

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 8.51pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
5 APRIL 2006**

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

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Colin Avison	- Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Jody Kirkpatrick	- Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Levy	- Constitutional Services Officer
Vickie Butler	- Area Panel Support Officer
Nick O'Key	- Station Manager, Kingsway Fire Station
Inspector McLaughlin	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Paul Cole	- Mackworth Housing Office - Derby Homes
Derrick Conway	- NHS Hospital Trust

44 members of the public were in attendance.

49/05 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Webb

50/05 Late Items

There were no late items

51/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

52/05 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 February 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

53/05 Petitions

A petition was presented requesting street lights on Nottingham Road.

Resolved to investigate the petition and provide a response at a future meeting.

54/05 Update Report

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

Markeaton Park Car Parking

A local resident asked for reassurance that the new car park adjacent to Markeaton Lane was only temporary, while the flood defences were being done as it seemed quite a permanent site.

Councillor Hickson responded that as far as he was aware there were no plans to make it a permanent car park, but he would confirm that situation at the next meeting.

Petition – Well repairs and installation of hand rail, Well Street

Councillor Richards commented that there had been further vandalism to the well and urged more speed on sorting out the well. He also commented that the well was still being used for drinking water and felt a sign should be erected as soon as possible stating that the water was unfit for consumption.

Councillor Hickson replied that he believed a sign had already been ordered.

Sale of St Helen's House

A local resident asked whether St Helen's House could end up being exclusive private yet still fulfil the criteria of being beneficial as set out by the Council.

Agreed to seek clarification on the matter

Granite Kerb Stones on Darley Lane

A local resident commented that they were not happy with the response in the update and that a contractor had knocked down iron bollards in the area which had also never been replaced.

Councillor Repton agreed to look at the issue regarding the bollards with the intention of getting them replaced. Agreed to provide a further update at the next meeting.

Section 106 Payments to Darley Ward

Colin Avison reported that £15,000 had been ring-fenced in the parks budget to be spent in Darley Park as agreed by Council Cabinet.

Details of Section 106 payments for Area Panel 5 were provided at the meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing on King Street

A local resident commented that he still felt that the pedestrian crossing had had an effect on traffic flow and asked for a traffic survey.

A local resident commented that the pot holes around the pedestrian crossing had not been filled and white lines had not be put in.

Agreed to note the response and close the item

University Parking

Councillor Higginbottom requested that the item remain on the updates as it was important to keep discussions ongoing with the University because of the new intake of students after the summer.

Councillor Repton reported he had been working with the University and the Police to ensure the same problems did not arise as last year with the new intake of students.

Agreed to put back onto the updates in the Autumn.

Land on Leytonstone Drive

A local resident thanked those responsible to clearing the site and raised a query regarding the situation with the possibility of getting the private road gated off.

Councillor Gerrard replied that he had tried to get a gate put onto the road but the road was owned by a number of different shops, and he was unable to get all the owners to agree to the installation of a gate.

Prince Charles Avenue Shopping Parade Refurbishment

A local resident noted that the refurbishment of the Mackworth shopping parade came after a number of others. He asked what the criteria for that order was and why Mackworth was at the back of the list.

Councillor Baxter replied that there was a very restricted budget for this, so priorities had to be worked out. He had been pressing for a date.

Agreed to ask for a date as to when the feasibility study and the work would take place.

Cheviot Street Recreation Ground Brook

Councillor Higginbottom asked that this item remain open as there is a smell and it requires further investigation before the summer.

Colin Avison reported that there was an ongoing investigation with corrections to drains.

Agreed to leave on the updates.

Customer and the Streetcare hotline

A local resident responded that she was unhappy with the response given in the update report.

Agreed to close the update.

Council Budget Presentation

A local resident asked for an explanation of where the reduction in the Area Panel 5 budget of £5,000 would be coming from.

A resident stated that following an incorrect census count, subsidies from Central Government were cut. However they were subsequently restored. She asked the panel where that money has gone, and whether residents would receive a reduction in their council tax.

Agreed to bring responses to the next meeting

A local resident commented that he had received a response from Councillor Williamson, but what wasn't stated in the update was that Derby City Council had underwritten £7million for Connecting Derby. He reported that he had asked Councillor Williamson where on Derby City Council's books this £7million was and he was yet to receive a reply to his email after a month. He asked for the update to be left open until an answer was received.

Agreed to feed back to Councillor Williamson and ask for an answer to the query as soon as possible.

55/05 Public Question Time

The following questions were raised by members of the public:

Scout hut, Leytonstone Drive

A local resident commented that he had been told that the scout hut would be down by Christmas, then he was told that Derby Homes were taking responsibility for it and that they were checking it for asbestos and disconnecting supplies. Council Cabinet granted funding for its demolition, but seem to still be no closer to getting it pulled down. When will be scout hut be demolished.

Agreed to provide a response to a future meeting

Disposable BBQs, Darley Park

A local resident commented that she had been informed by the Parks Department that signs would be put up informing park users that disposable BBQs could not be used, but she had now been told that they were no longer going to put any signs up as there were too many in the park. She asked why this was no longer happening, as she did not agree that there were too many signs in the park.

Agreed to provide a response to a future meeting

Cityscape

A local resident asked if John Cadwallader could be invited to give a talk on Cityscapes plans for Derby and Area Panel 5.

Agreed to invite Cityscape to the next meeting.

Parking, Markeaton Primary School

A local resident commented that there was still a problem with parking at Markeaton Primary school. The parking order was not being enforced even though she had received assurances that it would be.

Inspector McLaughlin agreed to discuss the issue with her as it had been his understanding that it was being enforced.

Councillor Gerrard commented that once the Council had the responsibility for parking, they would be able to provide more resource for patrolling areas such as around schools.

Highway Signage, Duffield Road

A local resident commented that new road signs on Duffield Road were unnecessary as they repeated signs already in place and were causing access issues for local residents.

Agreed to look into the issue and report back to a future meeting.

Metropolitan Housing, St Helen's Street/King Street Development

A local resident asked how an award of £2million could be made by CityScape when neither planning permission nor approval by the Conservation Area Advisory Committee had been given and where this funding had come from. She asked what was meant by the phrase "inspiring and well-mannered design" meant and whether the Panel considered it suitable to award such amounts to the developers.

Agreed to forward the questions to John Cadwallader and ask him to provide answers to these questions when he attends the next area panel.

Park Farm Public House, Allestree

A local resident asked whether there was any news on the public house.

Councillor Hickson replied that it was in private ownership and therefore the Council could not insist anything be done with it, but he would ask the owner whether they had any plans for the site.

Section 106 Funding

A local resident asked whether Section 106 funding was spent in wards or in area panel areas.

Councillor Hickson replied that they could be spent either by ward or citywide.

One-way System, Markeaton Street

A local resident asked what was happening with the request to make Markeaton Street a one-way street.

Councillor Repton replied that the Council would be doing consultations with local residents which would start in a couple of weeks.

Agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.

Councillor Baxter reported that new procedures make sure all Councillors now got a list of Section 106 Agreements and where the money was to be spent, however there was an issue about whether figures could be made public as it could affect how much the Council could ask for from future applicants.

Agreed to investigate and report back to a future meeting

56/05 Presentation from NHS Hospital Trust

The Panel received a presentation from Derrick Conway of the NHS Hospital Trust. He gave details of the development of the City Hospital and the future plans for both the City Hospital and Derby Royal Infirmary.

Resolved to note the presentation

57/05 Financial Outturn Report for Cosmetic Work to Trees Budget for Area Panel 5

The Panel considered a report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services regarding the financial outturn report for cosmetic work to trees budget for Area Panel 5. It was reported that for 2005/06 Area Panel 5 had spent £67.50 of its £1,000 budget. The sum of £932.50 which remained unspent was returned to the Parks Department budget at the end of the financial year and was allocated to works in Darley Park.

Councillor Baxter suggested that the unspent money should remain within the Area Panel 5 budget for the following year.

Resolved to ask the Director of Environmental Services that the unspent budget remain within the Area Panel 5 budget to be spent the following year.

58/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06

Applications for Area Panel Funding

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

- To consider whether to support the application received from the 73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group for the purchase of stacking chairs – Amount requested £1,939
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Friends of Allestree Park to fund the 'Go Wild' event – Amount requested £1,306
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Woodlands Tennis Club towards a replacement club house – Amount requested £2,000
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Darley Abbey Community Association to fund replacement chairs for the village hall – Amount requested £2,000
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Friends of Markeaton Brook for project development – Amount requested £1,357
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Strutt's Park Residents' Association to fund Darley Park Railings – Amount requested £4,000

Options considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities. The Panel considered the recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel for each application.

Decisions

To award grants to the following applications:

- Friends of Allestree Park – Grant for £1,306 for ‘Go Wild’ event

Reasons

1. It would improve access for local people to existing services
2. It would enable residents to participate in their community

- Woodlands Tennis Club – Grant for £2,000 towards a replacement club house

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- Darley Abbey Community Association – Grant for £2,000 for replacement Chairs for the village hall

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- Friends of Markeaton Brook – Grant for £1,357 for project development

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- Strutts Park Residents Association – Grant for £4,000 for Darley Park garden railings

Reasons

1. It would improve access for local people to existing services
2. It would contribute to environmental improvements which would provide a benefit to local residents
3. It would enable residents to participate in their community

To defer the following application

- 73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group – Grant for £1,939 for the

purchase of stacking chairs.

Reason

To see if the Chairs being replaced at Darley Abbey Community Centre would be suitable for the 73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group.

59/05 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper

60/05 Start time of Area Panel

The Panel considered whether to amend the start time of the Area Panel to either 6.15pm or 6.30pm. A trial at 6.30pm for the next two meetings was suggested.

Following a vote by the local residents it was agreed to keep the start time at 7pm.

Agreed to keep the start time of Area Panel 5 meetings at 7pm.

61/05 Arrangements for the next meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 12 July 2006 at 7.00pm at Brackensdale Junior School, Walthamstow Drive, Mackworth. Councillor Gerrard would chair.

MINUTES END