

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 8.10pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
2 NOVEMBER 2005**

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

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Peter Matthews – Derby Homes
Adam Hind – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Sergeant Tapp – Derbyshire Constabulary
Vicki Butler – Area Panel Support Officer

30 Members of the public were in attendance.

29/05 Apologies

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

30/05 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

31/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rawson declared a personal interest in item 12 Updates as he had raised some of the issues as a local resident before being elected to the Council.
Councillors Rawson, Redfern and Roberts declared a personal interest in item 11 Area Panel Budget Proposals, as they were appointed by the Council to Derwent New Deal.

32/05 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 7 September 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33/05 Petitions

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

34/05 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Proposed Mobile Phone Mast, Bishops Drive, Oakwood

A member of the public raised concern about a proposed mobile phone mast for Bishops Drive, Oakwood which was close to a children's nursery and a doctors' surgery. She asked that Councillors reject the planning application. Councillor Latham explained that the Area Panel was not the Planning Committee but that ward members could put objections in on behalf of residents. The member of the public referred to a previous mast in the Oakwood area which had resulted in a 700 signature petition which had been too late to prevent the mast being agreed. She also referred to a meeting to be held on 10 November 2005 at Springwood Leisure Centre between 3.30pm and 7.30pm which would be a drop-in session, where representatives of Vodafone would be available to answer residents' questions. Councillor Latham agreed to refer the matter to Councillor Smalley to take up the issue on the residents' behalf.

Welcome to Spondon Road Signs

A member of the public asked what had happened to the Welcome to Spondon road signs, which had been replaced with signs saying 'City of Derby Twinned with Osnabruck'. He would like to see the Welcome to Spondon signs reinstated, with 'Winners of Britain in Bloom' included if possible.

Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the matter and report back to a future meeting.

Wall at rear of Spondon Village Hall

A member of the public asked what was happening to the dangerous wall at the rear of Spondon Village Hall.

Resolved to ask the Director of Corporate Services to give an update on the situation relating to the wall at the rear of Spondon Village Hall and report back to a future meeting.

Access Road at Athlone Close / Worcester Crescent

A member of the public raised concerns about activities on the access road between Athlone Close and Worcester Crescent. There were scrap cars and rubbish strewn all around the area. There were cars racing up and down the access road, which was causing a noise nuisance. Councillor Roberts reported that he had investigated this particular case and the area concerned was not on the highway, it was an access road to the back gardens of two houses. He reported that the complaints were being pursued by both Environmental Services and Derby Homes. He suggested that the resident speak to the police representative at the meeting and that they be asked to investigate the matter.

Resolved to ask the police representative to liaise with the resident and investigate the matter.

35/05 Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant Tapp reported that he covered the Derwent, Chaddesden, Spondon and Oakwood areas and he headed up a team of 14 beat officers, three community support officers, three plain clothed officers and a crime reduction officer. The team was based at Roe Farm Police Station. The police beat areas were not comparable to the City Council wards. He reported that the government were introducing neighbourhood policing, where priorities would be shared in the area with partner organisations. Police often received complaints which were not issues within their remit. Neighbourhood policing would introduce dedicated local teams, comprising anti-social behaviour teams, police, youth inclusion, councillors and community wardens and they would act together to solve problems and issues in the local area.

Resolved to note the report.

36/05 Proposed Operation of Trail for Cosmetic Work to Trees

A report of the Director of Commercial Services was considered, which stated that the Council's Tree Management Policy allowed cosmetic work to trees, such as pruning, of no more than 15% of the crown, usually when the tree was blocking light. The existing base budget was inadequate to accommodate cosmetic work and was fully committed to works addressing health and safety risks. Councillors had become frustrated that there was no means of appealing against the decisions of the Arborecultural Officers to carry out work. It was recognised that the Arborecultural Officer's decisions were influenced by the availability of budget, as well as the tree management issues. To address the concerns, a budget virement of £5,000 had been made available from the grounds maintenance budget allocated to Area Panels for cosmetic work to trees. People wishing to appeal against the decision of the Arborecultural Officer would be advised of their right to do so and that they should contact their ward councillor. If the ward Councillor believed the appeal was merited, the Area Panel Manager would be advised accordingly and he would request an estimate from the Arborecultural Officer for cosmetic work to trees. No estimate for work outside that permitted under the tree management policy would be provided. The appeal would be heard by the Area Panel meeting. Once the budget was being committed no further cosmetic work would be commissioned.

It was intended that Area Panel 1 would receive an allocation of £1,000 for 2005/06.

Resolved to note the report.

37/05 Cosmetic Work to Trees

A report of the Director of Commercial Services was considered which set out details of two trees outside 4 Cypress Walk, Chaddesden, which required work to thin the crowns of the trees.

Resolved to defer a decision on this issue until the next meeting to enable other trees to be considered as well.

38/05 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trust

A 'Briefing on Health Services' paper was considered.

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

39/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06

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

It was reported that the first application was from Chaddesden Park Allotment Association. They were seeking a grant of £800 towards security fencing for the site.

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

The third 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 fourth application was from Tuesday Senior Citizen's Club. They were seeking a grant of £200 towards day trips for senior citizens.

The fifth application was from the 66th Derby (1st Spondon) Scout Group. They were seeking a grant of £3,000 towards the renovation of the Scout HQ kitchen.

The sixth application was from Derwent into Gardening. They were seeking a grant of £2,000 towards plants on wheels.

Decisions

- 1. To refuse the grant of £800 to the Chaddesden Park Allotment Association.**
- 2. To award a grant of £300 to the Windyridge Women's Institute towards room hire costs.**
- 3. To award a grant of £1,770 to Chaddesden Wood Local Nature Reserve Management Advisory Committee subject to asking Commercial Services to look at other funding streams, to see if they were available in the first instance.**
- 4. To award a grant of £200 to the Tuesday Senior Citizen's Club towards day trips for senior citizens.**
- 5. To award a grant of £3,000 to the 66th Derby (1st Spondon) Scout Group, towards renovation of the Scout HQ kitchen.**

- 6. To award a grant of £2,000 to Derwent into Gardening towards plants on wheels.**

40/05 Update on Progress regarding Community Issues raised at the Area Panel meeting

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of 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.

Resolved to note the report.

Specific Issues

Bus Services Spondon / Chaddesden

Councillor P Berry reported that there had been some teething problems with the service, as not everyone had got a timetable. The service was Hail and Ride in some areas where there were no bus stops. Leaflets were to be circulated in the area to tell people about how to use the Hail and Ride. Councillor Ahern reported that the issue of bus parking in the city was being considered. The bus stops had been allocated by the bus operators rather than the Council. Some bus stops were causing particular problems and this was being investigated.

Cowsley Road Visions Consultation Event Derwent

It was reported that £1,400 would be returned to the Derwent ward budget allocation, as this project had not cost as much as had been expected.

Oakwood Community Centre, Oakwood

It was reported that the new police base was fully operational and that there would be an open day on Sunday 6 November 2005 at 3pm. Sergeant Tapp reported that the local direct numbers were Oakwood 668698, Spondon 669169, Roe Farm 613363. He reported that these were for all none emergency calls and that anyone in an emergency situation should still dial 999.

Graffiti – all wards

Councillor P Berry reported that he had received written questions relating to graffiti on the sound barriers, slip road and bridge on the A52. A member of the public reported that the sub station on Highfield Land had not had the graffiti removed. It was reported that East Midlands Electricity had refused permission for the Council to remove the graffiti. It was also reported that there were issues with certain anti graffiti coatings, which could not be treated with the chemicals the Council used to move the graffiti. Sergeant Tapp reported that he had a meeting with Councillor Bolton and PC Marshall to discuss the issue. Police in the area were getting to know local people and were monitoring the graffiti and tags. He reported that the removal

of graffiti needed to be prioritised. He also reported that five local people had been prosecuted recently.

Rocket Public House, Derwent

Councillor Rawson reported that he has visited the Rocket Pub and spoken to the Landlord who was on a temporary contract. The brewery would be making a decision about the pub, following the probationary period. Sergeant Tapp reported that he had visited the pub last Friday and spoken to the Landlord, to deal with issues in the area. He was hoping to resolve the situation.

Porters Lane Footpath, Oakwood

It was reported that the work to maintain the footpath had not taken place, as there were tree preservation orders on the trees along the footpath. Investigations into this needed to be completed before the work could be done.

41/05 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be held on 11 January 2006 at Borrowood Junior School, Arundel Drive, Spondon.

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