

Time commenced : 6.30pm
Time finished : 8.05pm

**AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN
WARDS)
13 JUNE 2007**

Present: Councillor Bayliss (Chair)
Councillors Banwait, Chera, Dhamrait, Ginns, Ingall,
Jackson, Jennings, Leeming, Tittley and Turner

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers

Colin Avison	- Area Panel Manager
Kimani Chikwendu	- Sinfin Neighbourhood Team Community Development Officer
Inspector Nick Gamblin	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Becky Hudson	- Osmaston & Allenton Neighbourhood Team Community Safety Officer
Susana Pando	- Constitutional Services Assistant
Inspector Sam Slack	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Paula Solowij	- Alvaston and Boulton Neighbourhood Manager. Derby Homes
Katherine Taylor	- Constitutional Services Officer
Andy Thomas	- Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, Community Safety Partnership

49 members of the public were in attendance.

01/07 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Graves.

02/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/07 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Chera declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute number 12/07 – Application for Roadside Verge Replacement, Ashwater Close, as he lived on the Close.

04/07 Minutes

Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 14 March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/07 Chair's 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.

06/07 Transforming Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums

The Panel received a report from the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, providing an update on the Area Panel review and to introduce proposals to roll out neighbourhood working across the city. Councillor Bayliss said that the Community Commission would be looking at this proposal.

Resolved to note the report.

07/07 Petitions

To receive new petitions.

The Panel received two new petitions:

- Traffic calming measures on Jubilee Road
- Improved road safety on Victory Road

To consider petitions received since last meeting.

No items.

To consider responses to petitions received.

The Panel received a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to a petition received in June 2006. The petition requested that one end of Bentley Street be permanently blocked off, due to the ongoing traffic problems faced.

The report concluded that there was insufficient support for closing Bentley Street from its residents and no further action was proposed.

Resolved to note the report.

08/07 Policing Issues

Inspector Slack gave an oral update to the Panel on policing issues in Area Panel 2. He reported that the police had been successful in stopping vehicles in contravention of the weight restriction in the Chellaston area.

Councillor Tittley asked Inspector Slack to get in touch with him if there was anything further the Trading Standards team could do to assist the police.

Inspector Slack said that operation 'Relentless' was in its seventh week of a two month drive across the division to improve detection rates of reported crime. He urged those present to be vigilant in reporting incidents of vandalism or damage to assist the police with their work.

A member of the public commented that it was encouraging to see the benefits of an increased police presence and Police Community Support Officers in the area. There was a general consensus within the meeting about this.

Another member of the public said that she had had difficulty in reporting damage to bus shelters.

Inspector Slack agreed to follow this up with the bus operator in the area in order to identify 'hotspots' from a policing perspective.

The Panel noted that this would be Inspector Slack's last Area Panel meeting as he had been promoted to Detective Chief Inspector.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the update.**
- 2. Thank Inspector Slack for his contribution and assistance to the Panel.**

09/07 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 or partner officer responsible. Unless expressly stated below, the information contained within the update report complete with officer recommendations for action were agreed.

Alvaston Ward issues

Petition – Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre

Councillor Bayliss reported that a presentation of the plans for the centre would be made public by September 2007 and that it was expected that work would begin in January 2008.

Boulton Ward issues

Petition – Crossing for school children, Crayford Road

Resolved to defer a decision until the next meeting of Area Panel 2.

Open Green Area on Holloway Road

Councillor Jackson said that a further report would be given at the next meeting.

Chellaston Ward issues

Councillor Tittley asked that the following items be left open:

1.7 – 1.9

1.11 – 1.14

Right of Way at Woodminton Drive

Councillor Bayliss read the Panel a response provided by Councillor Graves. He reported that the land was acquired by the Council earlier in the year from Merrill College. It was transferred without a maintenance budget and it was not possible to progress any development work on the site.

Resolved to note and close the update.

Sinfin Ward issues

Petition – Residents' Parking, Nightingale Road

Councillor Dhamrait reported that the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation would provide a report to the next meeting.

Resolved to note the report.

Protection of hedgerows beside the Canal

Councillor Bayliss read the Panel a response provided by Councillor Graves. He reported that over the past two years Derby Canal Society Volunteers have been laying part of the hedgerow adjacent to Haycock Park Road and they use a recognised management technique for hedges. The hedge has also been filled with extra plants to provide a wildlife habitat for a range of species. Leaving it to become more open would have made maintenance difficult and it would no longer have been a hedge but a row of trees.

Resolved to note and close the update.

10/07 Public Question Time

The public raised the following issues during public question time:

Litter in the area surrounding Noel Baker School

A member of the public asked what the council could do with regard to addressing residents' concerns over the litter left in the area surrounding Noel

Baker school at lunchtimes.

Councillor Banwait said that he and Councillor Jackson were aware of the issues and have entered into discussions with the school. One solution which had been discussed was implementing staggered lunch breaks. He said that he would raise this at his next surgery.

Right of Way at Woodminton Drive

A resident raised the issue of the width of entrances onto the Right of Way, stating that they should be a minimum 1.5 metres wide. This issue had already been raised as part of the Community Issues Update Report earlier on the agenda.

Dog Mess and Litter in Bold Lane Park

A member of the public asked what could be done with regard to litter and dog mess left in Bold Lane Park.

Councillor Bayliss encouraged those present to report incidents of people leaving dog mess or litter.

Resolved to refer this issue to the Neighbourhood Manager for Boulton Ward.

Barriers in front of Chellaston Shops

A member of the public asked if there were any plans to install barriers across the road in front of the shops in Chellaston. Councillor Tittley said that there were no plans to install barriers there and said he was working with the local shop keepers and land owners to help address this issue along with other traffic issues in the ward.

Agreed to report back to the next meeting.

Coleman Street Health Centre

A member of the public asked whether the road markings on Harvey Road could be improved to make it clearer for drivers who wanted to cross Harvey Road to gain access to the Coleman Street Health Centre.

Councillor Banwait noted the concerns.

Agreed to report back to the next meeting.

11/07 Outturn Report: Area Panel 2 Budget 2006/07

The Panel received a report from the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership, setting out details of the Area Panel 2 budget spend in 2006/07.

Resolved to note the report.

12/07 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2007/08

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

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the funding application for roadside verge replacement on Ashworth Close, Councillor Chera left the meeting during its consideration.

The applications were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from The United Alvaston Community Panel – funding for an open day – grant requested £1,000.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from United Alvaston Junior Angling Club – funding for pegging fees and liability insurance – granted requested £1,000.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Alvaston Park Homes Neighbourhood Watch – funding for measures to help build a safer neighbourhood – grant requested £1,850.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Upbeat Community Dance – funding to provide a day of dance at Sudbury Hall – grant requested £700.
5. To consider whether to support the application received from Kaleidoscope Players – funding for a replacement keyboard, case and speakers – grant requested £690.
6. To consider whether to support the application received from Field Lane Football Club – funding for coaching and team equipment – grant requested £1,600.
7. To consider whether to support the application received from Boulton Lane Pre-School Playgroup – funding for replacement equipment – grant requested £665.
8. To consider whether to support the application received from New Boulton Athletic Football Club – funding for equipment – grant requested £924.
9. To consider whether to support the application received from Shelton Sports Football Club – funding for charity football team – grant requested £1,663.
10. To consider whether to support the application received from Chellaston Bowls Club Ltd – funding for building renewal – grant

requested £1,500.

Councillor Chera left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

11. To consider whether to support the application received from Derby City Council – funding for roadside verge replacement, Ashwater Close – grant requested £953.

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

1. United Alvaston Community Panel - £500
2. United Alvaston Junior Angling Club - £500
3. Alvaston Park Homes Neighbourhood Watch – deferred
4. Upbeat Community Dance – granted £550, £50 Alvaston ward, £250 Boulton ward, £50 Chellaston ward, £200 Sinfin ward.
5. Kaleidoscope Players – granted £300, £50 Alvaston , £150 Boulton, £50 Chleaston ward, £50 Sinfin ward.
6. Field Lane Football Club – granted £1,000
7. Boulton Lane Pre-School Playgroup – granted £500
8. New Boulton Athletic Football Club – granted £600
9. Shelton Sports Football Club – granted £800
10. Chellaston Bowls Club Ltd – granted £1,500
11. Derby City Council – granted £953.

13/07 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.

14/07 Area Panel Events Diary

The Panel noted:

- that Councillor Tittley would be putting further dates in his diary
- that Councillor Jackson's surgery date 19 July would be changed and announced in the local press

15/07 Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 5 September 2007 at Moorhead Primary School, Brackens Lane.

The Panel agreed to appoint Councillor Banwait as Chair for the next meeting.

MINUTES END