

ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.30 pm
Time finished : 8.40 pm

AREA PANEL 4 (BLAGREAVES, LITTLEOVER AND MICKLEOVER WARDS) 27 SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: Councillor Care (Chair)
Councillors Allen, Hird, Jones, Marshall, Skelton, Troup and Winters

Derby City Council Officers:

Ellen Bird	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Richard Smail	-	Area Panel Manager
Vickie Butler	-	Area Panel Support Officer
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Peter Price	-	Transport Policy Manager

37 members of the public were in attendance.

18/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Carr

19/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

20/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Marshall declared a personal interest in relation to minute number 27/06 as he knew the applicant in funding Carlisle Against Crime

21/06 Minutes

Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 4 meeting held on 28 June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record with the following amendments.

Page 1.

Head of Parks – *omit word traffic*

Page 2. Petition skateboard.

Amended to read - Councillor Care asked if the lead petitioner has had a response as she considered that they would be disappointed with the proposal of a mobile park. . She also stated that she was not aware of progress with setting a Council policy regarding the identification of suitable sites.

Page 2. Petition Car parking

Amended to read - Councillor Care reported that although it had been hoped that a resident would be able to attend the meeting, the Residents Liaison Group were attending a meeting at the same time with the hospital.

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Amended to read - Agreed to ask for more details about road traffic signs policy.

22/06 Chairs Report

The Panel considered a verbal report providing an update of current activities, progress on projects and successes in Area Panel 4.

23/06 Petitions

To Receive new Petitions

There were no new petitions.

To Consider Petitions Received Since the Last Meeting

Petition requesting car parking restrictions on Uttoxeter Road

The panel noted that a petition had been received from residents on Uttoxeter Road asking the Council to implement parking restrictions (double yellow lines, single red lines or solid white lines) between Corden Avenue and the City Hospital roundabout.

The lead petitioner said that there was a safety issue for residents when accessing and leaving driveways. He stated that hospital staff were parking on Uttoxeter Road from 8am throughout the day and into the evening, leaving little space between driveways and sometimes parking on the kerbs. He felt that hospital staff, and not staff working for the contractors or visitors, were the problem.

Peter Price confirmed that the revised work priorities for 2006/7 had meant that investigative work around the hospital had now been postponed until next year's work programme.

The panel supported the petitioners' views about the parking problems. Several Councillors had recently visited the site. They confirmed that they were not satisfied that work to address the issues had now been postponed until next year.

Councillor Allen explained that there were competing priorities for work across the city and pledged that local councillors would work towards getting the work needed made a priority.

Resolved to write to the hospital asking for a response to the local concerns and to request the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation investigate and to report back to a future meeting.

Responses to Petitions Received

There were no responses.

24/06 Area Panel 4 Community Issues Update Report

Millennium Wood

A local resident asked about the possible blight notice and commented on the uncertainty of the ownership of the 'green lane'

Councillor Skelton explained that the land had been allocated under the Local Plan for future inclusion in a City Park but that negotiations were continuing with the current land owner regarding the ownership of the lane.

Agreed to update at the next meeting.

Damage to Bendall Green Roads, Paths and Grassed Area

A resident thanked the panel for the action taken. It was noted that work was now underway to repair the damage that had occurred.

Agreed to close the report.

Skateboard Park Request

It was agreed to note and close the report.

Request for Pedestrian Crossing, Chain Lane

It was agreed to note the report.

Parking on Jackson Avenue Junction

It was agreed to note and close the report.

Petition – Car Parking on Uttoxeter Road

It was agreed to note the report which related to the new petition received.

Arson Damage to Sports Facilities

It was agreed to note and close the report.

Temporary Street Signs and Adverts

It was agreed to note and close the report.

Traffic Issues

It was agreed to note and close the report.

25/06 Public Question Time

Traffic on Stenson Road from Oaklands Avenue

A local resident raised her concern over the difficulties accessing Stenson Road from Oaklands Avenue. The problems were created by excessive traffic and a number of vans which parked at the junction, reducing visibility.

Resolved to ask the Police to respond to the issue regarding vans parking on the junction and request an update on review of highway alterations at Oaklands Avenue/Stenson Road junction.

Recycling

A local resident stated that some Blagreaves residents had been informed as part of the latest round of recycling that they could put kitchen waste into their brown bins and asked when this will apply to all the rounds. He also asked if the regular cardboard recycling scheme, as part of the brown bins collection, could run all year round.

Councillor Allen agreed that the recycling system should all be the same for everybody.

Another resident asked whether textiles were still collected because she no longer had a 'pink bag' for them. It was reported that textiles were still collected and could be left in any bag.

Some residents, including those from Haven Baulk Lane, reported that they had been told they have to pay for new lids for the blue boxes when they break or go missing.

Resolved to request an update on the recycling scheme at a future meeting.

Pastures Hill

It was noted that the drains on Pastures Hill were blocked. It was also reported that recently repaired tarmac was now in a poor condition.

Councillor Care acknowledged the problems on Pastures Hill, stating that there had been problems with some of the drains collapsing under the road.

She stated that this area may be included in the highways and transportation scheme for 2007/08.

Resolved to ask officers to investigate the drains and highway surface.

Parking Derby High School

A resident wanted to know what could be done to prevent parking on the verges outside Derby High School. He also asked why the original school crossing was still in place as well as the new school crossing.

Councillor Allen commented that parking was a Police responsibility and he had seen the Police giving out tickets outside the High School.

Resolved to request a report on the school crossing arrangements outside Derby High school

Haven Baulk Lane

A resident of Haven Baulk Lane raised her concern over the excessively high speed of traffic using Haven Baulk Lane. It made it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road

Councillor Allen confirmed that this has been a major issue for some time, with petitions and local action groups being set up in the past but with limited action taken. There had been proposals to review the need to develop a scheme once changes to Rykneld Road had been implemented but Rykneld Road had been postponed and it was important to get Haven Baulk Lane back on the agenda.

It was suggested that this issue could be included as a local priority by the Area panel for the Highways and transport programme for 2007/08.

Resolved to report back on speed checks completed by the Police

Dog Fouling

A local resident raised concern over the large amount of dog waste on Haven Baulk Lane Park. She stated that there is only one sign telling people to pick up dog waste. She asked the Panel for more signs to be erected

Councillor Care confirmed that a new dual waste bin has recently been installed nearby on Haven Baulk Lane by the A38 bridge.

Resolved to ask officers to investigate the need for a bin and signs on the park.

Hospital No Smoking Policy

Residents from Uttoxeter Road and Kings Drive area raised concerns about the impact of the Hospitals new no smoking policy introduced this month.

Residents and Councillors made comments regarding hospital staff wearing uniform outside the hospital and expressed concerns about health and safety for patients.

Councillor Care reported that she has already contacted Streetcare to clear up the litter around the wall.

Councillor Marshall said he would speak directly to the Chief Executive.

Resolved to ask the Chair to write to the Chief Executive of the Hospital on behalf of the Panel to raise their concerns.

Hedges King George V Park

A resident asked why the Council cut the hedges in King George V park along the cycle path with a tractor and flail with no health and safety barriers.

It was noted that the hedges had thorns which were thrown onto cycle paths.

Resolved to ask officers to investigate why flails rather than other methods of cutting the hedges are used to cut hedges in King George V park area, especially next to the cycle path.

26/06 Consultation on the 2007/8 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme for Highways and Transport Scheme

The Panel received a report introduced by Peter Price on the Consultation for the 2007/08 programme for Highways and Transport Schemes. He said that officers wanted to improve the way the detailed highways and transport work programme for the 2007/08 financial year was developed and were seeking the views of area panels, as well as other groups and organisations across the city, on what schemes need to be focused on and what transport schemes or initiatives could be implemented. A final programme would be presented to Cabinet for approval in February/March 2007.

He invited the area panel to provide details of problems and/or schemes that they felt should be considered as part of the 2007/08 highways and transport programme and submit them to Michelle Spamer by **10 November 2006**.

The area panel will consider the list of schemes at the next meeting and identify the five priorities for each ward.

Resolved to note the report.

27/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit was considered which set out details of two applications for funding which had been received. These were:

1. The Panel considered whether to support the application received from Carlisle Against Crime to help to fund a Community Facility and Café. The funding was needed to

provide new chairs and blinds to the windows.

Resolved to approve the application for £1448.

2. The Panel considered an application from the 126 Squadron Air Training Corps for a contribution of £550 towards the cost of a Land Rover.

The Committee felt that this application was for a very worthy cause and that as 22% of the Training Corps came from the Area Panel 4 area that they should contribute more than was being requested by the applicant.

Resolved to approve a contribution of £1000.

28/06 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing from the Primary Care Trusts was considered.

Resolved to note the Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trust

29/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 29 November 2006 at Silver Hill Primary School. The meeting would be chaired by Councillor Jones.

Minutes End