

ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.30pm
Time finished : 8.00pm

AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN WARDS) 15 MARCH 2006

Present: Councillor Dhamrait (Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Blanksby, Jackson, Leeming, Tittley,
Turner and Wynn

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary

Colin Avison	-	Area Panel Manager
Vickie Butler	-	Area Panel Support Officer
Inspector Adrian Gascoyne	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Paula Solowij	-	Derby Homes
Sarah Turner	-	Senior Constitutional Services Officer
Lesley Walker	-	Area and Neighbourhood Manager

28 members of the public were in attendance.

56/05 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chera, Graves and Willetts.

57/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

58/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

59/05 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 11 January 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

60/05 Petitions

Petitions received since the last meeting

a) Petition regarding match day parking - Wilmorton

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Wilmorton regarding issues with match day parking. Councillor Bayliss reported that this was the third time that this issue had been looked at in as many years.

Resolved to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

b) Petition asking the Council to consider the proposed refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre in the plan 2006/07 budget

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from Alvaston traders, asking the Council to consider the proposed refurbishment of Alvaston District Centre. The lead petitioner advised that Alvaston traders were unhappy with the situation at Alvaston District Centre currently and wanted assurances that something would be done about it. Councillor Wynn advised that funding had now been secured to start the scheme, however, because of the three year delay, they had to begin with consultation again, which would be launched in a couple of months. Capital funding had now been allocated.

Agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

c) Petition requesting the clean up of car parks on Addison Road

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents in the Addison Road area asking that the two ex Rolls Royce car parks on Addison Road be cleaned. Councillor Turner advised that the problem of cleaning up this site had now been completed. He agreed that this had been a bad problem for so long.

To consider responses to petitions received

d) Petition requesting that off road motorcyclists be provided with suitable area of land to use

The Panel considered a report from the Director of Environmental Services in response to a petition requesting that off road motorcyclists be provided with a suitable area of land to use. The report stated that officers had not been able to identify any suitable Council owned sites that were likely to be acceptable to residents, due to the proximity to houses. The only site that might be viable was privately owned land between the A52 and the river, to the south of Spondon. This area of land was designated in the Local Plan for industrial use. It was considered unlikely that the land owners would be willing to allocate this land for use by off road motorcyclists for the potential income that could be generated. The Council did not have the capital resources to

purchase this land. Councillor Leeming stated that he had had positive help from Radio Derby and Radio Leicester, in campaigning for a suitable area of land for off road motorcyclists. So far no land owners had come forward. A group of motorcyclists were forming a club so young people would have a formal group to join. Councillor Bayliss added that this was not a priority for the Council but the Council would look at again if a club wanted to consider contributing. Councillor Wynn added that he felt that as Derby was a dense urban area, there would be nothing suitable in the city. He suggested that discussion should take place with the County Council, as a site such as this was more suited to a rural area. He also added that clubs should get together and fund themselves.

Agreed that no further action should be taken.

- e) Petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Derwent Parade, Derby**
The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management, in response to a petition received requesting pedestrian crossings on Derwent Parade, Derby.

Agreed

- 1. To refuse the request for additional crossing facilities on Derwent Parade, near Millennium Way.**
- 2. To note the existing proposal to install a traffic light control crossing on Derwent Parade near Royal Way.**
- 3. To review pedestrian facilities within Pride Park and draw up an improvement programme.**

61/05 Update Report

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of the issues raised, proposed actions, progress to date and the city council officer responsible.

Footpath, Sandgate Close

A member of the public advised that he had spoken to the Council about the footpath and two inspectors had visited but in respect of the alley way nothing had yet been done. Councillor Jackson apologised for this and advised that she had pressed Derby Homes and the Council and would get something sorted as soon as possible. A resident added that there had been a lot of vandalism in this area in the past and the back of the houses that used to be shops, was derelict. "Could the Council get the owners of the land to do something about this?" This area was useful as a short cut to school but was not to residents in the area.

Petition – Parking Outside Moorhead Primary School

A member of the public advised the Panel that Moorhead Primary School had been working on a 'Walk to School' plan which looked to be very successful. Councillor Wynn added that he had spoken to Merrill School and asked them to make sure the start and finish times were different. He had not yet discussed this with Moorhead Primary School. He advised that he had spoken with Council officers who would raise this with the schools and they seemed supportive.

Petition – Re-Routing of Bus Services 68 and 68A

It was reported that a meeting had been held between the City Council and residents. The meeting had lasted one and a half hours and involved a full and frank exchange of views on the subject. They would be meeting again to discuss the re-routing of services. A member of the public added that a meeting with Arriva was arranged for 12 April. He also asked if the police could carry out speed checks in this area. He had had a report that there would be a further bus stop installed on Park Way. The Panel were advised that Overview and Scrutiny had agreed to look at this issue and were meeting on 3 April. The public were welcome to attend and listen to the debate.

Review of Traffic Issues

Councillor Tittley advised that a meeting had been arranged to take place in May. A member of the public asked if a speed check could also be carried out in this area. Inspector Gascoyne advised that he would look into this. Councillor Tittley added that he shared residents' concerns and he was in the process of arranging a meeting with Inspector Gascoyne, regarding issues on Green Avenue and that he would incorporate this issue into this meeting. Inspector Gascoyne advised that the weight restriction was now in place and they had carried out an operation and all vehicles that had been stopped were in breach of the restriction. Enforcement would be carried out again in the next couple of weeks.

62/05 Public Question Time

The Public raised the following issues during public question time.

Wheelie Bins

A member of the public advised that in her area, they had now started on a new cycle and blue bins were supposedly emptied each week but it seemed to be that if the bin was only half full, then the refuse collectors were leaving them. Councillor Wynn responded that he did not think this was Council policy to leave bins that were half full and that this wasn't happening anywhere else.

Agreed to ask the Director of Environmental Services to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

Gate Locks – Green Lane

A member of the public advised that Green Lane led to the path that went over the bypass bridge and the river path and along here the locks on the gates had been cut off and there were no locks on there at the moment. This raised

issues with motorcyclists and travellers. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had previously held keys but had now been told that he was not allowed to hold them. Councillor Wynn added that he believed that this issue had been sorted and Kevin Winson, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had been in touch. Councillor Wynn had been in touch with the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services who advised that this would be dealt with quickly.

Rolls-Royce closure

A member of the public asked when plans and ideas for the Rolls-Royce site would be shown to residents and how would this be done. Councillor Turner advised that there was a group of local residents working with Rolls-Royce on ideas for developments. Work had been slow and local councillors had been pressing this issue. Councillor Bayliss added that Rolls-Royce did attend an Area Panel last year and gave a presentation. He suggested asking Rolls-Royce to bring a presentation to a future meeting.

Mitre and Allenton Market Development

A member of the public advised that there had been a lot of speculation about development in this area and asked if the panel felt that this sort of development was right for Allenton. He asked how and when residents would be consulted. Councillor Bayliss responded that the company involved was a private company and had bought the Mitre Pub and other properties in the area. They were a private company and were free to do whatever they wished. Councillors did not want to have anything other than a market in this area, whether on this site or not. However, if a development was to go ahead, houses would need to be replaced and they would not want traffic to increase or create more traffic problems at the Mitre Island. A development was all speculative at the moment and the ball was in the developers' court. They had yet to put a deal together and then this deal would have to be satisfactory to the Council. A member of the public asked if the Council could promote Allenton market and clean it up. There were also issues with the toilets that needed looking into.

Glossop Street re-development

A member of the public asked if Councillors were prepared to support development in this area and when would it happen. Councillor Dhamrait advised that Councillors would be happy to support any development in this area.

Education

A member of the public asked that in light of the Education and Inspection Bill, why had Councillors not given an opinion or attitude to this. Councillor Wynn advised that the Education Bill had been passed by the Government. He advised that his personal position on this was that he felt that the Education Bill proposed a recipe for disaster. He was against the bill in terms of school placed planning.

Area Panel funding

A member of the public asked why money had been taken out of the Area Panel Budget. Councillor Bayliss responded that this money had been taken out

because it was an under spend from the previous budget and the Council had had to make efficiency savings so that they could set the Council Tax at the level it had been set.

Car Parking on pavements, London Road

Councillor Bayliss advised that information had been passed to him from residents, complaining about the number of cars parked on the pavement on London Road. He advised that a response would be given to the next meeting.

Canal Development

A member of the public stated that they believed the canal path belonged to the Council and it would take a lot of money to develop. She also added that there were plenty of schools along the path and had this been considered in re-developing the canal. Councillor Tittley responded that he did have concerns with regards to safety as schools were along the route. He added that he sat on the Canal Trust and they were raising funds to development the canals in Derby. Funding would be coming from other areas, not from the Council and safety of children would be considered.

Housing – Grampian Way

A member of the public asked if it was true that the Council were planning to build more Council houses to rent when there were houses in Allenton and on Grampian Way that needed repairing and modernising. Councillor Bayliss responded that the Council were intending to build 175 houses. They did have a policy to bring vacant properties into use. However, there were issues with private landlords. He advised that with regard to the flats on Grampian Way, a response would be given at the next meeting.

Dog Bins

A member of the public advised that he lived on an un-adopted road and the developer were responsible for the upkeep. There were dog bins on this road and the developer advised that they would be emptied once a week and asked if this was normal. He asked in addition to this, could dog fouling signs be used as a deterrent. Councillor Tittley commented that he agreed that signs should be in place, as well as bins. A member of the public added that the bins were important but thought that they should be emptied more than once a week.

Car Park – Sandgate Close

A member of the public asked if a 'No Ball Games' sign could be put up by the car park on Sandgate Close, to deter young people playing football. Paula Solowij from Derby Homes advised that signs could be put up but could not be enforced. Signs were expensive and did not usually deter people from playing football. She asked that residents keep a diary of any issues in the area and these could be looked into by the local housing office and if issues were regular, then the Community Watch Patrol could be sent out. Police would also be able to look at these sheets and attend the area. A member of the public added that also, after 10pm, cars would come into the road and dump their rubbish. The police had been but only in daylight when no one was around. Paula asked that in these incidences residents should take registrations of vehicles and fill in a diary sheet and give this to Derby Homes who would work with the police.

Hippo Wood – Dog Bins

Councillor Leeming advised that dog walkers who used Hippo Wood had been asking for dog bins to be installed. The wood was owned by the Woodlands Trust and he had been liaising with them to have one put in but needed to clarify who would empty it.

Padstowe Road near Cornishman Pub

A member of the public advised that the 'No Ball Games' sign on Padstowe Road near the Cornishman Pub had gone missing. The sign had also disappeared from the other end of Padstowe Road and he was astounded that nothing could be done to enforce signs that were in place.

63/05 Provision of Dual Waste Bins

The Panel considered a report from the Director of Environmental Services which advised that the existing provision of dual waste bins capable of holding dog waste did not meet the demands of Area Panels or the public. As part of the budget for 2005/06, funding was provided to enable each Area Panel to have three additional waste bins for each ward.

Agreed

- 1. To note the locations of the new dual waste bins in Area Panel 2.**
- 2. To agree to the locations of any of the 5 additional dual waste bins at a cost of £240 each.**

64/05 Cosmetic Work to Trees

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Environmental Services, giving a financial outturn for the Cosmetic Work to Trees Budget for Area Panel 2.

Agreed to note the report.

65/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership was considered which set out details of 6 applications for funding which had been received. These were:

- 1. To consider whether to support the application from GAD Khalsa Sports – funding for a youth project – grant requested £750.**
- 2. To consider whether to support the application received from OPPRA – funding for the Osmaston Park Family Fun Day – grant requested**

£3,000.

3. To consider whether to support the application received from Redwood Rockets Football Club – funding for equipment and running costs – grant requested £1,500.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Community Council – funding for Sinfin Carnival – grant requested £2,000.
5. To consider whether to support the application from Sinfin Moor Colts Football Club – funding for expansion of the club – grant requested £2,000.
6. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Primary School – funding for Steel Pans – grant requested £3,000.

The Panel agreed to award Area Panel funding to the applications in the following way:

1. GAD Khalsa Sports – youth project – the Panel agreed to reject this application as they considered it a duplicate to projects that had been funded in the past.
2. OPPRA – Osmaston Park Family Fun Day – the Panel agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting.
3. Redwood Rockets Football Club – equipment and running costs – granted £350.
4. Sinfin Community Council – Sinfin Carnival – granted £930.
5. Sinfin Moor Colts Football Club – expansion of club – granted £350.
6. Sinfin Primary School – steel pans – the Panel agreed to defer consideration of this item until a future meeting.

66/05 Integrating Children's Services

The Panel agreed to defer consideration of this item to a future meeting.

67/05 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trust

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the information about Health Services contained in the briefing paper.

68/05 Arrangements for the next meeting

It was advised that the next meeting would be held in the Chellaston Ward on Wednesday 14 June 2006 at 6.30pm at Shelton Junior School, Carlton Avenue, Shelton Lock, Derby.

Agreed that Councillor Tittley would be the Chair.

MINUTES END