

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

NEWHALL – AREA 5

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Midway Community Centre

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Sean Bambrick (Chair), Councillor Louise Mulgrew, Councillor Linda Stuart.

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Gary Musson, Councillor Peter Smith.

Derbyshire Police representatives

Inspector Mike Sisman
Sergeant Tarjinderjit Nizzer
PCSO Karen Coldicott
PCSO Rachael Jackson

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Alan Jones – Hartshorne Parish Council
Selina Waltho – South Derbyshire CVS

Members of the Public

Alan Argent, Pat Bambrick, Eddie Bisknell, Cat Bray, Alan Hillier, Richard House, Ron Hughes, David James, Colin Maddock, Lynn Murdock, Carol Smith, Glenys Tagg, Ron Trim.

1. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Paul Dunn, Councillor Robert Pearson, Councillor Kevin Richards, Mary Richards.

c) Chair's Announcements



Thank you to the Events Team at SDDC and all the volunteers for their hard work at the Festival of Leisure which took place on 25th & 26th June. It was a great success and the event attracted thousands of Locals to Maurice Lea Park; lots of fun was had by all.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

Councillor Peter Smith gave an update regarding a footpath in Newhall, from Meadow Lane to Church Street. Councillor Smith explained there will be a meeting with Mr House and himself to discuss the work going on with regards to the footpath.

Councillor Sean Bambrick, Chair, thanked Councillor Smith for all of his hard work.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Rachel Jackson gave the following update:

Since the last forum meeting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have taken part in the Nationwide Biannual 'Op sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week the SNT completed test purchase operations at different shops throughout the area to which no shops failed and did not sell any knives to individuals who they shouldn't.

The SNT set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages.

Knife surrender bins were advertised and placed in different locations on different dates.

We have completed talks around knife crime at local Childrens residential homes, Newhall juniors, Elmsleigh infants, Newhall support centre and Newhall army Cadets.

Pavements in local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre using stencils and chalk spray which were provided by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to the SNT, also by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership, to help us with our patrols - so a huge thankyou to them for our bikes.

We have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

- 1) Speeding



2) ASB in Open Spaces

3) School Parking

We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens platinum Jubilee Celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the many weekend celebrations.

Banners relating to parking near schools were funded by Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership and have been put up at local schools highlighting safe parking.

Talks and engagement events have taken place at local Children's residential homes and local primary and secondary Schools along with progressing a new 'Mini Police' initiative which will be coming soon.

Also, we have taken part in events such as, stroll with SNT, Bike Marking in Newhall, a community engagement event at Garden King, an engagement event at The Old Post Newhall and Swadlincote Youth Club at William Allitt.

Horse road safety posts have been published on our social media pages, relating to issues with vehicles overtaking horses poorly.

Numerous speed checks have been carried out as part of our neighbourhood priorities.

Many vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/ or driver's having no driving licence.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five WANTED persons being arrested, a positive outcome for everyone.

Following the appeal which related to different burglaries and vehicle crimes throughout the local area, the SNT team arrested a male in connection.

A warrant was conducted in Newhall whereby a £50,000 Cannabis Grow was located inside the property.

The Police and Crime Commissioner visited Swadlincote to engage with local residents and conducted a walk about Swadlincote with the SNT.

Your local SNT helped the Newhall Litter Pick Community Group at Newhall Park.

In terms of E-Scooters, we have sent a message to all schools asking them to send it onto all parents relating to the Law and Safety around E-Scooters. We continue to engage and enforce those using E-Scooters.

Following a spate of theft of vehicles throughout Derbyshire, SALCU have arrested and charged five men.



Inspector Sisman updated:

There are set to be five new Constables joining the team mid-August, with many PCSO's now returning to the team as PC's who will be based in the Call Out Response Team.

Within the SNT, Rob McGlade who was a PC within the team has now been promoted to Sergeant and will begin his new role soon.

In terms of visibility, we currently have fourteen PCSO's within the SNT and are currently going through the rigorous training and recruitment process. It is a matter which takes time, and we are competing with other industries, but this is a work in progress and something which we are working on. But it is our priority to staff the 24/7 response team to full capacity.

Due to the ever-growing population, our staff are in demand and I am pleased to say we have great support from surrounding neighbourhoods and their Policing Teams.

As a partnership, we will take action and work together with the Council. Together, we have previously had fantastic outcomes through working as a partnership and we will do what we can here. SDDC ASB Officer, Claire Rawlins helps immensely. There has recently been a number of young people causing problems in the area, we have pushed boundaries within our partnership and we get the results.

A member of the Public thanked the Police for their work regarding a recent incident with two youth on motor bikes.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking outside Granville school.

PCSO Coldicott explained when the Police are there, they do have an impact – but it is not visible for them to be there all the time.

Councillor Peter Smith highlighted that the Newhall Community Speed Watch are ready to begin but more volunteers are needed. Councillor Smith explained, members of the meeting can pass on details to himself or the Chair and they will get things in place for the relevant training to be undertaken.

A member of the Public asked if the Mini-Police Scheme is just open to the one school.

PCSO Coldicott explained it will only be in one school in South Derbyshire at the moment as it is a new initiative but will be fed out to other schools in the future.

Sergeant Nizzer explained the SNT visit schools on a regular basis, if there is a particular issue with a particular school, let the SNT know, and they will pay a visit.



A member of the public raised concerns over speeding on the A444 between Stanton Primary School and Park Road as the speed camera does not seem to deter people from speeding.

Sergeant Nizzer explained speed operations will continue to be carried out in that area, the Police are aware of the issues, and we are trying to tackle it.

ACTION: SNT to look into speeding concerns in Stanton – specifically on the A444 near Stanton Primary School.

A member of the public raised concerns over people using motorcycles on the land of the Old Colliery Land, Stanton.

ACTION: SNT to look into the motorcycles being used in Stanton Lane Colliery Land – usually a Sunday.

Chair, Councillor Bambrick explained the fencing is back up at Stanton Colliery Lane and that the Councillors are aware of the issues. Work is in progress to make it a safe site.

A member of the public explained that people have been sleeping in there.

Inspector Sisman explained that people should report such incidents online or ring 101.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Debbie Punter gave the following update:

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.

Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as S106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant scheme.

Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May where 350+ over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.



Street Whyze project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (Previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include 12 weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.

Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more northern areas of the district.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS' and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a national knife crime awareness week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch

There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24 whereby 16 pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on Fake ID's. During the meeting two, three year Banning Orders were agreed to by members of the scheme in relation to two separate incidents involving females that had assaulted bar staff.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against antisocial behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects



Grants of up to £5000 will be allocated to successful applicants who can show evidence of how they will make a difference to the local community. More information can be found on the PCC's website.

Scams Awareness Fortnight

June 13th-26th was Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Councils website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding

We have had one application from The Old Post Centre in Newhall, for a contribution to upgrade their CCTV system, they are asking for a total of £275.

There is still money left for the area, so any projects which could help with crime and disorder or community safety could be entitled to funding from us.

Chair, Councillor Bambrick asked how long the money is available for.

Debbie Punter explained the money is available until the end of March 2023.

A member of the public raised concerns over litter from pubs in the area.

ACTION: Debbie Punter to raise at the next Pubwatch meeting, concerns of beer bottle littering around the Newhall Area.

Chair, Councillor Bambrick explained this is a potential issue from people purchasing from supermarkets and littering rather than pubs within the area.

A member of the public raised concerns over the grass cutting schedule with specific regard to the grass verge on the corner of Lady Fields.

ACTION: Debbie Punter to look into the grass cutting schedule, specifically on corner of Lady Fields by South Drive.

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Selina Waltho gave the following update:

Active Travel

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last 3 months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. For referrals and enquiries, please call 01283 219761 or contact projectsupport@sdcvss.org.uk.

Befriending



Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last 3 months we have supported 50 individuals and 600 contacts based on 1 visit per week. For referrals and enquiries please call, 01283 219761 or email connect@sdcv.org.uk.

Handy Person Help at Home Support Service

This service provides practical solutions for those who need a bit of help to stay independent in their own homes. We can help with grab rails, key safes and other minor adjustments. In the last 3 months we have received 70 referrals. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This scheme has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last 3 months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and procedures will be put in place to keep everyone involved safe. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 817417 or email home@dhfh.org.uk.

Safer Homes

This service is available to offer advice and practical assistance to people who have been victims of crime or are vulnerable. Over the last 3 months we have supported 93 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 219761 or email projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is now operating from Hill St Baptist Church in Swadlincote, and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the last 3 months the Food Bank have supplied 356 food parcels and supported 449 adults and 260 children. Please telephone 07458 305314 for any enquiries.

Community Development Team

The team supports local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please contact development@sdcv.org.uk



Connected South Derbyshire

This is a project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact, BethanyO@sdcv.org.uk.

Volunteer Force

The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers. Whilst providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, volunteer@sdcv.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project

Since January 2021 the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more on health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information please contact, Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk.

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter) Communications

We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us, please visit www.sdcv.org.uk.

- Send out regular e-bulletins
- External events/training
- Job vacancies
- Volunteering opportunities
- Funding

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website www.sdcv.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcv.org.uk

Non-Digital Communications

- Sharing information through our outreach work – handing out leaflets and posters which can be displayed on Parish notice boards.
- We've been looking at using the different community magazines which have an enormous reach out to local people in South Derbyshire.
- Attending more community events to chat to local people and raise our profile.

Surveys

Digital Inclusion



SDCVS want to understand the challenges and extent of digital exclusion in South Derbyshire. We need the local community to help us establish why some people are digitally excluded. What are the barriers to connecting and using digital equipment and how can we help people become more connected?

Accessibility

SDCVS are keen to understand the issues and concerns residents of Swadlincote may have in relation to access to the retail and leisure facilities in the town centre.

We're undertaking a survey to help us understand the needs of the community we serve. We are especially keen to engage with people who have a disability or mobility issues, which make accessing the Swadlincote town centre difficult.

Office Move

46-48 Grove Street has now been sold and we are currently looking for new premises in Swadlincote where we will also re-locate the Food Bank. We will update on this matter once more detail has been confirmed.

5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Ardip Sandhu gave the following update:

Heathy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

The Fund provides funding of up to £10,000 as discretionary assistance to ensure vulnerable or disabled households living in private sector properties can live in homes that are safe and free from serious defects or hazards, are warm and secure.

The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.

Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:

- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.
- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.



In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.

Referrals to the project can be made by contacting environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

The applicant must be deemed capable as living independently and works will be determined on case-by-case basis. Eligible works can include:

- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards
- Heating repairs or improvement
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

Again, referrals can be made to environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The aim of both the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund and the Hospital Discharge Scheme is to:

- Increase the number of people living at home independently and safely
- Reduce the number of serious hazards
- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) is a Government/ Local Authority funded initiative to install energy saving measures in Council properties. In total South Derbyshire District Council has £1.6 million to spend in this wave.



Approximately 111 properties are included in South Derbyshire District Council Wave 1. Installed measures may include cavity, loft and external wall insulation, A+++ window glazing, insulated doors but could include other appropriate measures that will raise the overall energy performance to a 'C' rating.

Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services

South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

A vital part of this review process is for the Council to understand how South Derbyshire residents and visitors use the current local leisure facilities alongside people's general attitude towards physical activity and exercise.

Answers provided will help the Council understand what barriers may be preventing people from being more physically active and using local leisure facilities more, and what can be done to help overcome these.

The survey's questions focus on people's leisure, sport and physical activity habits. All responses are anonymous, and the survey is open to people aged 15 plus who live or visit South Derbyshire.

To complete the survey, please visit [Online Community Survey 2022](#) or there is a QR code which can be scanned on your mobile phones.

The survey is open until 22 July 2022.

A member of the public raised a query regarding the electric charging points at Rink Way as it seems non-electric cars park in the spaces where the charging points are. A question was raised as to how you pay.

ACTION: Debbie Punter to take back concerns of electric charging points at Rink Way with non-electric cars parking in the charging point bays.

Chair, Councillor Bambrick confirmed you pay by card at the charging points.

A member of the public raised concerns over the road repairs which are required at Durham Close, Midway.

ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to look into the road repairs required at Durham Close, Lower Midway.



A member of the public raised concerns over the mini-island on between Alma Road, John Street and Oversettes Road due to the danger that could be caused as people do not look the correct way.

ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to report back to DCC Highways on the mini round about, between John Street, Alma Drive and Oversettes Road RE: lack of give way signs.

A member of the public raised concerns over grass management as the lawn has not been cut by SDDC on the Green by Edgecote Drive.

ACTION: Debbie Punter to raise grass cutting on Edgecote Drive verge (to gather individual contact details at the end of the meeting) with those concerned.

A member of the public raised concerns over the state of the pavements opposite The White Horse (now an Indian Restaurant) and the pavement leading to the Bus Stop on Park Road, Stanton. Also, the footpath which leads from Stanton to Newhall, the old railway lines.

ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to raise the state of the pavements [to DCC Highways] opposite The White Horse (now an Indian Restaurant) and the pavement leading to the Bus Stop on Park Road.

ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to follow up with DCC regarding the footpath which leads from Stanton to Newhall (old railway lines).

A member of the public asked when the Dog Wardens are working.

Debbie Punter explained they work full time.

Councillor Musson explained to the members of the meeting that if you report any issues on DCC Website, you can track updates of the issue.

A member of the public raised concerns over dog fouling on Newhall Park.

Chair, Councillor Bambrick explained the clean team are there on a regular basis.

A member of the public raised concerns over the state of the steps at the junction of FP 91, 22 and 23.

ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to look into the rotting and missing steps up the bank at the junction of FP 91, 23 & 22.

6. Summary of Agreed Actions



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7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at St John's Church, Newhall.

Councillor Sean Bambrick
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:53pm



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