

ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.00 pm
Time finished : 8.45 pm

AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN WARDS) 7 JULY 2004

Present: Councillor Jackson (Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Blanksby, Chera, H S Dhamrait,
Graves, Leeming, Liversedge, Tittley, Turner, Willits and
Wynn

Derby City Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and Primary Care Trust Officers:

Julie Eyre	-	Local Manager, Derby Homes
Jan Glanowski	-	Supporting People Officer
Mike Goodwin	-	Director Central and Greater Derby PCT
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Members Services Assistant
Bill Reed	-	Area Panel Manger
Fran Renwick	-	Head of Library Services - Operations
Gordon Stirling	-	Business Improvement and Change Manager
Sarah Turner	-	Members Services Officer

60 members of the public were in attendance.

01/04 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Inspector Adrian Gascoigne –
Derbyshire Constabulary.

02/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

03/04 Late Items Introduced By The Chair

There were no late items.

04/04 Minutes

**Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 5 May 2004,
be confirmed as a correct record.**

05/04 Developing a Five Year Strategy for Supporting People

A report of the Assistant Director Housing and Advice Services was considered, which stated that supported housing was very important to the well being of people in Derby. It covered a wide range of services and many different kinds of needs. Supported housing included warden schemes for older people, refuges for people fleeing domestic violence and hostels for homeless people. Supporting People, which was introduced in April 2003 was a new initiative that brought all the old sources of funding from supported housing together into a single pot, for which the Council acts as the administering authority. Ballot boxes have been delivered to sheltered schemes with questionnaires for residents to complete, commenting on the quality and additional needs they might require. These boxes were being collected by Supporting People Officers. The consultation exercise would end on 30 July 2004.

Agreed to note that the consultation with stakeholders would be completed by 30 July 2004.

06/04 Update Report

The panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details on the issues raised, the proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council Officer responsible.

Right of Way Near Noel Baker School

Bill Reed advised that Severn Trent had accepted responsibility for reinstatement of the footway and that the work should have been completed.

A member of the public advised that the reinstatement had not yet taken place. He had informed Mark Todd MP and had written another letter to Severn Trent.

Request for Pedestrian Crossing or Central Refuge, Boulton Lane

Councillor Blanksby advised that he had received information about speed cameras on Boulton Lane and reported that from February – June 2004 mobile speed cameras were sited on Boulton Lane on 13 occasions totalling 30 hours and 41 minutes. In this time 196 offences had occurred of which 189 cases demonstrated a strong chance of being prosecuted.

Councillor Jackson stated that she had spoken to the Highways Department regarding a request for speed cameras on Brackens Lane, they advised that speed cameras would not be an acceptable form of traffic calming in this area.

Petition, High Volume of Traffic using A514

Councillor Wynn asked that an answer to his question regarding the possibility of funding being available through Section 106 be answered for the next meeting.

Councillor Tittley advised that he would be contacting the East Midlands Development Agency again to push for a weight limit on the A514 and back the campaign for the T12 link road.

Councillor Wynn advised that legislation meant it was not possible to impose a weight restriction on the road unless there was a weak bridge.

Councillor Liversedge stated that there were some people in Chellaston who did not want the T12 to be built. A member of the public confirmed this adding that the construction of the road would result in loss of wildlife and damage to the environment and that some people would be seriously opposed to the link road. Councillor Liversedge suggested that better signposting from the A50 to the Alvaston bypass should be considered.

Petition, Newly Created West Chellaston Children's Play Area

The Panel were advised that Andrew Morgan from the Park's Department was in discussion with residents regarding the siting of the play equipment.

Speed and Volume of Traffic on Jubilee Road

Councillor Tittley stated that he appreciated that a survey was being carried out and residents would be please with this. He asked that the Council investigate making the road 'access only'.

Tree Pruning – Whitehouse Close

Bill Reed advised the Panel that the Tree Management Policy could be reviewed and this would be considered by the Planning and Environment Commission. A review would include the views of all Area Panels.

Councillor Tittley advised that he would raise this issue at the next full Council meeting.

Councillor Wynn stated that at the Area Panel meeting in November the Panel supported the petition submitted and Councillor Philip Hickson promised that a review of the Tree Management Policy would take place. This would now probably not take place until the end of this year. Councillor Wynn stated that he would do all he could to press for the review.

Councillor Liversedge advised that he would take this issue up directly with Councillor Hickson.

Petition – Closure of Jitty at Baker Street/Waldorf Road

Councillor Wynn advised of an amendment to the Update Report under the Actions Agreed heading, to read 'To pursue *measures to combat anti social behaviour around the jitty*'.

Councillor Graves urged people who wanted the jitty to be closed to contact Ray Brown in Development and Cultural Services to ensure their opinions are put forward.

Antisocial Behaviour, Haywood Close, Alvaston

Councillor Leeming advised that this issue was now being investigated by the police.

Footpath, Green Lane

Councillor Wynn stated that he was disappointed that the Council were not going to provide dog bins in this area especially as there was a larger concentration of people using the path to the bridge over the Alvaston bypass.

Councillor Graves advised that residents would be submitting a petition regarding dog bins in the area.

Motorbikes, Fulhams Lock, Chellaston

Bill Reed advised that the Police helicopter and a solo cycle had been operating in the area. They had apprehended one youth and the police were discussing action that could be taken with their parents. New legislation meant that petrol stations could not sell petrol in cans to young people. Also the new legislation means that any person caught for the second time riding a motorcycle on public land without a licence would be prosecuted and fined by the police.

Councillor Bayliss advised that there was a place in the Derwent Ward called Tracks. Which was a private initiative where young people could ride bikes in a safe environment. It was suggested that this information be more widely dissipated so that more people in the city could be aware of this.

Petition, Installation of Bus Shelters

Bill Reed advised that investigations were still being pursued with the transport providers and the outcome would be reported to the Panel in September.

Petition, Nursery Provision, St Peter's Church Hall, Chellaston

Bill Reed advised the Panel that the nursery service had commenced. There was ongoing communication between residents, users of the church hall and the church hall committee as to whether there had been an increase in traffic. There would be a further report at a future meeting of the Area Panel when investigations had been completed.

A local resident advised that they had already experienced an increase in traffic. Cars were parking on St Peter's Road instead of using the car park. Doors banging and voices could be heard outside the church from 7.00am.

Another member of the public asked the Council to look into some form of enforcement on St Peter's Road, such as yellow lines.

07/04 Public Question Time

Alvaston Library and Learning Centre

A member of the public raised concerns about the condition of the car park at the rear of Alvaston Library. There was a lack of lighting and many potholes on the car park.

Councillor Bayliss advised that the car park did not belong to the Council. There were concerns about the lack of lighting in the car park and it had been suggested that lighting be installed on the back of the library and would take this issue up with Ray Rippingale. Once the refurbishment of the shopping centre was complete they would be less parking to the front of the shops so people would have no choice but to park at the rear.

A member of the public asked how difficult it would be to make a road access only

Bill Reed responded that any vehicle could drive along a road unless the Council made a restriction order. If this were to be investigated all affected party's representations would be considered.

Resurfacing of Wragley Way

Councillor Dhamrait asked when the road on Wragley Way would be resurfaced.

Bill Reed stated that this would be looked in to and reported back to the next meeting.

Cars Parking on Pavements

A member of the public asked if anything could be done to stop cars parking on pavements. This was inconsiderate to disabled people and she was constantly getting her clothes dirty trying to get past them.

Bill Reed stated that this would be looked in to and reported back to the next meeting.

Empty Building for Community Centre

A member of the public asked what was going to happen to the empty buildings once the Primary Care Resource Centre opens. They were interested in using one of them as a Community Centre for Alvaston residents. The questioner was referred to Mike Goodwin Director Central and Greater Derby PCT.

Road Markings on Friary Avenue

A member of the public advised the Panel that the markings on Friary Avenue had faded.

Bill Reed stated that this would be looked in to and reported back to the next meeting.

Allenton Recreation Ground

A member of the public raised concerns about antisocial behaviour, motorbikes, rubbish and graffiti on Allenton Recreation Ground.

Bill Reed stated that this would be looked in to and reported back to the next meeting.

A member of the public asked if the white lines on High Street, Chellaston could be repainted. Councillor Liversedge responded that he would speak with the Highways department to see if anything could be done.

08/04 Petitions

New Petitions

- a) Petition objecting to the siting of a T-Mobile mast at the Esso petrol station on Chellaston Road, Shelton Lock.

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of the Chellaston ward objecting to the siting of a T-Mobile mast at the Esso petrol station on Chellaston Road, Shelton Lock.

Councillor Tittley advised that he had made representations to Councillor Smalley – Chair of the Planning Control Committee. He also stated that Mark Todd MP was also concerned about the siting of the mast.

Councillor Graves responded that it would be very difficult for the Council to object to this. Even if the Planning Control Committee objected to the application, T-Mobile would still be entitled to put their mast in this location. Councillor Tittley added that as the mast was under 15 meters in height T-Mobile only had to consult. Although he thought that a petition signed by over 400 people should be considered. He asked if it would be possible for T-Mobile to piggy-back the mast on Merrill Way.

Agreed that this petition would be considered as part of the Planning process, the outcome of which would be reported to the Area Panel at a future meeting.

b) Petition regarding the speed limit on Holmleigh Way

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Holmleigh Way requesting that the speed limit on Holmleigh Way be reduced to 30mph.

Councillor Liversedge stated that he fully supported the petition and would ensure a full response would be given at the next meeting.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to report back to the next meeting.

c) Petition regarding the repair and resurfacing of the road, High Street, Chellaston.

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of High Street, Chellaston requesting the resurfacing of the road on High Street.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to report back to the next meeting.

09/04 Customer Service Strategy

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered, which stated that the Service Access Review, which had been completed earlier this year, had recommended the development of a customer service strategy for the Council. The strategy outlined the Council's vision for customer service over the next three years. The draft strategy had been prepared and was available on the Council's website.

Councillor Tittley asked how the strategy would take in to account the fact that Derby Homes were planning to close some of its local housing offices.

Gordon Stirling, Business Improvement and Change Manager, advised that Derby Homes had just started a review of its services. The Customer service Strategy would change to take in to account any outcomes from the Service Access Review. There would be a wide consultation with people who might be affected by the closure of a local area housing office.

Agreed to note that the consultation with stakeholders would take place on the draft Customer Service Strategy during June and July 2004.

10/04 Alvaston Library and Learning Centre

The Panel received a presentation from Fran Renwick, Assistant Head of Library Services, giving an update on the success of the new Alvaston Library. She advised that the library had been designed through consultation with disability groups and was now very accessible to disabled people. The library had computers, which were being used for various learning classes, and a homework club would be starting in the autumn. The library hosted advice sessions and had a Council hotline on the premises. During the first 10 days of the library opening in March they had a staggering 6,000 visitors, including 713 new members.

Councillor Wynn thanked Fran and all her colleagues for their hard work getting the library off the ground. It was a brilliant project that was really appreciated by the people of Alvaston.

11/04 Area Panel Budget 2003/04 Outturn

A report from the Director of Policy was considered, which stated that in 2003/04, Area Panel 2 was allocated a budget of £29,000. Details of how the budget was spent and details of the progress on individual projects were set out in the report.

Agreed

- 1. to note the report**
- 2. to request that within 12 months of a grant being paid the recipient organisation should provide a short written report to the Area Panel on the use and outcome of the grant.**

12/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05

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

1. To consider whether to support the application received from St Peter's Church Hall Committee, Chellaston for funding to resurface the car park. Grant requested - £3,500.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from New Sinfon Community Panel, Sinfon Ward, requesting funding for the hire of a mobile BMX track. Grant requested – £418.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Derby West Indian Community Association, City wide, requesting funding for Derby's Caribbean Carnival. Grant requested – £5,000.

4. To consider whether to support the application received from Booth Street Area Community Neighbourhood Watch, Alvaston Ward, requesting funding for 'white' lighting for streetlights at junction of Booth, Radford, Benson and Neilson Streets. Grant requested - £900.
5. To consider whether to support the application received from Osmaston Community Association, Sinfin Ward requesting funding for the Garden Access Project. Grant requested - £2,040.
6. To consider whether to support the application received from United Alvaston Community Panel, Alvaston Ward, requesting funding for a fun day event. Grant requested - £700.
7. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Sharks Football Club, Sinfin Ward, requesting funding for kit, equipment, training facilities and match fees. Grant requested - £3,500.
8. To consider whether to support the application received from the Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby, City wide, requesting funding for chairs for the Multi-faith Centre. Grant requested - £980.
9. To consider whether to support the application received from 38th Derby Rainbows, Alvaston Ward, requesting funding for the local Rainbows Group. Grant requested - £396.
10. To consider whether to support the application received from St Martin's Methodist Church, Boulton Ward, requesting funding for a disabled people's toilet. Grant requested - £2,000.

Options Considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities.

Decision

To award funding to the following applications:

- New Sinfin Community Panel – Grant £418.
- Booth Street Area Community Neighbourhood Watch – Grant £900.
- United Alvaston Community Panel – Grant £700.
- 38th Derby Rainbows – Grant £396.

KEY DECISIONS

To award funding to the following applications:

- Osmaston Community Association – Grant £1,200.
- Sinfin Sharks Football Club – Grant £500.
- St Martin's Methodist Church – Grant £2,000.

Reasons

1. The applications meet the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The applications provide evidence of need.
3. The applications promote strong and positive neighbourhoods.
4. The applications provide evidence that the proposals are sustainable.

To decline funding for the following applications:

- St Peter's Church Hall Committee, Chellaston

Reason

The Area Panel felt that the proposal could not be supported as:

- It did not support the Council's corporate objectives or priorities
- It did not provide a service in response to the needs of local residents as expressed at the panel meeting.
- The Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby

Reason

On the grounds that:

- It did not provide a service in response to the needs of local residents as raised at the area panel.
- This project did not fall within the terms of reference of the Area Panel which stated that the area panel budget was for 'local or environmental or community purposes.'

To defer decision on the following application:

- Derby West Indian Community Association

Reason

Members asked that the relevant Council Cabinet Member confirm whether Area Panel funding was for small-scale local initiatives raised by local residents/organisations at Area Panel meetings or whether the Council's custom and practice had changed. Also the Panel asked why sufficient central funding was not available for the Caribbean Carnival.

13/04 Arrangements for Future Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held in the Sinfin Ward on Wednesday 22 September 2004 at Redwood Junior School, Redwood Road, Sinfin, Derby.

Agreed that the following chairs be appointed

Councillor H S Dhamrait for the meeting on 22 September 2004

Councillor Tittley for the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Bayliss for the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Blanksby for the meeting on 16 March 2005

Councillor Chera for the meeting on 15 June 2005

MINUTES END

