

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 7.57pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
7 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Present: Councillors Ahern, E Berry, P Berry, Bolton, Latham,
MacDonald, Rawson, Redfern, and Roberts

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Graeme Walton – Derby Homes
Phil O'Brien – Civic and Member Services Manager
Steve Baguley – Children's Integrated Services Project Manager
Sergeant Alan Sandeman – Derbyshire Constabulary
Adam Hind – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

17 Members of the public were in attendance.

15/05 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, Smalley and West.

16/05 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100 (B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit a items on Bus Service 19 and Local Democracy Week as late items, on the grounds that the Bus Service was due to start before the next scheduled meeting of the Area Panel and Local Democracy Week would take place before the next scheduled meeting of the Area Panel.

17/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rawson declared a personal interest in item 10 Updates as he had raised some of the issues as a local resident before being elected to the Council.

18/05 Minutes

Agreed that minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 8 June 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/05 Bus Service 19

The Chair reported that the new bus service 19 would commence towards the end of October in the Spondon ward.

20/05 Local Democracy Week

Phil O'Brien, Civic and Members Services Manager, reported that there was to be an event held on 20 October 2005 commencing at 5pm at the Council House for Local Democracy Week.

21/05 Petitions

There were no new petitions or reports about petitions previously received.

22/05 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Laying Down of Headstones in Spondon Cemetery

A member of the public reported that he thought that gravestones had been vandalised, as they had been laid flat. He was concerned that it would cost in the region of £80 per stone, to rod the stones to make them safe. Many of the stones were less than three feet high. Councillor P Berry reported that he had received a number of complaints relating to this issue and that the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Direct Services and an Assistant Director had attended the cemetery to look at the difficulties and concerns raised. It was reported that no more work would be done in the cemetery until a full investigation had been carried out. Councillor Bolton reported that a site meeting had taken place and that health and safety regulations needed to be met. If someone was injured, the Council would be liable and the risks needed to be considered.

It had been agreed to take no further action would be taken until investigatory work had been completed.

The Rocket Pub

A member of the public stated that the Rocket Pub had been closed for some time and asked what was likely to be happening with it. She had been told that it may be knocked down or made into flats. Councillor Redfern reported that the Rocket Pub was owned by the brewery and they would make the decision. The pub had not thrived in many years. Councillor Roberts suggested that the member of the public contact Environmental Health to see if they could contact the brewery to see what the latest situation was.

Porters Lane to Diamond Drive

A member of the public asked who should maintain the lane from Porters Lane to Diamond Drive as it was currently an eyesore with lots of weeds and a broken tree. Councillor Latham undertook to check if the lane had been adopted.

Anti Social Behaviour – Jitty Nottingham Road to Ravenscroft Drive, Chaddesden

(At this point Councillors P Berry, E Berry and Redfern left the meeting as they were members of the Licensing Committee.)

A member of the public reported that a licence had been granted to extend the hours to sell alcohol at Tesco Express in Chaddesden. He was concerned with the increase in vandalism particularly in the jitty from Nottingham Road to Ravenscroft Drive. There were problems in the area with vandalism, graffiti, and acts of a sexual nature. He reported that there had also been an attempted rape and an armed robbery where the jitty had been used as an escape route. He submitted photos of the area to the Area Panel.

Councillor Bolton reported that she was well aware of the situation and the Chaddesden Councillors had arranged for the rubbish to be removed from the jitty. Councillor Roberts reported that problems in the area had not been reported to the Police Liaison Committee, Inspector McLaughlin and others attended that meetings and it was an opportunity to make views known. He reported that it was not always easy to turn down licences and there also needed to be a link between the problems caused and the licence issue. There were several other places in the locality which sold alcohol and not just the Tesco Express store. It was suggested that a diary of events be drawn up to see where problems occurred and to prove whether a link could be found between the problems and the extended licence.

The member of the public stated that he had raised the issue with the Chief Constable but was amazed that Councillors were unaware of his complaints. Sergeant Sandeman agreed to feedback the comments to the police.

(At this point Councillors E Berry, P Berry and Redfern returned to the meeting.)

23/05 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trust

A briefing on health services paper was considered.

Agreed to note the information about health services contained in the briefing paper.

24/05 Integrating Children's Services

Steve Baguley, Children's Integrated Services Project Manager, made a presentation on integrating children's services which came about as a result of the Children's Act 2000. A member of the public suggested that the scout movement should be involved in the integrating children's services agenda.

25/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals – 2005/6

A report of the Assistant Director – Community Policy was considered which set out details of six applications for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the first application was from the Chaddesden Park Allotment Association. They were seeking a grant of £4,000 towards security fencing for the site.

The second application was from 145th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group. They were seeking a grant of £1,495 towards fencing around the scout hut.

The third application was from Nottingham Road and District Allotment Association. They were seeking a grant of £1,332 towards a meeting and rest room.

The fourth application was from Windyridge Women's Institute. They were seeking a grant of £300 towards room hire.

The fifth application was from Chaddesden Wood Local Nature Reserve Management Advisory Committee. They were seeking a grant of £1,770 towards the installation of marker posts and signage.

The sixth application was from the Youth Service and Connexions. They were seeking a grant of £1,048 towards equipment for Oakwood Youth Club.

Options considered

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

Decision

- 1 To award a grant of £3,200 to the Chaddesden Park Allotment Association towards security fencing for the site. To defer the payment of £800 to enable the Oakwood Councillors to receive more information about the application.
- 2 To award a grant of £1,495 to 145th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group towards fencing around the scout hut subject to the necessary planning consent being obtained.
- 3 To award a grant of £1,332 to Nottingham Road and District Allotment Association towards a meeting and rest room.
- 4 To defer the application from the Windyridge Women's Institute until the next meeting to enable a representative of the Women's Institute to attend the meeting to give the Panel further information.
- 5 To defer the application from Chaddesden Wood Local Nature Reserve Management Advisory Committee to clarify maintenance responsibilities for the marker posts and signage.
- 6 To award a grant of £1,048 to the Youth Service and Connexions towards equipment for Oakwood Youth Club.

Reasons

- 1 The applications meet the criteria for Area Panel funding.
- 2 The applications provided evidence of needs, both in terms of enabling residents to participate in activities within their community and providing a service in response to the needs of local residents and which would provide a benefit to all residents.

26/05 Update on Progress regarding Community Issues Raised at the Area Panel Meeting

The Panel considered an update report on the progress on community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of issues raised and various progress to date, details of which Council officer was responsible for these issues. Agreed to note the report.

Specific Issues

Bus Services - Spondon / Chaddesden

A member of the public reported that the new service for Spondon and Chaddesden did not cover the whole of the Spondon area. Residents in the Asterdale estate area were pleased that the bus service for their area had finally come to fruition.

Cowsley Road Visions Consultation Event – Derwent

Councillor Redfern requested more detail and accountability for money in relation to work at the maisonettes site and requested an update at the next meeting.

Oakwood Community Centre – Oakwood

Councillor Latham asked if the secure IT line for the police had been installed. Agreed for the police representative to let Councillor Latham know if the line had been installed.

Graffiti – All Wards

Councillor Bolton reported that a resident from Spondon had been charged with causing graffiti and it was hoped that a conviction may spread a message across the city that graffiti was not acceptable. A member of the public referred to some gates on Highfield Lane, Chaddesden where graffiti needed to be removed. Another member of the public reported that there was special paint which could be put on buildings to prevent graffiti. Councillor Rawson suggested that should anybody see any graffiti which needed removing, they should contact the Streetcare Hotline on 715000 or speak to their local councillors.

Footpath at West Park School, Spondon

It was reported that the path did not belong to the school and that the situation relating to lighting was being resolved by the Council.

Real Time Information System for Spondon Bus Services, Spondon

It was reported that the satellite computer system automatically changed the real time information to take account of delays in traffic.

Jitty from Keyhaven Close to Hampshire Road, Derwent

It was reported that there had been no reported crime in the area but that a further update would be given at the next meeting.

28/05 Arrangements for Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 2 November 2005 at Derwent Community School, St Mark's Road, Chaddesden.

MINUTES END