



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING
REPTON AREA 2
Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2022, at 6:30pm

Stenson Fields Community Centre

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Kerry Haines (Chair), Councillor Lakvinder Singh, Councillor David Shepherd.

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive Officer
Sean McBurney – Head of Cultural and Community Services
Debbie Punter – Community Safety Officer
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin and Councillor David Muller.

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Inspector Mike Sisman
PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite PC Stefan Bancroft

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Susan Browne – Findern Parish Council
Paul Collyshaw – Ticknall Parish Council
David Dickinson – Repton Parish Council
Charles Fellows – Stenson Fields Parish Councils
Jonathan Sheldon – Repton Parish Council

Members of the Public

Findern Footpaths Group

R/A 8. Open Meeting

Introductions and Housekeeping

Councillor Kerry Haines introduced herself and informed the meeting she would be sitting in as Chair of Meeting in Councillor MacPherson's absence.

Apologies

Councillor Martin Ford, Councillor Andrew MacPherson.

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Chair's Announcements

The Chair's Chosen Charity

The Chair of South Derbyshire District Council has officially named the NSPCC as his chosen charity for the remainder of his year in office. (It was formally Bank House, but unfortunately, they no longer exist as a charity).

Summer Scheme

The Active Communities and Health Team have received a lot of appreciation for the Summer Playschemes return after the two-year absence for Covid.

Over 80 sessions of sports and activity took place across the District over the Summer Holidays and a great deal of praise and thanks have been received from grateful parents for the free Sessions.

Participation this year was fantastic with 5,547 young people attending the sessions, which is an increase of nearly 1000 on 2019 figures.

Councillor Shepherd thanked Councillor Atkin for all his work with the previous report back.

R/A 9. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PC Bancroft and Inspector Sisman gave the following update:

The SNT have supported many events around the Queen's Funeral.

In the coming months, we will be welcoming new Officer's into South Derbyshire SNT with the amount of Student Officers increasing.

Our goal is to get on PC in each area of South Derbyshire.

Recently, we have had lots of local incidents resolved positively.

Regarding burglaries at the moment, they are pretty low but there have been a few on business premises.

Safeguarding is always a priority as well as vulnerability. Domestic Abuse is also a huge priority at the moment in the local area.

Regarding Foremark Reservoir, we have recently attended a meeting to discuss the issues and how they've been resolved over the past year. There were no issues brought up at the meeting, a very positive outcome.

We are trying to arrange a Community Speed Watch Group in Milton and Willington. We are liaising with an Officer at the moment to get that started.

In Willington, there have been no major concerns. One shop has recently been the target of a robbery, they have been supported and we have been out and offered reassurance to local residents and other businesses.



In terms of good results, we received intelligence from the Public which was extremely helpful in catching two drink drivers. One blew 153 and the other 75 – the legal limit stands at 55.

In Ticknall, positive action has been taken on a ridiculously parked car. It has been dealt with and will be going to Court.

We have recently set out new priorities:

- Off-Road Bikes (community intelligence will be key for this)
- E-Scooters (education around them and the enforcement which can take place)
- Online Safety) prevention and education for all ages)

Councillor Haines thanked the SNT for all their hard work.

Councillor Atkin asked how many traffic vehicles we have, and do they cover this area regularly?

Inspector Sisman responded; the traffic vehicles are all part of our Road Policing Team. They are mostly task driven and they have both marked and plain cars too. We regularly task the A50 and A38 but primarily their job is to deal with Road Traffic Accidents (RTA's). We do have a well-covered area here and we do come into the rural areas of the District too.

Councillor Shepherd expressed the worry of Stenson Fields Parish Council in terms of lack of Police presence in the Ward.

Inspector Sisman explained, recently a large number of PCSO's have gone onto become PC's. We are looking at the growth of the area and looking at how we can reevaluate as to where our sources will be based. Hopefully, next year, we will be back up to the levels which we expect.

Repton Parish Council raised concerns over the increasing number of Deer on the road leading from Milton to Ticknall.

ACTION: Debbie Punter report to DCC regarding Deer Signage between Milton and Ticknall.

Bretby Parish Council raised concerns over inconsiderate parking on Bretby Lane.

ACTION: SNT to look at the nuisance parking on Bretby Lane.

Findern footpaths group brought up the vandalism and graffiti in some areas. They kindly asked if anything could be done to remove what has currently been done and prevent anything happening again in the future.

ACTION: Debbie Punter to liaise with SDDC Environmental Health Team RE: Wildlife Cameras for Findern Footpaths Group

Findern Parish Council raised concerns over, school children waiting for the bus and potentially misusing the Village Green.

ACTION: SNT to visit Findern Green Area due to youths playing football inconsiderately



Action: SNT to speak to John Port School about youths playing football inconsiderately on Findern Green Area

R/A 10. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Debbie punter gave the following update:

ASB Awareness Week

July 18th marked the start of ASB Awareness Week which was promoted by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (SDCSP) at Swadlincote Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, July 16, 2022. SDDC held a stand at the Open Day (just prior to the beginning of ASB Awareness Week) to help promote ASB Awareness Week and other services. Other partners in attendance at the event were South Derbyshire CVS, promoting the Safer Homes and Handy Person Help at Home Schemes and the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (and the Fire Service of course!). ASB Awareness Packs were provided to anyone residing in South Derbyshire, who were experiencing issues with ASB, and included an ASB incident diary log, information about what is/ isn't classed as ASB together with contact information for Core Victim Services.

Hate Crime Awareness Week

Saturday 8th through to Saturday 15th October marks Hate Crime Awareness Week. The national week aims to encourage the authorities (Government, Police and Councils), key partners and communities affected by hate crime to work together to tackle local hate crime incidents across the UK. For more information about Hate Crime, including types and how you can report hate crime you can visit www.nationalhcaaw.uk and look out for updates via the SDCSP and SDDC FB pages.

ASB in Hillside Playing Field, Findern

Following reports of ASB and littering around a particular park bench located at Hillside Playing Field it was decided to install an additional waste bin next to the problem area and works are also planned to cut back some of the trees and hedges around the entrance to the park to help improve visibility and deter individuals from causing ASB in the area.

Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Stream

To date only one application has been received for this area during this financial year (ending 31.03.23). The successful project was submitted by Repton Parish Council for funding towards a streetlight along a well-used footpath to make people feel safer. (£1410 towards a total project cost of £1880).

Funding is still available for local community groups, parish councils, clubs & associations and not for profit organisations. The aim of the funding is to give local groups and organisations the opportunity to develop projects to make their community feel safer and stronger and to enhance the local community. The maximum amount that can be applied for (per project) is £2,500 and applications will need to demonstrate how the project will impact on reducing or preventing crime and disorder/ anti-social behaviour/ support development of new community groups and projects. For more details, please visit the Council Website or contact Debbie Punter in the Communities Team on 01283 595858.



R/A 11. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Roger Moors 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 three months we have supported 82 individuals and had 243 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries call 01283 219761 or email, projectsupport@sdcv.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 three months we have supported 52 individuals and 624 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries 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 three months we have received 81 referrals and 124 visits. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 219761 or email, handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This service 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 three months we have supported 190 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 with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver this service. 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. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have supported 133 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. For referrals and enquiries please call, 01283 219761 or email projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank has now moved to Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free

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emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the period April – June we distributed 306 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 402 adults and 244 children and signposted people to 58 different services. To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314.

Community Development Team

The team support 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 email development@sdcvcs.org.uk. In the period April – June 2022 the Team supported 89 individual groups supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment. We organised five funders' workshops, a Volunteer Fayre, a Children & Young People's Network, a Food Network and four Community Networks (Hilton, Hatton and Etwall).

Connected South Derbyshire

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. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock has just joined SDCVS on this project and will be focusing on developing more community networks within South Derbyshire.

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 and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, Volunteer@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Corporate Volunteers

We have started to work with corporate businesses who are keen for their staff to volunteer to give something back to their local community and be more aware of the many issues that residents in South Derbyshire are experiencing. So far, we've had support with a gardening and a painting project.

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 around health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information contact, Selinaw@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Communications

We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies,



volunteering opportunities and funding – www.sd cvs.org.uk.

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

We continue to target our non-digital audiences through our outreach work – leaflets/posters on parish notice boards, using the community magazines and attending more community events.

Other Exciting News

- Our Active Travel contract which we felt was under threat has been extending for a further year to 30 September 2023.
- We've recently secured a brand-new contract with Derbyshire County Council called Derbyshire Time Swap. This contract is about supporting people across the county to embrace the benefits of time banking which is a way of exchanging skills without any money changing hands. You do what you love, when you want to... and get a little help when you need it. For every hour you spend helping someone, you earn an hourback from your time bank. SDCVS will be employing five new staff in the following areas - South Derbyshire & Erewash, Bolsover & NE Derbyshire, High Peak & ½ Derbyshire Dales and Amber Valley & ½ Derbyshire Dales.
- Derbyshire Befriending – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website is now LIVE at www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk. You can find out about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer.

This year the Foodbank has supported individuals living in more outlying areas as follows: 8 Findern, 21 Willington, 46 Repton, 23 Littleover, 11 Stenson Fields, 48 Etwall, 2 Egginton, 42 Hilton and 16 Hatton.

We have been helping the Ukrainian refugees in the area. We have worked very closely with one Landlord who has gone out and helped around five families.

We have now moved premises and our building is called “The Hive”. We can be found at the back of Sharpe’s Pottery in Swadlincote (The Old Bank House Building).

Councillor Haines asked how the logistics of the foodbank work in getting the food to Swadlincote from villages in the Repton Area?

Roger explained, as far as donations are concerned, if schools or large groups do a collection, we can arrange to collect to save people traveling to Swadlincote.

R/A 12. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Frank McArdle gave the following update:

South Derbyshire Local Plan

South Derbyshire has an adopted Local Plan which sets out where new housing, employment, retail, and other development should go, up to 2028. The Local Plan also includes policies that are used to determine planning applications.



Government policy requires that Local Plans are reviewed every five years to see if they need updating and the Council has decided that the time is right to update the Local Plan.

This 'Issues and Options' consultation, is the first formal consultation as part of this update to the Local Plan. Its purpose is to ensure that the Emerging Local Plan covers all the right issues including housing, jobs, infrastructure, health, climate change and the built and natural environment. We would like to hear your views and ideas on the issues and options we will need to take into account.

How you can have your say ...

The consultation commences on 10th October 2022. Information regarding the consultation and how you can have your say, can be found on our website at: www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/issuesandoptions, and on the leaflets at the back of the room.

A series of drop-in consultation events have taken place around the District throughout October and the beginning of November.

Drop-in sessions will also take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am – 4pm at the Council Offices throughout the consultation.

We welcome your comments on the consultation document until 5pm on 5th December 2022.

Social Decarbonisation Funding Update

The Government has proposed a £3.8bn Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund over a 10-year period, to improve the energy performance of social rented homes.

There has been a slight delay to the original programme as we have worked with the designer to identify measures that despite unprecedented cost inflationary pressures, can be delivered within the original budget whilst meeting the improvement target set by central government. It is anticipated that work to install measures under the wave 1 scheme will commence by early November 2022 and the first schemes to benefit will be sheltered homes at Resthaven (Swadlincote), Peniston Rise/ Close (Melbourne) and Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) with other sites following on and completed by 31 March 2023.

The council intends to submit a bid to fund a further 160 properties under Wave 2.1 which if successful will commence in April 2023 and be delivered over two years. Many lessons have been learned during the SHDF wave 1 project that will improve both the quality of the bid and the delivery programme.

Green Homes Grant

Update given by Steph Thandi

The Council is encouraging eligible homeowners in South Derbyshire to apply for free grant funding to improve the energy efficiency of their home and reduce their fuel bills.

The grant, of up to £10,000, is part of a government-backed scheme to help successful applicants improve the energy performance of their home through loft and cavity wall insulation.

A homeowner's total household income must be below £30k and the property must have an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or lower to be eligible for the free grant.



Links to the application forms and further information can be found on the Council Webpage, just search for Green Homes Grant.

Councillor Atkin asked if there would be a local planning consultation in Aston on Trent?

ACTION: Frank McArdle to liaise with Steffan Saunders RE: drop-in sessions for the Local Plan at Aston.

Councillor Shepherd raised concerns over the difficulties with the online form for the Local Plan: Issues and Options Consultation.

ACTION: Frank McArdle to feedback to Head of Planning difficulties raised with the online form for the Local Plan: Issues and Options Consultation Form.

Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
Debbie Punter report to DCC regarding deer signage between Milton and Ticknall	Debbie Punter
SNT to look at the nuisance parking on Bretby Lane	SNT
Debbie Punter to liaise with SDDC Environmental Health Team RE: Wildlife Cameras for Findern Footpaths Group	Debbie Punter
SNT to visit Findern Green Area due to youths playing football inconsiderately	SNT
SNT to speak to John Port School about youths playing football inconsiderately on Findern Green Area	SNT
Frank McArdle to liaise with Steffan Saunders RE: drop-in sessions for the Local Plan at Aston. Steffan to email Cllr Atkin with an update.	Frank McArdle
Frank McArdle to feedback to Head of Planning difficulties raised with the online form for the Local Plan: Issues and Options Consultation Form.	Frank McArdle

Close and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th February, 2023 at Findern Village Hall.

Councillor Kerry Haines
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 19:38.

