

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.00pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
2 JULY 2003**

Present: Councillor Samra (Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Gerrard, Repton, Travis, Webb and Wilsoncroft.

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Dawn Dagley	- Parks Liaison Officer – Commercial Services
Peter Price	- Transport Policy Officer – Development and Cultural Services
Bill Reed	- Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate
Jason Spencer	- Principal Members Services Officer
Katherine Taylor	- Members Services Officer
Inspector Lindsey	- Derbyshire Constabulary

47 members of the public were in attendance.

This record of decisions was published on 7 July 2003. The Key Decisions set out in this record will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five clear days, unless the decision is called in.

1/03 Election of Chair for the Meeting

Agreed that Councillor Samra should Chair the meeting.

2/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beech, Hickson and Repton.

3/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/03 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 April 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendment under 64/02 "Five Lamps Junction – Air Quality", the second paragraph be amended to read: "it was noted that air quality results before and after changes at Five Lamps would be published.

5/03 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. Bill apologised that some of the issues raised at the previous meeting had been omitted from the Update Report but that oral updates would be provided at the meeting.

Hanford Street Multi-Sports Project

It was noted that in addition to the Area Panel grant, the project had now been awarded sums of £37,000 and £78,000 from developers under Section 106 of the Planning Act. A total of £117,000 was available for this project.

Portway School Crossing Patrol

It was noted that the Council Cabinet would be considering a report on the pedestrian crossing criteria which should make it easier for issues to be taken into account. The proposal would be considered again, once the criteria had been approved.

Allestree Hall

It was noted that 4 offers for the Hall had been received by the closing date of the end of April. The Council was now going through an evaluation process for each of the submissions. This had required clarification from the bidders with officers details of the offers would be reported to the Cabinet with recommendations. It was anticipated that this would be done during the summer but would be dependent upon the responses from the bidders.

Ferrers Way, Duffield Road and Markeaton Street

It was reported that there was no further evidence suggesting that Ferrers Way traffic had been increased as a result of the changes at Five Lamps. Councillor Webb reported that Ferrers Way would continue to be monitored.

Litter in Broadway

It was reported that the bin had not yet been installed at Alstonfield Drive but it was to be installed before the end of July 2003. Bill reported that the approach to the school would be made to coincide with the installation of the bin.

Councillor Wilsoncroft expressed concern that the school had not been contacted for the installation of the bin to try and encourage the school to address the litter problem. It was agreed that a letter needed to be sent the Governors and Headteachers, raising the issue so that schools would teach children to take litter home and dispose of. It was agreed that this would be taken up with the school immediately in writing and would be followed up once again once the bins had been installed.

Ecclesbourne School

It was noted that there would be no further developments until consultation on whatever the school may propose for admission arrangements for September 2005 had taken place.

Kedlestone Road Toilets

There was no further progress at this stage and an update would be provided once a decision had been reached.

St Matthew's Walk, Darley Abbey

It was noted that the Council's new Highways Contractor, who would commence in August, had indicated that this would be a priority piece of work and the handrail would be fitted in or around September.

Five Lamps Junction – Rat Running

Concern was expressed by members of the public present, that rat running had increased at the other end of Strutt's Park Conservation Area and the issue was being monitored. Serious trends would be reported to Cabinet but work was being carried out at Five Lamps with sensors and road surface and a filter lane into Kedlestone Road. It was noted that there were still some dangers for pedestrians because in some cases it was impossible to use lights all the way for all the crossings. Studies by Planning Officers had indicated that delays to the vehicles had not increased and was being monitored. A cyclist at the meeting reported that Kedlestone Road was now much safer when joining Duffield Road. Concern was expressed about queuing traffic trying to get into Strutt's Park, as there were only places for 2 vehicles at the lights. It was reported that one person had experienced a taxi driver, who had refused to perform the manoeuvre into Strutt's Park due to concerns over safety.

Bus Services, Broadway

It was noted that the Council were unable to get Trent Buses to take further action on this matter.

Petition – Alstonfield Drive – Litter and Car Parking

It was reported that the provision of residents only parking in Alstonfield Drive was not possible because small schemes could only be introduced where the majority of residents had no off-street parking. Double yellow lines could not be painted on the road because enforcement in such areas was not practical and if lines were painted on every turning head, this would lead to abuse of the restrictions. If vehicles were parked such that they caused an obstruction to vehicle movement or prevent access to driveways, residents should contact the police and seek action.

Broadway Improvements

Details of the proposed scheme were not yet available. It was noted that Officers would be consulting residents, once the proposals had been completed and it was hoped that these would be brought to the

next meeting of the Panel.

Broadway Rat Running

It was reported that this issue had been raised with the Road Traffic department and local Officers were to pay passing attention. It was thought that the issue would not be resolved ultimately by the police, as the issue was wider and involved traffic flow and the current layout. It was noted that there were no particular safety flow issues but residents expressed concern that many people were using Broadway to avoid queuing on the A38. It was reported that LTP funding proposals were not yet ready but it was intended that concerns would be addressed by traffic calming measures.

Portway Infant School

Portway Infant School was thanked for hosting the meeting and congratulated on the excellent condition of the school buildings.

Slack Lane

It was reported that Slack Lane was unadopted and the Council could not provide any street lighting. Litter bins were provided to the school and the issue was litter would be raised at the same time as the bins were installed.

Extra Play Equipment, Darley Park

It was noted that no funding was available for play equipment in Darley Park. Area Panel monies available at the end of 2002/03 had been allocated elsewhere. It was noted that provision at the Darley Park end would be brought back next time if money was available.

Petition – Cars using Pedestrian Walkway, Markeaton Street to Shaws Green

It was noted that a bollard had been erected to prevent cars from using the path and the situation would be monitored.

Kedlestone Road Crossing

It was noted that since the petition had been raised, the issue had been looked at but had been overtaken by the changes to the criteria. A traffic speed survey had not yet been done but the Safety Camera Team could not give a time or an indication of when it would be carried out. It was in the queue to be done.

Access Order – Allestree Lane, Birchover Way

It was noted that a full report would be brought to the next meeting.

Air Quality at Five Lamps

It was noted that this issue had still not been resolved.

6/03 Public Question Time

School Crossing Patrol – Parkway

A member of the public asked when the school crossing patrol criteria would be addressed. It was noted that this would be considered by the Cabinet in autumn.

Pelican Crossing, St Alkmund's Church

It was noted that the criteria for crossing would also be considered by the Council Cabinet during the autumn.

Broken Glass / Cleaning of Leaves

It was noted that the Street Care Team would be chased to address the issue of clearing up broken glass. It was noted that Officers were not aware of any change in policy relating to the cleaning up of leaves.

Farmway Rat Run

A member of the public raised concern about the use of Farmway as a rat run and the sharp bend on Farrier's Way obstructing drivers' views. It was asked if anything could be done. It was agreed that the tree would be looked at and reported back to a future meeting.

Broadway to Kedlestone Road - Footpath to Children's Play Area was Overgrown

A member of the public had phoned the Council and they had been informed that the bridleway was a responsibility of the school and should contact the headteacher. It was agreed that the Rights of Way Officer would be contacted to discuss this issue further.

Mackworth Police Liaison Group

The Police Liaison Group had raised the following issues:

- car parking on Prince Charles' Avenue shopping
- ----- moving the exit to -----
- mobile telephone mast to be erected near where the exit should be.

It was noted that Councillor Wilsoncroft had contacted and arranged a meeting with the Ward Member on 7 July. There was no simple answer to this issue. A member of the public raised that the open space was a magnet for motorcycling and asked for barriers to be erected.

Children's Play Area

The Mackworth Police Liaison Group were happy that the money had been allocated but were concerned that the 3 metre barrier should be around it to protect.

Car Parking, Markeaton Park

Concern was expressed that if free, the University would use the car parking. It was reported that whilst free car parking was being costed, other implications would be looked at.

Parking at Markeaton Primary School

It was suggested that parking yellow lines and time signals would help. It was agreed that this would be reported back on and would have a word with the Road Safety Officer, Dan -----.

New Conservation Officer

It was agreed that Harry Hopkinson would be invited to the next meeting to speak on the 3 Conservation Areas within the Area Panel area.

Ashbourne Road, Prince Charles Avenue

It was ----- Road Safety schemes prioritise to where appropriate. To bring back to a future meeting.

Tree Route Verges

----- Parks. No leaf no branches can be removed. Put question to Arboretum and contact directly.

Darley - Darley Park Litter

It was suggested the Council should have zero tolerance on litter and dog mess.

Drug Dealing in Darley Abbey, end of park

It was reported that Normanton Road had experienced drug users. Police had been phoned but did not come.

Strutt's Park Conservation Area

It was noted the Conservation Area Advisory Committee had considered revisions to the boundary of Strutt's Park Conservation Area. It was agreed that their recommendations would be brought to the next meeting.

Allestree Litter Bins

Discovered foxes and wildlife ----- the litter and can not be certain that it was people. Concern was expressed that there were no bins for dog waste in parks. Dawn Dagley reported that there were 300 parks in open spaces and only 59 dog bins across the city. It was noted that this was being reviewed and it was hoped that more would be provided. There were 24 Park Rangers across the city. It was suggested that there was a need to introduce fines, a need to enforce dog fouling and it was noted that responsible dog owners who put pressure on other dog owners were appreciated. In relation to drug use in park, it was useful to have reports of incidents and work with the police.

Crossing – Mansfield Road

It was reported from a member of the public that a crossing was needed near Landau Forte College. It was noted that it was in the 2004/05 Local Transport Plan. It was reported that the Park Rangers number was 367800.

7/03 Petition – Darley Bus Service

Peter Price reported that the Council was looking to submit a bid for funding under the Urban Bus Challenge. £1 million had been used from a successful bid last year in the Derwent Ward and it was hoped the introduce a Demand Responsive Service within the Darley area, where buses would have a car network but could be diverted for demand. The bid was due to be in by the end of September and it was hoped that this would help.

8/03 Recommendations Arising from the Planning and Prosperity Commission's Review of Bus Services in Derby

A report from the Chair of the Planning and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Commission was considered which updated the Panel on the outcome of its review of bus services in Derby. It was noted that the Council Cabinet had considered the recommendations and asked the Director of Development and Cultural Services and the relevant Council Cabinet Member to consider the Commission's recommendations and report back on how they might be applied. They would also be monitoring progress made on the recommendation. The Commission particularly asked that the Area Panels be thanked for their input into the review.

9/03 Assessment of Pedestrian Crossings

A report of the Assistant Director – Highways Transportation and Waste Management was considered which set out details of how proposals to change the way in which pedestrian crossings would be assessed. It was hoped that there would be greater flexibility to improve pedestrian facilities where people had difficulty in crossing the road. It was hoped that crossing facilities would be improved where there was a strong desire for pedestrians to cross. The changes were:

- assessing the difficulty for any peak hour in the day rather than average over peak hours
- giving more consideration to providing a crossing where improvements had been identified though other programmes such as school or business travel plans or as part of a building development

- considering a crossing where there are significant numbers of pedestrians or cyclists delayed by traffic and the crossing forms part of the strategic pedestrian or cycle network.

10/03 Crime Prevention on Public Rights of Way

A report of the Assistant Director - Development was considered which reported that the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, had added Sections 118B and 119B to the Highways Act 1980, which gave local Highway Authorities to close or divert public footpaths if it was necessary to prevent crime or to protect pupils or staff of the school from violence other than threats to their health and safety. It was noted that this matter had been referred to Area Panels by the Planning Control Committee, as issues raised at the Area Panels often related to public footpaths. The report provided information of progress made in dealing with this piece of new legislation.

Resolved to note the report.

11/03 Area Panel Budget Update

A report of the Director of Policy was considered which updated the Panel on the current position of Area 5's budget allocation set out the approved projects. The following approved projects during 2002/03:

- Mackworth clock, Mackworth Ward, £7,500
- Community Matters Editorial Group, Allestree Ward, £1,000
- Markeaton School PTA, Darley Ward, £3,000
- Markeaton Brook Improvements, Darley Ward, £4,000
- Ten litter bins, area-wide, £3,500
- Hanford Street Project, Mackworth Ward, £2,020
- Café Awning, Darley Park, Darley Ward, £1,115
- Benches, Queen's Way, Allestree and Darley Ward, £750
- Darley Park Balustrade Feasibility Study, Darley Ward, £830
- Facilities, Markeaton Park, Allestree Ward, £4,045
- Litter bins, Allestree Ward, £1,750
- Grit bins, Allestree Wards, £1,000
- Dig bins, Allestree Ward, £1,350.

In addition the Panel had agreed to spend against the 2003/04 budget £2,000 for the provision of a handrail at St Matthew's Walk, Darley Ward. The budget for the Area Panel for 2003/04 was £22,000. It was proposed that the Area Panel may wish to allocate its 2003/04 budget equally among the 3 Wards.

Resolved

- 1 To note the report**
- 2 To agree to split the Area Panel budget equally between the Wards.**

12/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals

A report of the Director of 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

Royal British Legion, Allestree Branch

An application for funding towards work on the war memorial at the Recreation Ground Allestree. This application sought £233.

Community Matters Editorial Group – COMEG

An application to provide equipment and stationary. This application sought £600.

Darley Ward

Darley Abbey Community Association

An application to fund safety improvements to the front of Darley Abbey Village Hall. This application sought £3,500.

Walter Evans Primary School

An application to provide Cycle Storage. This application sought £1,224.

35th Derby Markeaton Scout Group

An application to fund repairs to scout HQ roof. This application sought £1,729.

Mackworth Ward

Derby City Mission

An application for funding for assistance with running costs at the new base proposed for Drayton Avenue, Mackworth. This application sought £1,200.

Mackworth Community Crime Prevention Group

An application to provide mobile intruder alarms. This application sought £2,000.

Derbyshire Constabulary/Derby Personal Safety Advisory Group

An application to contribute to the Safety First Roadshow, 1-3 July 2003. This application sought £1,500.

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.

Decisions

- 1 To award a grant of £233 to Royal British Legion, Allestree Branch for funding towards work on the war memorial at the Recreation Ground Allestree.
- 2 To award a grant of £600 to Community Matters Editorial Group – COMEG to provide equipment and stationary.
- 3 To award a grant of £500 to Derbyshire Constabulary/Derby Personal Safety Advisory Group to contribute to the Safety First Roadshow, 1-3 July 2003.
- 4 To defer consideration of applications from Darley Abbey Community Association, Walter Evans Primary School until the next meeting of the Panel.

Key Decisions

- 5 To award a grant of £1,729 to 35th Derby Markeaton Scout Group to fund repairs to scout HQ roof.
- 6 To award a grant of £2,000 to Mackworth Community Crime Prevention Group to provide mobile intruder alarms.
- 7 To refuse the application from Derby City Mission to fund running costs at the new base proposed at Drayton Avenue, Mackworth.

Reasons

- 1 The Royal British Legion, Allestree Branch, Community Matters Editorial Group, Derbyshire Constabulary/Derby Personal Safety Advisory Group, 35th Derby Markeaton Scout Group and Mackworth Community Crime Prevention Group applications:
 - meets the criteria for Area Panel funding
 - provide evidence of need
 - enable residents to participate within their community

- contributes to improvements which will provide a benefit to all residents.
 - are capable of rapid implementation
 - contribute to the delivery of the Councils themes and priorities.
- 2 Deferral of applications from Darley Abbey Community Association, Walter Evans Primary School will enable Darley ward Councillors to obtain more information about the applications and assess priorities.
 - 3 The Derby City Mission application met the criteria for area panel funding but did not provide evidence of need and did not give evidence of a contribution to a need of local residents raised at the Area Panel Meeting.

13/03 Arrangements for Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Area Panel 5 will be held in the Mackworth Ward at St Barnabos Church Hall, Radbourne Street at 7pm on Wednesday 8 October 2003.

Resolved to appointment Councillor Gerrard as Chair of the next meeting.

MINUTES END