

ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.05 pm
Time finished : 8.15 pm

AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON) 21 JUNE 2006

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

Derby City Council and other officers:

Vickie Butler	-	Area Panel Support Officer
Sarah Dosunmu	-	Area Panel Manager
Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Officer
David Gartside	-	Head of Traffic
Jonathan Guest	-	Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community
Inspector Henderson-		Derbyshire Police

29 members of the public were in attendance.

01/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nath and Williamson.

02/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dhindsa declared a personal prejudicial interest in item number 5c as he was the lead petitioner.

04/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 22 March 2006 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/06 Petitions

To receive new petitions

There were no new petitions.

To consider petitions received since the last meeting

Homezone on Cameron Road

A petition was received relating to the Homezone on Cameron Road. A resident stated that they had a letter regarding Cameron Road Homezone and requested that this be considered as part of the response to the petition.

Agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

To consider responses to petitions received

Tree Pruning on Normanton Road

Sarah Dosunmu reported that the tree pruning would take place within two weeks.

Councillor Hussain took the Chair for the following item and Councillor Dhindsa left the meeting for the decision making section of the item.

Removal of Road Humps, Upperdale Road, Stanhope Street and Austin Estate, Normanton

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director, Highways and Transport that detailed a response to a petition requesting the removal of traffic calming on Upperdale Road, Stanhope Street and the Austin Estate. David Gartside reported that there had been a significant reduction in the number of accidents since the introduction of the traffic calming measures. It was reported that it would cost up to £100,000 to remove the existing humps with prices increasing to £150,000 to replace them with a similar feature.

Councillor Dhindsa, the lead petitioner, considered that people were being punished for the actions of the minority, as cars were being damaged by the severe humps.

A member of the public asked if the number of accidents had increased in Sinfin and Boulton after the removal of the humps? David Gartside confirmed that the numbers had increased, back to the way they were before the humps were introduced.

Agreed to recommend to the relevant Council Cabinet Member that the traffic calming measures on Upperdale Road, Stanhope Street and Austin Estate, Normanton be removed.

06/06 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.

07/06 Developing the Area and Neighbourhood Agenda

Jonathan Guest presented a report on the development of area and neighbourhood working in Derby. The Panel considered a report from the Director of the Community Safety Partnership that provided an update on the Area Panel review and the piloting of area planning partnerships in Area Panels 2 and 3.

Agreed to note the proposals to pilot changes to the operation of Areas Panels 2 and 3 as a result of the Area Panel review.

08/06 Area Panel Update

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.

Crossing at Kings Highway - Abbey

A member of the public stated that he had spoken to David Gartside regarding ownership of the land.

Councillor Dhindsa considered that the retail park wished the Council to adopt the land but that it needed to be of a certain standard before adoption.

Councillor Afzal stated that meetings were being organised with Sainsburys and the other retailers to start to resolve the issues. He agreed to meet with the member of public that raised the issue.

Agreed to report back to the next meeting.

Street Lighting in Derby City Centre – Arboretum

Councillor Dhindsa reported that he had asked Officers to check the lights that were reported as being out and a number had still not been fixed. It was however acknowledged that there were some issues around access to some of the lights.

Agreed to complete works to the defective lights and report back to the next meeting.

Antisocial behaviour, St Chad's Road area – Arboretum

Inspector Henderson confirmed to the meeting that the police are working with the Neighbourhood teams to target the area. An event is planned for 23 June 2006 in the St Chad's area to form part of longer term policing plans.

Agreed to report back on progress from the Police and neighbourhood Team in January 2007.

Cameron Road Homezone improvements and wheelie bins – Normanton

It was reported that a petition had been received relating to Cameron Road and

the Homezone.

A resident reported that there were two large holes that were full of water and litter and considered them to be hazardous. Pictures were submitted to the panel. It was requested that something be done about the issues raised as the work was meant to be completed within nine weeks. A letter of complaint was submitted to the panel.

Agreed to respond to the resident about the road works within seven days and that the letter of complaint would form part of the petition received.

Green Lane Centre – Arboretum

It was reported that a member of public who could not attend had requested that the item stay open. The panel considered that a response to the query had been provided.

Agreed to close the item.

Tree Pruning, Normanton Road – Arboretum

It was reported that, in accordance with the response to the petition, the tree pruning would be completed by the weekend of 25 June 2006.

Agreed to inform residents and local businesses when the work had been completed.

Housing Renewal area, Leopold Street – Arboretum

Cllr. Hussain stated that the response provides insufficient information on proposed Compulsory Purchase Orders in the area and the timeframes for implementation.

Agreed to provide a detailed update on the Hartington Street Renewal scheme and the timetable for CPO of properties in the area.

Old Post Office, Babington Lane – Arboretum

A resident who could not attend the meeting requested that the item stay open as they disputed the information provided in the updates report. It was confirmed that the minimum clearance on the footpaths is correct.

Agreed to note and close the item.

Tree Pruning, Village Street – Normanton

A member of the public disputed the report provided and considered that when the trees were in full leaf residents of Village Street had to have their lights on in the Summer.

Agreed to arrange a site visit with the resident and an arboriculturalist officer. Agreed to note and close the item and should the resident have any further queries to raise the item at a future meeting.

Left Turning, Newdigate Street – Normanton

A resident raised concern that the signage was inadequate and that further signs were required to eliminate confusion.

David Gartside considered that people who were turning left were doing so in the knowledge that it was prohibited and therefore extra signage would not make any difference.

Agreed to report back to the next meeting.

Land – Sackville Street/Kenilworth Avenue – Normanton

A resident raised concerns that although some work had been done to clear the brambles and nettles, it was beginning to spread back and that the whole area needed to be cleared, especially as it was an entrance to the Homezone.

It was reported that the land had been sold to new owners and that hopefully they would address the problems.

Agreed to look into the possibility of the NEAT team clearing the area and report back to the next meeting.

09/06 Public Question Time

The following issue was raised by a member of the public:

The Knoll, Village Street

A member of the public asked about future proposals for the area, as it had been suggested that the Knoll would close.

Councillor Hussain confirmed that the user group had given their views and that one option would be to refurbish the building or relocate it.

Agreed to provide a response at the next meeting.

10/06 Outturn Report: Area Panel 3 Budget 2005/06

The Panel considered a report from the Director of the Derby Community Safety Partnership that set out the outturn report for Area Panel 3 for 2005/06. It was reported that in 2005/06 Area Panel 3 had a budget of £28,928 available for allocation to projects. Out of the budget £26,356 was awarded to 23 projects, leaving £2,572 to carry forward for 2006/07.

Agreed to note the report.

11/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership was considered which set out details of 12 applications for funding, which had been received:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Asian Advisory Service for a central heating boiler. Amount requested £993.

- To consider whether to support the application received from Bramblebrook Community centre for the refurbishment of the venue. Amount requested £3000.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Brigades at Pear Tree for a contribution to a camping holiday. Amount requested £1,500.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the CAST Trust for a contribution to the Stockbrook Fun Day. Amount requested £2000.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Derbyshire Friend for promotional materials. Amount requested £690.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Derby West Indian Community Association for a contribution to the carnival. Amount requested £1500.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Guru Nanak Istri Sabha for health and activities for elderly Asian women. Amount requested £1800.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Karma Nirvana for a volunteer programme. Amount requested £2000.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Normanton Allotment Association for the erection of fencing. Amount requested £2913.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Pear Tree Play scheme for a contribution to a Summer Play Scheme. Amount requested £2000.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Welfare Centre for Asian Carers and Disabled respite care project. Amount requested £2000.
- To consider whether to support the application received from St Thomas' Road Methodist Church for Saturday tea and activity for older people. Amount requested £1600.

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

1. **Asian Advisory Service – granted £600 from Normanton and Arboretum ward allocations, subject to conditions as set out in the report.**
2. **Bramblebrook Community Centre – granted £1000 from the**

Abbey ward allocation, subject to conditions as set out in the report.

- 3. Brigades at Pear Tree – granted £750, split between the three wards allocations, subject to conditions as set out in the report.**
- 4. CAST Trust – granted £1000 from the Abbey Ward allocation, subject to conditions as set out in the report.**
- 5. Derbyshire Friend – granted £690, split between the three wards allocations.**
- 6. Derby West Indian Community Association – granted £1000, split between the three wards allocations.**
- 7. Guru Nanak Istri Sabha – granted £1800, split between the three wards allocations, with a higher percentage of the split being given by the Normanton Ward.**
- 8. Karma Nirvana – agreed to refuse the application as the additional information requested at the last meeting of the Area Panel had not been supplied.**
- 9. Normanton Allotments Association – agreed to refuse the application and recommend the group seeking funding elsewhere.**
- 10. Pear Tree Play scheme – agreed to cover the shortfall of the scheme, in a three ward split, if funding could not be found from another source.**
- 11. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Welfare Centre – granted £2000 from the Normanton and Arboretum ward allocations.**
- 12. St Thomas' Road Methodist Church – granted £1,400 from the Normanton and Arboretum ward allocations.**

12/06 Health Briefing From Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on Health Services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

13/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Afzal would be the Chair of the next meeting, at a venue yet to be confirmed.

MINUTES END