

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

SWADLINCOTE – AREA 4

Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2022

Oaklands Village

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Mick Mulgrew (Chair), Councillor Malcome Gee, Councillor Vonnie Heath, Councillor Neil Tilley, Councillor Gordon Rhind,

Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant
Frank McArdle – Chief Executive
Debbie Punter – Community Safety Officer

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Gary Musson and Councillor Peter Smith

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Inspector Mike Sisman
PSCO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite
PC James William
PCSO Eve Hanman

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Maureen Hycock – Hartshorne Parish Council

Members of the Public

Eddie Bisknell, David Cornford, Sylvia Cornford, Mick Hine, Helen Miller, Paul Miller, Beryl Randall, David Randall, Nigel Thorneloe, Glenis Weinman and Rich Wilkins.

1. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Trevor Southered, Roger Moors – South Derbyshire CVS, Jenny Burley

c) Chair's Announcements



Thank you to the Events Team at SDDC and all the volunteers for their hard work at the Festival of Leisure which took place on 25th & 26th June. It was a great success and the event attracted thousands of Locals to Maurice Lea Park; lots of fun was had by all.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

All received as a true and accurate record.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

Frank McArdle updated he has reported back to Derbyshire County Council Highways regarding the previous actions of the last meeting.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Eve Hanman gave the following update:

Since the last forum meeting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have taken part in the Nationwide Biannual 'Op sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week the SNT completed test purchase operations at different shops throughout the area to which no shops failed and did not sell any knives to individuals who they shouldn't.

The SNT set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages.

Knife surrender bins were advertised and placed in different locations on different dates.

We have completed school talks around knife crime and pavements on local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre using stencils and chalk spray which were provided by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to the SNT, also by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership, to help us with our patrols - so a huge thankyou to them for our bikes.

We have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatere which were set as:

- 1) Speeding
- 2) ASB in Open Spaces
- 3) School Parking



We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens platinum Jubilee Celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the many weekend celebrations.

We have been holding a variety of different engagement events such as a Stroll with SNT, Bike Marking and we have been working closely with Swadlincote Youth Club.

Banners relating to parking near schools were funded by Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership and have been put up at local schools highlighting safe parking.

Talks and engagement events have taken place at local Children's residential homes and local primary and secondary Schools along with progressing a new 'Mini Police' initiative which will be coming soon.

Horse road safety posts have been published on our social media pages, relating to issues with vehicles overtaking horses poorly.

Numerous speed checks have been carried out as part of our neighbourhood priorities.

Many vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/ or driver's having no driving licence.

We have conducted various foot patrols around the High Street and Local Parks.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five WANTED persons being arrested, a positive outcome for everyone.

Following the appeal which related to different burglaries and vehicle crimes throughout the local area, the SNT team arrested a male in connection.

A warrant has been conducted whereby £50,000 worth of cannabis grown inside the property was found.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelic Foster, visited Swadlincote to engage with residents and conducted a walk through Swadlincote with our SNT and local partnership agencies.

Recently, we have been visiting a school a month to engage with the parents, where they can ask any questions on issues arising or topics concerning them.

Inspector Sisman updated:

There are set to be five new Constables joining the team mid-August, with many PSCO's now returning to the team as PC's who will be based in the Call Out Response Team.

Within the SNT, Rob McGlade who was a PC within the team has now been promoted to Sergeant and will begin his new role soon.



In terms of visibility, we currently have fourteen PCSO's within the SNT and are currently going through the rigorous training and recruitment process. It is a matter which takes time, and we are competing with other industries, but this is a work in progress and something which we are working on. But it is our priority to staff the 24/7 response team to full capacity.

Due to the ever-growing population, our staff are in demand and I am pleased to say we have great support from surrounding neighbourhoods and their Policing Teams.

A member of the public asked if the traffic lights at the top of Midway Road, could have a right turn filter light instead?

PC Williams explained that such a matter lies with County Council.

A member of the public raised concerns over obstruction of vehicles at the top of Midway Road as there are lorries and buses which frequently have difficulties there.

Inspector Sisman explained that based on obstruction, SNT can take a look into the matter.

Councillor Musson explained he will take the matter back to County.

ACTION: Councillor Musson to take the Midway Road traffic light/ parking concerns back to DCC.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking on Sun Street, Woodville – there are yellow lines, but people park restrictively.

PC Williams explained yellow lines cannot be enforced by the Police, it is a County Council matter.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking issues on Highfield Road, Swadlincote.

Councillor Musson agreed to take back to DCC on behalf of Councillor Redfern.

ACTION: Police to visit Highfield Road, Swadlincote RE: parking issues. Councillor Musson to take back to DCC on behalf of Councillor Redfern.

A member of the public raised concerns over speeding issues on Sorrell Drive, Woodville.

PC Williams explained their team is small and a huge area is to be covered. Speed operations are planned in for every area, but Police cannot be there all of the time.

A member of the public raised concerns over ASB at Rest Haven, Swadlincote. Contact has been made by the member of the public to SDDC ASB Officer, rang 101 but there has been no response.



PC Williams updated he has visited the area himself and asked what time of day the ASB occurs.

The member of the public explained it is from 3:30pm on weekday and from 9am at the weekend.

PC Williams explained, the SNT will increase presence at Rest Haven to try and combat ASB.

Inspector Sisman added that PC Williams will work closely with Claire Rawlins to try and solve the problem. We will take action and work together in partnership with the Council. Together, we have previously had fantastic outcomes through working as a partnership and we will do what we can here.

ACTION: PC Williams to gather details of a specific member of the public and pay close attention to the ASB matters around the Rest Haven Road area.

A member of the public raised concerns over on-going issues in the Goesley area.

PCSO Hanman updated she is aware of the matter and over the six weeks holiday, there will be an increased Police presence.

PC Williams added there is overtime in place over the six weeks holiday so more patrols will be taking place.

ACTION: SNT to provide an increased presence around the Goesley Estate and Goesley Community Centre RE: ASB matters.

A member of the raised concerns over parking on Vicarage Road, Woodville as people park right up to the junction which restricts the dustbin wagons on a Wednesday.

ACTION: Police to play close attention/ visit Vicarage Road, Woodville RE: parking issues.

A member of the public raised concerns over Police presence in the area.

Inspector Sisman explained that all crime and disorder is based on risk and threat. Most of our 24/7 Response Team's time, at the moment is spent dealing with Domestic Abuse cases. We have to manage the risk and threat and that includes taking into consideration the crime behind closed doors. Also, our Prisoners have to be taken to Derby as there is no Custody Suite here in Swadlincote, so again that takes time of our Officers too. We are an area which is developing and growing at pace and our demands have change. For example, when dealing with crime against children, it is not something that takes five minutes – such matters can take up an Officer's whole shift. We have a strong partnership here in South Derbyshire, we work together in dealing with problems, sourcing funding, overtime and initiatives – we will work together and do what we can.



Inspector Sisman explained there are Problem Management Plans in place within the area for individuals. Bi-weekly meetings are held with South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership, SDDC Housing and Schools within the area to target those individuals.

A member of the public asked why there are no longer no 'no ball games' signs in the area.

Debbie Punter explained, the signs are not enforceable, so once broken now they are not replaced.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Debbie Punter gave the following update:

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.

Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as S106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant scheme.

Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May where 350+ over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.

Street Whyze project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (Previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include 12 weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.

Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the



South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more northern areas of the district.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS' and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a national knife crime awareness week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch

There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24 whereby 16 pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on Fake ID's. During the meeting two, three year Banning Orders were agreed to by members of the scheme in relation to two separate incidents involving females that had assaulted bar staff.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against antisocial behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects

Grants of up to £5000 will be allocated to successful applicants who can show evidence of how they will make a difference to the local community. More information can be found on the PCC's website.

Scams Awareness Fortnight

June 13th-26th was Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Council's website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding

Debbie Punter explained there has been an application for funding from Belmont Bowls Club. They have proposed an application of funding to help with the removal of trees around the bowling green. They have submitted three quotes and meet the



criteria for funding. Belmont Bowls Club are asking for approximately £1250 from the Safer Neighbourhood Funding.

The members of the meeting agreed the funding application to be successful.

4. 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 3 months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. For referrals and enquiries, please call 01283 219761 or contact 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 3 months we have supported 50 individuals and 600 contacts based on 1 visit per week. For referrals and enquiries please call, 01283 219761 or email 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 3 months we have received 70 referrals. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or 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 3 months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and procedures will be put in place to keep everyone involved safe. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 817417 or email 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. Over the last 3 months we have supported 93 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 219761 or email projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank



Our Food Bank is now operating from Hill St Baptist Church in Swadlincote, and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the last 3 months the Food Bank have supplied 356 food parcels and supported 449 adults and 260 children. Please telephone 07458 305314 for any enquiries.

Community Development Team

The team supports 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 please contact development@sd cvs.org.uk/

Connected South Derbyshire

This is a project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwell and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact, BethanyO@sd cvs.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. Whilst providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, volunteer@sd cvs.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project

Since January 2021 the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more on health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information please contact, Selinaw@sd cvs.org.uk.

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter) Communications

We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us, please visit www.sd cvs.org.uk.

- Send out regular e-bulletins
- External events/training
- Job vacancies



- Volunteering opportunities
- Funding

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website www.sdcvs.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcv.org.uk

Non-Digital Communications

- Sharing information through our outreach work – handing out leaflets and posters which can be displayed on Parish notice boards.
- We've been looking at using the different community magazines which have an enormous reach out to local people in South Derbyshire.
- Attending more community events to chat to local people and raise our profile.

Surveys

Digital Inclusion

SDCVS want to understand the challenges and extent of digital exclusion in South Derbyshire. We need the local community to help us establish why some people are digitally excluded. What are the barriers to connecting and using digital equipment and how can we help people become more connected?

Accessibility

SDCVS are keen to understand the issues and concerns residents of Swadlincote may have in relation to access to the retail and leisure facilities in the town centre.

We're undertaking a survey to help us understand the needs of the community we serve. We are especially keen to engage with people who have a disability or mobility issues, which make accessing the Swadlincote town centre difficult.

Office Move

46-48 Grove Street has now been sold and we are currently looking for new premises in Swadlincote where we will also re-locate the Food Bank. We will update on this matter once more detail has been confirmed.

5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Children's Activity Leaflets – Summer Scheme

The South Derbyshire Summer Playscheme makes a return this year, after two years of absence due to the pandemic. Over 100 sessions of FREE activity have been booked and funded by Parish Councils and Safer South Derbyshire, across the whole of the district.

This will see the Play, Sport and Adventure Mobiles return to offer a programme of fun, active, engaging sessions for all the family to get involved in.



The Summer Activities 2022 leaflet can be downloaded from the below link (which will be circulated after the meeting), or hard copies are available and will be distributed to every school in the district.

[Active young people - School holidays | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

Festival of Leisure

The Festival of Leisure was back this year following a two-year absence due to Covid-19. The special Jubilee themed event took place last weekend at Maurice Lea Memorial Park and attracted thousands of visitors into the area. There was some great coverage of the event in the Burton Mail and attractions included local brass bands, motorcycle stunt display, gun dog display and a variety of local stalls.

Parklife

The Parklife Project has been developed to get local people more active in our parks by offering a range of free and low-cost events and activities.

The project aims to:

- Encourage more families to use the parks
- Attract people to the parks who are physically inactive and would like to be more active
- Work towards local ownership and greater community involvement
- Educate local people in the history and natural environment of the parks
- Improve the natural environment and biodiversity

[Parklife leaflet](#)

Heathy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

The Fund provides funding of up to £10,000 as discretionary assistance to ensure vulnerable or disabled households living in private sector properties can live in homes that are safe and free from serious defects or hazards, are warm and secure.

The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.

Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:

- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.



- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.

In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.

Referrals to the project can be made by contacting environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

The applicant must be deemed capable as living independently and works will be determined on case-by-case basis. Eligible works can include:

- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards
- Heating repairs or improvement
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

Again, referrals can be made to environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The aim of both the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund and the Hospital Discharge Scheme is to:

- Increase the number of people living at home independently and safely
- Reduce the number of serious hazards



- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) is a Government/ Local Authority funded initiative to install energy saving measures in Council properties. In total South Derbyshire District Council has £1.6 million to spend in this wave.

Approximately 111 properties are included in South Derbyshire District Council Wave 1. Installed measures may include cavity, loft and external wall insulation, A+++ window glazing, insulated doors but could include other appropriate measures that will raise the overall energy performance to a 'C' rating.

Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services

South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

A vital part of this review process is for the Council to understand how South Derbyshire residents and visitors use the current local leisure facilities alongside people's general attitude towards physical activity and exercise.

Answers provided will help the Council understand what barriers may be preventing people from being more physically active and using local leisure facilities more, and what can be done to help overcome these.

The survey's questions focus on people's leisure, sport and physical activity habits. All responses are anonymous, and the survey is open to people aged 15 plus who live or visit South Derbyshire.

To complete the survey, please visit [Online Community Survey 2022](#) or there is a QR code which can be scanned on your mobile phones.

The survey is open until 22 July 2022.

Frank McArdle showed the meeting attendees the plans for Swadlincote Town Centre's improvements.

Frank McArdle explained there will be picnic areas, a multi-use area which is now known as the indoor market which will be changed beyond recognition. The facility will



be used as an open-air cinema/ theatre and a free car parking space when not in use for 80 cars.

Frank explained, by May next year, these plans will be in the making and all residents of South Derbyshire should benefit.

Frank McArdle explained the Delph is being resurfaced to a grey Granite, non-slip surface. The shops that face the Town Hall are all set for a new surface front, an initiative by the Council, for the people.

The tree's which run down the High Street are being treated by County Council and any that need to be removed will be replaced with semi-mature trees.

Frank continued; Derbyshire County Council are currently hoping to be combined with other Council's in becoming a Mayoral Authority. Come the next round of the meetings, there will be more information available on that matter.

A member of the public raised concerns over the noise from WARDS Recycling Centre, the member of the public explained they have contacted Environmental Health several times.

Frank McArdle responded that SDDC Environmental Health Team have been out and monitored the noise which has to reach a certain decibel level for action to take place which so far it hasn't. We will continue to monitor the matter and act on it.

A member of the public raised concerns over the Regeneration Route in Woodville, as people are doing U-Turns at the side of the road instead of using the roundabout properly.

Frank McArdle responded that Highways England are responsible for determining where road signs go on such routes. The matter is currently being observed by Highways as their procedure states they should do so. It is a process and we are aware of it, DCC are trying to make changes but SDDC are not in a position to do so. Let's hope for improvements.

A member of the public raised concerns over being asked to fill in paper forms rather than electronic forms (in relation to ASB Diary Sheets).

ACTION: Debbie Punter to look into the ASB Diary Sheets (paper form) and an electronic alternative).

A member of the public raised concerns over the Council Owned Properties Housing Improvements which are set to start August 2022. She explained she has severe allergies and any work that takes place will affect her health. Enquiries have been made, but no response as yet.

ACTION: Frank McArdle to follow up with the Environmental Health Team in respect to allergies with the new work to be complete in Council Owned Properties.



6. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
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7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6:30pm at St George's and St Mary's Church, Church Gresley.

Councillor Mick Mulgrew
CHAIR

The meeting closed at 7:50pm

