

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 8.00pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
10 JANUARY 2007**

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

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Sgt Tapp – Derbyshire Constabulary
Michael Foote – Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services and
Deputy Chief Executive
Carolyn Wright – Head of Accountancy
Annabelle Barwick – Derby Homes

28 Members of the public were in attendance.

45/06 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahern and West.

46/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

47/06 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.

Councillors Williams and Berry declared a personal interest in the budget application from Spondon Community Association as they were members of Spondon Community Association.

Councillor Poulter declared a personal interest in the budget application from the Neighbourhood watch association because he was a member of the association.

48/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

49/06 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.

50/06 Lets Talk Budget

The Panel received a presentation from Councillor Roberts on budget proposals for 2007/08 to 2008/09.

It was agreed to note the presentation.

51/06 Petitions

To receive new petitions

Fence on Kinross Avenue

A petition was received about the purchase of a strip of land and erection of a fence at Kinross Avenue Chaddesden.

Agreed to investigate the petition and receive a response at a future meeting.

To consider petitions received since the last meeting

Tiled Kerbs on Charterhouse Close

Mr Gale presented a petition in relation to damaged tiled kerbs in Charterhouse Close, Breadsall Hilltop in Oakwood Ward. Councillor Smalley confirmed that Oakwood Councillors were aware of the issue.

Agreed to investigate the petition and receive a response at a future meeting.

Responses to petitions received

There were no responses to petitions already received.

52/06 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:

Potter Street/Sitwell Street Lights, Spondon

A member of the public reported that the street lights had been repaired but had been informed that they were easily vandalised because, if the lamp column was shaken the bulbs would break. Councillor Roberts reported that the Street Lighting PFI would provide new street lights throughout the city and resolve the issue.

Derbyshire Blocks Flats, Arnhem Terrace, Spondon

Councillor Berry reported that there were constant patrols to prevent vandalism. He also reported that permission had been given to bring forward the demolition of the blocks to spring 2007.

53/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Environmental Issues in Spondon

A member of the public reported that graffiti, dog fouling and litter were becoming a problem in the Spondon area. He referred to the alleyway from Arnhem Terrace to Nottingham Road. He asked what could be done to try and prevent the problems escalating. It was reported that there was a team working in the area to resolve the graffiti issues and some vandals had been convicted. The anti social behaviour team were organising a clearing up of the alleyway between Nottingham Road and Arnhem Terrace.

Speed Humps

A member of the public asked why there were speed humps still on Beaufort Street as they caused discomfort/problems for people using buses and people who had back problems. He referred to the humps being removed in the Alvaston area. Councillor Redfern explained that there was a chicane system in place on Beaufort Street and a series of plateaus. Sergeant Tapp explained that the traffic calming measures had been introduced to prevent car drivers racing up and down the long street.

Pensioners Health

A member of the public requested that there be a presentation at the next Area Panel meeting on keeping pensioners fit and healthy. Agreed to request the Area Panel Manager to investigate if this could be arranged for the next meeting.

Pavements

A member of the public was concerned about the pavement on Locko Road north of Sancroft Road on the east side, there were no dropped kerbs and the pavement had not been upgraded since it was laid in the 1930's. He also stated that the footpath from West Park to Asda was difficult to find and that there was no white line on Locko Road at the entrance to Crowood Farm. Councillor Berry reported that the footpath from West Park Road to Asda crossed a private field and the owner would not allow it to be surfaced or lit.

Acorn Way

A member of the public requested that cats eyes be put on Acorn Way where there were no street lights.

Leisure Facilities and time spent working in wards by Councillors and Officers

A member of the public requested that there be a comparison of leisure facilities across the city and in four local wards as well as comparison on how much time Councillors and Officers spent working in the Wards. Councillor Williams reported that it would not be possible to compare officer and Councillor time as it was not

logged. The Local Government Association was doing a survey on the number of hours Councillors spent each week on Councillor duties.

Shops Spondon Village

A member of the public was concerned about damaged posts at the shops on Dale Road in Spondon Village. Recently the sadlery shop had had a pole put through the window. He also reported the drain outside the tanning studio on Sitwell Street was blocked. Councillor Berry had previously reported the drain and would chase it up.

Rocket Public House

A member of the public asked what the latest position was with the Rocket Public House. Councillor Rawson reported that it had been sold and that the new owner was going to retain it as a public house. Concerns were raised that people may get injured if it remained empty for long. A member of the public asked if the Council had any authority over developers. Councillor Roberts reported that the Council did not have any authority over developers.

Open Fields at Chaddesden Wood

A member of the public asked if an assurance could be given that the open fields north of Chaddesden Wood would not be built on.

54/06 Area Panel Review Progress Report

The Panel received a report which gave an update on the Area Panel review.

Agreed to note the report and receive an update on outcomes of the review at a future meeting of the Area Panel.

55/06 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 five 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 £1,150 towards the cost of purchasing equipment.

The second application was from Dale Road Neighbourhood Watch and Louise Greaves Lane Allotment Association. They were seeking a grant of £1,500 for shed security project.

The third application was from Spondon Community Association. They were seeking a grant of £4,500 towards the replacement of windows at Spondon Village Hall.

The fourth application was from Derwent Time Bank. They were seeking a grant of £2,500 towards rent at the Blue Boy, Telephone and IT costs and the quarterly newsletter.

The fifth application was from the Youth Service. They were seeking a grant of £1,700 towards purchasing equipment for the Oakwood Youth Club Post 16.

Options Considered

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

Decision

1. To award a grant of £390 Community Church Derby towards the costs of purchasing equipment to be funded £250 from Chaddesden Ward, £40 from Derwent Ward, £80 from Spondon Ward and £20 from Oakwood Ward.
2. To award a grant of £1,000 to Dale Road Neighbourhood Watch and Louise Greaves Lane Allotment Association towards shed security. It was noted that the Police had agreed to contribute £500.
3. To award a grant of £4,500 to Spondon Community Association towards the replacement of windows at Spondon Village Hall to be funded £3,242 from Spondon Ward and a loan of £1,258 from Oakwood Ward.
4. To defer the application from Derwent Time Bank until the next meeting to seek further information.
5. To award a grant of £1,700 to the Youth Service towards purchasing equipment for the Oakwood Youth Club Post 16.

56/06 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.

57/06 Diary of Events

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

Resolved to note the events diary.

58/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 7 March 2007 which Councillor Bolton would Chair at Lees Brook Community Sports College, Morley Road Chaddesden.

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