

Time Started : 7.05pm
Time Finished : 9.05pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
20 JANUARY 2004**

Present: Councillor Samra (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Gerrard, P Hickson, Repton, Travis and Webb

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Bill Reed	- Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate
David Armin	- Head of Strategic Planning and Performance – Finance Directorate
David Enticott	- Technical Finance Manager - Finance Directorate
Ray Cowlshaw	- Chief Executive – Derby City Council
Karen Crawley	- Derby Homes
Sergeant Robert Goodman	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Moir Kerr	- Non-Executive Director - Primary Care Trust
Nikki MacDonald	- Members Services Officer - Corporate Services
Jody Kirkpatrick	- Members Services Assistant - Corporate Services

39 members of the public were in attendance.

38/03 Election of Chair

Agreed that Councillor Samra be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Samra welcomed people to the meeting.

39/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beech and Wilsoncroft.

40/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

41/03 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment:

Minute No. 35/03 – additional sentence to read:

‘...in order to get a better response. Another member of the public thought that events at village halls would be a good idea in order to involve more of the local communities rather than events being concentrated on in the City Centre.’

42/03 Budget Presentation

Councillor P Hickson, Cabinet Member for Performance Management, Economic Development and Housing and Ray Cowlshaw, Chief Executive, presented to the Panel the Council's themes and priorities within the Corporate Plan and the budget proposals for 2004-2005. A questionnaire was circulated to members of the public, which they were asked to complete and return at the end of the meeting.

The Chair thanked both Councillor Hickson and Ray Cowlshaw for their informative presentations and invited members of the public to return the forms with comments on the points covered in the presentation.

Agreed to note the presentation.

43/03 Update Report

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager introduced a report which set out responses to questions raised verbally or in writing at the last meeting.

Handford Street Multi-Sports Project

It was reported that the Multi-Sports Project continued to be an outstanding issue and was still in the process of consultation. It was anticipated that a proposal would be drawn up by the Summer, but discussions were ongoing and any updates received would be given at a future meeting.

Portway School Crossing Patrol

It was confirmed that works for the crossing were well underway and that the completed crossing would be in use shortly.

Litter in Broadway

It was reported that complaints were still being received from residents about this issue. Although the new bin on Alstonfield Drive worked very well, Onyx hardly emptied it. Onyx had since been contacted and had said they would rectify the problem. Bill Reed commented that the Head Teacher at the school had been very co-operative and would be in touch if there were any further problems.

Five Lamps Junction – Rat Running through Strutts Park

It was advised that the dates previously reported for the monitoring of traffic passing through Strutts Park before and after the introduction of

lights at Five Lamps were correct. These figures were the same as those taken to Connecting Derby exhibitions in November.

A member of the public pointed out that other figures had been reported which showed an increase along North Parade. He asked what the Council considered an acceptable amount for traffic volume. Bill Reed advised that the area was monitored regularly and work carried out to reduce rat running had been effective. Councillor Travis asked whether figures could be collated for months other than July, but as figures were collected for this time prior to the lights, it was appropriate to monitor at the same time of the year.

Petition – Kedleston Road – Proposed New Pelican and Cycle Crossing

It was confirmed that two counts had been carried out which concluded that a crossing was not justified. Councillor Webb commented that the issue would be kept under review and had asked the Council Cabinet to look at it again. It was felt that the issue did not need to be brought back to the Panel until any work could be done.

Five Lamps Junction – Air Quality

It was noted that as statistics were compiled on a yearly basis, a report would be brought to the next meeting when a full year's statistics could be provided. It was felt this would be more reliable and easier to compare with past figures.

Parking on Prince Charles Avenue

It was advised that as part of the Local Transport Plan, the Council was looking at investing more money in local district centres such as Prince Charles Avenue in Mackworth. This would cover parking facilities. An update would be provided once a programme had been established for the whole City.

Car Parking at Markeaton Park

Members of the public were asked to fill in the questionnaire provided as part of the budget presentation as there was a question relating to parking charges in the City.

Parking at Markeaton Primary School

It was reported that a written apology had been sent to the original questioner as requested at the last meeting. Bill Reed reported that a date was still being pursued for a Traffic Regulation Order to enforce parking rules and stop people parking in front of the school. Any progress would be provided at the next meeting of the Panel.

Footpaths and Inadequate Lighting – Hardwick Avenue

The original questioner was asked to comment on this issue. He reported that work on the pavements had been completed just before the meeting. Topsoil had been used to fill in holes and the footpaths were swept clear of debris resulting from the removal of the bumps. He

thanked the Council and Allestree Ward Councillors for doing such an excellent job and said that it was the safest the pavements had been for several years.

Pavements – Peel Street, Stable Street and Brough Street

Bill Reed had looked into this issue again since the last meeting. He informed the Panel that resurfacing would commence in early February and that other streets would be included from the Morley area in addition to those listed.

Parking Near Junctions – Brough Street, Campion Street, Slack Lane, Stanley Street and Cheviot Street

It was noted that visits had been conducted and it was discovered that existing yellow lines were badly faded, which were to be repainted as a result. Officers had also found no difficulty in manoeuvring safely in the street. Sergeant Goodman reported that the Police had been monitoring the area and had seen few cars parked near junctions, however, parking restrictions would be enforced when necessary.

Resident Students

Sergeant Goodman had brought a table of statistics for Public Order Offences as requested by a member of the public at the last meeting. He advised that it was not required by the Government to monitor the number of people who urinate in the street, but the figure presented for Public Order Offences overall in the Area Panel 5 area was 27. The detection rate of incidents in the City was 60%.

Walking Routes into the City Centre

It was reported that this area was included in consultation in December and the result would be taken to the Council Cabinet in February. A full analysis was expected to be prepared for the next meeting of the Panel.

Community Centre – Cobden Street Area

It was noted that Bill Reed had met with petitioners since the last meeting when the petition was presented. He confirmed that there was another meeting arranged later in the week with himself, Councillor Gerrard and the petitioners to discuss the issue further in terms of establishing a 'case' to put forward to the Council and Derby Homes. Updates on this would be given at a future meeting.

Crossing near Whitecross Street and Leyland Street

It was noted that a pedestrian count was currently underway and results would be reported at the next meeting.

Roundabouts on Mackworth Estate

Evidence had been gathered which confirmed that there was a problem with roundabouts in the area being driven over and grass verges being damaged. Various options were being considered including bollards being installed, depending on the amount of funding that could be

secured. Any progress made would be brought to a future meeting.

Darley Bus Service

It was reported that Derby City Council's bid to the Urban Bus Challenge scheme had been unsuccessful. There was no further information to report on the issue.

Parking in Camp Street, Chester Green and Brough Street – Mackworth

It was noted that a daytime visit had been done to the area and that there did not seem to be a problem with parking. In relation to refuse collection, a request had been made for a smaller refuse vehicle so that it could drive down the streets more easily. It had been found that no health risks were involved in emptying bins late and overall, this proved that there was no scope for another vehicle.

Parking on Stanley Street and Stepping Lane

Bill Reed confirmed that the yellow lines on Stanley Street were to be repainted. Parking at junctions would continue to be looked at and how bus services in the area were affected. An update would be given at a future meeting.

Whitecross Gardens

Sergeant Goodman advised that he had spoken to the local beat Officer in the area who was able to confirm that the youths mentioned at the last meeting had moved on and that two of the group were currently in the early stages of anti-social behaviour proceedings.

Petition – Flies in the Slack Lane/Cheviot Street Area

It was confirmed that a number of measures had been introduced by Transcycle to prevent the number of flies in the areas on and around the site. Approval had been sought from the Health and Safety Executive for the use of fly spray in the factory and it was now in effect.

Petition – Traffic in the Slack Lane/Cheviot Street Area

Since the last meeting of the Panel, a survey had been carried out which proved that there was a problem with traffic in the area. A further Origin/Destination Survey was expected to be carried out before the next meeting, and the results to be presented then.

Residents' Only Parking Scheme – Darley Ward

Results of a survey had been provided which showed that only 44% of residents favoured the scheme, which was not significant enough to proceed.

Broadway

It was reported that an issue had been raised some months ago about the road alignment in Broadway and that this had been omitted from subsequent updates. The issue related to a pedestrian refuge where the carriageway was narrowed. Bill Reed explained that this had been

done deliberately to discourage drivers from overtaking cyclists while passing the refuge. This was good practice to ensure safety.

44/03 Public Question Time

Woodlands School Site Development

A member of the public raised concern over a hedge that had been part of the site for many years and had been damaged as part of the development. He asked what role Planning Enforcement Officers had in ensuring that planning application conditions were adhered to. It was advised that court action would normally be taken if conditions were broken, however, Bill Reed would look into it further and report back at the next meeting.

Traffic on Park Farm Precinct

Members of the public were concerned about the volume of traffic around the Park Farm Precinct and thought it was very dangerous, especially on Birchover Way and Oakover Road. It was most difficult during the mornings and afternoons at school times, with buses sometimes parking in the middle of the road due to parked cars.

Councillor Webb agreed and said that it reinforced what he had been trying to say to the Police and Council Officers. It was reported that there were new Police Officers in the area who were aware of the problem and would reinforce parking restrictions. It would be asked if the issue could be taken to a Police Consultative Group Meeting.

There was also a problem with deliveries made to shops on the precinct and lorries parking in the middle of the road, making it difficult to get out of cars. It was considered a good idea to speak to Centre Managers to try and resolve the problem. Any progress made with any of these issues would be reported to a future meeting of the Panel.

Allestree Hall

A member of the public asked for an update on the redevelopment of Allestree Hall. Councillor P Hickson confirmed that it had received planning permission to turn the building into residential units and that work would commence shortly.

The budget presentation was referred to and the provision for repairing and maintaining the fabric of buildings. Progress on the Urban Regeneration Company was requested by another member of the public. Councillor Hickson informed the panel, as a Cabinet Member on the Board, that a Chief Executive was to be appointed. The aim of the company was to provide a vision for the future development of the City Centre.

It was reported that the backlog of maintenance for buildings in the City was approximately £90million. This was partly due to a backlog transferred from the County Council during the reorganisation in 1997.

45/03 Petitions

There were no petitions.

46/03 Primary Care Trusts

Moira Kerr, a non-executive Director of the Primary Care Trust, attended the meeting and gave details of the new scheme by the National Health Service (NHS). She explained that her role on the PCT board would be to act as a Link Officer for the Area Panel and the Health Service. The key areas of the organisation were:

- Improving health
- Commissioning
- Providing and developing community based services (primary care) which were services expected to be through family practitioner services and also dentistry, community pharmacies and community opticians.

The Panel was informed that any concerns raised at Area Panel meetings would be fed back to the Health Authority.

The Chair thanked Moira Kerr for the informative presentation and invited members of the public to ask any questions at the end of the meeting.

Agreed to note the report.

47/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered, which updated the Panel on the current position of Area Panel 5's budget allocation and details of applications received. Copies of the applications were attached to the report.

The Panel considered applications ward by ward.

Allestree Ward

Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association

An application for a grant of £4,000 for refurbishment of the school community lounge.

Options considered

The Panel considered this application in line with the guidelines set out within the report. In deciding on the application, the Panel assessed funding against its priorities.

Key Decisions

- 1 To defer the application from Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association to the next meeting.

Reasons

- 1 It was reported that the Panel's previous request for the community lounge to be made available to young people was still being considered by the applicants. The application was deferred pending their reply and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

48/03 Arrangements for Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Area Panel 5 would be held in the Mackworth Ward at the Diocesan Centre, Mornington Crescent, Mackworth, Derby at 7pm on Wednesday 31 March 2004.

Agreed that Councillor Baxter be appointed Chair for the next meeting.

MINUTES END