

Time commenced : 6.00 pm
Time finished : 8.15 pm

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

22 SEPTEMBER 2004

Present: Councillor Turner (Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Blanksby, Graves, Jackson,
Leeming, Willits and Wynn

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

Faye Brown	-	Local Manager, Derby Homes
Rob Davison	-	overview and Scrutiny Coordination Officer
David Gartside	-	Head of Traffic
Inspector Gascoyne	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Members Services Assistant
Mike Melliush	-	PFI Programme Manager
Bill Reed	-	Area Panel Manger
Sarah Turner	-	Members Services Officer

27 members of the public were in attendance.

Members and the public held a minute's silence in memory of Brian Clough who died on Monday 20 September.

14/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chera, H S Dhamrait, Liversedge and Tittley.

15/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16/04 Late Items Introduced By The Chair

There were no late items.

17/04 Minutes

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

18/04 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.

Footpath, Green Lane Alvaston

Councillor Wynn advised the Panel that the drainage issue was being dealt with. He was pleased that the provision of dog dirt bins in this area would be considered by Council Cabinet in 2005 but this wasn't soon enough, Green Lane was in an appalling condition.

Parking at Alvaston Library

Bill Reed stated that a letter had been sent to the owners of the car park and he would hope that secure lighting before the dark nights set in.

Resurfacing of Wragley Way

Bill Reed advised the Panel that the resurfacing of Wragley Way had been completed.

Road Markings on Friary Avenue

The Panel were advised that this work had now been completed. Councillor Jackson stated that she had put Friary Avenue down for consideration for full resurfacing.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Allenton Recreation Ground

Bill Reed commented that the site would be checked on a regular basis. Bill advised that he would speak to other agencies needed to get involved, such as the youth service.

Road Markings, Chellaston High Street

The report stated that there was already a white centre line on High Street that extended from the junction with the A514 to the Roundabout at Fellowlands Way.

A member of the public disagreed with this statement, commenting that there had been a white line that had faded and disappeared. Bill Reed advised that he would look into this matter.

Petition, High Volume of Traffic Using A514

Councillor Wynn asked if Section 106 money could be beneficially used for improving the traffic problems in this area.

Bill Reed responded that the development was approved subject to a section 106 agreement that required the developers to make a contribution to facilities in the area over the next 10 years. Including contributing to works to improve the A514. The developer and the Council would determine these works. It is clear however that some of the money will be spent to aid congestion on the A514 but impossible to say what the improvements would be.

The Panel asked that they be kept informed of any decisions taken by Council Cabinet on this matter.

Councillor Leeming commented that as he stated at a previous meeting the Alvaston bypass was not working. 44 tonne lorries were constantly using the A6 to gain access through the city. He had spoken with Councillor Care who had advised that there would be a 7.5 tonne limit imposed on the A6 from the Blue Peter at Harvey Road down Shardlow Road to the A50 roundabout.

A member of the public commented that he found it difficult to believe that a weight restriction could not be placed on the A514, when one had been imposed on part of the A52 into the City.

David Gartside – Head of Traffic, responded that the A514 was a principle road and even if a weight restriction was introduced HGV's would still be able to use the road to gain access to property along the road.

The Panel requested a report to a future meeting detailing the trunk and principle roads in the city and any weight restrictions imposed on them, the report should also highlight any road that are in the process of changing status. He asked that the report explain the legal definitions of a trunk and principle roads.

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

Bill Reed advised that there was ongoing monitoring of the situation by the Church Hall Committee and Local Residents. Bill assured residents that he would ensure that consultation does takes place.

19/04 Public Question Time

The public raised the following issues during public question time.

Reconsideration of the Start Time of the Area Panel Meeting

A member of the public asked if the Panel would consider starting the meetings at 7.00pm so working people would be able to get to the meetings, as currently the majority of attendees were retired people.

Councillor Jackson commented that some Panel meetings start at 6.30pm.

Agreed to consider this matter at the next meeting.

Footpath – From St Stephen’s Church leading to Moorside Crescent

A member of the public commented that when the grass on the park is cut it is to a very poor standard with long tufts of grass left all over. The mower drives across the footpath leaving large clumps of grass cuttings, which become slippery when wet, which was particularly dangerous to the elderly and children that use the footpath. He had complained to the parks department over the last couple of months but had received no response.

Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting.

Fly-tipping – Ballater Close and Wordsworth Avenue, Sinfin

A member of the public commented that they had reported incidences of fly-tipping on Ballater Close and Wordsworth Avenue to the Local Housing Office a month ago and the rubbish was still there (settees, carpets etc).

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

Cleaning of Drains – Ballater Close

A member of the public advised the panel of a number of drains in the Ballater Close area that were blocked and needed cleaning.

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

20/04 Petitions

New Petitions

- a) Petition requesting the completion of the short roadway and associated pavements turning out onto Rosyth Crescent, Chellaston.

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of the Chellaston ward requesting the completion of the short roadway and associated pavements turning out onto Rosyth Crescent, Chellaston.

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

Responses to Petitions Received

b) Petition regarding the speed limit on Holmleigh Way.

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management regarding a petition received about the speed limit on Holmleigh Way.

Bill Reed advised that Holmleigh Way would form the first part of the T12 road, so would be a through route. The speed limit was originally going to be 50mph, however once it had been constructed it was considered that 40mph would be more appropriate.

The 40mph limit is correct for this type of road and is in accordance with Department of Transport Guidelines.

Following receipt of the petition the police were contacted again about the 40 mph limit. They responded that speed limits had to be set at realistic levels if they are to be respected by drivers.

It was considered that the speed limit of 40mph on Holmleigh Way was appropriate taking into account the nature and function of the road and the comments from the Police.

Agreed to note the report.

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

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management regarding a petition received about the repair and resurfacing of the road, High Street, Chellaston.

The Panel were advised that the reconstruction of the carriageway on High Street was included in this year's major maintenance programme. However, Transco announced proposals to carry out major works in High Street. Discussions were taking place with Transco, but it seemed likely that the proposed reconstruction work would be deferred until next financial year.

Some footway resurfacing had taken place, there were no proposals to carry out further resurfacing.

Councillor Willits commented that when High Street was reconstructed next year the white lines would be reinstated.

Agreed to note the report.

- d) Petition requesting the installation of bus shelters on Wragley Way and Deepdale Lane, Sinfin

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management regarding a petition received requesting bus shelter provision on Wragley Way and Deep Dale Lane.

The Panel were advised that due to siting difficulties the shelter for Wragley Way would not be placed on the list for installation. However, subject to approval from residents, consultation and funding, a shelter for Deep Dale Lane would be placed on the list for installation.

A member of the public raised the issue of the unused bus shelter outside Sinfin Community School. It wasn't used as the stop was used for alighting only. He suggested moving this shelter opposite Heath Court, outside Grampian Fish Bar as this was a frequently used stop.

Bill Reed responded that it was not as simple as just moving the shelter as the majority of the cost was underground, digging it in. A new bus shelter would have to be built. He would put this suggestion forward as a possibility.

Councillor Bayliss asked how much it would cost to install a bus shelter. If it wasn't too expensive maybe this could be funded through the Area Panel budget.

Agreed to note the report.

21/04 Derby Grouped Schools Private Finance Initiative (PFI) – Construction Works at Sinfin Primary School

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services on the progress to date on the PFI construction works at Sinfin Primary School. Mike Melliish - PFI Programme Manager, addressed the Panel advising that there were five separate schools in the project, three of which fell into the Area Panel two area. These were:

- Sinfin Primary
- Merrill College
- Replacement school for Southgate and Wilmorton Primary

Update reports would be brought to the Area Panel on a regular basis throughout the programme detailing the progress at each of the schools.

The proposed works to these schools had been publicised locally and at Area Panel meetings, there had been regular public meetings in the areas served by these schools. Local groups had been and would continue to be kept informed throughout the whole process.

The building of the new Sinfin Primary School would start in November / December 2004 and would be completed by Easter / early summer 2005.

Councillor Wynn asked if the new school would be in the same footprint as the old school and what were the decanting arrangements. Mike responded that this would be a small school but on quite a large area. The new school would sit on the playing fields of the existing school. There would be a short period once the new school had been built, whilst the old school was being demolished that there would be reduced playing field facilities, unfortunately this was unavoidable but would only be a short-term issue.

A member of the public asked if the footpath running through the park from Moorside Crescent and St Stephen's Church on Sinfin Lane would be retained. This path had been used for over 5 years as a shortcut and was invaluable.

Mike responded that he would look in to this issue and respond directly to the questioner.

A member of the public raised concern that due to the short time period, in which the school would be built, would this mean the work would not be to a high standard.

Mike responded that the work would be to a high standard. The contractor would receive severe penalties if the workmanship were poor.

A member of the public asked when the work to Merrill College would start. Mike advised that the work would commence around February 2005. It would not open fully until September 2006. The consultation and communication process would apply to Merrill also.

Agreed to note the report and to receive further updates throughout the Schools PFI programme.

22/04 Planning and Environment Commission Work Plan Topic Reviews 2004/5

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered, which gave details of two topic reviews, which would be carried out by the Planning and Environment Commission during the current year. The reviews included the way in which the Council enforced the national legislation relating to the control of dog fouling and a review of the Council's tree policy and the way in which it was applied.

Agreed to note the report.

23/04 Crime Disorder and Young People

The Panel received a presentation from Councillor Bayliss, Chair of the Community Regeneration Commission and ward Councillor for Alvaston about the Commissions review of Crime Disorder and Young People.

The report included recommendations on:

- Preventing, Deterring and Coping with Crime
- Education, including the Youth Service
- Housing
- Drug and Alcohol Issues

A report would be brought back to the area panel to discuss the results of the consultations.

24/04 New Criteria and Procedure for Applications for Area Panel Funding

A report of the Director of Policy was considered, which gave details about the new criteria and procedures for making an application for Area Panel funding as agreed by Council at its meeting on 21 April 2004. Bill Reed, the Area Panel Manager, explained that the new criteria and procedure would be introduced from September 2004 onwards. In future, Area Panel Grants Appraisal Panels would appraise all applications for funding and make a clear recommendation to the area panel to approve or reject each application. The appraisal panels would meet a maximum of four times a year and they would appraise all applications for area panel funding. The appraisal panels would be made up of a range of funding experts from the Council and partner agencies.

The schedule of meetings and the deadlines for applications for the next financial year were:

Date of Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	Deadline for applications for area panel funding for all area panels
Week commencing 4 October 2004	Friday 17 September 2004
Week commencing 6 December 2004	Friday 19 November 2004
Week commencing 7 February 2005	Friday 21 January 2005
Week commencing 16 May 2005	Friday 29 April 2005

25/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05

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

1. To consider whether to support the application received from Derby West Indian Community Association, City Wide – all wards, for funding for Derby's Caribbean Carnival. Grant requested – £5,000.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Moor Over 60's Club, Sinfin ward, requesting funding for social and cultural activities. Grant requested - £2,000.
3. To consider whether to support the application received GAD Khalsa Sports Club, Sinfin ward, requesting funding for youth development. Grant requested - £2,000.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Gayton Swimming Club, Sinfin – the facility is located in Blagreaves ward, requesting funding for the purchase of new swimming pool equipment and improvements to changing facilities. Grant requested - £1,080.

Options Considered

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

KEY DECISIONS

To award funding to the following applications:

- Sinfin Moor Over 60's Club – Grant £1,000.
- GAD Khalsa Sports Club – Grant £500.

Reasons

1. The applications meet the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The applications promote strong and positive neighbourhoods.
3. The applications will enable residents to participate within their community and at area panel meetings.
4. The applications were supported with evidence of need.

To decline funding for the following applications:

- Derby West Indian Community Association

Reason

The Area Panel felt that the proposal could not be supported as the carnival had already taken place:

- Gayton Swimming Club

Reason

- The Area Panel felt that the proposal could not be supported as the club was not in a ward in the area panel 2 area.

26/04 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held in the Chellaston Ward on Wednesday 3 November 2004 at Chellaston Community Centre, Barley Croft, Chellaston, Derby.

Minutes End