

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.05pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
31 JANUARY 2007**

Present: Councillor Higginbottom (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Gerrard, Hickson, Richards, Samra, Travis and Webb

Also present: Councillor Hussain, Cabinet Member for Adult Services

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Sarah Dosunmu	- Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Karen Squires	- Constitutional Services Officer
Susana Pando	- Constitutional Services Assistant
John Winters	- Environmental Services
Emma Tidbury	- Housing Officer, Derby Homes

32 members of the public were in attendance.

43/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Harbon

44/06 Late Items

There were no late items

45/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

46/06 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 December 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46/06 Chairs Report

The Panel received a report from the Chair on current issues and

successes within Area Panel 5.

Resolved to note the report

47/06 'Let's Talk Budget'

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

A member of the public asked what the wage bill was of the City Council, Councillor Hussain responded that he did not have that level of detailed information and the presentation was focused on the overall presentation of the budget.

It was agreed to note the presentation.

48/06 Petitions

There were no new petitions.

49/06 Update Report

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

Markeaton Street/Pybus Street University Development

A local resident commented that he had received a letter from the University stating they would monitor traffic in the area over the next two years.

Another resident raised concerns that this was being pushed to the back of the list.

Agreed to keep the item open and to note the dissatisfaction of local residents in the slow progress on this matter

University Parking

A local resident commented that students were parking on the grass verges on the Broadway, the Police have said it is not their responsibility but so have the Council. This needs to be stopped from happening by whoever has the power to do so. It was noted that University Parking has been put forward as a priority by the Area Panel for the 2007/08 Highways and Transportation programme. If it prioritised as a scheme for next year, then the issue of University parking will be examined in detail.

Petition – Repaving of Balham Walk

A local resident commented that Transco had not made any improvements to the path and it was getting worse every day. She

commented that people had fallen, but they were elderly and hadn't reported it as didn't want to make a fuss.

Agreed that an inspection and remedial action was required on the site as soon as possible and that it should be prioritised for the 2007/08 programme of works for footpaths and highways

50/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were raised by members of the public:

Kingsbury Road

A local resident asked the panel to address the issues on Kingsbury Road. She commented that there was no street lighting in the cul de sac and had been told at previous meetings that because all six residents owned their properties that the street was not eligible for street lighting despite Derby Homes putting in additional street lighting around the estate.

She reported that there was a large pothole present in the road which had been filled in the last two weeks, but the quality of the work was poor and so created more problems on the road.

The local resident requested an inspection of the road and the lighting levels on the cul de sac.

Agreed to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Consultation on Barn Development at Darley Abbey

A local resident asked for arrangements to be made to ensure representation of residents of the Old Village of Darley Abbey in on-going meetings being held about the Barn development/outdoor pursuits centre.

Agreed to provide a written response directly to the residents

Humbleton Drive Shopping Parade

A local resident reported problems with anti social behaviour in the shopping parade with young people congregating in the archway and at the rear of the shops. The resident asked for clarification on the forthcoming planning application to build nine flats to insist that the developers provide gates on Leytonstone Drive at the entrance to the proposed flats. It was suggested that to assist with the erection of gates at the archway on Humbleton Drive the council use money from the proceeds of the sale of the former scout hut land on Leytonstone Drive

Councillor Webb responded that he would suggest a Section 106 agreement was the most appropriate course of action regarding the development of the nine flats.

Agreed to provide a written response to the resident and give an update at the next meeting

Markeaton Street Traffic Calming

A local resident asked what the outcome was of the survey sent to all residents of Markeaton Street. She asked if there was funding available for the works and if there was what period of the year and which quarter it would be carried out.

Agreed to provide a written response to the residents and provide a report back on the 2007/08 Highways and Transportation schemes

Five Lamps Traffic Lights

A local resident commented that ever since the traffic lights had been installed at Five Lamps the traffic situation had got worse, with more accidents occurring. He argued that the Connecting Derby scheme would not help improve the area and recommended that the scheme be dropped for the Five Lamps Area.

Agreed to provide a written response to the resident

Buildings at Risk

A local resident commented that a serious fire had occurred at 10 St Helen's Street which was part of a historical complex – Spa Works/Marble Factory. She felt that the incident had renewed fears regarding St Helen's House which had been stood empty for two and a half years. She felt that there had not been any serious attempts to minimise fire and other potential hazards to the building and asked what steps the Council was taking to protect the properties and minimise the risk of damage to them.

Councillor Travis agreed with the local residents concerns and would endeavour to provide some further information.

Dustbins left on Street

A local resident asked what, if anything, was going to be done about dustbins which were left out on the streets for weeks on end.

Agreed to provide a response to the resident and report back to the next meeting

51/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

Applications for Area Panel Funding

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of three applications for funding, as follows:

- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Community Sports Action Group towards 2007 Half Term Sporting Activities – Amount requested £2,358
- To consider whether to support the application received from Derby Wheelchair Basketball Club towards Wheelchair Basketball – Amount requested £1,500
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Estate Evergreen for a boiler and crockery – Amount requested £280
- To consider whether to support the application received from Midland Canoe Club towards a Darley Abbey sports coach – Amount requested £2,000
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Communication Association for a dishwasher – Amount requested £600
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth St Francis Football Club towards a Football Academy – Amount requested £602

Options considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities. The Panel considered the recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel for each application.

Decisions

To award grants to the following applications:

- Mackworth Community Sports Action Group – Grant for £2,358 towards 2007 Half Term Sporting Activities

Reasons (Is this necessary – think we need to just have information on what has been awarded)

1. It would improve access for local people to existing services
 2. It would enable residents to participate in their community
- Derby Wheelchair Basketball Club – Grant for £1,725 towards wheelchair basketball

Reasons

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- Mackworth Estate Evergreen – Grant for £280 for a boiler and crockery

Reasons

1. It would provide a service in response to the needs of local residents
 2. It would enable directly benefit people living within the local area
- Mackworth Community Association – Grant for £600 for a dishwasher

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- Mackworth St Francis Football Club – Grant for £602 towards a football academy

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To defer a decision on the following item

- Midland Canoe Club – to defer a decision to find out more information on how many users would be from Darley ward.

52/06 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper

53/06 Area Panel Review Progress Report

A report on the progress of the Area Panel Review was considered.

Agreed to note the report.

54/06 Events Diary

Resolved to note the report.

42/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

Agreed to note that the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 4 April 2007 at 7.00pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane. Councillor Harbon would chair.

MINUTES END