

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 9.00pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
8 JUNE 2005**

Present: Councillors Ahern, E Berry, P Berry, Bolton, MacDonald, Redfern,
Roberts, Smalley and West

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Inspector Graham McLaughlin – Derbyshire Constabulary
Adam Hind – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mike Melliush – PFI Programme Manager
Rachael Wright – PFI Support Officer
Jayne Peapell – Derby Homes

24 Members of the public were in attendance.

01/05 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown and Latham.

02/05 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items. The Chair announced that British Telecom was consulting on payphone kiosk closures in the Area Panel 1 area and that the closing date for representation was 3 August 2005. He encouraged residents to make representation about the proposed closures.

03/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Smalley and Roberts declared personal interests in item 8 Derby Grouped Schools PFI as they were governors at da Vinci College. Councillors Ahern, Bolton, and MacDonald declared personal interests in the budget items relating to Friends of Chaddesden Park as they worked with the organisations as local Councillors. Councillor Ahern declared a personal interest in the budget item relating to Chaddesden Age Concern as he worked with the organisation as local Councillor. Councillor Roberts declared a personal interest in the budget item relating to the Community Church Derby as he worked with the organisation as local Councillor.

04/05 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 9 March 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/05 Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

Adam Hind – Station Manager from Nottingham Road Fire Station gave a presentation on the work of the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, particularly in relation to community involvement.

Resolved to note the presentation.

06/05 Petitions

There were no new petitions or report backs on petitions previously received.

07/05 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:-

Alcohol Free Zones

A member of the public asked who monitored Alcohol Free Zones, particularly in relation to Chaddesden Park Nature Reserve. There was a particular problem relating to beer cans around the park and young people binge drinking in the centre of the Chaddesden Wood on the weekend of 28 May 2005.

Inspector McLaughlin reported that he was aware of the situation and the police were looking into the difficulties and in particular the graffiti which had appeared on the trees. It was also reported that Trading Standards were investigating where the beer was being purchased from.

Real Time Information for Bus Services

A member of the public raised concern about the electronic timetables for buses and explained that he understood these were not updated to reflect traffic jams and congestion. It was considered that this was an issue to take up with the particular bus company as this was not funded by the Council.

Jitty between Keyhaven Close and Hereford Road/Hampshire Road

A member of the public reported that there was a particular concern with graffiti and damage to fences for the jitty at Keyhaven Close and Hereford Road/Hampshire Road.

There had been a spate of opportunist robberies and he asked if the Panel could look at options on how to improve these situations. Inspector McLaughlin agreed to carry out some crime pattern analysis of problems in the area as he was not aware of a specific problem and make this available for the next meeting.

Mike Melliush – PFI Programme Manager, reported that street lighting PFI would replace the majority of street lighting across the city over the next few years.

Grass Cutting in Oakwood

A member of the public asked about grass cutting in the Oakwood area and why this only seemed to happen on the days that Area Panels took place. It was reported that this was purely a coincidence.

Marina Development – Spondon

A member of the public asked about a proposed marina development in Spondon to be built on brown and contaminated land. He was concerned about the possibility of transport problems through Oakwood to get to the development in Spondon. It was reported that there was no anticipated congestion through the Oakwood area as Spondon was well served by major A roads.

Use of Scooters

A member of the public was concerned that people using scooters were causing accidents and required training. They also required safe routes so they were not subject to problems such as dog fouling and chewing gum, particular problems encountered included illegal parking on dropped kerbs.

Residential Home – Mayfield Road

A member of the public raised concerns about staff parking outside a home on Mayfield Road which was used by people who used to be residents at Aston Hall.

Agreed to ask the Health Services to investigate the problems and report back.

Newstead Avenue/Ismay Road Parking

A member of the public reported that the school had said they would pay for white lines to be painted outside the school to help prevent parking problems. Councillor Bolton reported that Council Officers had considered this proposal but they did not consider it a worthwhile scheme. The Chaddesden Councillors reported that this had been discussed with the school and the police and that the issue would be discussed again during the next two weeks.

Graffiti

A member of the public reported that incidents of graffiti appeared to be worse now in the city than there were fifteen years ago. It was suggested that it was helpful if residents seeing graffiti could report them to the Graffiti Hotline on 715000, the sooner it was reported, the sooner it could be removed. Inspector McLaughlin suggested that residents dial 999 and report it as a crime in progress if they see graffiti being committed.

Speed Camera outside the Fire Station on Nottingham Road

A member of the public was concerned that the speed camera was not visible to motorists as it was obstructed by a tree.

Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to investigate and report back.

08/05 Derby Group Schools PF Private Finance Initiative (PFI): Construction Works at da Vinci Community College (formally High View)

A report of the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the Project Board was considered which gave the latest position on the construction works at da Vinci Community College. Rob Martlew – Head Teacher at da Vinci College also attended the meeting and explained that he was keen to get the community involved in the school. It was noted that construction work was currently ahead of schedule and may be ready as early as Easter 2006. A member of the public reported problems with the children from the school and Rob Martlew explained that school responsibility did not end at 3.30 pm and asked the member of the public to inform him of specific issues.

Another member of the public asked if there were any plans for additional activities at the school during evenings, weekends and school holidays. Rob Martlew explained that the school was likely to be open from 8.00 am to 7.00 pm for students and an extension of currently available activities was planned.

Resolved to note the progress of the construction of da Vinci Community College.

09/05 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts

A briefing on health services paper was considered.

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

10/05 Area Panel Review 2005

The panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Community Policy which stated that there was to be a review of Area Panels. Area Panels had been meeting since January 2002 and they would be holding their 100th meeting on 29 June 2005. There was increasing evidence that the public and Council partners were showing an interest in the development of the Area Panels.

It was good practice to review the Area Panels and actively seek the views of stakeholders. Details of the review were set out in the report.

Resolved to note the report.

11/05 Outturn Report: Area Panel 1 Budget 2004

A report of the Assistant Director of Policy was considered, which stated that in 2004/2005, Area Panel 1 was allocated a budget of £29,000. The Panel also had an additional budget of £2,118 carried forward from 2003/2004, making a total budget of £31,118 available to allocate to projects during 2004/2005.

The Panel allocated £28,227 giving a carry forward budget of £2,891 to allocate to projects in 2005/2006. Details of the budget allocations during the year were set out in the report.

Resolved to note the report

12/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/2006

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

It was reported that the first application was from the 27th Derby Chaddesden Scout Group. They were seeking a grant of £2,500 towards replacement heating.

The second application was from 145th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group. They were seeking a grant of £2,228 towards fencing around the scout hut.

The third application was from Chaddesden Age Concern. They were seeking a grant of £750 towards the replacement of a cooker.

The fourth application was from Community Church Derby. They were seeking a grant of £1,000 towards Chaddesden Help and Support.

The fifth application was from Community Sports Development Team. They were seeking a grant of £344 towards an Area Panel Football Tournament.

The sixth application was from Derwent Community Panel. They were seeking a grant of £150 towards the purchase of Knapsack Sprayer equipment.

The seventh application was from Friends of Chaddesden Park. They were seeking a grant of £325 towards a balloon race at Chaddesden Carnival.

The eighth application was from Springwood Leisure Centre. They were seeking a grant of £1,750 towards providing high quality lighting in Springwood Leisure Centre car park.

Options Considered

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

Decision

- 1 To award a grant of £2,500 to the 27th Derby Chaddesden Scout Group towards replacement of heating.
- 2 To defer consideration of the application from 145th Breadsall Hilltop Scout Group towards fencing around the scout hut to allow a further more detailed application to be made.
- 3 To award a grant of £750 to Chaddesden Age Concern towards the replacement of a cooker.
- 4 To award a grant of £1,000 to Community Church, Derby towards Chaddesden Help and Support subject to confirmation and evidence of the necessary insurance and training being in place.
- 5 To award a grant of £344 to Community Sports Development Team towards an Area Panel football Tournament subject to all other Area Panels agreeing to support the tournament.
- 6 To award a grant of £150 to Derwent Community Panel towards the purchase of Knapsack Sprayer equipment.
- 7 To award a grant of £325 to Friends of Chaddesden Park towards a balloon race at Chaddesden Carnival.
- 8 To refuse the application from Springwood Leisure Centre towards the provision of high quality lighting in Springwood Leisure Centre car park because the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health had indicated that funding had been found from existing Council budgets.

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.

13/05 Update on Progress Recording 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 and details of which council officer was responsible for these issues.

Agreed to note the report.

Specific Issues

Anti-Social Behaviour – Mansfield Road and Croft Wood, Derwent

It was reported that the style was due to be installed on the 22 June 2005 and the signs were currently being manufactured.

Pedestrian Crossing on Mansfield Road

It was reported that the crossing should be installed by the end of the financial year.

Community Facilities – Breadsall Hill Top, Derwent

It was noted that the Planning Environment Commission had investigated the issue of adoption of open space across the city and their report had been presented to the Scrutiny Management Commission on 7 June 2005. The Scrutiny Management Commission had requested more information relating to adoption of land but not in response to this specific site.

Bus Services – Spondon/Chaddesden

It was noted that a resident commented that he understood that the 101 service was being withdrawn from 6 July 2005.

Boundary of the Wilmot Pub

It was noted that the police were liaising with the brewery on this issue.

Oakwood Community Centre - Oakwood

It was reported by Councillor Smalley that planning permission had been granted during the previous week. It was noted that there were plans to increase user groups.

Lodge Lane North Junction with A52 – Spondon

A member of the public asked if the council had contacted companies who produce maps about the 'No entry' signs at Lodge Lane North Junction with A52 Spondon. It was reported that the Council had not contacted Map Producers.

Cycle Path from West Road to Oregon Way – Spondon

A member of the public suggested that it would be useful to have signs to say that the path narrowed.

Footpath at West Park School – Spondon

It was noted that this was not a school footpath but a public right of way, but it happened to be between the upper and lower school sites. Some members of the

public were concerned about the steps on the path which should be made more accessible.

14/05 Arrangements for the Next and Future Meetings

Resolved to appoint chairs for future meetings of the panel:-

7 September 2005 – Chaddesden Ward – Councillor Bolton

2 November 2005 – Derwent Ward – Councillor Redfern

11 January 2006 – Spondon Ward – Councillor E Berry

8 March 2006 – Oakwood Ward – Councillor Latham

7 June 2006 – Chaddesden Ward – Councillor MacDonald

Minutes End