

Time commenced : 6.00 pm  
Time finished : 8.30 pm

## **AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON) 7 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Present: Councillor Khan (Chair)  
Councillors Hussain, Lowe, Nath, Rehman and  
Williamson

Derby City Council and other officers:

Isabella Stone	-	Assistant Director Community Policy
Sara Allmond	-	Constitutional Services Officer Democratic Services
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Constitutional Services Assistant Democratic Services
David Romaine	-	Scrutiny and Complaints Manager Democratic Services
Steve Baguley	-	Children's Integrated Services Project Manager
Inspector Parkin	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Trevor Sherwin	-	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
David Gartside	-	Head of Traffic
Julie Eyre	-	Stockbrook Street, Local Manager Derby Homes

47 members of the public.

## **17/05 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Afzal,  
Burgess and Dhindsa

## 18/05 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100 (B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following as late item:

**Local Democracy Week 2005** – this item was accepted as the event was taking place on 20 October which was before the next Area Panel meeting.

The panel received an oral report from David Romaine, Scrutiny and Complaints Manager who reported that the Members and Officers had been working to create an event for Local Democracy Week with the three principal aims being, satisfying the Local Government Association objective of engaging young people, being attractive to the public in general and providing guidance and information to people of all ages who might be interested in becoming local councillors.

The event would take place on Thursday 20 October 2005 at the Council House and was called 'Your City – Your Voice.'

**Resolved to note the report**

## 19/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rehman declared a personal interest in minute number 24/05 – Funding application from Derby Minority Senior Citizens Society as he was a member of the Society.

## 20/05 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 22 June 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 21/05 Integrating Children's Services

Steve Baguley, Children's Integrated Services Project Manager, made a presentation on integrating children's services which came about as a result of the Children's Act 2000.

**Agreed to note the presentation**

## 22/05 Petitions

The following responses to petitions were presented at the meeting:

**Petition objecting to the proposal by Derby City Council to introduce no waiting at any time for Catherine Street and Leacroft Road**

The Panel received a petition objecting to the proposal by Derby City Council to introduce no waiting at any time for Catherine Street and Leacroft Road. A report was received from the Director of Development and Cultural Services which stated that the proposal was to remove all of the limited waiting restrictions, on Saturdays and Wednesday but to leave the double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) in place. This would allow more roadside parking but the junctions would remain protected by the double yellow lines. The proposal was not to introduce any new waiting restrictions.

### **The Panel resolved to note the report**

#### **Petition requesting a turning area on Dexter Street**

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management which gave an update on investigations to provide a turning area on Dexter Street. It was reported that investigations had been carried out to assess the feasibility of creating a turning area at the end of Dexter Street. Land would have to be obtained from two private companies who own the land at the end of the street. One of the companies responded saying that they would not be prepared to allow Derby City Council to purchase the land. The only other option would be to introduce waiting restrictions at the end of Dexter Street which would create an area free of vehicles. A consultation would be required to find out whether the local residents felt this was an appropriate course of action. Councillor Khan agreed that he would speak to the local residents to find out their feelings on creating a no waiting area at the end of Dexter Street and would report back to the officer concerned.

#### **Petitions requesting One-Way Streets**

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management regarding various petitions received requesting one-way streets.

The report addressed petitions requesting one-way streets on Wilfred Street, Sale Street and Molineux Street, St Giles Road and Avondale and Renals Street. The report detailed that for each of the roads traffic was very light at the busiest times and that introducing a one-way system would not help with parking issues. It was therefore reported that it was not possible to recommend the introduction of one-way restrictions as there were no individual grounds that would satisfy the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act. However, it was considered that a more strategic approach to residents could be employed by ensuring that these issues continued to be considered as part of the Normanton Neighbourhood Planning process being facilitated by the Area and Neighbourhood Unit.

## 23/05 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

### **Fly tipping in Porter Road**

A member of the public asked what the Council was doing about fly tipping on Porter Road, as the area was not a nice place to live because of it.

Councillor Khan replied that the Normanton Area Residents Group was meeting on 15 September with the aim to talk through issues to fund long term solutions. He encouraged the residents to attend the meeting to raise their concerns there. The Police often attended the meetings. The Council was looking to free up resources to improve the street scene. The Council was also making it easier to dispose of bulky items.

It was suggested that a bulky items collection 2 or 3 times a year would be beneficial.

**Agreed to look into what the Council was doing generally about fly tipping and report back at the next meeting.**

### **Bonfires and Litter**

A member of the public asked whether a ban on bonfires could be put in place except for in November.

Councillor Nath replied that there was a policy in place for control on bonfires and that there was a leaflet available about when bonfires can and can't be lit. It also detailed how you could complain about a bonfire.

Another member of the public commented that there was a particular problem with people burning polystyrene and it was difficult to work out who was burning it.

A Stamford Street resident commented that there was a lot of fly tipping in the area as well, which was not helping the situation and also a problem with dog fouling.

Another member of the public commented that there were also problems with litter on Portland Street as well as the fly tipping and that there were 10cm gaps in the properties with cellars which were getting filled with litter. She asked what the Council would do about this

**Agreed to look into and report back to the next meeting**

### **Dustbins left out in the street**

A member of the public raised concerns about dustbins being left on

the street and how when they are left out over night, foxes and mice go in them. He felt that bins being left out on the street were spoiling the area.

Councillor Williamson replied that Nottingham and Leicester were trying a strong approach by issuing cautions and legal action if bins were not removed from the street. The situation was being monitored, with a report expected soon. If the action was working for them, then the Council would look at adopting a similar course of action.

**Agreed to give an update at the next meeting**

**Homezone Questionnaire in Sutherland Road**

A member of the public asked for the response to the questionnaire that was completed by residents of Sutherland Road regarding Homezone.

Councillor Williamson replied that he was not personally aware of a questionnaire but felt it was a good idea to ask how the Homezone was going, periodically.

**Agreed to find out the details of the survey and any results and give details at a future meeting.**

**Proposed Car Park on Becher Street**

A member of the public asked what was happening with the piece of land adjacent to 79 Regent Street as he was aware that planning permission had been given to turn it into a parking area for the Mandela Centre, but nothing had yet happened.

Councillor Nath replied that the place was designated for parking for both the Mandela Centre and for the public when there was spare capacity. Agreed to check out what stage the plan was at and why the car park was not yet in operation.

**Agreed to provide an answer at the next meeting.**

**Litter in Homezone Areas**

A member of the public asked how the Council was planning to distinguish between Homezone and normal residents regarding enforcing wheelie bins not being left on the street. Those in the Homezone have to leave their bins on the street as part of the scheme, yet you would be prosecuting those others for doing just that.

Councillor Williamson replied that where the Homezone was in place fences were in place to hide the bins. At the moment a solution to terraced housing is being sought.

### **Parking on Upperdale Road**

A member of the public raised concerns regarding parking outside the shops on Upperdale Road. Cars were parking on double yellow lines and this was not being addressed by the police.

Inspector Parkin replied that the Council would be taking over the decriminalisation of parking in 2006. Wardens were currently in the area, and police did use some of their time to police the area but they can't all the time. It was a priority but there were other priorities as well.

**Agreed to look into and report back to a future meeting.**

### **Alcohol Free Zone**

A member of the public asked when the Alcohol Free Zone would be coming into operation and commented that there were no signs showing where the zone was.

Councillor Hussain replied that it had come into operation on 26 August 2005.

Inspector Parkin commented that there were signs however, he would get their locations checked and if it was felt there were not enough more would be requested.

Councillor Hussain asked that they treat this as a high priority as there was no point having an Alcohol Free Zone if no one knew where it was.

**Agreed to find out the details of the signage for the Alcohol Free Zone and report back to a future meeting.**

## **24/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06**

### **Applications for Area Panel Funding**

A report of the Assistant Director Community Policy was considered which set out details of six applications for funding, which had been received:

- to consider whether to support the application received from the Derbyshire Afghani Community Association for an Internet café project. Amount requested £1,970.
- to consider whether to support the application received from the Stockbrook Crime Prevention Group for a weekly community safety newsletter. Amount requested £1,350.
- to consider whether to support the application received from the Stockbrook Colts Football Club for Football 4 Kidz. Amount requested £2,993.

- to consider whether to support the application received from Sunnyhill Youth Club for its start up project. Amount requested £400.
- to consider whether to support the application received from Derby Minority Senior Citizens Society for their luncheon club. Amount requested £3,000.
- to consider whether to support the application received from the Kurdish Community Association for a Kurdish Advisory Project. Amount requested £2,000.

### **Options considered**

1. The Panel assessed all the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the application for funding against priorities.
2. For the six applications in the report, the Panel considered the recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel for the application.

### **Decision**

1. To award a grant to the following applications:
  - Derby Afghani Community Association – Grant for £1,500 for the internet café project

### **Reasons**

1. The application would improve access for local people to existing services
  2. The application would enable residents to participate in their community.
- Stockbrook Crime Prevention Group - £2,350 for a weekly community safety newsletter

### **Reasons**

1. The group was doing a splendid job and the newsletter would improve the service further.
  2. The application would promote strong and positive neighbourhoods
- Stockbrook Colts Football Club - £2,000 for the Football 4 Kitz project.

### **Reasons**

The application will enable residents to participate in their community

- Sunnyhill Youth Club - £400 for their start up project.

### **Reasons**

1. The application would provide a service which responds to local needs
  2. The application will enable residents to participate in their community
- Derby Minority Senior Citizens Society - £2,000 for a luncheon club

### **Reasons**

1. The application would provide a service which responds to local needs
  2. The application will enable residents to participate in their community
2. To refuse a grant to the following applicant:

Kurdish Community Association - £2,000 for a Kurdish Advisory Project

### **Reason**

The Panel considered that the applicant had not provided a business plan and there was insufficient evidence about the project or its sustainability.

## **25/05 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trust**

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

**Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.**

## **26/05 Area Panel Updates**

### **Specific issues**

#### **Graffiti in Crompton/Gerard Streets**

It was reported that the Council was in the process of training the contractors to remove graffiti without causing too much damage.

A member of the public thanked the Derby Evening Telegraph and



Derby City Council for their intensive campaign however, had to report that more graffiti had appeared. He also expressed his disappointment that a recent offender in Spondon had received an ASBO which stated the offender could not carry spray paints, but he felt this was insufficient to stop people from doing graffiti.

Inspector Parkin replied that ASBO conditions are specific to the individual in question. If the offender continued to carry spray paints and was repeatedly caught then it could result in a custodial sentence.

### **Chatham Street, Concern about impact of Homezone improvements**

It was reported that work had not yet been carried out. The Council was liaising with the contractors to get the work done as soon as possible.

### **Street Lighting in Derby city centre**

It was reported that the Uttoxeter Road lights had been repaired and that the handover of the new city centre lighting was expected to take place by October 2005.

A member of the public commented that there were now nine lights out on the Wardwick.

### **Hedge Boundaries**

A member of the public commented that people should be responsible for both sides of their boundary hedge.

### **Incinerator**

It was reported that the Primary Care Trusts were keen to address health inequalities across the city and this had been the focus of both the Public Health Strategy and the 2005 Public Health Annual Report.

A member of the public asked the Panel for assurance that the bio degradable recyclable items currently being collected through the recycling scheme would be recycled not burnt.

Councillor Williamson commented that it was a Rubbish Reclamation Centre proposed not an incinerator.

Agreed to provide an update on the plans for the city regarding recycling.

### **Normanton Park Pavilion**

Councillor Nath reported that a lot of money had been spent inside the building which was now at risk due to the state of the outside of the building. Agreed to feedback and give an update at the next meeting.

**Deliberate Set Fires in Derby**

It was reported that a presentation would be made at the area panel meeting on 16 November outline where fires had been set in Derby, the different types of fires and the action being taken to reduce deliberately set fires in the future.

**Activ8 Project, Mount Carmel Street**

It was reported that the Panel had invited Stonham to the meeting, but the Manager was unable to attend so would come to the next meeting, by which time a solution would hopefully have been found.

**Petition – Anti-Social Behaviour on Corner of Abbey Street and Monk Street**

A member of the public commented that the group appeared to have moved away.

The tree had been cut back so the camera had a clear view of the area in question.

**Petition – Whitaker Road Day Centre**

It was reported that there would be a meeting between the Centre, the Council and the local resident later in the week.

**Petition – Jitty Closure Empress Road/Mount Carmel Street**

A letter to Inspector Parkin and an article from the Derby Evening Telegraph were tabled at the meeting.

**Petition – Request for Revised Opening Hours for Historic Section of Arboretum Park**

A member of the public commented that the footpaths that she had to use to go round the closed park in the morning were dangerous and suggested that CCTV should be provided to improve the safety of the area. She felt that the park should be open 24 hours a day as it was a public space. She agreed that fighting vandalism was important but should not result in the closure of the park as this was not preventing the vandalism.

Agreed to re-look at the opening hours of the park.

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