

Time Started : 7.05pm
Time Finished : 8.50pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
10 DECEMBER 2003**

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Gerrard, P Hickson, Samra, Travis and Webb

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Bill Reed	- Area Panel Manager - Policy Directorate
Peter Price	- Transport Policy Manager - Development and Cultural Services
Ian Donnelly	- Team Leader – Public Health
Pete Matthews	- Derby Homes
David Romaine	- Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer
Inspector Andy Stokes	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Nikki MacDonald	- Members Services Officer - Corporate Services
Sarah Turner	- Members Services Officer - Corporate Services

38 members of the public were in attendance.

28/03 Election of Chair

Agreed that Councillor Repton be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Repton welcomed people to the meeting.

29/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beech and Wilsoncroft.

30/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

31/03 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 October 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

32/03 Update Report

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager introduced a report which set out responses to questions raised verbally or in writing at the last meeting.

Hanford Street Multi-Sports Project

It was reported that the Multi-Sports Project was in the process of consultation and proposals were being drawn up. It was noted that discussions were ongoing and any updates received would be given at a future meeting.

Portway School Crossing Patrol

It had been proposed to install a zebra crossing in the preliminary week before Christmas. Temporary crossing arrangements would be provided during the works, which were expected to be completed in the new year.

Ferrer's Way, Duffield Road and Markeaton Street

Since the last Area Panel meeting, the figures for traffic counts had been summarised and confirmed that traffic was not excessively high, nor were vehicles travelling that fast. It was noted that relative to other streets, there was not a problem and no action would be taken.

Litter in Broadway

Councillor Webb reported that complaints were still being received and that the litter was an ongoing problem. Bill Reed however, had spoken to the Head Teacher since the last meeting who said that he had no further concern. Any updates on this would be given at future meetings of the Panel.

Kedleston Road Toilets

It was confirmed that the toilets would not be reopened. A decision on the rest of the proposals had not been made but progress would be reported to the panel following the next Council Cabinet meeting.

Five Lamps Junction – Rat Running

It was reported that monitoring was continuing and so far demonstrated that rat running had reduced, although some members of the public disagreed. There had been various exhibitions on the King Street and Five Lamps Consultations to give information on what was happening. The maps used at the exhibitions were laid out at the meeting. Questionnaires had also been provided for people to complete and return to Peter Price.

Broadway Improvements

It was confirmed that as a result of a consultation, a pedestrian crossing would be installed in February 2004.

Petition – Kedleston Road – Proposed New Pelican and Cycle Crossing

It was reported that since the last meeting, another count had been done which showed a maximum of eight pedestrians at the peak hour. This therefore indicated that a crossing was not justified.

Five Lamps Junction – Air Quality

It was noted that a letter had been sent to the questioner and discussions were ongoing. The Council were expected to do a report on Air Quality in 2004. Feedback would be received following the report at a future meeting.

Parking on Prince Charles Avenue

It was suggested that a second survey should be carried out. Bill Reed commented that discussions were underway with Councillors to arrange this and that he would report any progress made at the next meeting.

Motorcycling in Public Open Space – Prince Charles Avenue

It was reported that since the last meeting, the Park Rangers concerned had been contacted and said that the gates around the green were kept locked. They advised that if there were any further problems to contact them.

Parking at Markeaton Primary School

Bill Reed apologised to the Panel as the information provided at the last Area Panel meeting was incorrect. He then reported that the Council hoped to be in a position to provide parking in the next financial year.

Footpaths and Inadequate Lighting – Hardwick Avenue

Councillor Samra gave an update regarding the trees in this area. He had contacted John Booth, Arboricultural Officer, who had put proposals together to try and resolve the problem. Work was being authorised and would take place following consultation.

It was also reported that in the past few weeks, footpaths had been resurfaced to get rid of the bumps. The Council was thanked for this and members of the public commented how helpful it had been.

Darley Park Litter

It was noted that this situation was still under review and a update would be provided following a full Budget Meeting of Council in March 2004.

Pedestrian Crossing, Mansfield Road

It was advised that work was currently taking place to order an electricity supply to power the flashing amber warning lights. The crossing would be completed in the next financial year.

Pavements – Peel Street, Stable Street and Brough Street

Members of the public complained that the work had not been carried out since the last meeting. Bill Reed had been informed that the works had been completed but would look into it and report back to the next meeting.

Parking Near Junctions – Brough Street, Campion Street, Slack Lane, Stanley Street and Cheviot Street

It was reported that yellow lines were unlikely to be introduced. The road was not suitable for the safety camera scheme either. Peter Price commented that the parking on the streets was not untypical of roads of that nature and that nothing much could be done. There was a lot of concern over emergency vehicles not being able to drive down the streets or round street corners properly and causing accidents. The problem with traffic volume had been acknowledged and suggestions were welcomed by the Panel. In the meantime, residents were advised to call the Police if there were specific dangers.

Resident Students

It was reported that Environmental Health had been contacted on the various issues, who said that specific instances were required for them to do anything. Members of the public were welcomed to speak to Bill Reed who would pass anything on.

One member of the public commented on people urinating in the street and was told that people would need to be seen doing this in order for something to be done and would be classed as a Public Order Offence. Updates on the other problems would be given at a future meeting. It was also requested that figures for Public Order Offences could be brought to the next meeting.

Walking Routes into the City Centre

It was advised that the results of the King Street and Five Lamps Consultations were currently being analysed, which included these routes, and would be reported to a future meeting.

33/03 Public Question Time

Crossing Near Whitecross Street and Leyland Street

A member of the public raised concern over the volume of traffic on Kedleston Road and suggested a crossing near Whitecross Street. She complained about the 'redundant' crossing at Five Lamps which was thought to be rarely used and asked if it could be moved. There were comments about the bus service and that people should not have to walk all the way to Five Lamps to get across the road to reach a bus stop. She felt that a crossing would make the walk safer, especially for elderly people. Bill Reed explained that the expenditure was not justified as it does not fit the criteria for a crossing.

Mackworth Estate

It was reported that there were a number of drivers who drive straight across roundabouts in Mackworth, damaging grass verges and planting. It was suggested that the kerbs were raised to prevent this from happening. Bill Reed advised that there had been an investigation and he would report back to the next meeting.

Darley Bus Service

Members of the public asked if there had been any progress made on the bus services in Darley. It was commented that the Council had applied for the Urban Bus Challenge and were yet to hear if it had been successful. Updates would be given at future meetings.

Parking in Camp Street – Chester Green and Brough Street – Mackworth

It was reported that on some streets around the Chester Green area the refuse was not being collected regularly due to the lorry not being able to get through the vehicles parked on either side of the road. Sometimes it had not been collected for two weeks and people were concerned about health and safety issues. This problem had also occurred on Brough Street and there were comments about a smaller refuse lorry which there was currently a waiting list for. Bill Reed would liaise with local Councillors to try and resolve the issue.

Parking near Stanley Street and Stepping Lane

Some local residents who did not want a community centre suggested using the green near Stanley Street to try and solve the parking problems. This could not be done as it was classified as green open space.

It was also commented that the Police office near Stanley Street never appeared to be open and this encouraged cars to park in front of it. Problems were described such as access problems for local buses and people explained that even crossing the road was difficult. Bill Reed said he would speak to the relevant Officers and report back to a future meeting.

Darley Park

A member of the public asked for an update on the balustrade at Darley Park. It was reported that a feasibility study had been funded by the Area Panel to restore the balustrade. The study had not been able to identify the original stone used. Some of the original stone was in the river which would probably be unusable which meant that a new stone would need to be found. The cost was estimated to be around £20,000. Any progress of the works would be reported back to the panel.

Whitecross Gardens

It was reported that young people were causing a disturbance in the area by running up and down the street every night and making noise. Inspector Stokes had already informed the local beat Officer who would monitor the situation.

34/03 Petitions

New petitions received by the Panel.

a) Flies in the Slack Lane/Cheviot Street Area

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Mackworth showing concern over the excessive amount of flies in Slack Lane and Cheviot Street. The lead petitioner complained of a number of flies in her house which apparently was a common problem all along the street.

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Environmental Health and Trading Standards which advised that a number of complaints had been received previously from residents and businesses adjacent to Transcycle. Appropriate action had been taken at the time. It was reported that further monitoring and liaising with Transcycle and the Environment Agency would continue in order to address the problem. Bill Reed would also liaise with Ian Donnelly and Councillor Gerrard in the meantime.

Agreed to note the report.

b) Traffic in the Slack Lane/Cheviot Street Area

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Mackworth requesting that something be done about parking in the streets up to junctions. Members of the public complained about cars parking too near to street corners which was unsafe for cars turning into the street. There was concern about cars and lorries speeding down the streets so fast that wing mirrors were damaged. There was also an issue about houses shaking as a result of speeding.

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management which advised that a traffic survey had been carried out in October. It explained that further work was being undertaken to establish if there was significant rat running through the area. It was noted that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the panel.

Agreed to note the report.

c) Community Centre in Mackworth Ward

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Mackworth requesting a community centre in the area. The lead petitioner commented that it would be for the elderly as well as young people, although it was hoped that it would prevent young people from hanging around streets in the area. It was suggested that land at the back of Cheviot Street or Hawk Street could be used.

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Sport and Leisure which advised that there were currently no plans to build a community centre in the area. Bill Reed confirmed that there was a

meeting with an Officer from Derby Homes on 17 December, which Councillor Gerrard would also be attending. It was anticipated that some solutions could be identified here which would be reported back to the next meeting.

Agreed to note the report.

35/03 Culture and Prosperity Commission Review of 'Culture' in Derby

The panel considered a report of the Chair of the Culture and Prosperity Commission advising of the Commission's intention to conduct a review of culture in Derby. The principal objective of the review was to try to improve the match between the cultural services that the Council provided and those that the public wanted. As part of its review the Commission had taken evidence from a wide range of cultural service users and providers. This evidence would be used in preparing the Commission's recommendations to Council Cabinet.

The panel were advised that members of the public could express their views of the cultural services that the Council provided by:

- contacting David Romaine, the Commission's Co-ordination Officer on Derby 255598 or write c/o room 137 at the Council House
- filling out the tick sheet attached to the report and hand in when leaving the meeting or posting to David Romaine at the address above
- attending an informal meeting with the Commission in the Brunswick Public House on Station Approach on 7 January 2004 starting at 7pm.

A member of the public suggested promoting culture in Derby on a larger scale as she was unaware of the review. It was also suggested that people could be surveyed at venues at the time of an event, production or activity in order to get a better response.

David Romaine explained that he wanted a balanced sample for the survey with an equal selection of people and commented that promotion was the key factor. One recommendation was a publication giving details of events on in the City.

Councillor Travis informed the panel that she had brought some leaflets from the Guildhall, Metro Cinema and the Assembly Rooms for people to take home. This provided an example of what was already offered in Derby.

Resolved to note the report.

36/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered, which updated the Panel on the current position of Area Panel 5's budget allocation and details of applications received. Copies of the applications were attached to the report.

The Panel considered applications ward by ward.

Allestree Ward

Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association

An application for a grant of £4,000 for refurbishment of the school community lounge.

Mackworth Ward

Mackworth Estate Community Tenants and Residents Association

An application to fund seating for the Knightsbridge play area. This application sought £1,200.

Options considered

The Panel considered the applications in line with the guidelines set out within the report. In deciding on the applications, the Panel assessed funding against its priorities.

Key Decisions

- 1 To defer the application from Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association to the next meeting.
- 2 To award a grant of £1,200 to fit two benches at the Knightsbridge play area.

Reasons

- 1 Having been deferred from the last Area Panel meeting, discussions were still ongoing as to what would happen with the youth centre. It was suggested that in the interim, the youth centre could be combined with the community lounge so that some facilities were available for young people. Updates would be given on the community lounge following discussion with the school.
- 2 The application for seating at Knightsbridge play area meets the criteria for Area Panel funding.

37/03 Arrangements for Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Area Panel 5 would be held in the Allestree Ward at Lawn Primary School, Norbury Close, Allestree, Derby at 7pm on Tuesday 20 January 2004.

Agreed that Councillor Samra be appointed Chair for the next meeting.

MINUTES END