

Time commenced : 6.00 pm
Time finished : 8.05 pm

AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON) 20 JUNE 2007

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Hussain, R Khan, S Khan, Lowe,
Dhindsa and Nath

Derby City Council and other officers:

Sarah Dosunmu	-	Area Panel Manager
Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Michael Leavers	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Cherry Hayes	-	Overview and Scrutiny
Susana Pando	-	Constitutional Services Assistant
Andy Thomas	-	Community Safety Partnership
Inspector Skelton	-	Peartree Police Station

26 members of the public were in attendance.

01/07 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mitchell.

02/07 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

04/07 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 21 March 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment

Replace minute number 62/06 'Albans Road and the dangerous junction of Manor Road and St Albans Road as detailed in the report' with 'Alban's Road and the junction of Manor Road and St Alban's Road, which the petitioners considered to be dangerous, as detailed in the report

05/07 Chairs Report

The Chair provided a verbal report on current activities, progress on projects and successes in Area Panel 3.

Agreed to note the report.

06/07 Petitions

To receive new petitions

1.) Sale Street and Rosehill Street Pest Control Problems.

The panel noted the receipt of a petition relating to infestations of vermin in and around the buildings located on Sale and Rosehill streets.

Resolved to note the receipt of the petition and agreed to investigate issues and report back to a future meeting of the Panel.

To consider petitions received since the last meeting

There were no petitions received since the last meeting.

Responses to petitions received

There were no responses.

07/07 Vacant and Derelict Properties

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Social Cohesion and Housing Strategy that detailed the progress being made with regards to vacant and derelict domestic properties in and around the local neighbourhoods that are in the process of being renovated for public use.

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Resolved to note the report.

08/07 Area Panel Updates

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of the issues raised, proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council officer responsible.

Petition – St Alban's Road, junction of Manor Road

The lead petitioner stated following the meeting in May, that there had been no progress and fears that the issue will not be pursued. He believes that more action is needed and reported that there have been a number of further accidents.

Cllr Afzal responded that there is a meeting planned for Tuesday 26 June 2007 and residents will be notified.

Paperback Collection Service – Arboretum

A resident reported that there are general problems with the service. She reported that recently the collection service removed all the blue bags and no new bags were provided. In addition, there have been no red bags for sometime and suspects these are being stolen. She had contacted the Street Care department and was assured that replacement bags would be sent out in the post but these had failed to arrive.

Agreed to contact Street Care and Waste Management regarding service difficulties and arrange for replacement red and blue bags to be delivered to Mount Street and Mount Carmel Street.

Bringing semi-derelict properties back into use

A presentation and report on the issue was an item on the agenda.

The resident who asked the original question felt the response did not address the issue on improving the appearance of the area. The resident stated that the area has formed part of a housing regeneration scheme for some time and is not seeing any changes in the area.

It was reported that there have been a number of successes in the area, notably along Hartington Street and that the Rosehill Improvement scheme represents a good opportunity for further improvements across the panel area. However it was also noted that the CPO process is lengthy and the Council is now making progress.

Air Pollution/severance

A response has been sent to the resident informing them that all local residents affected by the works will be kept fully informed of the situation and progress on the works and its likely effects. This will be done by various means for example letter drops, public meetings/exhibitions and newsletters.

The resident who originally raised the issue stated that in their opinion a number of households who will be affected are not considered to be affected by Highways and Transportation because their back doors back onto the road and not their front doors. Therefore, the resident did not consider that all residents that are affected by Connecting Derby are not being consulted or kept informed of developments.

Cycling Improvements

The resident that originally raised the question considered the response provided was unsatisfactory and contradictory.

Resolved to note the report.

09/07 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Humbleton View

A resident asked a question regarding the Council's proposal to close the Humbleton Day Care Centre. The resident stated that the Council has been undertaking consultations with service users and that the Council consistently ignored comments and views. The resident considered that the Council had already decided on the course of action regarding Humbleton View and the decision to close the centre would have a severely negative affect on his daughter and other users of the centre.

Cllr Williamson responded that the Council had not taken the decision regarding Humbleton View. The issue was going to the next Council Cabinet meeting in July. The resident responded that he had sent a letter to Cllr Williamson outlining his objections to the closure of Humbleton View. Cllr Williamson assured the resident that he would receive a response to his letter.

Road Signage

A resident reported the following relating to road signage:

1. Noticed there is a problem with cars leaving Burton Road Doctor's surgery (Charnwood). There is no stop line on the pavement; therefore cars shoot out across the pavement.
2. The bollards opposite the Water Margin on Burton Road has a 'No Entry' signage so no access to Burton Road, is this correct?
3. Cheapside from Wardwick is 'One Way' but there were no 'No entry' signs at the Bold Lane end.

Cllr Williamson responded that this would be referred to the relevant department for a response.

Litter

A resident reported that they visited the Arboretum Park with their grandchildren and were horrified by the state of the bins and litter all over the play area. This was at midday, not early in the morning and the area was being used by families and for sports activity. She stated that there was also some offensive graffiti on the walls of the toilet block. The resident also asked what has happened to the Café?

Cllr Williamson responded that he was uncertain as to whether this was a result of vandalism or whether the bins had not been collected. He stated that this did not reflect the usual state of the park and this would be referred to the parks manager and the neighbourhood teams. He also stated that there was a commitment to remove graffiti as soon as possible, in particular if it was racist or seriously offensive graffiti within 24-48 hours. With regards to the Café, he reported that he understood a new operator will be moving into the café shortly.

Wheeled Bins and Rubbish

A resident asked why wheeled bins and rubbish were being left on the street everywhere around where he lived, as it is a big problem. He stated that he had raised this at previous Neighbourhood Forum meetings and wanted action rather than promises. He asked if there was any possibility of enforcement action being taken against residents.

Fencing on Reginald Street

A resident reported that he had been trying to get what he believed to be dangerous fencing that runs along the back of the properties along Reginald Street that form a boundary between the properties and Rosehill Recreation Ground pulled down for the last 8 months. At the present moment nothing has been done. The resident believed the fencing was a health and safety hazard.

10/07 Transforming Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums

The Panel received a report from the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, providing an update on the Area Panel review and to introduce proposals to roll out neighbourhood working across the city.

Resolved to note the report.

11/07 Outturn report Area Panel 3 Budget 2006/07

The Panel received a report from the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership, setting out details of the Area Panel 3 budget spend in 2006/07.

Resolved to note the report.

12/07 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Guru Nanak Istri Sabha Organisation for community events. Amount requested £3,000.
- To consider whether to support the application from the Trocadero Resident Action Committee for an Arts and Crafts project. Amount requested £1,439.
- To consider whether to support the application from The Association of Indian Women for the general running of the association. Amount requested £2,000.
- To consider whether to support the application from the Sudanese Community Association of Derby, for a textile workshop. Amount requested £2,000.
- To consider whether to support the application from the Open Doors Forum for Facilities improvement. Amount requested £2,946.
- To consider whether to support the application from the Surtal Asian Arts Organisation. For a South Asian Arts Festival. Amount requested £3,435.

- To consider whether to support the application from the Littleover Centurions Cricket Club. For Cricket Coaching. Amount requested £900.
- To consider whether to support the application from the Breast Feeding Mum's group. For the Breast Feeding Support Group. Amount requested £2,000.
- To consider whether to support the application from the Job's Education and Training (Normanton). For promoting community harmony. Amount requested £2,000.
- To consider whether to support the application from the Association of Ukrainians in Derby. For Health and Safety Improvements. Amount requested £4,000
- To consider whether to support the application from the Number One Centre. For New Day Normanton Project. Amount requested £2,000

Agreed to award funding to the applications in the following way:

- 1. Guru Nanak Istri Sabha – Granted £1,500, from Arboretum, Normanton and Abbey ward allocations**
- 2. Trocadero Resident Action Committee – Granted £1,000, Arboretum £500, Abbey £250 and Normanton £250.**
- 3. The Association of Indian Women - Granted £1,500, Arboretum £500, Normanton £500 and Abbey £500 ward allocations.**
- 4. Sudanese Community Association of Derby – Deferred until the next meeting to find out more information.**
- 5. Open Doors Forum – Deferred until the next meeting to find out more information.**
- 6. Surtal Asian Arts Organisation – Granted £1,200, Arboretum £400, Abbey £400 and Normanton £400.**
- 7. Littleover Centurions Cricket Club – Granted £700, Abbey to give £230 and Normanton and Arboretum to give £235.**
- 8. Breast Feeding Mum's Group – Deferred until next meeting.**
- 9. Job's, Education and Training (Normanton) – Granted £1,500 between all three wards.**
- 10. Association of Ukrainians in Derby – Deferred until next meeting.**
- 11. Number One Centre – Reject on the grounds that the principal activities and beneficiaries reside outside the area.**

13/07 Health Briefing From Derby City Primary Care Trust

A briefing paper on Health Services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

14/07 Events Diary

The Area Panel 3 Events Diary was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the events diary.

15/07 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Dhindsa would be the Chair of the next meeting, to be held on Wednesday 19 September 2007 at Dale Primary School, Porter Road, Normanton.

MINUTES END