

ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.30pm
Time finished : 8.50pm

AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN WARDS) 8 NOVEMBER 2006

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

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers

Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Sarah Dosunmu	-	Area Panel Manager
Inspector Adrian Gascoyne	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Assistant
Andrew Mellor	-	Neighbourhood Manager
Jane Paling	-	Community Development Officer
Sharon Sewell	-	Neighbourhood Manager
Richard Smail	-	Area Panel Manager
Paula Solowij	-	Local Manager, Derby Homes
Michelle Spamer	-	Area Co-ordination Officer
Sarah Turner	-	Constitutional Services Officer

72 members of the public were in attendance.

29/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Graves.

30/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair advised that an additional request for tree work would be considered for Breydon Close during the Area Panel Budget Proposals Report.

31/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32/06 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 6 September 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33/06 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.

34/06 Petitions

Petitions received since the last meeting

a) Petition – pedestrian crossing at Crayford Road

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from pupils at Noel Baker Community School requesting a pedestrian crossing at Crayford Road.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

b) Petition – condition of ground and facilities at Alvaston Park

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from Alvaston residents regarding the condition of the ground and facilities at Alvaston Park.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

c) Petition to remove the Glossop Street Travellers

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Osmaston requesting the removal of the Glossop Street Travellers.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Social Cohesion and Housing Strategy to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

To consider responses to petitions received

d) Petition regarding concerns on Parkway, Chellaston

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation, in response to the petition regarding concerns on Parkway, Chellaston.

Councillor Tittley welcomed the response and actions to erect a sign, conduct speed surveys and fill potholes as necessary.

Agreed to note the report.

e) Petition requesting the removal of waiting restrictions on Grosvenor Street

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to the petition requesting the removal of

waiting restrictions on Grosvenor Street.

Councillor Chera welcomed the proposed action to remove the waiting restrictions.

Agreed to note the report.

f) Petition requesting the removal of waiting restrictions on London Road

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to the petition requesting the removal of waiting restrictions on London Road.

Councillor Wynn and the lead petitioner welcomed the proposed action to remove the waiting restrictions subject to consultation.

Agreed to note the report.

g) Petition – footpath, Cranwood Close to Chellaston Road

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to a petition raising concerns about the footpath between Cranwood Close and Chellaston Road.

The lead petitioner thanked the Council and Derby Homes for the work done including repairs to the footpath and cutting back the vegetation.

Agreed to note the report

35/06 Consultation on Area Panel 2 Priorities for the 2007/08 Programme for Highways and Transportation Schemes

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation about the Area Panel 2 consultation for the 2007/08 programme of Highways and Transportation schemes.

Michelle Spamer – Area Co-ordination Officer presented the report to the Panel reporting on the progress so far in identifying local area transport schemes to be put forward for possible inclusion in the Capital Scheme for next year. Schemes will be prioritised and there would be no guarantee which schemes would be included in the programme. Michelle asked that any further schemes that members of the public or the Panel would like to put forward for consideration should be forwarded to Michelle as soon as possible. Schemes would be approved by Council Cabinet in February 2007. Ward Councillors in each of the Area Panel 2 wards were asked to consider and identify the five schemes in each of the wards that they considered a priority. A Ward Councillor from each ward advised the Panel of the schemes that they felt should take a priority when being considered for the programme. The priorities were:

Alvaston Ward - in priority order

1. Alvaston District Centre
2. Consideration of child accidents in Alvaston
3. London Road - bus punctuality improvements on approach to Alvaston District Centre
4. Osmaston Road - bus punctuality improvements on approach to Ascot Drive / Mitre Island and on egress from Ascot Drive to Osmaston Road
5. A514 Osmaston Road - preparation for an exceptional integrated transport and maintenance scheme

Boulton Ward

1. Crayford Road pedestrian crossing request
2. Allenton District Centre, phase 3
3. Lord Street School - scheme to stop people parking over the car park entrance and to make it safer for children crossing the road outside the nursery
4. Harvey Road parking problems - consider more parking bays
5. Crayford Road – request for bollards but this may already have been completed

Chellaston Ward, in priority order. Members felt that the 3 issues marked** should be grouped together as one issue and therefore gave 7 priorities

1. Parkway - suitable traffic calming, but not road humps and monitoring traffic speed
2. High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane - design and implement measures to reduce speeding
3. **Derby Road - consider relocating inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion
4. **Swarkestone Road - consider a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop to accommodate shop customers and buses
5. **Derby Road/High Street - consider relocating the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers
6. Junction of Derby Road/Station Road/High Street – better management of parking and rationalisation of access to and from off street facilities in front of Derby Road shops.
7. Derby Road - introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times

Sinfin Ward

1. Osmaston Park Road - consideration of options to address problems of cyclists using the footway
2. The Chase, such as Mead Close - dropped crossings
3. Victory Road - reinstatement of grass verges
4. Sinfin Lane / Wilmore Road - junction and signal improvements

5. Sinfin Lane / Wordsworth Avenue - traffic management review to address congestion, accessibility and parking

Agreed:

1. **To note the report and the list of schemes that had been put forward for consideration and assessment against the overarching objectives of the Local Transport Plan.**
2. **To request a further report to a future Area Panel 2 meeting outlining the schemes that would be delivered in the local areas during 2007/08.**

36/06 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 or partner Officer responsible.

Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School

Councillor Banwait advised the Panel that the local Councillors had been pressing the schools to look at the parking issues. He advised that the head teachers of both schools had been out on Thursday 28 September and measured the flow of traffic along Brackens Lane. They did not seem to have a concern regarding the flow of traffic but did highlight concerns regarding parking on zigzag lines and the Council would be asked to look at this issue.

A member of the public added that it was not an issue of cars parking but how they parked: There were constantly cars double parking and parking on pavements which caused obstruction for pedestrians. It was reported that the school had had 20mph signs posted on Brackens Lane but the flashing lights were not working. Michelle Spamer agreed to investigate this issue.

A member of the public asked that traffic calming measures should be looked into such as narrowing the road outside the school similar to how it had been done outside Oakwood Primary School. Another member of the public added that the responsibility should lie with the Education Authority who should set policies and support schools. The Council promoted walking to school and there should be an exclusion zone around all schools. Another member of the public asked that no parking signs be put up outside the school and that this should be enforced. Councillor Wynn advised that he would look into this.

Councillor Wynn added that the opening and closing times for the schools was a matter entirely for the schools to determine and he regretted the fact that Merrill College had decided to change their opening and closing times in September to coincide with those of Moorhead Primary School.

Petition – Installation of cycle path on Osmaston Park Road

A member of the public stated that if the proposal to install a shared cycle and pedestrian path was an extension of that that already existed on Harvey Road, the Council might be able to get funding elsewhere. The issue was included as

one of the Sinfin Councillors priorities for the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme for 2007/8.

Petition – Residents’ parking, Nightingale Road

A report in response to the request will be provided at the meeting in January 2007. Councillor Dhamrait advised that residents on Nightingale Road were still suffering from unnecessary parking tickets and something needed to be done about this as a matter of urgency. Councillor Wynn responded that he would discuss this with Sinfin Councillors and he felt that there was a good case for the removal of the restrictions from one side of the road.

Petition – Off-road motorcyclists, all wards

Councillor Leeming updated the Panel that a meeting had taken place with an interested company, the Chief Executive of the Council and himself. He had had a response from the Council following this meeting which stated that there were no sites currently on the market that were satisfactory for a site of this nature in the city. Councillor Leeming added that he was now approaching the County Council to see if they had anything available.

37/06 Public Question Time

The Public raised the following issues during public question time.

Osmaston – Glossop Street recent clean up

A member of the public asked why travellers on the Glossop Street site were not being asked to pay for the clean up which had cost the Council £2500 and would the tax payers be footing this bill? Councillor Turner responded that he couldn't say why the travellers weren't being charged and this recent issue was an indication of the continuing problems at the site.

Agreed to respond to these issues as part of the report responding to the petition related to this issue.

Distribution of Council information

A member of the public asked why Council leaflets did not seem to get to all residents in the city as she did not always receive the same information as her neighbour.

Agreed to respond to a future meeting

Cycling Issues

A member of the public asked why the Council were looking at putting cycling on pedestrian routes through the middle of the city from St Peter's Street to the Cathedral. Councillor Wynn responded that the member of the public might be relieved to know that the proposed trial had now been suspended

Merrill School Bell Tower

A member of the public asked what was to happen with the clock tower at Merrill College. Councillor Ingall responded that he would speak to the developer regarding the Bell Tower.

Bus Route via Jubilee Road

A member of the public asked that when the housing estate was built on the school site, could a bus be redirected onto Jubilee Road.

Councillor Ingall advised that there had not been any detailed plans for housing on the site, only outline plans had been approved by the Planning Control Committee.

In response to the comment that if plans had not been approved for housing on the site, why was the school being knocked down? Councillor Wynn responded that the demolition of the existing school and the old school was part of the PFI contract. This site was no longer required for educational purposes and so would go up for sale once the land was cleared. It was likely that it would go for residential development.

Councillor Ingall added that he would speak to Arriva and see if it would be commercially viable to have a bus route down Jubilee Road.

Moorways

A member of the public advised that there had been an article in the Telegraph on 16 October regarding changes being made to Moorways. She asked what was to be removed or kept, what would be put in place of the current facilities that were there if they were removed, why was Moorways being changed rather than renovated and if it was completely changed who would be responsible for any increase in antisocial behaviour that may occur if housing appears on site.

Councillor Tittley added that he had been contacted by former Alderman Swain's daughter. Former Alderman Swain had opened Moorways a number of years ago. The Chief Executive and Councillor Graves had been asked if the stone commemorating the opening could be kept or if it could be presented to his daughter as Moorways was a very significant development for Derby when it opened.

Agreed to ask Councillor Graves to respond to the questioner directly.

Crayford Road Bus Stop

A member of the public asked why the bus stop near the shops on Crayford Road had been moved to opposite the lay by in front of the shops as cars parked in the lay by had difficulty getting out if a bus was parked at the bus stop. Councillor Jackson responded that she had had complaints from a resident whose house was by the old bus stop and officers had looked at the best possible relocation place due to antisocial behaviour outside this resident's home.

Councillor Leeming advised that during rain the lay by outside the shops flooded so cars would park on the opposite side of the road at the bus stop. Buses then double parked when stopping at this bus stop. Councillor Leeming added that he considered that he had not been consulted over the moving of the bus stop and where it was now caused traffic hold ups and he had asked officers to consider moving it again. Councillor Banwait added that there was a flooding issue and he was pressing the Council to rectify the situation. Once the work order had been issued he looked forward to the issue being resolved. A member of the public added that he had written to Councillor Banwait identifying five different issues to be looked at around this lay by and was told there was no money available. He asked whether there was an issue over the contractor not repairing the lay by correctly in the past and had the Council paid for the work.

Field Lane Community Centre

A member of the public advised that she was on the committee for Field Lane Community Centre. She was disappointed that after setting up a committee with a constitution that two Councillors were not aware of this. She asked why the local Councillor had suggested to the Council that Enthusiasm, a non Council group take over the running of the Centre at a reduced rent. She asked why the Community Centre could not have the Youth Service from the City Council in the Centre instead. There were issues at the Centre as one user group had already had to move from the Friday night and she was very concerned about the situation.

Councillor Banwait advised that Councillors worked hard in the community and with the Police and one of the key issues was antisocial behaviour and he saw Field Lane as a lighthouse in the area. He felt that Enthusiasm had the mechanism to engage with young people. He had asked for a school to look for availability for the group that had recently moved out of the Centre. Enthusiasm would be working on Fridays, Police surgeries were taking place on the first Wednesday of each month and the Community Centre was now open working with young people. There would be targeted youth work and he was proud of the work that they were doing.

Another member of the public added that this was a Community Centre for Boulton Ward and the majority of evenings it was empty and there was more that the Council should be doing to fill the evenings such as Bingo. Councillor Jackson asked that a full response be sent to the questioner.

Agreed to ask officers to write to the resident directly

Footpaths – Alvaston Ward

A member of the public advised that he was aware that the Council inspected footpaths two times a year. Why did inspectors omit deficits from their reports? He had asked for the reports of 30 street inspections in the area and there were quite obviously issues missed. Councillor Wynn responded that it all depended on whether the inspection showed reportable defects or just defects. A reportable defect was when there was a trip more than 25mm. The member of the public advised that he would go out and inspect these defects himself and forward any findings to Councillor Wynn and Michelle Spamer for them to look into.

38/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

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

The applications were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from Derby Women's Centre – funding for personal development programmes – grant requested £1,435.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from Allenton Traders' Association – funding for Allenton shop watch – grant requested £2,000
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Brigden Avenue Allotments Association – funding for allotment security gate – grant requested £2,204.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from St Martin's School – funding for Breakfast Club – grant requested £1,371
5. To consider whether to support the application received from Upbeat Community Dance – funding for Upbeat Mondays – grant requested £750.
6. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Lane Allotment Association – funding for improved security – grant requested £1,836.
7. To consider whether to support the application received from Field Lane Playgroup – funding for raising funds for playground equipment – grant requested £2,000.

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

1. Derby Women's Centre — the Panel agreed to refuse the application as the City Council provided substantial existing funding in excess of £40,000 per year.
2. Allenton Traders' Association – granted £1,781 (Alvaston ward £200,

Boulton ward £1,116, Chellaston ward £265 and Sinfin ward £200)

3. Brigden Avenue Allotments Association – granted £1000 from Alvaston ward budget
4. St Martin's School – granted £800 (Alvaston ward £600, Boulton ward £100, Chellaston ward £50 and Sinfin ward £50)
5. Upbeat Mondays – granted £300 (Alvaston ward £75, Boulton ward £75, Chellaston ward £75 and Sinfin ward £75)
6. Sinfin Lane Allotments Association – the Panel agreed to refuse this application as the allotment site fell into the Normanton ward and the Panel did not find it appropriate to fund this application at this time due to the limited funding available
7. Field Lane Playgroup – granted £411 from Boulton ward budget for a spring loaded ten shelf paint dryer, a children's four sided easel, a first aid kit and trike bikes and push-alongs.

The Panel also considered tree management proposals for Chellaston ward detailed in Appendix 4 of the report, along with the additional funding request for tree work on Breydon Close totalling £95.

- 1. Agreed to fund the £905 of tree management proposals in Chellaston ward as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.**
- 2. Agreed to fund the additional £95 for tree management work at Breydon Close.**
- 3. To put a further £500 from the Chellaston ward Area Panel budget allocation into the tree management fund.**

39/06 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.

40/06 Area Panel Events Diary

Agreed to note the events diary.

41/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 17 January 2007 at Redwood Junior School, Redwood Road, Sinfin, Derby.

The Panel agreed to appoint Councillor Chera as Chair for the next meeting at Redwood Junior School on 17 January 2007.

MINUTES END