

# ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.30pm  
Time finished : 9.05pm

## **AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN WARDS) 14 JUNE 2006**

Present: Councillor Tittley (Chair)  
Councillors Banwait, Chera, Dhamrait, Graves, Ingall,  
Jackson, Leeming, 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

50 members of the public were in attendance.

### **01/06 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ginns.

### **02/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

### **03/06 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **04/06 Minutes**

Agreed that the minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 15 March 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **05/06 Chairs Report**

Members of the public received a brief oral report from the Chair and members of the Panel on current activities and progress on projects in the Area Panel 2 area.

**Agreed to note the report.**

## 06/06 Petitions

### New petitions

**a) Petition regarding housing capital repairs**

The Panel received a petition from residents of Sinfin Ward regarding housing capital repairs to bathroom and kitchens on Thackeray Street on the Old Sinfin Estate.

### Petitions received since the last meeting

**b) Petition requesting car parking areas on Ballater Close, Sinfin**

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Ballater Close, Sinfin requesting car parking areas on Ballater Close.

**Resolved to ask the Cabinet Member for Housing Management to investigate and report back to a future meeting.**

### To consider responses to petitions received

**c) Petition asking the Council to consider the proposed refurbishment of Alvaston District Centre in the planned 2006/07 budget**

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director, Highways and Transportation in response to a petition requesting the refurbishment of Alvaston District Centre.

**Agreed to note the proposals for improving Alvaston District Centre.**

**d) Petition regarding concerns over parking on match days in Wilmorton**

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director, Highways and Transportation, in response to a petition received regarding concerns over parking on match days in the Wilmorton area.

**Agreed to note the following proposals:**

**Recognising residents' concerns the Council will:**

- 1. Introduce a number of informative signs stating No Parking for Pride Park Stadium**
- 2. Place edge of carriageway markings to indicate the areas that should be kept clear of parked vehicles at the pinch points on Taylor Street, Dickinson Street and Warwick Street area.**
- 3. Monitor the situation when the Council takes over the responsibility for parking enforcement from the Police on 3 July 2006.**
- 4. Conduct consultation with residents when a workable scheme relating to the development of the old Wilmorton College campus has been developed.**

## 07/06 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.

### **Jitty, Baker Street – Shardlow Road**

Councillor Graves commented that this issue had been ongoing for 18 months. He had spoken with Council Officers as gating regulations were now enforceable. He recommended that Officers gate these jitties as soon as possible.

### **Gate locks, Green Lane**

Councillor Wynn advised that this issue had not been resolved and asked that the Council be more proactive in putting padlocks on these gates. He asked that action be taken before the next meeting.

### **Parked cars, London Road**

Councillor Wynn commented that the Council were looking at parking restrictions and ensuring that they were appropriate. He advised that some parking restrictions would be lifted and some minor restrictions introduced. London Road was likely to lose some of its current restrictions.

### **Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School**

A member of the public advised that there had been discussions with both Merrill College and Moorhead Primary School regarding staggering opening and closing times, however she had received a letter, advising that the closing times for Merrill would change and these times were now going to be the same as Moorhead Primary School. She advised that she had spent a lot of time working on this and had been told that there would not be an increase in traffic as people did not take secondary school children to school by car. She advised that the issue was not so much dropping off but picking up after school and that there would soon be a fatality. Councillor Wynn advised that Merrill were trying to synchronise their opening and closing times with Noel Baker. It was crazy that the times had been arranged to be the same as Moorhead as it would cause many problems and the traffic layout did not envisage the schools having the same start and finish times. He said that he wanted the schools to work this out and agree staggered times as each school had the power to choose their own start and finish times. He advised that he would discuss this issue with Councillor Bolton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

### **Petition – Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close**

Councillor Banwait commented that Boulton had a high concentration of alleyways most of which benefited residents but a small minority of people were abusing these alleyways. He supported the legislation that allowed councils to gate alleyways and he said that Kynance Close was one that particularly needed to be gated.

### **Petition – Rerouting of Bus service 68 and 68a**

Following the report provided, residents asked who they could turn to for help as the Council had indicated that it was powerless to intervene.

### **New traffic system, Parkway**

It was noted that thanks to Councillor Wynn Arriva had stopped using Parkway as a test route for bus drivers. The issue of how Arriva could afford to operate the number 68 buses down this route had been explained but it was an accident waiting to happen. A member of the public advised that Homefields had issued a travel safety plan which stated that no one used buses to get to school.

**Agreed to ask the relevant Cabinet Member to look at this issue and respond to a future meeting.**

### **Rolls-Royce site closure**

Colin Avison advised that Rolls-Royce would be attending an Area Panel meeting in the autumn to discuss options for the site.

### **Petition – Off road motorcyclists**

Councillor Leeming advised that he was in negotiations with a company who was willing to take this on. When proposals had been received he would ask they could be invited to give a presentation to the Council.

**Agreed to refer this issue to the Cabinet Member and the Police for a response at a future meeting.**

## **08/06 Public Question Time**

The Public raised the following issues during public question time.

### **Knife crimes**

A member of the public asked if there were any preventative measures or guidance to schools on the increasing number of knife crimes. Councillor Wynn advised that he was the Chair of Governors at Bemrose School and the school had tackled this issue directly. There was no other way than to be firm and resolute with appropriate punishment for pupils who brought knives into school. Schools also worked very closely with the Police.

### **Coleman Street Health Centre**

A member of the public advised that the Health Service had taken the advice of an Independent Access Officer who had had a different interpretation of the DDA guidelines. The layout of the centre would affect more than just disabled people and what was the good of having a brand new centre if issues were not addressed? She asked if there was a possibility that people trained in accessibility issues could be involved in the design.

Councillor Turner suggested sending this concern to the PCT expressing the Area Panel's concerns and the views of Derby Access Group. The request

should ask the PCT to take steps to consult with the Derby Access Group.

### **Gating orders**

A member of the public asked when did the Council intend to issue gating orders for the alleways mentioned in the updates. He asked if this was not done by the next meeting that the Director of Regeneration and Community attend the next meeting to explain.

### **No Ball Games, Bracknell Drive**

A member of the public asked how residents could get a No Ball Games sign on Bracknell Drive. Councillor Jackson commented that signs could be put in place but there was no way of enforcing them. Paula Solowij from Derby Homes advised that there had been an issue in the national papers recently where police in other areas of the country were issuing on the spot fines to children although she felt that Derbyshire Police did not want to do this. Councillor Banwait added that it was a balancing act between the rights of young people to have fun but to realise that they were part of the wider community. He advised that he would be going into schools with PC Durkin and spending time chatting to children giving them the message that they could have a good time but to be responsible members of the community. He advised that there were other practical measures to resolve these issues other than No Ball Games signs and that he would update the Panel at the next meeting.

### **Sexual orientation regulations**

A member of the public advised that new sexual orientation regulations were coming into effect and advised that this would affect all children and that parents had the right to know what their children were being taught in school.

### **Off road bikes**

A member of the public advised that he had reported several off road bikes in his area and did the Police have any plans for a campaign? Inspector Gascoyne advised that residents needed to report all incidents of off road bikes and he advised that there would be a campaign through education to deter young people from using off road bikes.

### **Criminal damage, Hair salon**

A member of the public advised that there had been criminal damage at the front of his hair salon near the Crown Pub in Chellaston. The shop had only recently been refurbished and had now been vandalised. He was working closely with the Police and the Anti-social Behaviour Team. He said that there were also problems at the rear of the property, burned out cars, needles etc. and he asked if gates could be put in so that there was access only for residents. He also asked if the NEAT team could come and clean up the area on a regular basis. He advised that he was a business and would be prepared to contribute to have this done. He also stated that he would like to be involved in any developments.

### **Anti-social Behaviour issues**

A member of the public advised he had been increasingly concerned over violence around his area including violence to his home and to himself. It had

been reported to the Police. The people involved were living in DerbyHomes accommodation. DerbyHomes had been asked to deal with this situation but the Council kept saying that it was not the Council's responsibility.

Inspector Gascoyne responded that DerbyHomes were aware of this situation and were looking into the issues and he advised that he could not discuss the other issues raised at this meeting.

### **Vandalism – Cranwood Drive**

Councillor Banwait asked a question on behalf of a resident in his ward regarding vandalism to fencing and the alleyway on Cranwood Drive. They wanted to improve the street lighting and fencing in the area and clean up the alleyway. He advised that the matter was in hand but money for street lighting would not be available for the next two to three years.

### **Chellaston Library**

A member of the public stated that Chellaston was expanding at a high rate but still only had a mobile library and had a new public library for Chellaston been considered? Councillor Tittley added that he had been lobbying and pushing for a library in Chellaston and would continue to do so over the next few years. He advised that this would be a longer term project but he wanted to see it come to fruition.

### **Trees – Chellaston Junior and Infant schools**

A member of the public advised that her property backed onto the school grounds near Chellaston Junior and Infant schools. Some of the trees were 50 feet high. Her concern was that if the tree was damaged no one would be able to say where it would fall and she asked if it fell on her property who would be responsible for any damage costs? Councillor Wynn responded that the legal position was that unless the owner of the tree could be deemed negligent then it would be an act of God. Councillor Leeming suggested putting it in writing asking that the tree be cut down.

### **Boulton Lane Park beside Boulton Lane Community Centre**

A member of the public advised that anti-social behaviour on the park was deplorable and asked if there was any help that could be given with regard to anti-social behaviour. Councillor Banwait responded that he would get in touch with the Local Beat Officer and that he and Councillor Jackson would pop into shops in the area ensuring that they were not selling alcohol to children who then went to the park to drink it.

### **Community Play Scheme**

A member of the public asked why Community Play schemes were being taken away by the Council. Councillor Wynn responded that the Council was moving away from the old type of provision of Community Play schemes and in its place would be a far better provision in extended schools. The provision across the city would be far superior than the old Community Play schemes.

## 09/06 Derbyshire Fire and Rescue

**Agreed to defer this item to a future meeting of Area Panel 2.**

## 10/06 Outturn Report: Area Panel 2 Budget 2005/06

The Panel considered a report of the Director of the Derby Community Safety Partnership advising that in 2005/06 Area Panel 2 was allocated a budget of £29,000. The Panel had had an additional budget of £11,309 carried forward from 2004/05. The Panel also had £731 returned from projects under spending their allocation, making a total budget of £41,040 available to allocate to projects during 2005/06. The Panel allocated £40,455 giving a carry forward budget of £585 to allocate to projects on 2006/07.

**Agreed to note the report**

## 11/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership was considered which set out details of eight applications for funding which had been received. The Panel agreed to divide the £23,877 equally between the four wards. The Panel also accepted that where there was a common interest, the funding would be divided between the four wards. Councillor Graves added that the Panel had previously said that they would only consider providing funding if the applicant turned up to the meeting.

The applications were:

1. To consider whether to support the application from Sinfin Primary School – funding for the provision of steel pans – grant requested £3,000.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from OPPRA – funding for a Family Fun Day – grant requested £3,000.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Moor Church– funding for footpath repairs – grant requested £2,000.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Derby West Indian Community Association– funding for Derby Caribbean Carnival – grant requested £1,500.
5. To consider whether to support the application from Chellaston Residents' Association – funding for Chellaston Recreation Action Group – grant requested £5,000.
6. To consider whether to support the application received from Chellaston Bowls Club – funding for building renewal – grant requested £1,500.

7. To consider whether to support the application from 126 (City of Derby) Squadron Air Training Corps. (ATC) – funding for purchase of a Land Rover – grant requested £2,000.
8. To consider whether to support the application from Activities Information Media Education in Sinfin (AIMES) – funding for Sinfin newsletter project – grant requested £1,900.

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

1. Sinfin Primary School – provision of steel pans – granted £2,000.
2. OPPRA – Family Fun Day – granted £1,500, of which £750 of this would come from the Sinfin Ward allocation and the remaining £750 would be divided between Alvaston, Boulton and Chellaston wards.
3. Sinfin Moor Church – footpath repairs – the Panel agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting.
4. Derby West Indian Community Association–Derby Caribbean Carnival – the Panel agreed to reject this application as this was not a local Group but a citywide event.
5. Chellaston Residents' Association – Chellaston Recreation Action Group – granted £1,000.
6. Chellaston Bowls Club –building renewal – granted £1,500.
7. 126 (City of Derby) Squadron Air Training Corps. (ATC) – funding for purchase of a Land Rover – granted £1,000 which would be divided between the four wards.
8. Activities Information Media Education in Sinfin (AIMES) –Sinfin newsletter project – granted £500

## 12/06 Developing the Area and Neighbourhood Agenda – Area Panel Review Progress Report

The Panel considered a report from the Director of the Community Safety Partnership updating the Panel on the progress of the Area Panel Review.

**Agreed to note the proposals to pilot changes to the operation of Area Panels 2 and 3 as a result of the Area Panel Review.**

## 13/06 Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

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

## **14/06 Arrangements for the next meeting**

The Panel considered whether to appoint a Standing Chair for the municipal year and to nominate a Vice Chair on a rotating basis to support the Standing Chair or to appoint a Chair for each future meeting of the Panel.

**The Panel agreed to have rotating Chairs for each meeting and to appoint Councillor Wynn as the Chair of the next meeting of the Area Panel on Wednesday 6 September 2006 at Alvaston Junior Community School, Elvaston Lane, Alvaston, Derby.**

MINUTES END