

Time commenced : 6.00 pm
Time finished : 6.55 pm

AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON) 21 MARCH 2007

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Hussain, R Khan, S Khan, Lowe and Nath

Apologies: Councillors Dhindsa and Mitchell

Derby City Council and other officers:

Sarah Dosunmu	-	Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Jason Spencer	-	Senior Constitutional and Electoral Services Manager
David Gartside	-	Head of Traffic
Patrick Lee	-	Neighbourhood Manager (Stockbrook)
Verica Kecovitch	-	Community Development Officer (Stockbrook)
Lindsey Maidstone	-	Community Safety Officer (Stockbrook)
Inspector Skelton	-	Peartree Police Station

9 members of the public were in attendance.

57/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dhindsa and Mitchell.

58/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

59/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

60/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 17 January 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

61/06 Chairs Report

The Chair provided a verbal report on current activities, progress on projects and successes in Area Panel 3.

Agreed to note the report.

62/06 Petitions

To consider responses to petitions received

a) Traffic Management Petition St Alban's Road

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation that detailed a response to a petition received in September 2006 from residents of St Alban's Road which asked the Council to consider taking a number of actions regarding the speed and volume of traffic on St Alban's Road and the dangerous junction of Manor Road and St Alban's Road as detailed in the report.

Resolved to approve consultation with local residents to develop options for consideration

b) Parking on Church Street, Normanton

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation that detailed a response to a petition regarding new double yellow lines in a previously unmarked area, which was regularly used by residents to park their cars over many years. The petition suggested the option of parking permits for residents of Church Street.

It was proposed to remove all the yellow lines in front of the residential properties meaning around 9 additional parking spaces would become available without compromising turning manoeuvres unduly in the turning head.

Resolved to approve the revocation of waiting restrictions on Church Street as shown in drawing TMD/28/07 with the report

63/06 2007/08 Programme of highways and transport schemes

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director, Highways and Transport regarding the 2007/08 highways and transportation work programme. Each Area Panel put forward up to five priorities per ward for possible inclusion in the 2007/08 highways and transportation work programme. Council Cabinet agreed the final programme on 20 February 2007. The report outlined the status of the priorities identified by the three wards in Area Panel 3.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the schemes to be undertaken in Area Panel 3 as outlined in the report**
- 2. to note that a further report would be presented to the September 2007 Area Panel meeting to commence consultation on the highways and transport work programme for 2008/09**

64/06 Report from Stockbrook Neighbourhood Team

The Panel received a presentation that provided details of action and activity undertaken by the Stockbrook neighbourhood team.

Resolved to note the presentation

65/06 Area Panel Updates

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.

Resolved to note the report

66/06 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Recycling

A member of the public asked what the timetable was for rolling out the recycling scheme to the rest of the city. A member of the public asked that the Council apply more pressure to ensure that **ALL** areas of the city have a domestic recycling bin.

Councillor Williamson responded that he understood it to be within the next 12 – 18 months but would confirm that in the next meetings updates.

Semi-derelict and derelict buildings

A member of the public asked what was to happen to buildings that were semi-derelict or derelict and were therefore bringing down the tone of an area. She asked whether any properties had been served with Compulsory Purchase Orders. The resident asked to be advised on what is to happen in order to improve the 'visual amenity' of the neighbourhoods. In particular, Leopold Street, Dashwood Street and Mount Carmel Street. The resident referred to section 215 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act which gives powers to local authorities to address the problems of derelict and empty properties and why is the Council not making more use of these powers.

Councillor Williamson responded that a Compulsory Purchase Order had been

used on a property on Stockbrook Street, and that he had raised the issue with officers to ensure the Council is more proactive in this matter.

Councillor Nath reported that he received a list of empty and derelict properties each month to consider how to deal with them. Some properties were in dispute, where the owners can't be traced or the property is tied up in probate.

Agreed to receive a list of empty and derelict houses with their current status within Area Panel 3 at the next meeting

Newspaper collection

A resident reported that the Newspaper collection service in his area had stopped four weeks before and asked for it to be returned.

Councillor Williamson responded that he would look into the situation and respond directly to the resident.

Pollution and Severance – Connecting Derby

A resident asked whether the Council planned to tell local residents about disruptions to their lives when Connecting Derby cuts through their communities. He was particularly concerned about residents suddenly having a large road outside their front doors and cutting through the middle of communities, effectively splitting them into two.

Agreed to receive a response at the next meeting

Cycling Improvements in Area Panel 3

A resident stated that City Council claims at the forthcoming public inquiry (17.4.07) that massive new construction/demolition in Abbey ward will provide improvements for cycling. Please explain in detail with evidence at this Area Panel 3 meeting.

Councillor Williamson responded that he did not have the information to hand and agreed to provide a response to the resident..

67/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership was considered which set out details of two applications for funding, which had been received:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Derby African Association for facilities improvement. Amount requested £2000.
- To consider whether to support the application from Sapna (DREAM) Social Enterprise Ltd for children's disability support services. Amount requested £2,000.
- To consider whether to support the application from Savera for the Savera Women's Group. Amount requested £1,300

Agreed to award funding to the applications in the following way:

- 1. Derby African Association – granted £1,000, from Arboretum and Normanton ward allocations**
- 2. Sapna (DREAM) Social Enterprise Ltd – agreed to defer consideration of the application for further information.**
- 3. Savera - granted £1,000 from Arboretum and Normanton ward allocations.**

68/06 Health Briefing From Derby City Primary Care Trust

A briefing paper on Health Services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

69/06 Events Diary

The Area Panel 3 Events Diary was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the events diary.

70/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Williamson would be the Chair of the next meeting, to be held at Pear Tree Community Junior School.

MINUTES END