

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

20th April 2009

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Bladen (Chairman), Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Hood, Murray, Taylor and Mrs. Wheeler.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), P. White (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

District and County Council Representative

Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Jones.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant T. Cadman.

Derbyshire Primary Care Trust

K. Mann (Head of Dental and Eye Care Commissioning) and R. Carroll (Project Manager).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

R. Paulson (Repton Parish Council) and R. Statham (Woodville Parish Council).

Members of the Public

C. Cook, J. Cownie, L. Dyas, M. Lunn, S. Read, R. Statham and M. Thornton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor M. Stanton, J. Burley, N. Cumming, J. Cownie, A. Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillespie, J. Orme, K. Overton and J. Stamford.

RA/27. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant T. Cadman addressed the Meeting, giving an update on police issues. He advised that figures for reported crime had recently reduced by 7.5% and there had also been a reduction in assault crimes with injuries by 27%. However, burglaries had increased by 30% across the County.

Details were provided of a new police policy entitled “Restorative Justice”, which had taken effect from 1st April 2009. The policy related to minor criminal/public order situations where discretion was given to allow the Police to deal with such incidents in consultation with other agencies, alleviating the need for Court appearances.

It was advised that the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings had given priority to consideration of anti-social behaviour incidents, notably in the Woodville area. There was a current traffic operation in local residential areas. There had been a recent PCSO change in the Repton area, following the transfer of Amanda Beer to the Newhall area and the appointment of Kelly Barrett to Repton.

With regard to an issue raised at the last Meeting concerning the inappropriate use of the pathways linking the Pastures to Mitre Drive, Repton by a number of youths, it was noted that PC Fearn had liaised with the Chairman on this matter. Arising from a further issue concerning motor cyclists travelling on the main roads through Willington village towards Hall Lane, increased Police patrols in the vicinity had been arranged.

An issue was raised concerning anti-social behaviour at Millfield Street, Woodville. Particular reference was made to night-time disturbances from the Goseley Estate, Hartshorne. It was suggested that the matter could be reported at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting to enable possible crime reduction measures to be considered. A further issue was raised with regard to youths congregating outside the Catholic Church in Darklands Road, Swadlincote, causing disturbances late at night. The policies of the Local Authorities and of the police in dealing with such issues were queried and it was suggested that all Authorities lobby the Government in this regard.

It was agreed:-

- (1) To refer these matters to the local Officer, PC Oliver, for further investigation.**
- (2) To consider possible crime reduction measures at the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting.**
- (3) To advise at the next meeting of the Local Authorities and police policies with regard to dealing with such issues.**

A local resident raised the issue of car vandalism in Talbot Street, Regent Street and Oxford Street, Church Gresley at the weekends. A number of the incidents had been reported to the Police and CCTV had now been installed in the area.

It was agreed that the Police investigate the matter.

A road safety issue was raised with regard to the inadequate signage leading to the traffic lights at the Masons Arms Public House, at the A511/Sandcliffe Road, Midway junction.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council would investigate the matter further and report back at the next Meeting.

RA/28. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that the District Council had learnt of the sad news of the passing away of Mr. Derrick Adams of Hartshorne Parish Council. Those present at the Meeting stood for a minute's silence in honour of Mr. Adams.

RA/29. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Repton Area Forum held on 27th January 2009 were noted.

Arising from Minute No. RA/22, paragraph 3, in connection with the re-erection of road safety signs along the A514, the Forum Liaison Officer advised that the County Council did not intend to provide Traffic Orders, although the Traffic Safety Officer had advised that the traffic calming measures would be made more permanent. Further traffic issues were raised in the areas of Blackfordby Lane, Butt Lane and the Clock Garage roundabout at Woodville. It was requested that the Ward Members be advised of further progress with regard to these issues.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council would investigate the matter further, in consultation with the local Ward Members and report back to the next Meeting.

With regard to Minute No. RA/23, paragraph 11, in relation to Willington Station, concern was raised regarding the untidy condition of this site.

It was agreed to forward a letter to Network Rail requesting that the site be tidied.

RA/30. **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE DERBYSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

The Area Forum received presentations from Keith Mann, Head of Dental and Eye Care Commissioning and Roopam Carroll, Practice Based Commissioning Manager from the Derbyshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), to provide information on the services provided by the Trust in the local area.

It was noted that the PCT was a statutory body legally obliged to provide health services. It was provided with a budget from the Department of the Environment of £1.1 billion, within which the primary and community care budget was £378 million (approximately 34%). The PCT had been established in October 2006 and was now the eighth largest Trust in the Country and positioned within the top 20% of the best performing PCT's. Further details were provided with regard to world class commissioning; the PCT's strategy for "improving health and wellbeing in Derbyshire"; the PCT's priorities; its strategic vision; services provided within South Derbyshire and commissioning issues.

A number of questions were raised, in particular with regard to patients' freedom of choice; differing appointment hours between practices; a request for additional provision of services in the Willington and Findern areas; the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and confidential information requested prior to issuing appointments. Suitable responses were provided to the issues raised.

A further matter discussed related to expenditure by the PCT of capital sums accumulated from Section 106 Agreements, following significant residential developments. It was noted that there had been a large population migration into the District, particularly in the Woodville area. However, it was considered that the health services provided had not been increased in line with the growth of the District.

The Officers were thanked for their informative presentation.

It was agreed to investigate the matter further and to provide a response to a future Meeting.

RA/31. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

A report had been circulated with the agenda, which provided an update on the issues raised at the last Meeting.

With regard to the repair of the grass verges at the site of the former South Lodge Older Peoples Home, Salisbury Drive, Midway, Councillor Murray asked to be included in consultations on this matter.

Following a request for an explanation of the proposals with regard to the revocation of waiting restrictions in Repton, it was advised that, prior to the publication of the proposals for public comment, initial consultation would be undertaken with District Council and Parish Council Members.

RA/32. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Clarification was sought with regard to the continuation of the service provided by the Public Footpaths Officer at the District Council. It was noted that this issue would be considered further at the next Meeting of the Environmental and Development Services Committee.

Concern was raised about airborne dust causing a potential health hazard arising from the business activities of a local company in Woodville. This matter had already been raised with an Environmental Health Officer. It was suggested that a representative from the Environment Agency could be invited to attend a future Meeting to advise further on such matters.

It was agreed to investigate this matter further and to report back to the next Meeting.

RA/33. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES – UPDATE ON VISION AND PRIORITIES 2009/14**

The Director of Corporate Services gave an update on the Corporate Plan for 2009/14. It was advised that the new Plan had been developed following a large consultation exercise and the Council had a new vision “Making South Derbyshire a Better Place to Live, Work and Visit”. The Corporate Plan had four new themes:-

- Sustainable growth and opportunities
- Safe and Secure
- Lifestyle Choices
- Value for Money

A brief overview was provided on each of the new themes, followed by the values of the District Council, which included:-

- Put customers first
- Set clear targets
- Act decisively
- Need for success
- Actively listen and resolve problems
- Develop our people
- Maintain value for money via continuous improvement
- Treat people fairly

RA/34. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 9.10 p.m.