neighbourhood watch had started on Frazer Close.</p> <p><b>Highways Sub group</b> Councillor Berry provided an update on the new Highways sub group</p>	<p>DH, Cllr W</p>
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	<p>that consists of Councillors Berry and Poulter, David Hayes, David Boddey and Angie Doughty. The first meeting was held on 8 December when the group met with trent barton representatives to discuss Chapel Street and the problems raised by residents. The meeting focussed on setting the scene outlining residents concerns and learning more about trent barton services in Spondon. Agreed to hold a follow up meeting in the new year.</p>	
<b>62/09</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Board Plan and Performance data.</b></p> <p>The Board noted the report previously circulated informing the Board that quarterly statistical information about performance in the ward was now being produced. The report outlined the type of information that was being gathered and how it can be used when it is shared with the Board to help inform Board priorities. Richard Smail stressed the need for Board members to be cautious when analysing the figures because of the varying levels of detail for each set of figures.</p> <p>The Board agreed to hold a meeting on 3 February 2010 to focus on this data and consider any action necessary relating to future Board priorities.</p> <p>David Hayes noted there was no data for climate change. This should be raised at the meeting in February.</p>	
<b>63/09</b>	<p><b>Health in Spondon</b></p> <p>Zoe Boyes provided a presentation titled The Health of Spondon. Zoe outlined the population profile in Spondon and the location of health services in the ward. She referred to the use of a system called Mosaic Public Sector that is used by NHS Derby City to give a picture of health in Spondon and elsewhere. It uses information to focus on the needs of residents and provides detailed estimates of peoples lifestyles and behaviours. It was noted that the health in Spondon is generally good for example premature mortality for circulatory diseases is significantly lower than the rest of Derby.</p> <p>Spondon is deemed to be in the middle of tables showing wards by smoking prevalence and binge drinking and fruit and vegetables consumption – based on information from Moosaic. Noted that obesity levels are higher than the city average. There is a new Bowel screening pilot to start in Spondon to raise awareness.</p> <p>Councillor Poulter thanked Zoe for her presentation</p> <p>Agreed to include health data at the meeting in February.</p>	
<b>64/09</b>	<p><b>Local Development Framework Core Strategy Options</b></p> <p>The Board received a report from Jon Pheasant and Sheila Mitchell outlining what the Local Development Framework and the Core Strategy which will set out the way we want Derby to look in 2026. Derby will grow in a number of ways and this document will set out the high level infrastructure that will be needed.</p> <p>A Core Strategy Options document is being prepared that will set out the spatial options for the city including Housing, Flood Management, Environment and more. The Core Strategy Options document will be launched after Christmas 2009 and consultation will start in January 2010 until March 2010. There will be events at the Guildhall, and all</p>	

residents and Board Members will be invited. Details will be available in January.

The Board suggested the following are added to the identified spatial issues for Spondon ward:

- Congestion and traffic on road through Spondon village and A52 – campaign for a Relief Road.
- Poor access to Health Provision at new Royal Derby Hospital
- Need for more sports facilities such as multi use games areas and sports pitches
- Ageing population in the ward but will it be older in 2026?

The Board were encouraged to attend the consultation events, and updates will be provided in the new year. More details will be on the Council website [www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk)

**65/09 Neighbourhood Board Community Budget and Funding**

Richard Smail introduced the budget report and summarised the funding allocated so far in 2009/10 and the funding still available to be allocated before decisions taken on 9 December.

Budget	Carry forward	Total	Allocated	Balance
1. Community Budget (£6k)	£547	£6,547	£73	£5,927
2. Youth, Highways and Safer (£10k)	Nil	£10,000	£4,900	£5,100
3. Highways (£16k)	£6,000 from pilot	£16,000	£16,000	Nil

In addition, there is still £4,775 available to Spondon Youth Initiative.

**1. Derbyshire Police** - Requested £126. Accepted as a late item  
 The Board considered the application for Primary Challenge which involves Police Community Support Officers engaging with young people in primary schools. The Board was pleased to note that all 4 schools have signed up and that there will not be the same request for funding the stickers needed in future years. The Board felt that the total number of children in Spondon primary schools is higher than the number identified. Therefore the Board agreed to fund up to a maximum of £200 subject to the Police reconfirming the figures.  
*(Police have since confirmed the accurate figures and now request £154 funding for the project)*

**Agreed £200 from the Youth, Highways and Safer Budget**

**2. Spondon Community Association** - Requested £3,000  
 The Board considered the application for funding towards lamp post planters, Design study on Dale Park, path at West Park Nature Reserve and plants for Britain in Bloom. The Board noted variety of elements within the application that will all contribute to improvements

	<p>in the open spaces and environment. The significant amount of match funding was noted. Following discussion the Board agreed to fund the total amount requested.</p> <p><b>Agreed £3,000 from the Community Budget.</b></p> <p><b>3. Spondon Horticultural Society - Requested £2,280</b>  The Board considered the application for funding towards 60m of fencing along the public footpath. Feedback had been received from the Council Grounds Maintenance and Arboricultural officers who considered that the existing hedge will grow back in time with the necessary maintenance to become a robust hedge. The Board noted that the Society is responsible for the hedge but maintenance has proved difficult while the footpath has been impassable. It was also noted that the Society was asking for a contribution to the costs and not the total amount. Following discussion the Board agreed to contribute to the cost of the fencing.</p> <p><b>Agreed £1,000 from the Community Budget.</b></p> <p><b>4. Anglers Arms FC - Requested £1,470</b>  The Board considered the application for funding towards insurance, pitch hire, new kit and match officials. It was noted that the club was asking for a contribution towards the costs and not the total amount. A lengthy discussion took place where it was learnt that the club were under the impression that another adult football club had received funding from the Board however no funding has been allocated to adult teams. The Board did not support the request to fund existing running costs which the club currently pays for from match subscriptions and fundraising. However, the Board considered that there is an opportunity for the Board to work with the club to provide some publicity as well as supporting the players who nearly all live in Spondon. The Board agreed to fund £450 towards a new kit on the conditions that it is a one off payment to the club and that the kit has 'Spondon Neighbourhood Board' displayed on it.</p> <p><b>Agreed £450 from the Community Budget.</b></p> <p><b>5. Highways and Transport – requested £1,000</b>  The Board considered the application for funding towards a study to identify options to tackle flytipping on Megaloughton Lane. The Board considered this was the responsibility of the Council Services and that Waste Management should be involved as they were likely to save many thousands of pounds as a result of a positive outcome. The Board could consider funding any physical improvements that are deemed appropriate.</p> <p><b>Agreed to reject the proposal.</b></p>	
66/09	<p><b>Date of Next meeting</b>  Board: 3 February 2010, at St Werburgh's Church – extra meeting  24 March 2010 at St Werburgh's Church  Forum: 10 March 2010 at St. Werburgh's School</p>	