

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 8.01pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
1 NOVEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillor Williams (Chair)
Councillors Ahern, Berry, Bolton, Latham, MacDonald, Poulter,
Rawson, Redfern, Roberts, Smalley, and West

Derby City Council and Other Officers:
Adam Hind – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Sgt Summers – Derbyshire Constabulary
Inspector Walker – Derbyshire Constabulary
Peter Price – Transport Policy Manager

33 Members of the public were in attendance.

32/06 Apologies

There were no apologies of absence received.

33/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to consider a late Budget application relating to the cleaning of the War Memorial on Chaddesden Lane, Chaddesden on the grounds that the funding was required before the next scheduled meeting of the Panel.

The Area Panel stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of former Councillors Colin Brown, Harold Johnson and John Leatherbarrow.

34/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in the Health Briefing as she had been appointed non executive Director of the Derby City PCT.

35/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

36/06 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.

37/06 Petitions

To receive new petitions

There were no new petitions.

To consider petitions received since the last meeting

There had been no petitions received since the last meeting.

Responses to petitions received

Petition regarding Traffic Solutions for Chapel Street, Spondon.
A report of the Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation was considered which outlined the details of the petition. A feasibility study had been requested to try and find solutions to the traffic problems facing Chapel Street Spondon.

Resolved to note that the request for traffic solutions at Chapel Street, Spondon had been included in the list for possible inclusion in the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme.

38/06 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:

Pedestrian crossing request by Toys R Us, Chaddesden

It was hoped that the works would be completed before Christmas but it was now anticipated there may be a delay in the works being completed.

Dropped Kerbs by da Vinci Community College entrance, Derwent

The work was completed during the half term break.

Dangerous wall – Spondon Village Hall, Spondon

Councillor Poulter asked why there had been a delay to starting the works. Richard Smail reported that there was uncertainty about the responsibility for some parts of the wall and this had delayed starting work on any part of the wall. It has now been agreed to split the project into smaller projects so that some work can begin on parts of the wall where agreement has been reached.

39/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Cemetery

A member of the public asked about when leaves were cleaned up in the cemetery. He was concerned that there might be an accident.

Agreed to ask the Corporate Director Environmental Services about the cleaning rota for the cemetery and report back to the resident.

Footpaths

A member of the public raised concerns about trees on footpaths impeding the free flow of pedestrians particularly in the Danebridge Crescent/Fiskerton Way area of Oakwood.

Agreed to ask the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back.

Street Lighting

A member of the public raised concerns that some street lights were on all day. The Panel asked the resident to inform the Council of the street light numbers and they could then investigate why they were staying on all day.

Another member of the public referred to how long it took to get lights repaired after they were reported. The lights in question were on Potter Street/Sitwell Street Spondon and they had not been repaired within the promised deadline. He asked how typical this situation was.

Agreed to ask the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back.

Community Development in Schools

Jean Moss from West Park School informed the Panel about a survey on adult learning in North East Derby. One area of concern was community development in schools. West Park School were trying to bring the community in to the school and asked if there were any ideas from the panel or the members of the public on how this could be done.

Agreed to send any ideas to Jean Moss via West Park School.

Alcohol Free Zones - AFZ

A representative of Vancouver Avenue Neighbourhood Watch raised concerns about groups of up to 20 young people gathering, drinking alcohol and making a nuisance of themselves. Inspector Walker said that the police supported the extension of the AFZ but the Section 30 order was working well as long as the public contacted the police when there was a problem. There had been a dramatic difference when the Section 30 order was introduced.. The Panel were in general support of the extension of the AFZ at the appropriate time.

Agreed to respond directly to the resident.

Renewable Energy

A member of the public asked the panel members what their views were about renewable energy and the effect on residents. He was concerned it may affect their Council Tax payments. The Chair explained that the Council were striving for fuel efficiency, that there is an Affordable Warmth Strategy and that advice lines were available. It was reported that Council Tax banding was done by central and not local government.

Flats on Longley Road

The Chair of the Spondon Community Association asked what was going to happen to the flats on Longley Road. It was reported that they would be demolished once all the residents had been found suitable alternative accommodation. The land would then be developed for housing.

Agreed to respond directly to the resident and to ask the Corporate Director of Resources and Housing to report back.

Nottingham Road Fire Station

Adam Hind reported that the fire station at Nottingham Road was to be demolished and replaced. The fire station would temporarily be located at 64-66 Beaufort Street, the housing office and fires would be responded to from that address. There would be an open day at Nottingham Road fire station in December for people to see the plans for the new station and to have a last look round the station before it was demolished.

40/06 Consultation on the 2007/08 Programme for Highways and Transport Schemes

The Panel received a report introduced by Peter Price on the Consultation for the 2007/08 programme for Highways and Transport Schemes. The report outlined the list of schemes put forward for consideration in Area Panel 1.

The final programme for 2007/08 will be approved by Cabinet in February 2007 and a report brought back to Area Panel 1 after the schemes have been approved.

It was agreed to note the report.

41/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

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

It was reported that the first application was from Community Church Derby. They were seeking a grant of £1,810 towards the cost of purchasing equipment.

The second application was from Chaddesden Park Allotments Association. They were seeking a grant of £5,840 for security fencing.

The third application was from Derby Community Transport/Derwent Community Team on behalf of Transporting Solutions Steering Group. They were seeking a grant of £2,000 towards the continuation of Derwent Ring and Ride.

The fourth application was from Derwent Neighbourhood Team. They were seeking a grant of £2,000 towards revitalising and designing out crime at St Marks Church on the corner of Francis Street and Cornwall Road.

The fifth application was from Spondon Parent and Toddler Group. They were seeking a grant of £200 towards purchasing replacement toys and equipment and materials such as paint, paper, card, stationery and craft items.

The sixth application was from Chaddesden Ward Councillors. They were seeking a grant of £275 towards the cleaning of the War Memorial at Chaddesden Lane, Chaddesden.

Options Considered

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

Decision

1. To defer the application from Community Church Derby to seek further clarification on where the children who used the Kidz Klub lived.
2. To award a grant of £5,840 to Chaddesden Allotments Association towards fencing to be funded £5,470 from Chaddesden Ward, £222 from Spondon Ward and £148 from Derwent Ward.
3. To award a grant of £2,000 to Derwent Community Transport/Derwent Community Team on behalf of Transporting Solutions Steering Group towards the continuation of the Derwent ring and ride.
4. To award a grant of £2,000 to Derwent Neighbourhood Team towards revitalising and designing out crime at St Marks Church.
5. To award a grant of £400 to Spondon Parent and Toddler Group towards purchasing replacement toys and equipment and materials such as paint, paper, card, stationery and craft items.
6. To award a grant of £275 towards the cleaning of the war memorial at Chaddesden Lane, Chaddesden.

42/06 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.

43/06 Diary of Events

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

Resolved to note the events diary.

44/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 10 January 2007 which Councillor West would Chair at the Oakwood Community Centre, Springwood Drive, Oakwood.

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