

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 7.50pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
7 MARCH 2007**

Present: Councillor Bolton (Chair)
Councillors Berry, Latham, MacDonald, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern,
Roberts, Smalley and West

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Sgt Summers – Derbyshire Constabulary
Martyn Rothwell – Senior Physical Activity Development Officer
Adam Hind – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Annabelle Barwick – Derby Homes
Kully Raju – Transportation Engineer - Policy
Ruth Hardy – Youth Service

30 Members of the public were in attendance.

59/06 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahern and Williams.

60/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

61/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rawson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 69/06 budget application 'The Big 1' because he was a member of the steering group.

Councillors Roberts declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute no 69/06 budget application 'Café Revive' because he was a Director of the Board.

62/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

63/06 Chairs Report

The Chair provided a verbal report on current activities, progress on projects and successes in Area Panel 1.

It was agreed to note the report.

64/06 Getting Older People Fit and Healthy

Martyn Rothwell gave a presentation on activities in the Area Panel 1 area, including the Stepping Up pilot, which was a GP/self referral exercise programme which was being held at the Revive Centre in Roe Farm. It was designed for people with mild health problems or low activity levels. The planning had been carried out in close conjunction with the PCT to ensure any barriers to participation were removed. The course will consist of low moderate physical activity and health education run over 20 weeks, the course would also offer pathways into physical activity aiming for long term behaviour change.

The Derby City Council website had a link to the strategy and gave details of revive. He also reported on a survey of young people on physical activity which showed 60% were inactive. Active communities were being developed and schools were being targeted in the hope that parents would be engaged. The Getting Derby Active Team was working to develop activities for schools and should be running from September 2008.

He also gave details of other activities in the area which included Tai Chi at The Gateway, Derwent Trekkers at Revive, Over 50's Aerobics and Golden Apple Sessions at Springwood Leisure Centre, Sequin Dancing at Chesapeake Club, and Live at Home Scheme at St Albans Church.

A member of the public stated that adult education needed to be considered as well to keep peoples minds fit and healthy.

Agreed to note the report.

65/06 Petitions

To receive new petitions

There were no new petitions

To consider petitions received since the last meeting

There were no petitions received since the last meeting.

Responses to petitions received

A report was considered which gave details of the petition from residents in Charterhouse Close. It was accepted that works were required to replace the existing kerb units that residents had highlighted. The blocks had suffered extensive frost damage and required replacing with concrete kerbing. A scheme to replace the kerbs with concrete kerbing had been included in a list of potential highway maintenance schemes for the financial year 2007/08. The list of schemes was

approved by Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007 and it was envisaged that the work would be carried out during the summer 2007.

The lead petitioner was concerned that he and other petitioners had not been consulted on the proposals. Councillor Latham agreed to speak to the petitioner after the meeting.

Resolved

- 1. To note that the kerbing work in Charterhouse Close was included in the list of potential highway maintenance schemes for 2007/08 and that it was envisaged that the work would be carried out during summer 2007.**
- 2. To note that the lead petitioner would be notified of the proposed action.**

66/06 Area Panel Updates

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at previous meetings. The report included details of the issues raised, the proposed actions and the progress to date. The following issues in the report were discussed in detail:

Traffic Solutions for Chapel Street, Spondon

Councillor Poulter welcomed the response and reassured everyone that this was just a feasibility study to assess the situation and a variety of other issues.

Agreed to close.

Environmental Issues in Spondon

It was noted that letters would be sent out next week about overhanging trees along the alleyway from Arnhem Terrace and Nottingham Road.

Agreed to close.

Damage to Tiles Kerbs in Charterhouse Close

Agreed to note the report but not to close it until it had been satisfactorily dealt with.

67/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Street Lights

A resident referred to the new white light street lighting on Cumberland Avenue which was being used as a showpiece for the city and commented that four of the 10 new lights were obscured by tree branches. He asked why the lights had been installed within the tree branches. Councillor Rawson reported that the British Standards determined the distance between streetlights. He agreed to ask the Arboricultural officer to investigate the trees overhanging the lights.

Agreed to investigate the position of the lighting and overhanging trees and report back.

Street Sign at Revive Healthy Living Centre

A resident was concerned about the position of the Roe Farm Lane street sign obstructing the access to the Revive healthy Living centre. He considered it a health and safety hazard and suggested it was moved. Councillor Roberts reported that as a Director of Revive he would investigate and make sure there was safe access into the centre.

Agreed to investigate and report back.

Damage to Railway Fencing Anglers Lane Spondon

A resident was concerned about a gap in the metal fencing at the bottom of Anglers Lane that allowed access to the railway track. He was not sure who owned the fencing but asked that action was taken to repair it because it was near to the site of the recent death on the tracks. Councillor Berry confirmed it was private land and agreed to investigate. Councillor Roberts confirmed that the responsibility for the fencing lay with Network Rail and if there was a need to report something then residents needed to phone them directly at the first instance. He advised the resident to report this issue and any future issues directly to Network Rail.

Agreed that the resident would contact Network Rail directly with details of the issue.

Future Waste

A resident asked when was the 'Dealing with Waste in the Future' leaflet produced, who had it been circulated to and was the deadline for responses of 31 March a fixed date. He reported that he had only been made aware of the consultation through the area panel papers and no one else he had spoken to was aware of it. Councillor Poulter reported that the Spondon Councillors were aware of the consultation and would be responding. He considered that the Albert Looms site was not suitable and would be stating this in the response. Councillor Wynn responded by confirming that the leaflet was launched on 1 March, had been distributed to many locations and that the deadline of 31 March was not a rigid deadline for responses.

Spondon Environment

A resident referred to the alleyway between Arnhem Terrace and Nottingham Road Spondon where the problems with overhanging trees had been previously reported in the updates. He explained that there were problems with obscured lighting on the alleyway behind Craddock Avenue Common Room with many of the street lights blocked by the trees. He also reported that there were two holes in Langley Road Spondon which needed repairing. Councillor Berry stated that the holes in the road had already been reported and that he would talk to the resident and sort out the problems with lighting on the alleyway.

Adult Education Facilities in Spondon

A resident considered that adult education facilities in Spondon were poor. He felt that pensioners were neglected when it came to service provision and understood that while some libraries were offering free internet courses Spondon Library was

not. Councillor Berry reported that Spondon Library was providing the free internet courses. Councillor Roberts responded that the views and opportunities for older in the city were not neglected and at many recent public meetings he had attended older people had the highest representation. Councillor Smalley reported on how inclusive the Council now was and had an open dialogue with older people. Councillor Bolton suggested that the resident joins the Seniors Forum and the resident responded that he had attended the last couple of meetings.

68/06 2007/08 Highways and Transportation Work Programme

A report was considered which stated that Area Panels had been consulted on the programme of highways and transport schemes for 2007/08. Each Area Panel put forward up to five priorities per ward for possible inclusion in the 2007/07 highways and transport work programme. The final programme was agreed by Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007. The report outlined the status of the priorities identified by the four wards in Area Panel 1.

Resolved

- 1. To note the schemes which would be undertaken in the wards outlined in the appendix to the report.**
- 2. To note that a further report would be presented to the September 2007 Area Panel meetings to commence consultation on the highways and transport programme for 2008/09.**

69/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Head of the Stronger and Safer Communities Unit was considered which set out details of three applications for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the first application was from The Big 1 Event - Community Steering Group. They were seeking a grant of £1,530 towards the cost of including falconry, circus skills, creative workshops and a marching band as part of the revamped Chaddesden Carnival event.

The second application was from Derwent Time Bank. They were seeking a grant of £1,550 towards insurance, membership of Time Banks, telephone and IT costs and the production of a newsletter.

The third application was from Café Revive. They were seeking a grant of £350 towards the cost of the 1623 Theatre Company putting on four short plays at the Stand Up Shakespeare Event.

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

Decision

1. To award a grant of £765 to The Big 1 Event – Community Steering Group from Derwent and Oakwood wards towards the cost of the falconry, circus skills, creative workshops and marching band. To defer the decision on the remainder of the application from the Spondon and Chaddesden wards to the next meeting as there were no funds left in the current year's budget.
2. To award a grant of £824 to Derwent Time Bank from the Derwent and Oakwood wards towards the cost of insurance, membership of Time Banks, telephone and IT costs. To defer the decision on the remainder of the application from Derwent and Chaddesden wards to the next meeting as there were no funds left in the current year's budget.
3. To defer the application to the next meeting as there were no funds left in the current year's budget.

(Councillor Rawson having declared a personal prejudicial interest in The Big 1 event left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.)

(Councillor Roberts having declared a personal prejudicial interest in Café Revive left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.)

70/06 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A 'Briefing on Health Services' paper was considered.

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

71/06 Diary of Events

A diary of events in the Area Panel 1 area was considered.

Resolved to note the events diary.

72/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 6 June 2007 which Councillor Rawson would Chair at Derwent Community School, St Marks Road, Chaddesden.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed