

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE – AREA 3

Wednesday 12th June 2019 at Aston Recreation Centre

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick (Chair), Councillor Peter Watson

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive Officer

Ian Hey – Community Partnership Officer

Dennis Bateman – Senior Community Safety Enforcement Officer

Debbie Ward – Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

Derbyshire County Council representatives

None.

Derbyshire Police representatives

PCSO Emma Guest, PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Colin Bennett (Elvaston Parish Council), Catherine Blackmore (Barrow on Trent Parish Council), Nancy Hawksworth (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council), Jean Longley (Aston Parish Council), Avril Record (Weston on Trent Parish Council), Lindsey Riley (Weston Parish Council), Chris Scott (Weston on Trent Parish Council), Robert Wheat (Stanton by Bridge Parish Council)

Siobhan Burton (South Derbyshire CVS)

Members of the public

Eddie Bisknell, Lucy Stephens

MA/1 **Open meeting**

• **Introductions and apologies**

Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Linda Chilton, Councillor Daniel Corbin, Councillor Jim Hewlett, Councillor David McDonald (Etwall Parish Council),

Alicia Mitchell (Shardlow & Great Wilne PC), David Smith (Melbourne Parish Council), Councillor Terry Summerlin

- **Declarations of interest**

None

- **Chair's announcements**

Frank McArdle explained that the meeting would not be quorate due to only two elected District Councillors being in attendance. Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick was subsequently elected Chair of the meeting with the election of Vice Chair to be deferred until the next quorate meeting, all were in favour.

Festival of Leisure 2019 takes place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June at Maurice Lea Park.

The new Summer Activities leaflet has been launched to promote Active South Derbyshire's summer holiday programme.

The Council has just submitted its Local Green Spaces Plan for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. Local Green Spaces are areas of land that are of value to the local community; they can be located in rural or built up areas. Once allocated, a local green space would have a policy designation similar to that of green belt, and therefore would restrict future development. The examination is expected to take place in the late summer or autumn.

- **To receive the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- **Matters arising from last minutes**

None.

MA/2 **Police Safer Neighbourhood report**

PCSO Emma Guest provided the following report: -

- 18 drivers were caught and fined for using Woodshop Lane, Swarkestone as a cut-through.
- A vehicle was caught with no insurance in Barrow on Trent.
- A male was caught driving under the influence of drugs in Melbourne.
- Numerous warning tickets have been issued to vehicles obstructing the pathway along Cockshut Lane.

- A male was arrested in the Swarkestone area, wanted for burglaries.
- Speed checks were conducted on the 26th April 2019.
- A motorcyclist was caught in Melbourne with no insurance and not wearing a helmet.
- School talks have been held in the evenings across various locations in the area.
- Three Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's) were issued to nuisance youths along the canal path for fronting a moving barge and blocking the canal.
- A CPNW was issued to an ex-resident of Melbourne causing issues in the village.
- There have been lots of incidents recently regarding dogs biting other dogs and people.
- Over the school holidays there have been reports of anti-social behaviour in regard to youths at St. Leos.
- Crime wise things have been steady over the last few weeks.

Councillor Peter Watson asked what has been done following the issues raised during the last meeting in respect to the activities going on at Arleston Lane.

Dennis Bateman updated that reports of fly-tipping would go straight to the Clean Team and went on to explain that if there is anything to be investigated whether it be minor or substantial then it will be investigated further.

In response to issues raised around Arleston Lane, Dennis advised that a CCTV camera has been sited at Arleston Lane over the last few weeks. However, due to the length of the lane there are not sufficient cameras to deploy to each and every location and during the period that the camera was in situ there was no suspicious activity recorded. Typically on the day that the camera was removed there was a fly-tip reported in that particular location.

In response to the question about siting a permanent camera on Arleston Lane it was explained that due to the relatively few reports received the cost to purchase a £3-4k camera cannot currently be justified.

Dennis reiterated his earlier point to say that members of the public should continue to report fly-tipping directly to the Clean Team and that if any evidence is found amongst the fly-tip that requires further investigation then it will be forwarded on to Dennis. Reports should only be made directly to Dennis if there is known evidence available.

Councillor Lindsey Riley of Weston Parish Council queried why a recent burglary in Weston where a man broke into a house wasn't included in the earlier Police Safer Neighbourhood Report and whether there was any update.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that the report given is a good news report and that the Safer Neighbourhood Team don't investigate burglaries.

A member of the public asked if there was any way that more information could be obtained in regard to incidents that happen in the local area.

PCSO Supervisor, Kerry Wallington Waite advised that the victim of the crime would be updated throughout the investigation but that members of the public can register for free with Derbyshire Alert to receive news and appeals, local crime information and prevention advice directly to their email.

Councillor Avril Record of Weston Parish Council queried why the Police didn't conduct a door to door check in order to determine whether anybody might have CCTV footage of the man in question following the burglary previously mentioned in Weston.

PCSO Emma Guest advised that checks would have been made. PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite added that any information or CCTV footage that could be relevant to the case should be reported to the Police by calling 101.

A member of the public asked what the Police's policy is in regard to business premise burglaries.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that if there are no lines of enquiry or CCTV footage then it can be closed off at the call centre. However, if there are any leads to follow then it will be investigated in the same way as it would with any other type of burglary.

MA/3 **Safer South Derbyshire Partnership update and Safer Neighbourhood grants**

Ian Hey provided the following update: -

- The contacts page has now been reintroduced in the Area Forum Agenda Packs and contains lots of useful contact information including that of CREST (to report speeding).

- ‘Your Choice’ events have been taking place in secondary schools across the district, coordinated by Derbyshire Police. Talks around gangs and knife crime are given by Jason Farmer who was on the verge getting into gang related trouble as a youngster in Liverpool and has since joined the Police and Dr Manny Barot who is a hate crime expert and has previously worked with right-wing extremists. These events have gone down extremely well with the schools involved and pupils have been completely engrossed.
- Nuisance motorbikes have been an issue throughout the district – operation BRESCO has now been set up in order to try and tackle the problem. Members of the Public are encouraged to get in touch and a £1000 reward is on offer for information which leads to a successful conviction. The campaign also invites motorists to upload dash-cam footage of nuisance motorbikes to the Derbyshire capture website (<https://snap.derbyshire.police.uk/>).
- Safer & Stronger Funding Stream – there is currently £4000 available for the community to spend on projects which look to address crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area. One application has been received to date for this area but will have to be deferred until the next quorate meeting before it is approved.

MA/4 **Local authority issues**

Frank McArdle updated: -

The Council is now in the process of formulating a new corporate plan which will outline key issues to be focused on over the next 4 years.

The European elections have now taken place. Figures show that 30% of people across the district voted which was in line with the national average.

Swadlincote now has a new pay as you play 9 hole golf course which is well worth a visit. In addition to this the formation of the Forest Park is now under construction with pathways and cycle tracks being put in place.

There was a major fire incident on Saturday 26th May at a local pallet yard based in Church Gresley and flames could be seen for miles around. Thankfully nobody was injured and the Fire Service did an excellent job of controlling the fire.

An unexploded Second World War bomb was found at an industrial premise located behind Sainsbury's in Swadlincote last week but luckily the device was found not to be live.

Councillor Peter Watson advised that the all contact email addresses for South Derbyshire District Council are changing from @south-derbys.gov.uk to @southderbyshire.gov.uk.

A member of the public asked whether there was a problem putting notices about the elections on notice boards or is SDDC relying completely on the website in order to communicate how and when the elections were and who was standing for election at Parish, District and European level.

Frank McArdle advised that the council are required by law to publish the fact that there is an election and who has been nominated for that election. However, the Council are not required by law to publish details of nominees for a Parish Council election or, if there is not an election called for a Parish.

The legal requirement to publish a notice has to be in the local press and also outside the office of the Returning Officer and there is no legal requirement to publish anything post-election. Members of the public can find out this information via the Council website or by calling the Elections Office if they so wish.

Councillor Lindsay Riley of Weston Parish Council queried whether there was any way of restricting the speed limit entering the village of Weston on Trent.

Frank McArdle advised that SDDC have no authority in regard to speeding issues and that the matter would need to be raised with DCC Highways and could be fed back to DCC via Councillor Neil Atkin, County Councillor for the Weston on Trent area.

ACTION: Communities Team to feedback to Councillor Neil Atkin the request to DCC to restrict the speed limit as you enter the village of Weston on Trent and report back.

MA/5 **Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update**

Siobhan Burton provided the following CVS update: -

- Health & Well-being grants are available for groups promoting healthy activities to improve physical and mental health as well as self-help groups.
- Home from Hospital Support Service – anyone can make referrals including self-referral, providing that you are over 60, registered with a GP and have limited support from family/ friends.

- Social Eating Project complements the existing food bank, held at Hill Street Baptist Church every Friday afternoon between 2:00-5:00pm.
- Food donation points in Melbourne - there aren't any currently but if anyone has any suggestions, such as a local shop then please get in touch. CVS contact details can be found on the Useful Contacts page contained within the Agenda Pack under 'Safer Homes Security Scheme'.
- Affiliation with South Derbyshire CVS is encouraged in order to further promote your group in the local area and add your group as a voice to the strategic weight when pressing for statutory recognition of community activities and involvement.
- Leaflets regarding the various services on offer can be found at the back of the room or alternatively you can visit the CVS website for more information (www.sdcvs.org.uk).

MA/6 Summary of agreed priorities/ actions

- New corporate plan – residents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the existing plan which can be found on the SDDC website and feedback to their elected members anything they feel should be included in the new plan.
- Communities Team to feedback to Councillor Neil Atkin the request to DCC to restrict the speed limit as you enter the village of Weston on Trent and report back.

MA/7 Close and date of next meeting

Wednesday 2nd October 2019.

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:30pm