

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP

South Derbyshire District Council
on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

District Councillors Wheeler (Chairman), Richards, Atkin, Mrs Coyle, Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils) and Stuart Batchelor representing Frank McArdle (South Derbyshire District Council).

Other Public Sector

Inspector Nigel Lidsey (Derbyshire Constabulary), Mandy Chambers (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College), Emma Barradell (Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group).

Private Sector

Helen Hydes (Toyota UK Ltd), John Everitt (The National Forest Company), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS), Fred Cox (South Derbyshire Tenants and Residents Forum), Tracey Harris (Homestart South Derbyshire), David Symcox (South Derbyshire CAB).

Also in Attendance

Mike Roylance, Vicky Smyth, Chris Smith, Nicola Lees, Richard Shaw, Kate Allies and Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council), Clare Talati (Derbyshire Education Business Partnership), Yasuhiro Tsuzuki (Toyota City Council, Japan).

SDP/66. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Ailsa Daykin (East Midlands Housing Group), Elaine Varley (DCC Public Health), Nick Freeman (Toyota Manufacturing UK Ltd), Helen Dillistone (NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG), County Councillor Trevor Southerd, Cath Walker (DCC), Stephen Spear (SV2), Tony Hurrell (Sharpe's Pottery Museum). Maggie Bensusan (East Midlands Housing Association), Gary Musson (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade), Keith Bull (Northgate Public Services), Chief Superintendent Jack Atwal (Derbyshire Constabulary).

MATTERS ARISING

SDP67. **INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES**

Introductions took place and Councillor Neil Atkin was introduced as the newly elected Chairman of the Council. Cllr Atkin outlined the role of the Chairman and plans for the coming year, and his nominated charities.

Welcome to John Everitt the new Chief Executive of the National Forest Company and Councillor Mrs Hilary Cole, Deputy Leader of the Council who replaces Councillor John Harrison.

Apologies were noted.

SDP68. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th January 2015 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/69. **MATTERS ARISING**

South Derbyshire Day took place on the 17th March; it was a successful event and thanks were given to Toyota for their hospitality.

SDP/70. **RAISING ASPIRATIONS**

Clare Talati from Derbyshire Education Business Partnership gave a presentation on 'Raising Aspirations' and the approach to deliver a range of activities and interventions across 5 areas. South Derbyshire has clear priorities focussing on working with parents; as well as young people, schools and businesses with the identified school to benefit delivery being William Allitt School and the community of Newhall. Additional funding will need to be secured to assist Pingle School and Granville School.

Clare requested any invitations to attend relevant local meetings, groups etc. to advise on developments and to be involved.

It was agreed Clare to provide an update at the next Board outlining developments and progress made. **ACTION: SB/SC**

The Raising Aspirations presentation to be circulated with the minutes. **ACTION: SC**

A discussion took place on whether there are any opportunities within the Council or Northgate.

SB raised an issue of targeting work and engaging with the schools involved in this project. The Raising Aspirations project is overseen by the Board and therefore it was suggested making a position available for a head teacher who has made a request to be represented at the Board. A suggestion was also made to offer an invite to the Head Boy/Girl of the head teacher's school. A possible solution would be to remove the Children & Young People's representative who rarely attends. **ACTION: SB**

SDP/71. **SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE**

Nicola Lees – Town Team

Nicola Lees, Economic Development Officer, gave a presentation on the Town Team; the background of the Town Team; and the current initiatives to improve signage, to publish a shopping guide and to introduce reusable shopping bags. A request was made for any interest from the partners to sponsor a shopping bag.

The Town Team Action Plan to be circulated with the minutes. **ACTION: SC**

Richard Shaw – Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Scheme

Richard Shaw, Design Excellence Officer gave a presentation on the Heritage Lottery Fund project which he has been working on for the last 12 months. The team are currently in the process of bidding for further grant funding. The project potentially has a number of elements.

A project to regenerate the Diana Memorial Garden was discussed; initial ideas have been drawn up and there are plans to work with an arts based organisation to involve young people in a community arts project.

A further project aims to undertake a small amount of National Forest planting in the town centre based on private land.

Kate Allies – Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Scheme – Activity Plan

Kate Allies, Environmental Development Officer, gave a presentation on the Activity Plan that has been developed in consultation with partners, groups and others – its aim to provide opportunities for people to enjoy and to learn about our built heritage. This could include: 'Have a go' sessions for the public, taster sessions for schools, industry visits, training activities for building professionals; and potentially apprenticeships. The activities and training would be timetabled to allow progression of interest/ experience/ skills.

Contact information for the Activity Plans:-

www.south-derbys.gov.uk/SwadlincoteTownscape
www.facebook.com/SwadlincoteTownscape

Kate Allies/ Alan Bates/ Felicity Towns - 01283 535039
SDDC (Environmental Education Project)

A discussion took place on the current vacant commercial properties in the Town Centre; suggestions were made of using empty spaces for displays and the need to encourage start up businesses and inward investment.

SDP/72. **2015-16 ACTION PLAN AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board agreed the allocation of funds to support the delivery of the three theme group's actions.

SDP/73. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – YEAR END (MARCH 2015)**

The Partnership Newsletter gave an overview of the theme group's latest developments on their projects. The three theme group leaders gave a verbal update on their actions to date and an overview of the current year 2015-16.

SDP/74. **VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE**

Jo Smith was unable to update on the potential funding cuts - the meeting to discuss this was to be held this afternoon. SD CVS to provide an update at the next Board meeting. **ACTION: SDCVS.**

Elections for voluntary sector representatives on the Board will take place in the future.

SDCVS are currently undertaking an Older People Survey for residents aged 50+ for the District Council.

The Chairman said a few words of thanks to Jo Smith for her commitment to the Partnership (founder members since 2003) and her continual efforts to grow the Voluntary Sector.

Jo's replacement Michelle Skinner will start mid-July.

SDP/75. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman also expressed his thanks to Inspector Nigel Lidsey, from Derbyshire Constabulary. Inspector Kate Batement will take over the role of Inspector for South Derbyshire.

John Beaty asked whether partners could help or know of anyone who would be able to assist by being a host family for international learners throughout the academic year. Anyone interested contact John Beaty. Information on hosting to be circulated to the Board. **ACTION: SC - Done.**

Sheila Jackson suggested JB to send information to DALC who could distribute to the 31 parishes within South Derbyshire.

Colleen Hempson informed the group that the East Midlands Airport Sustainable Development Plan has now been finalised and is available on the website.

<http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/emaweb.nsf/Content/Development>

SB informed the Partnership of the intention to hold an AGM at a future meeting and to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair. Contact will also be made with representatives who do not attend regularly to confirm their intentions. Details will be confirmed at the next meeting. **ACTION: SB.**

A discussion took place on Section 106 agreements and the NHS missing out on funding opportunities. It was confirmed that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee would investigate the issue. Mandy Chambers delivered a verbal update on how this responsibility will transfer from NHS England to the CCG and how it will be involved in the future.

The Board was informed that the South Derbyshire Activity Programme leaflet was now available and would be widely distributed to every young person in the District.

SDP/76. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015 – 9:30 AM

Venue: SDDC or venue to be advised

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 12:00 Noon.