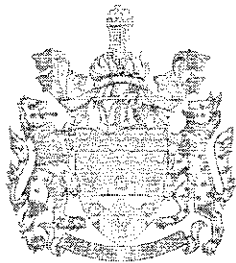


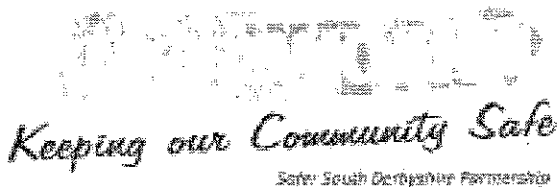
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Neighbourhoods



South  
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and

# Linton Area Forum (7.30pm to 8.30pm)

Tuesday 23rd October 2012

Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre,  
Elms Road,  
Coton-in-the-Elms,  
Swadlincote,  
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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 11th October 2012
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 18th October 2012
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 24th October 2012
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 30th October 2012
COUNCIL	Thursday, 1st November 2012
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 20th November 2012
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 22nd November 2012
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 29th November 2012
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 6th December 2012
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 11th December 2012
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 12th December 2012
Audit Sub Committee ( <i>starts at 4.00 p.m.</i> )	Wednesday, 19th December 2012
Environmental & Development Services Committee (Special - Budget)	Thursday, 10th January 2013
Housing and Community Services Committee (Special – Budget)	Tuesday, 15th January 2013
Finance and Management Committee (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 17th January 2013
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 22nd January 2013
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 23rd January 2013
COUNCIL	Thursday, 24th January 2013
Finance and Management Committee (Special – NNDR)	Monday, 28th January 2013
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 31st January 2013
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 7th February 2013
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 12th February 2013
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 20th February 2013
Audit Sub Committee ( <i>starts at 4.00 p.m.</i> )	Wednesday, 20th February 2013
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 21st February 2013
COUNCIL	Monday, 4th March 2013



## **AGENDA**

### **SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 6**

**6.15 pm, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**  
**Coton in the Elms Community Centre**

**(Light refreshments will be served from 5.45 pm)**

1. Chair's introduction, Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview /Priorities Update
4. Question and Answer Surgery
5. Agreed Priorities
6. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
7. Any Other Business

Meeting close (7.15 pm) and date of next meeting

## AREA 6 – SOUTH AREA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Sheila Jackson (Chair); PC Dan Leedham; PCSO Dave McMillan; Phil Marriott; Cllr Bob Wheeler; David Bird; Carole Knight; Cllr Mike Lacey; Mary Horne; Linda Roberts (SDDC); Cllr Charles Jones; Janice Pallett; Carol Wright; John Powell; Wendy Bruce; Gareth Evans (SDDC); Cllr Margaret Hall; Alan Lees; S Sharp; Mel Patrick</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Sarah Winfield, Clerk</p>	<p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Overseal Village Hall</p>

	Action
<p><b>1 Chair's Introduction, Apologies</b></p> <p>Sheila Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made from the panel.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Oliver Pallett; Sue Jones; Karen Radford; Wendy Wadsworth</p>	
<p><b>2 Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions</b></p> <p>Minutes were agreed as a true record of the last meeting.</p> <p>PCSO McMillan had spoken with Arriva regarding speeding buses through Netherseal.</p>	
<p><b>3 Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update</b></p> <p>PCSO McMillan ran through crime statistics for Area 6 from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Assaults have remained the same (6 previously) Dwelling burglaries have reduced by 66% - this is a direct result from the SelectaDNA operation carried out recently in the area Thefts from vehicles have increased by 240% - this has increased owing to 20 catalytic converters being stolen during one month. Criminal damage has reduced by 66% All crime has reduced by 2% Anti-social behaviour has reduced by 3%</p>	

	<p>One male has been arrested for selling drugs in Walton on Trent. Six youths have been dealt with by Police for ASB. PCSO McMillan has been involved in settling neighbour disputes and giving road traffic talks in primary schools.</p> <p>Priorities update  Metal thefts have reduced by 39% since April in Area 6. Police have been frequently visiting scrap yards, stopping and searching scrap collectors, checking licences and vehicle contents.  One person charged in Coton for using a loud speaker  All pubs showing the England games were visited during the football championships. No incidents occurred.  PC Leedham confirmed that some officers would be working at the Olympics but no disruptions anticipated.  Cllr Lacey confirmed that 170 officers would be on regular shift patterns over the Olympics period. Cllr Lacey issued thanks to the Police for doing a fantastic job and working as a close team, which resulted in the lowest crime figures in Derbyshire.</p>	
4	<p><b>Question and Answer Surgery</b></p> <p>Cllr Wheeler raised that speeding in Linton was becoming an increasing problem as he had personally received a number of complaints. Linton residents agreed that this was a major issue in the village.</p> <p>Overseal residents thanked the Police for their excellent policing at a recent gala parade. Committee will contact Police in future if the event is likely to be cancelled.</p> <p>Resident raised that many people are receiving calls from a company selling burglar alarms. These callers are pressurised sales people and can get aggressive if told no. This had been discussed on Radio Derby. Residents were urged to report these matters to Trading Standards</p> <p>Linton resident raised that dog fouling was a major issue on the recreation ground. Even installation of a tarmac walkway across the area had not reduced this problem. The area will soon be having new play equipment installed.  Residents from Walton on Trent and Castle Gresley also voiced their concerns over dog fouling. The confirmed that warning signs had been taken down and damaged. One area even sprays the dog fouling with bright paint to highlight the issue. Gareth Evans advised that the wardens need evidence to prosecute individuals.</p>	
5	<p><b>Agreed Priorities</b></p> <p><b>Priorities</b>  Scrap metal thefts and other thefts</p> <p><b>Issue</b>  Speeding in Linton</p>	

6	<p><b>Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas</b></p> <p>Phil Marriott discussed recent initiatives run by the Partnership, which included various number plate operations where tamperproof screws had been fitted to registration plates free of charge. The next event will run at Newhall Park car park (Orchard Street) on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 3 pm to 6 pm.</p> <p>A catalytic converter marking event was held in Hilton, following many thefts of these from 4x4 vehicles and vans.</p> <p>Phil had liaised with local churches, community centres and village halls to advise on security and how to reduce lead theft from roofs.</p> <p>Liberation Day was held in May at Green Bank Leisure Centre which attracted over 350 attendees and exhibitors. Special guest was Tommy Godwin who won 2 gold medals in track cycling at the 1948 London Olympics.</p> <p>Training sessions had been given to housing staff on how their tenants should deal with bogus callers.</p> <p>The Council's sport team will again be delivering a summer activity programme during the 6 weeks holiday.</p> <p>Many villages take part in this scheme.</p> <p>The Partnership have launched a proxy purchase campaign to target adults selling alcohol to those underage.</p> <p>A Hate Crime initiative has also been running to assist taxi drivers and fast food outlets.</p> <p>No funding applications had been received since the last meeting. Area 6 still has a full funding allocation of £4,000, which if not used will be put into a central pot for other areas to bid into.</p> <p>Phil confirmed his direct dial number was 01283 595787.</p>	
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Derbyshire County Council have a Trusted Trader Scheme who can recommend genuine tradesmen and women. This can be accessed via the Derbyshire County Council's website or be telephoning them direct.</p> <p>The District Council will also recommend genuine traders to residents.</p> <p>One nomination had been received for Vice Chair, which was Janice Pallett.</p> <p>Gareth Evans introduced himself to the meeting. Gareth had been in post one month and heads up a team of 3 Safer Neighbourhood Wardens. The wardens responsibilities cover stray, dangerous and abandoned dogs, dog barking complaints and dog fouling. There will be a summer campaign aimed at cutting down the amount of dog fouling in the area. The wardens also cover fly-tipping and rubbish left at recycling centres. They attend weekly Police tasking meetings and assist with ASB issues. Gareth's direct dial at the District Council is 01283 595968.</p> <p>Date of next meeting – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 at Coton in the Elms Community Centre</p>	

# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM LINTON**

(Covering Castle Gresley, Catton, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton, Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at  
Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre,  
Elms Road, Coton-in-the-Elms,  
Swadlincote, Derbyshire.  
DE12 8HD**

**on Wednesday, 23rd October 2012  
at 7.30 p.m.**

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Frost and Mrs. Hall.

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Lacey.

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## **BUSINESS**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th July 2012 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues - Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation
9. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

18th July 2012

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Frost, Jones and Mrs. Hall.

M. Alflat (Director of Operations), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and M. Holford (Environmental Services).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

County Councillors Jones and Lacey.

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

S. Jackson, J. Pallett, O. Pallett and C. Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), A. Lees (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), M. Gatrack and C. Knight (Overseal Parish Council) and M. Horne (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

D. Bird, G. Palmer and S. Lees.

LA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Wheeler had been appointed Chairman of the Linton Area Forum at the Annual Council Meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from P. Jameson (Derbyshire County Council Forum Liaison Officer), K. Bradford, S. Jones and W. Wadsworth.

LA/2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Jones be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Linton Area Forum for the ensuing year.

Note: At this point, Councillor Wheeler left this Meeting, due to a prior engagement for the reception of the Olympic Badminton teams and Councillor Jones chaired the remainder of the Meeting.

LA/3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 15th May 2012 were noted.

**LA/4. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

In response to a question about the recycling of plastics, the Director of Operations gave a progress report about the new contract that would commence in June 2013. At the previous Meeting a recycling survey had been circulated and the Director of Operations gave a summary of the responses received. It was also noted that a further Meeting of the Drakelow Development Liaison Committee was due to take place the following month.

**LA/5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Concerns were raised about the number of potholes in roads, with particular reference being made to the Bass's Crescent and Linton Road area of Castle Gresley. Residents were urged to ring "Call Derbyshire", which aimed to repair such potholes within 48 hours of them being reported.

It was noted that the Bailey Bridge at Walton-on-Trent would be closed for 3 days for maintenance works. The Chairman responded to a question explaining why the County Council could not reconsider a request for additional signage on Hillside Road, due to insufficient funding presently.

**LA/6. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

County Councillor Lacey reported on recent flooding problems in a number of parishes and added further detail about the closure of the Bailey Bridge at Walton-on-Trent for refurbishment works. He explained planned maintenance works and the redesign of the Lullington crossroads, confirming the diversionary routes. Finally, it was confirmed that a 30mph speed restriction would be introduced on the road between Walton-on-Trent and Catton.

**LA/7. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES – DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

Matt Holford of the District Council's Environmental Services Department addressed the Meeting. He explained that the District Council had powers to designate Dog Control Orders for certain areas. This included the power to prohibit dogs, to require that they were kept on a lead or even to limit the number of dogs per dog walker. The Council had introduced Dog Control Orders in 2008 and had recently consulted with parish councils to review the areas requiring such orders. A wider consultation process was now underway and feedback was sought by 10th September 2012.

A resident asked how the questionnaires would be circulated and it was suggested that a small number be provided to each parish council in the area covered by the Forum. A resident considered that dogs should be prohibited from recreation grounds. Enforcement aspects were also discussed. It was noted that there were now additional staffing resources and changes to the kennelling contract, which would increase enforcement capacity. Residents were encouraged to report incidents and where possible to provide contact details so that they could be visited by the Enforcement Officers. The Officer explained some of the strategies being considered at present to relocate signage and use footpath stencils to provide a visual reminder.

There was also discussion about broadband coverage in the southern parishes. Those present were reminded of previous work by the District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Information was then given on the County Council's project to improve broadband speeds and the significant funding being dedicated to seek the roll-out of a fibre optic supply to all areas of the County.

LA/8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the next Linton Area Forum would be held on Tuesday, 23rd October 2012 at the Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre.

C. JONES

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.