

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 8.05pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
6 JUNE 2007**

Present: Councillor Rawson (Chair)
Councillors Ahern, Berry, Bolton, Grimadell, Latham, Poulter, Redfern,
Williams and Wood

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Insp Rachel Walker - Derbyshire Constabulary
Sgt Matt Adams - Derbyshire Constabulary
Sgt Jo Butler – Derbyshire Constabulary
Adam Hind – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Wendy Jessop – Derby Homes
Ruth Hardy – Youth Service
Andy Thomas – Community Safety Partnership

26 Members of the public were in attendance.

01/07 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roberts and Smalley.

02/07 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/07 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Williams declared a personal and prejudicial in minute 12/07 Health Briefing because she was a non executive director of Derby City PCT.

04/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/07 Chairs Report

The Chair provided a verbal report on current activities, progress on projects and successes in Area Panel 1.

It was agreed to note the report.

06/07 Petitions

To receive new petitions

There were no new petitions

To consider petitions received since the last meeting

There were no petitions received since the last meeting.

Responses to petitions received

There were no responses to petitions received.

07/07 Area Panel Updates

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at previous meetings. The report included details of the issues raised, the proposed actions and the progress to date. The following issues in the report were discussed in detail:

Damage to Railway Fencing Anglers Lane, Spondon

A member of the public reported that he had contacted Network Rail about the damaged fencing on Anglers Lane, Spondon and they had mended it straight away.

Agreed to ask the Area Panel Manager to send a letter of appreciation to Network Rail thanking them for their prompt action.

08/07 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Derbyshire Blocks

A member of the public asked when the Derbyshire Blocks in Spondon would be demolished. It was reported that the contract had not been signed yet but it was hoped that it would be signed shortly. The member of the public asked if the grass could be cut in the mean time. Councillor Williams agreed to pursue the cutting of the grass. It was noted that the community watch patrol were patrolling the area each day.

Spondon Cemetery

A member of the public reported that the grave on Colonel Lilly has been damaged. He had been a Japanese prisoner of war and was of historic importance. Councillor Williams agreed to investigate the situation.

Sitwell Street

A member of the public asked about the feasibility study for Sitwell Street, Spondon. Councillor Poulter reported that the feasibility study had been started and it was

planned to do some measurements of numbers of vehicles and the direction of travel. Options would be considered and the public consulted.

Car Parking around Village Hall in Spondon

A member of the public asked if the waste land behind Spondon Village Hall could be tarmaced over and used for car parking. Councillor Poulter reported that he was well aware of the problems with parking in the area. Consultation needed to be carried out with the Spondon Community Association and the supermarket.

Derby Marketing

A member of the public asked why Derby Marketing appeared to have a myopic obsession with the City centre and refused to acknowledge the roll of the suburbs. It was reported that often external funding was earmarked by geographical location. An explanation of the role of Derby Marketing was given.

Resurfacing of Worcester Crescent

A member of the public asked about resurfacing of Worcester Crescent. Councillor Rawson explained the process for putting forward roads which needed to be resurfaced. He agreed to ask the highways section to investigate and report back.

Chaddesden Park

A member of the public asked if the derelict building on Tudor Road inside the frontage to Chaddesden Park was to be demolished. Councillor Bolton reported that the Parks Section had agreed to demolish the building, and it was now in the hands of Property Services. It was hoped that it would be demolished before the summer holidays.

Derwent into Gardening Group

Eve Warren from Derwent into Gardening Group thanked the Area Panel for the match funding for the trailer.

09/07 Transforming Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums

A report was considered which gave an update on the Area Panel Review and introduced proposals to roll out neighbourhood working across the city. The Area and Neighbourhood Board, on behalf of Derby City Partnership, had concluded the review and proposed a new framework for neighbourhood working in Derby replacing Area Panels with a framework of Neighbourhood Forums.

The following proposals were put forward:

- Area Panels be transformed into Neighbourhood Forums
- Neighbourhood Forums for each ward, which would be led by Councillors and engage with local residents
- three levels of neighbourhood management would be developed
- Neighbourhood Managers would co-ordinate and deliver some services relating to the cleaner, stronger and safer communities agendas
- a neighbourhood profile, neighbourhood plan and performance framework to be developed.

Councillors were currently being invited to local briefing sessions to raise awareness of the proposals, to discuss the impact in their ward and to feedback their views. Presentations were being made at all five Area Panel meetings.

Council Cabinet would consider feedback from Area Panels and Councillor briefings and make a recommendation to Council in July 2007. Subject to approval in July, Council would receive a further report on the way forward in September 2007.

Resolved to note the report.

10/07 Budget Report – Outturn Report: Area Panel 1 Budget 2006/07

The Panel considered a report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership which detailed how the Panel had spent their budget for 2006/07.

Resolved to note the report.

11/07 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2007/08

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

It was reported that the first application was from The Big 1 Event - Community Steering Group. They were seeking a grant of £765 towards the cost of including falconry, circus skills, creative workshops and a marching band as part of the revamped Chaddesden Carnival event.

The second application was from Derwent Time Bank. They were seeking a grant of £726 towards insurance, membership of Time Banks, telephone and IT costs and the production of a newsletter.

The third application was from Café Revive. They were seeking a grant of £350 towards the cost of the 1623 Theatre Company putting on four short plays at the Stand Up Shakespeare Event.

The fourth application was from COPING – Derbyshire Chronic Pain Support Group. They were seeking a grant of £500 towards phone line rental.

The fifth application was from Chaddesden Women's Institute. They were seeking a grant of £270 towards to cost of room hire.

The sixth application was from Derby Live at Home. They were seeking a grant of £2,800 towards transport costs.

The seventh application was from Spondon Youth Club. They were seeking a grant of £1,343 towards providing IT equipment.

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

Decision

1. To award a grant of £765 to The Big 1 Event – Community Steering Group from Spondon and Chaddesden wards towards the cost of the falconry, circus skills, creative workshops and marching band.
2. To award a grant of £726 to Derwent Time Bank from the Derwent and Chaddesden wards towards the cost of insurance, membership of Time Banks, telephone and IT costs.
3. To refuse the application from Café Revive.
4. To refuse the application from COPING.
5. To award a grant of £270 to Chaddesden Women's Institute towards the cost of room hire.
6. To award a grant of £1,064 from Spondon Ward and a grant of £168 from Oakwood Ward to Derby Live at Home totalling £1,232 and to defer a decision from Derwent and Chaddesden wards.
7. To award a grant of £1,343 to Spondon Youth Club towards IT equipment.

12/07 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A 'Briefing on Health Services' paper was considered.

Resolved to note the information about health services contained in the briefing paper.

13/07 Diary of Events

A diary of events in the Area Panel 1 area was considered.

Resolved to note the events diary.

14/07 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 5 September 2007 at Spondon Village Hall, Sitwell Street, Spondon and Chaired by Councillor Williams.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed