

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

### MELBOURNE – AREA 3

#### Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2023

#### Melbourne Assembly Rooms

#### PRESENT: -

##### South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick (Chair), Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Jim Hewlett and Councillor Peter Watson

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources  
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager  
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant

##### Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin and Councillor David Muller

##### Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite  
PC Alex Boniface  
PCSO Finn Greville

##### M/A 15. Open Meeting

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

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

Nancy Hawksworth, Councillor Dan Corbin.

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

##### Summer Activities 2023

Bookings are well underway for our ever-popular Summer Activities. With 70% of available sessions booked within the first week of the booking window, Parish Councils have until Friday 10th February to secure sessions within their local area.

##### 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](#).

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

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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

##### **Update on Action: County Council to take back issues of school parking at Aston School.**

Councillor Atkin explained discussions are ongoing between Highways and the Parish Council to resolve parking issues at Aston School.

##### **Update on Action: Councillor Atkin to take back concerns over traffic backlog at the A6 spur.**

Councillor Atkin explained, that he is in discussions with Highways England to meet with Parishes in Aston Ward to raise issues on the following round-a-bouts: A50 Junction 1 Shardlow, A50 Junction 2 A6 link and A50 Junction 3 Chellaston. They have agreed to come out so we will have more information on that in the near future.

Stenson Village as a through route, it will be closed again tomorrow due to the works starting to put the Canal Locke Gates in place.

Councillor Watson expressed frustrations with the A6 spur and urged the County Councillor's and Highways to continue to look into the matter. Councillor Watson suggested that the works being carried out could be considered to be carried out at night time.

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

SNT Updated: 180 people arrested across all of Derbyshire during the Drink and Drug Drive Christmas Campaign.

MF asked if there was a pattern in vehicle crime, he was informed a lot is along the A50 with lorries being targeted and in services and villages just off the A50. Weston on Trent has recently been targeted, they tend to target a village at a time. Very easy for Leicestershire nominals to pop over the border, commit the offence and they're gone.



A lot of stop searches have been completed and people leaving their cars open contributes to the problem. Faraday bags have been given out to people who have key less car systems.

Cllr Muller asked if the figure of 180 was arrests for drink and drug? He was informed that it was, and that drug driving is increasing everywhere.

Cllr Hewlitt asked if it was an increase on last year, PC Boniface stated it was but they do stop more vehicles and have wipes that can detect drug use now so Police are detecting more rather than its rising.

Melbourne PC asked if they could do an event at Sainsburys car park dishing out Faraday Bags, PCSO Grenville stated that they do a number of community events giving out community safety freebies. MF asked if one could be done on Market square

**ACTION: MF to provide contact to have event in Market Square,**

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

CS updated the meeting.

#### **Safer Spaces Meeting**

This is a new meeting which has been set up to look at ASB and Crime issues in Urban Core, especially around the Parks and Open Spaces. A recent Contextual Safeguarding Survey carried out by Granville School showed fear of crime in parks - especially Eureka Park where there has been some high-profile incidents in recent years. The group is carrying out further consultation in schools and with youth groups to see what would make young people feel safer in these areas.

#### **Op Sceptre & Knife Crime Prevention**

This is an initiative we have supported the local Police Team in by providing chalk spray and stencils for use in the parks and for Social Media posts.

We have also been supporting Street Whyze in South Derbyshire Support Centre with 1-2-1 and group intervention around knife Crime.

Granville School have also bought in the 'Switch up' Theatre in Education Performance which is both interactive and engaging. Pingle have also booked the performance for this year and the Partnership will support the initiative in future years with a 50% contribution of each performance.

#### **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. CS has met with Inspector and Community engagement events 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.

### **ASB at Featherstone Road**

Following reports of ASB at Featherstone Road (Boulton Moor) play area, joint partnership meetings were held with the Police, Riverside Housing and the Communities Team to look at tackling the concerns. Leaflet drops were done in the area to encourage reporting to the appropriate agencies, as reports were not being made to the Police or the Communities Team. Riverside Housing Officers also undertook visits to victims and SNT have increased patrols on the area. The area is continuing to be monitored.

## **M/A 18. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ 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 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@sdcvs.org.uk](mailto:petrap@sdcvs.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@sdcvcs.org.uk](mailto:development@sdcvcs.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@sdcvcs.org.uk](mailto:helena@sdcvcs.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@sdcvcs.org.uk](mailto: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. 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@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:derbyshiretimeswap@sdcv.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@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:helena@sdcv.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>

MF- thanked CVS for their work.

A member of the public asked if the handy person was age restrictive, CVS responded that it wasn't and was open to anyone.

Councillor Muller asked if there were geographical issues for people to get to Swadlincote to access the food bank. CVS responded that they are developing more community networks and are always looking at where and how we can improve our food bank.

Member of public asked about using whether the new performing arts project was using existing places or a performing arts centre in SD. LG from CVS responded that it is in its development stage and are currently in the process of a developing a steering group. There will be an event to launch the project. They will visit schools in the area, take on board what they want and will be including local arts organisation like people express to be involved with the project.

### **M/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.

A member of the public explained they can see a lot of people not realising they need to take voter ID.

It was confirmed that that the information on Voter ID will be included on the Polling Card.



Councillors who are standing again to urge people to take ID with them.

Councillor Watson thanked Kevin Stackhouse for all of his service over the years!

### **M/A 20. Summary of Agreed Actions**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>
MF to provide Kerry with contact for market for community engagement events in Melbourne.	Martin Fitzpatrick

MF thanked Rosie for all work as she is due to leave the authority in the next few weeks.

### **M/A 21. Close and Date of Next Meeting**

Date and Venue to be confirmed -

**Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick**  
CHAIR  
The meeting terminated at 7:48pm

