

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

### ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

### Egginton Village Hall

#### PRESENT: -

#### South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor Julie Pattern, Councillor Gillian Lemon  
Councillor Peter Smith, Councillor David Muller

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources  
Ian Hey – Section 106 Officer  
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant

#### Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Martyn Ford

#### Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waite  
PCSO Megan Taylor

#### E/A 15. Open Meeting

##### **a) Introductions and Housekeeping**

Chair, Councillor Brown thanked Kevin for his service ahead of his retirement.

Chair, Councillor Brown thanked the Chief Executive for his many years of service and investment to the district.

##### **b) Apologies.**

None received.

##### **c) Chair's Announcements**

**Warm Spaces** - Derbyshire County Council have launched a warm spaces fund to support organisations to provide a warm refuge for residents and their families struggling to heat their homes. Voluntary, community and charity organisations in Derbyshire can apply for a grant to set up warm spaces this winter.



Various buildings and venues across the district are open as warm spaces. To find out where these are and for further information about grants to open a warm space visit Warm spaces - Derbyshire County Council

**Planning & Strategic Housing-** The Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation recently closed. There is a lot of work going on within the Planning Department and across other agencies too. Regarding the NPPF Changes, there is consultation currently going on now and will close on March 2, 2023.

**Operational Services-** There have been some recent issues with recycling collections in the area due to staff shortages. I can confirm this is now all back up to schedule as well as two new vehicles and three new refuse drivers added to the team.

Etwall Parish Council are commencing new Neighbourhood Plan within the coming weeks.

**Kings Coronation-** We have been issues with a letter that Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a coronation Lunch and, on the 7<sup>th</sup>, May there will be a concert in the evening. On 8<sup>th</sup> May, there will be the 'big help out' (a community activity). There is National Lottery Funding available for programmes around this event – if you would like more information, please contact me.

Chair, passed on thanks to Hilton Parish Council for their supplementary event held in conjunction with the emerging local plan. Over 100 people turned out to contribute.

#### **d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

All received as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

#### **e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes**

Cllr Brown stated the updates on Actions from the last meeting are contained within the Agenda pack.

### **E/A 16. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A**

A member of the public raised concerns over an incident at Hilton Village Hall and questioned if it had now been dealt with?

PSCO KWW explained the incident is still being investigated and results are ongoing.

A member of the public asked if there will now be an increased Police presence around the Village Hall due to the rise of incidents there.

PCSO KWW explained, the Police will be continuing their regular patrols within the area with an increase if demand allows them too.



Councillor Pattern raised the problem with HGV's outside Nisa at Hatton and Etwall.

**ACTION: SNT to look at HGV issue outside Nisa at Hatton and Etwall.**

Councillor Smith asked if there has been any more diesel thefts on the A50.

PCSO KWW explained Derby Road Policing Unit posted stats on their twitter with good results.

Councillor Muller raised an abandoned caravan between Seven Wells and the car garage in the lay by.

**ACTION: KWW to investigate abandoned caravan.**

A resident of Egginton asked if there is anything that can be done regarding speed concerns within the village.

Resident in Egginton – anything we can do regarding speed in the village?

**ACTION: KWW to look into speeding concerns in Egginton.**

KWW urged Egginton to start a Community Speed Watch Group. KWW stated she could arrange for information to be sent to residents.

**ACTION: KWW to organise a chat with Hilton Car Garage RE: Speeding concerns when on test drives.**

Hilton Parish Council raised concerns over a rise of ASB in Hilton and asked what can be done to help the individuals.

A discussion took place around Hilton Youth Group and individuals who have been banned from the group due to their behaviour.

PCSO KWW explained, that if they are under 18 years old, they are their parents responsibility and they get spoke to. Children are given 3 warnings then brought in for ABC's.

A member of public explained there have been 3 incidents with the same vehicle involved in suspicious behaviour. KWW stated she would investigate reg numbers.

## **E/A 17. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants**

### **Safer Spaces Meeting**

This is a new meeting which has been set up to look at ASB and Crime issues in Parks and Open Spaces. A recent Contextual Safeguarding Survey carried out by Granville School showed young people were fearful of visiting some of the parks, especially Eureka Park where there has been high-profile incidents in recent years. The group met last week and also discussed recent issues at Hilton Youth Group



and at the Skate Park. Safe and sound will be doing some outreach work at the site, support is being looked at for the youth group volunteers and names of individuals have been passed to the police and Council ASB Officer.

### **Safer Homes**

CVS have won the Tender for The Safer Homes Scheme and will continue to operate the scheme for the next three years. The service installs security measures to victim's and vulnerable people's homes free of charge. Self-referrals can be made, leaflets on the scheme are on the sign in table.

### **Vehicle Crime Initiatives**

We have located two hotspot areas along the A50 Corridor around the Swadlincote Area. Our manager (Chris Smith) has met with Inspector and Community engagement events with the police have taken place around the area where tool marking kits were provided for van owners.

In addition, we are currently liaising with Balfour Beattie regarding some new A50 Signage.

### **Nuisance Motorcycle Work**

Off Road bikes have been an issue on a large area of private land (owned by Severn Trent Water) in the Etwall /Egginton area. Contact was made with landowners, who confirmed that they had not given permission for the land to be used by bikes. Extensive patrols were undertaken, and warning letters /home visits were undertaken with a number of registered keepers of vans parked in the location and believed to be transporting the motorbikes. The VRMS of the vehicles were provided by members of the public.

Seven Trent Water erected a new fence, the motorbike track was cultivated up and the "shack" that had been built on the land was removed. Signs were also put up around the location by Police/CSP. We have since had no further reports, but the area continues to be monitored by SNT.

### **Safer Neighbourhoods Funding**

No new applications have been received. There is still Funding available for projects for the current financial year. Anyone with any projects should contact Chris or Debbie.

No Q&A's, The Chair asked if we could amend the contact sheet with Ian Hey contact details & Sally Hemsley.

## **E/A 18. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update**

CVS gave the following update:



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**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 74 individuals and had 219 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto: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 45 individuals and 540 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [connect@sdcv.org.uk](mailto: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 104 referrals and 142 visits. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [handysupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto: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 three months we have supported 30 new open cases and 22 new referrals across South Derbyshire. 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. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 817417 or [home@dhfh.org.uk](mailto: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 completed 84 visits in South Derbyshire. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk)

**Food Bank** Our Food Bank is now well established in our new premises at The Hive Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only. Due to the increase in demand for this service we are now open four days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. From October to December 2022 we distributed 335 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 426 adults and 334 children, provided 6840 meals through the distribution of the food parcels and signposted people to 47 different services To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314 or email [petrap@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:petrap@sdcv.org.uk)



In 2022, the Food Bank supported a number of individuals in South Derbyshire: Findern (8), Willington (21), Repton (46), Stenson Fields (11), Eggington (2), Hilton (42), Hatton (16) and Littleover (23)

**Partnership working with CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau)** Since November 22 we have been working in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau. One of the CAB advisors is now located at the Food Bank twice a week offering support to clients who are experiencing debt and energy issues. This service started in November and in the first month the support given to clients saw the following financial gains - £17,192.00 in benefits and fuel support and £2,373.00 managing debt. This is a funded project and CAB have just secured a further 18 months funding to expand this service and support the Food Bank.

May we take this opportunity to thank the local residents and businesses in South Derbyshire that have supported the Food Bank over the past year with financial and food donations. This valued support has meant that many vulnerable and disadvantaged people have been able to access this service and start receiving other support including debt and benefit issues, domestic abuse and more recently the cost of living crisis.

**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 contact [development@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:development@sdcv.org.uk)

In the period July – September 2022 the Team supported 43 individual groups with 402 contacts with those groups during the three-month period supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment.

**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. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock started in October and has been engaging with a number of community networks in Etwall, Hatton, Hilton and is now starting to develop networks in Repton and Willington. Helen has also been supporting some of the Warm Hubs and a Dementia Café in Hilton. For more information contact [helena@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:helena@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 and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information contact [Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:Volunteer@sdcv.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. An example is Amazon and ElectroLube who supported the Food Bank with the Christmas rush – helping in the Food Bank to bring in the donations and making up the food parcels to give out to local residents.

**Community Connectors Project** This was originally the Covid Connectors Network supporting local communities sharing public health information updates relating to Covid. The project has now been renamed to the Community Connectors Project and focuses more on health and wellbeing, what services are available and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information email [Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk)

**Communications** We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and funding – [www.sdcvs.org.uk](http://www.sdcvs.org.uk)

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website – [www.sdcvs.org.uk](http://www.sdcvs.org.uk) , and if you would like anything advertised, please email [communications@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:communications@sdcv.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.

**Education and Training at SDCVS** Following a period of planning and change of staff, the new SDCVS Education and Training Manager will be launching a range of new courses for adult learners. The first of these courses will begin in late February with a focus on supporting adult family members who are experiencing economic disadvantage, disability, poor mental or physical health, learning disabilities, unemployment, rural or social isolation, lack of confidence or low aspirations. Attending this course will improve personal and social skills, confidence, resilience, wellbeing and employability.

For more information on this course and future courses at SDCVS, please contact Dave Protheroe, [davep@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:davep@sdcv.org.uk)

**Derbyshire Time Swap** 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 Timebanking 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 hour back from your time bank.

Our new team are now in place and are starting to work out in the different areas in Derbyshire:

- Stuart Martin – South Derbyshire & Erewash



- Jane Davison – Amber Valley & South Derbyshire Dales
- Lindsey Coombs – High Peak & North Derbyshire Dales
- Natalie Evans – Bolsover & North East Derbyshire
- Lucy Exton – our Admin Support Assistant

For more information please email [derbyshiretimeswap@sdcvts.org.uk](mailto:derbyshiretimeswap@sdcvts.org.uk)

**Swadlincote Performing Arts** SDCVS is pleased to announce the launch of a fantastic, innovative and community driven project is currently being developed in Swadlincote.

**Its mission** “*To aid economic development and a sense of Pride in Swadlincote, the project will provide the community with entertainment, bringing to the fore local and regional talent, supporting Swadlincote’s aim to be a vibrant and attractive visitor destination*” A standalone organisation will be established, to bring all of the arts together and will cumulate in an event at the end of August. The organisation will then continue to provide events and activities for the arts in the area. Anyone who would like to know more or be involved in the project please contact [helena@sdcvts.org.uk](mailto:helena@sdcvts.org.uk).

**Derbyshire Befriending** – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website ...is now LIVE [www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk). You can find out all about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer

**Our Social Impact Report** - <https://bit.ly/3jZ7LsD>

Councillor Pattern expressed The Hive does not provide transport delivery, so it is difficult for those outside of Swadlincote to visit.

Councillor Lemmon asked how people are supposed to access food parcels outside of the Swadlincote Area.

**ACTION: CVS to take back the issue of the accessibility of the food bank into the more rural areas.**

## E/A 19. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

**Public Spaces Protection Orders extended for 3 years** - Throughout September 2022 the Council consulted on a proposal to renew seven Public Spaces Protection Orders.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) are a control measure, intended to deal with specific nuisances or problems in a defined area that are “detrimental to the local community’s quality of life”.

PSPOs have a lifespan of three years and the seven existing Orders were due to expire in January 2023. The consultation processes identified widespread support for





the continuation of the Orders and so the Council have extended them all until January 2026.

The seven PSPOs include:

Dog Fouling PSPO. Which makes it an offence for any owner not to pick up after their dog in all land open to the public in South Derbyshire.

Dogs on Lead PSPO. This makes it an offence for any owner not to keep their dog on a lead in any of the 23 parks and open spaces named in the Order.

Littering from Vehicles PSPO. This made the registered owner of a vehicle legally responsible for any litter thrown from their vehicle.

And the Staker Lane & Lowes Lane PSPOs. Which give the Council the power to put a gated entrance to a small length of public highway and prohibited unauthorised vehicles from accessing the lanes which are flytipping hotspots.

Breach of any of the PSPOs can result in a £100 fixed penalty notice or prosecution carrying a fine up to £1,000.

Copies of all of the Orders are published on the [PSPO section of the Councils website](#) and the Councils Environmental Health Facebook account contains regular information about recent fixed penalties which have been issued.

### **Social Housing Decarbonisation Funding – Wave One**

Phase 1 works to extract and replace cavity wall insulation and install additional loft insulation have been completed at Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) and residents are already reporting being able to reduce the settings of their heating controls whilst remaining comfortably warm.

Work at Peniston Rise (Melbourne), Resthaven (Swadlincote) and Bailey Avenue (Overseal), has commenced and the final scheme at Gresley Woodlands commences in early February.

We have and continue to build a constructive working relationship with the contractor and the customer engagement activities are bringing positive benefits as evidenced by very few customer queries or complaints being received.

Phase 2 works to install high heat retention double glazing and doors at all properties is expected to start in early February with all works expected to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### **Voter Identification**



From May 2023, all electors who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) at polling stations before being provided with a ballot paper.

The Cabinet Office has decided to introduce this requirement to reduce cases of voter fraud. The requirement was brought in under the Elections Act 2022, and the relevant sections are now in force.

This requirement will apply to:

- UK Parliamentary General Elections
- Local Elections
- Local Referendums
- Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
- Recall Elections

The first poll this will apply to will be the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

A comprehensive communications campaign will advertise the requirements in plenty of time across a broad range of channels before this policy is implemented nationwide.

### **What types of photo ID will be accepted?**

Poll Clerks will be able to accept many forms of identification, including:

- Various concessionary travel passes
- PASS cards
- Ministry of Defence identity cards
- Photocard parking permits issued as part of the Blue Badge scheme
- Driver's licenses
- Passports

Expired photo ID will also be accepted, as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of the elector.

There are some information sheets with further information at the back of the room near the signing in sheet.

If you have any other questions or queries, please contact the Council Elections Office, or the Councils Website

### **Local Authority Q&A**

A member of the public raised concerns over the Careline System as British Telecom are in the process of turning everything digital.

Kevin Stackhouse explained, the council is aware and there is a piece of work to go Digital with the current analogue system.



**ACTION: Head of Housing to provide a report back Careline System going digital and peoples concerns of power cuts.**

A member of the public raised concerns over the damage to grass verges throughout Etwall.

A member of the public raised concerns over increasing issues with the surface water in Etwall which is leading to issues on the road of Jacksons Lane.

Councillor Ford explained DCC are aware and Phil Lenton of SDDC has send a report to planning policy.

Councillor Ford explained there is a meeting next week with DCC to discuss the Flooding Issues on Carriers Road.

**ACTION: Ford to update on flooding issues on Carriers Road.**

Councillor Brown requested a litter pick on the A38 around the Egginton area.

**ACTION: Follow up about a litter pick on the A38 around the Egginton area.**

Councillor Brown asked if it could be taken back to clear the gravel off the road as you come off the A38 onto Church Road.

**ACTION: Church Road off the A38: Request that the gravel is cleared off the road.**

**E/A20. Summary of Agreed Actions**

Action	Person responsible
SNT to look at HGV issue outside Nisa at Hatton and Etwall.	SNT
SDDC to investigate abandoned caravan near Seven Wells Pub.	SNT
SNT to look into speeding concerns in Egginton.	SNT
SNT to organise a chat with Hilton Car Garage RE: Speeding concerns when on test drives.	SNT
CVS to take back the issue of the accessibility of the food bank into the more rural areas.	CVS
Housing to provide a report back Careline System going digital, and people's concerns of power cuts.	SDDC Housing



SDDC to update on flooding issues on Carriers Road.	Councillor Ford
Request to Clean Team for a litter pick on the A38 around the Egginton area.	SDDC
Church Road off the A38: Request that the gravel is cleared off the road.	SDDC

**E/A 21. Close and Date of Next Meeting**

Next Meeting date TBC  
**Councillor Brown**  
 CHAIR  
 The meeting terminated at 7:47pm

