

Time commenced : 6.30pm
Time finished : 8.30pm

**AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN
WARDS)
14 MARCH 2007**

Present: Councillor Ingall (Chair)
Councillors Banwait, Chera, Dhamrait, Ginns, Graves,
Jackson, Leeming, Tittley, Turner and Wynn

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers

Colin Avison	- Area Panel Manager
Kimani Chikwendu	- Sinfin Neighbourhood Team Community Development Officer
David Gartside	- Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community Department
Becky Hudson	- Osmaston & Allenton Neighbourhood Team Community Safety Officer
Susana Pando	- Constitutional Services Assistant
Inspector Sam Slack	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Paula Solowij	- Alvaston Local Manager. Derby Homes
Katherine Taylor	- Constitutional Services Officer
Sarah Turner	- Constitutional Services Officer

56 members of the public were in attendance.

56/06 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

57/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair introduced four late items.

1. An application for Area Panel funding from Sinfin Community Carnival
2. An application for Area Panel funding from Derby Homes

The above items were taken under Minute number 65/06.

3. Councillor Jackson paid tribute to former Councillor Alan Mularkey, who had passed away recently. A minute's silence was observed.
4. The Chair welcomed back Colin Avison, Area Panel Manager, following a period of illness.

58/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Ingall and Tittley declared personal and prejudicial interests in minute number 65/06 as they had submitted a budget application for consideration by the Panel.

59/06 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 17 January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

60/06 Chair's Report

Members of the public received a brief oral report from the Chair and members of the Panel on current activities and progress on projects in the Area Panel 2 area.

Agreed to note the report.

61/06 Petitions

Petitions received since the last meeting

The panel received a petition from pupils of Shelton Infant School, requesting additional litter bins outside the school. 15 pupils from the school attended to present their petition. The pupils displayed placards and posters that they had prepared. The Headteacher, Mr Anthony Leigh, interviewed each child about their views on litter in and around the school and the work that was being undertaken at the school to reduce litter and recycle. The school children went on to sing a song to the panel members emphasising what they wanted.

The panel discussed the item during consideration of the Area Panel Budget Proposals, minute 65/06 refers.

To consider responses to petitions received

No further update was received.

62/06 Update Report

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of the issues raised, proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council or partner officer responsible. Unless expressly stated below, the information contained within the update report complete with officer recommendations for action were agreed.

Petition – Alvaston Park

It was reported that the installation of six bollards would not stop access by unauthorised vehicles onto the park as it would leave numerous gaps. It was recommended that such an installation be delayed until there was adequate funding to secure the whole boundary.

Councillor Wynn informed the meeting that the Alvaston Councillors had set up a Friends of Alvaston Park group using a contribution from the Area Panel fund. He thanked those present who had been involved with this.

Agreed to note the update

Petition – Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre

It was reported that consultation has taken place with local ward members, trader and bus operators prior to Christmas 2006. Following this further work is ongoing to develop the designs. Councillor Wynn informed the meeting that further consultation would be taking place in the district centre in April 2007. A mobile display would be erected outside the Co-op in Alvaston and he urged residents to contribute their views on the proposals.

Agreed to note the update.

Football parking signs on Rugby Street, Alvaston

Colin Avison informed the meeting that the published update was incorrect and provided a verbal correction. He said that the update should have read: "It is not possible to erect signs suggesting that parking on Rugby Street is prohibited for football supporters, as no such traffic restriction exists. However, and subject to Cabinet approval, it is intended, during the next year, to investigate the introduction of residents' only parking restrictions in Wilmorton. Parking issues on Rugby Street can be given further investigation at that time."

Agreed to note and close the update.

Petition – Crossing for school children, Crayford Road

The panel was informed that a report would be prepared to go to the next appropriate Cabinet Member meeting and a report would be brought to the Area Panel in due course.

Councillor Wynn asked if there was anyone who lives in the Crayford Road area at the meeting and whether such calming measures would be of benefit. A member of the public commented that this could be useful as long as they were not speed humps.

Another member of the public said that rather than installing a staggered crossing that a change in road surface colour or type could be sufficient to remind drivers that pedestrians cross the road in that area.

Agreed to ask the Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to consider this proposal at the appropriate time.

Open green area on Holloway Road

It was reported that efforts were continuing to seek funding for the longer term maintenance of this land.

Agreed to note the update.

Chellaston Ward Issues

Councillor Tittley stated that the Chellaston ward councillors wanted all the Chellaston Issues to remain open and provided a brief update on each issue.

Sinfin Ward Issues

Councillor Dhamrait stated that the Sinfin ward councillors wanted all the Sinfin Issues to remain open and provided a brief update on each issue. In particular:

Residents Parking, Nightingale Road

Councillor Dhamrait reported that this was still causing concern with residents receiving a lot of parking tickets / fines.

63/06 Public Question Time

The Public raised the following issues during public question time.

Proposals for congestion charging through Chellaston

A member of the public asked what proposals were in place to introduce congestion charging in Chellaston.

Councillor Tittley commented that there had been no discussion with him or local people about congestion charging. He stated that he was against any form of congestion charging and was appalled by any suggestion that constituents of Chellaston and Shelton Lock should have to pay to use the roads around their homes. He commented that often no alternatives existed and that the government should encourage better bus services and other solutions rather than introduce congestion charging.

Councillor Wynn commented that the subject had been part of a joint bid between the three cities, Derby, Nottingham and Leicester and the County Councils. He added that the bid by the three cities had been for money to carry out a detailed traffic study in the region only and that the earliest any report would be considered by the Council was late in 2008.

Agreed to note the response and report back to the next meeting

Policing in Chellaston

A member of the public asked for an update on policing in the Chellaston area with regard to the recent dispersal order that had been put in place. Inspector Sam Slack responded that the Police recognise there has been an increase in nuisance and minor crime in the area. He said that local police are working to limit these incidents and that he would be looking to see an improvement in the next few weeks. He said he was currently looking at this matter on a daily basis.

Agreed to note the response and report back to the next meeting

Grass cutting

A resident complained that he had observed that grass cutting only took place on a monthly basis and that the clippings were often left behind.

Councillor Tittley informed the resident that the issue of grass cutting is regularly raised at Area Panel meetings. He said that he would ask for the contract to be considered by the Audit and Accounts Committee.

Councillor Graves said that it is Council policy not to collect the clippings due the significant increase in cost that this incurs.

Agreed to note the response and report back to the next meeting.

Anti-social behaviour of some Noel-Baker School pupils A resident gave details of damage that had been caused to her and neighbours' property which runs alongside a drive and farmer's field that lead to the school property. She said that she had contacted Noel-Baker to inform them of the incidents and asked what the Area Panel could do about it.

Councillor Leeming said that he had been to visit the area and urged the other Boulton Ward members to do the same.

Councillor Wynn commented that there may be a need to investigate whether a different material or design of fencing could be used to prevent it being entered.

Agreed to note the response and report back to the next meeting.

Canal Hedgerows

A resident raised a concern about the destruction and inappropriate management of ancient and environmentally valuable hedgerows in the city. The resident referred to loss of hedgerows beside the canal due to developments and to poor management being practised including the removal of mature hedgerow trees for no apparent reason.

The resident went on to enquire whether the Council had a policy for the retention, conservation and appropriate management of hedgerows and if not, whether there were any plans to introduce one.

Agreed to ask the appropriate department to provide a written response to the next meeting.

64/06 2007/08 Programme of Highways and Transport Schemes

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director, Highways and Transport providing information on the priorities that will be given to the

suggestions made by the Area Panels on future Highways and Transport schemes.

Agreed to note the report.

65/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities was considered which set out details of four applications for Area Panel funding which had been received. One of the applications considered was a petition received from Shelton Infant School minute 61/06 refers. The Panel's Tree Management Proposals were also considered.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the funding application for Diseworth Close Fencing Councillors Ingall and Tittley left the meeting during its consideration.

Councillor Jackson chaired the meeting from this point.

The applications were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from Councillors Ingall and Tittley – funding for fencing – grant requested £850.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from the Sinfin Community Carnival – funding for entertainment, insurance and equipment hire – grant requested £1,780.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Derby Homes – funding for skips for Alvaston 'Spring Clean' – grant requested £1,000.
4. To consider whether to support the request in the petition presented by Shelton Infant School earlier in the meeting – funding for two bins outside the school grounds – amount requested £500 (£250 per bin).

Councillor Graves commented that the Revenue funding stream for maintenance and emptying of the bins had not been taken into consideration by the Panel.

5. To consider the Panel's Tree Management Proposals as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.

The Panel agreed to award Area Panel funding to the applications in the following way:

1. Diseworth Close Fencing – Councillors Ingall and Tittley — granted £850 from Chellaston ward budget.
2. Sinfin Community Carnival - Sinfin Community Council – granted £1400 Sinfin ward budget.

3. Alvaston Spring Clean - Derby Homes – granted £2,000 (£1000 from Alvaston ward and £1,000 from Boulton ward).
4. Shelton Infant School – granted £500 (£250 borrowed from Boulton ward, £250 from Chellaston ward's Tree Management fund).
5. Agreed the removal of a tree at Arkendale Walk and Coverdale Close area – granted £250 from Alvaston ward.

66/06 Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the information about Health Services contained in the briefing paper.

67/06 Area Panel Events Diary

The Panel noted that Councillor Dhamrait's surgery on 1 June would be held in St Bartholemew's Church Hall not Community Hall.

Agreed to note the events diary.

68/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 13 June 2007 at Lakeside Community Primary School, London Road, Alvaston, Derby.

The Panel agreed to appoint Councillor Graves as Chair for the next meeting at Lakeside Community Primary School on 13 June 2007.

MINUTES END