

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting minutes – Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor Gillian Lemmon, Councillor David Muller

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director, Corporate Resources
Eugene Minogue – Head of Cultural and Community Services
Claire Rawlins – Anti-social Behaviour Officer
Debbie Punter – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking notes)

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Julie Patten

Derbyshire Police representatives

Section Inspector Mike Sisman
PCSO Finbar Greville
PCSO David Marley

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Councillor Sally Price (**Burnaston Parish Council**), Councillor Phil Coultas (**Dalbury Lees Parish Council**), Councillor Sir Henry Every, Councillor Miles Nesbitt (**Egginton Parish Council**), Councillor Anne De Celliee Muller (**Etwall Parish Council**), Councillor Sandra Stanton (**Hilton Parish Council**)

Bethany Odell – South Derbyshire CVS (SDCVS)

Members of the public

Nigel Minton, Carole Twells

1. Open meeting

a) **Introductions and housekeeping**

b) **Apologies**

Councillor Norman Ireland (Etwall Parish Council), Councillor Andy Roberts



c) Declarations of interest

None declared.

d) Chair's announcements

Festive events in Swadlincote

The Festive Season has officially begun in Swadlincote Town Centre, with the launch of the Snowman and Snow dog sculpture trail at the weekend.

The trail of specially designed sculptures, inspired by The Snowman and The Snow dog animated films, are located throughout the town centre.

For more information on the Christmas activities visit www.southderbyshire.gov.uk

Refuse and Recycling

The refuse and recycling collection calendars are being delivered over the two weeks commencing 13 November, all households should have received a calendar by the 28 November.

The Council will be running a campaign leading up to Christmas, in conjunction with Podback, to further promote the recycling of coffee pods.

Councillor Lisa Brown paid tribute to Adrian Lowery, Head of Operational Services who sadly passed away on Friday, December 3, 2021 and our sincere sympathy goes out to all of Adrian's family, friends and work colleagues.

e) To receive the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

f) Matters arising from the last minutes

None.

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

Due to internet connectivity issues Debbie Punter provided the following update on behalf of Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) David Marley and PCSO Finbar Greville: -

Since the last meeting the team have been very busy.

Here is a snapshot of some good news updates & results achieved since the last meeting. If you don't already, please consider following the team to keep up to date with what they are doing on: -

Facebook - Etwall, Hatton Hilton SNT.



Twitter - SouthderbysNT

Derbyshire Alert - The forces 2-way messaging service. You can sign up at www.derbyshirealert.co.uk

Speed Checks & Traffic operation checks/ Vehicle offences

Speed checks completed in all areas - on going and with various results, such as vehicles seized for no insurance and tickets issued.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme set up in Etwall.

Engagement/ Crime prevention events held

- Several posts added to social media relating to vulnerability & crime prevention giving advice regarding theft/ fraud/ open water safety/ personal safety and home security. We have also utilised/ referred people to the SDCVS Safer Homes scheme who visit vulnerable homeowners checking security and providing free crime prevention items.
- Bike security marking events completed at John Port School.
- Bike Security marking event held in Hilton.
- Cuppa with a Copper event held at Etwall Church.
- Cuppa with a Copper event held at Scropton Garden Centre.
- SNT Halloween event held in Hilton.
- Crime prevention and Derbyshire Alert sign-up events held throughout the area.
- Blooming Hilton event.
- Etwall Parish Council litter pick engagement.

School engagement

- John Port School - Project Zao talks arranged for w/c 13.12.21.
- Road safety talks at Etwall Primary School.
- Church Broughton talks.
- Regular visits made to all schools at drop off and pick up times, although most schools are busy in respect to parking very few offences are actually being committed. We encourage parents to park safely and enforce if needed. We Work closely with schools if any issues are raised and on preventative measures.
- Working with JPS relating to offences committed by pupils.
- Hilton Primary -talks re road safety and criminal responsibility following issues of ASB in Hilton- more planned.

Positive results in the area

- Cannabis warnings issued in Hilton, outside of Tesco.
- Youths caught graffitiing in Hilton – Restorative Justice (RJ) was used and letters of apology were written and the youths in question were made to clean off the graffiti.
- Youths caught underaged drinking in Hilton – the youths were made to collect all their rubbish up the next day.



- Local youths assisted the SNT in finding a local missing vulnerable person.
- The SNT and local residents assisted in a collapsed male on the Mease – the male has since made a full recovery.
- The SNT located a suicidal male – safeguarding was completed.
- Op Sceptre (the national week of action to tackle knife crime took place in April and November - knife sweeps were conducted and school talks given. Test purchase operations were also carried out in conjunction with trading standards - sadly three out of the seven shops checked in South Derbyshire sold knives to a 15-year-old.
- A wanted male was found in a layby on the A516 in possession of a handgun/ heroin/ knife/ money and cannabis – the male has since been jailed for nine years.
- The SNT caught a male using his phone whilst driving in Hatton. Subsequently the individual in question was ordered by the Court to pay a fine of £440, £150 costs, £44 surcharge and obtained 6 points on his licence.
- The SNT located several underage drinkers, in a ditch in Etwall in need of medical assistance. Joint emergency service work was completed to resolve and ensure that medical assistance was received. Safeguarding and ongoing work around the land has been completed together with the local council, school and youths.
- The Rural Crime Team have been conducting targeted anti-poaching patrols throughout all rural areas.
- An off-duty SNT Officer came across a road traffic collision (RTC) on the A516 on his way home and detained the aggressive drunk driver on scene. The Officer has since received a commendation for this work.
- A male on New Road, Hilton was arrested and remanded to prison for possession of an imitation firearm and cannabis following a warrant being conducted.
- A male was issued a ticket for causing alarm whilst officers were dealing with a three vehicle RTC near Hatton where he proceeded to parp his horn.
- Numerous Section 59 (S59) warnings have been issued and seizures made in relation to e-scooter offences.
- Several Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's) issued in respect to anti-social behaviour and neighbour disputes.
- Local youths identified and dealt with for egg throwing.

Councillor Julie Patten requested a written update regarding a fatality incident that happened on Station Road, Hatten this morning.

Inspector Mike Sisman advised that an investigation will need to take place before any specific details can be released.

Councillor Miles Nesbitt raised awareness that on November 30, 2021 at 3:30am there were four youths in the village of Egginton trying car and garage doors. Two bikes were stolen from a garage and a car was ransacked in William Newton Close. The bikes that were stolen were stacked in two different places in the village and at 9:30am the following morning a white van arrived in the village and a man loaded the bikes into the back of his van and drove off. Local residents are urged to be vigilant.

Councillor David Muller thanked the SNT for their comprehensive report and also their both informative and enjoyable Facebook updates.



ACTION: Debbie Punter to pass on Councillor Miles Nesbitt's email address to PCSO Finbar Greville so that he can provide a detailed response directly to Councillor Nesbitt in respect to the recent incidents in Egginton.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood grants update

Claire Rawlins provided the following update: -

Community Safety Officer

Debbie Punter has now been appointed as the new Community Safety Officer for SDDC and will start her new role in the New Year. Debbie can be contacted by email: Debbie.Punter@southderbyshire.gov.uk or direct dial: 01283 595858.

Derbyshire Violence against Women and Girls Survey

A major new survey has been launched to identify what makes women and girls feel unsafe in Derbyshire, where their fear of crime is greatest and what would make them feel safer.

The online poll unveiled by Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster invites women, girls, parents and guardians to share their views, anonymously and the feedback will help the Commissioner to allocate resources to improve women's safety and better understand what action is needed to reduce their vulnerability and protect their safety.

To complete the survey please visit the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioners web page <https://bit.ly/2XM6fiR>

People Express Passport to Music

People Express have made an excellent film of the first year of their 'Passport to Music' project which was part funded by the Communities Team's Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods funding stream www.people-express.org.uk/passport-to-music/

The project is an inclusive music programme providing 2 years of fortnightly workshops, led by professional tutors, in different genres of music for excluded, vulnerable and 'at risk' young people. The project has worked with 15 young people in Year 1 and will aim to work with up to 10 disabled young people in Year 2.

The project is part of People Express's response to the report on social mobility through education that placed the district's young people as most at risk in England of not fulfilling their potential. Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods funding has contributed £1,500 towards the project.



Speed Watch Cameras

The CSP has agreed to fund two new speed guns for the police to use with local South Derbyshire Community Speed Watch (CSW) groups. There are a total of 11 CSW groups in South Derbyshire, three of these are new schemes that are awaiting training before they can become operational.

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Safer Neighbourhoods and Community Funding

No project applications have come in yet this year. £4000 is still available for projects that will impact on preventing ASB and Crime or developing groups that can attract young people.

Please contact Debbie if you have any ideas for projects and we will help you with the application process, which is really simple.

4. Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update

Bethany Odell provided the following South Derbyshire CVS (SDCVS) 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, Hospital, Vaccinations. The service is still limited as we do not have too many drivers active and we are being careful about the number of passenger journeys drivers undertake per day. We are only doing Hospital and GP appointments at the moment as we have to prioritise the journeys for health appointments. Drivers and Service Users are expected to still wear masks, socially distance and use hand sanitiser to keep everybody safe. We will not transport anyone with any symptoms of Covid 19 and our drivers will not drive if they have any symptoms. Referrals and enquiries 01283 219761 projectsupport@sdcvcs.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. This is quite a process as we have to check that this is safe



for both parties and complete new risk assessments. Some volunteers, who started volunteering in the last year telephone befriending, also need to go through extra checks and training before being able to start face to face visits. This takes time and we again need to do this before permitting people to start visiting in person. Please bear with us while we do this. Referrals and enquiries 01283 219761 connect@sdcv.org.uk

Handy Person Help at Home Support Service – New service! See SDCVS website for more information. Referrals and enquiries 01283 219761 handysupport@sdcv.org.uk

Home From Hospital – 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 addition, Rachel Stilwell our Service Coordinator has been supporting people with other things that help to keep them home from hospital. 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. Referrals and enquiries 01283 817417 home@dhfh.org.uk

Safer Homes – Home Visits from our Safer Homes Operative were suspended when the pandemic started. This service has been open again since April and visits were resumed to ensure people's homes are safe and secure and advise them on measures to improve security and to install locks etc to help this. Our operative wears PPE maintains social distance and follows safety measures and cleaning procedures before, during and after his visits. Referrals to this service are often from Police and professionals although self-referral is possible. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. Referrals and enquiries 01283 219761 projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk

Befriending Groups, Lunch clubs and Shopmobility – remain suspended. We will update you as and when we have more news on this.

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. Please telephone 07458 305314 (**please note this number is for food bank enquiries only**) or email projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk to arrange an appointment. If emailing, please include your telephone number with your message so we can get back to you as soon as possible.

The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. We also have a fridge and freezer so are also able to support service users with fresh food donated by local businesses.

Anyone who needs emergency food can access the service. On the first occasion that you need a parcel, you can refer yourself to the service. For each food parcel after that, you will need to provide a referral form before you will be given a parcel.



Food Bank Winter Campaign – helping to tackle food poverty in South Derbyshire over Christmas. Our food bank is seeking food donations such as meats, cheeses and festive treats. Any donations can be dropped off at Hill Street Baptist Church up to **22 December** on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 8am – 3.30pm. We are also asking for financial donations to help the Food Bank continue this valuable service in 2022.

For further information either email finance@sdcvcs.org.uk or phone 01283 219761. For the next three weekends Mid Mercia Marina are organising a Free Santa's Grotto and asking for donations to support our Food Bank.

Covid Connectors Project – to set up a Covid Connectors Network throughout South Derbyshire – to empower residents and workforces in South Derbyshire with the information they need to lead the way in the community by giving consistent, timely and accurate information around Covid-19. Since Jan 21 the team have been working with 30 Covid Connectors. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. For more information – Selinaw@sdcvcs.org.uk

Connected South Derbyshire – a new project to connect citizens of South Derbyshire to their local communities and to end loneliness. To empower, enable and encourage citizens of South Derbyshire to connect, engage and socialise with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. For further information – Bethanyo@sdcvcs.org.uk

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. For new groups we help them to develop a constitution, a management committee and support with implementing policies/procedures. We also help groups to access funding pots and help them with their funding applications.

Volunteer Force – supports local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. 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 – Volunteer@sdcvcs.org.uk

Communications – Our website: www.sdcvcs.org.uk holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us.

We send out regular e-bulletins, containing internal and external news, events, training, job vacancies and funding, relevant to anyone involved in the local voluntary and community sector. You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website, as above, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcvcs.org.uk

We are active on Facebook and Twitter - search for South Derbyshire CVS to find us.



Our Volunteer Force has its own Facebook and Twitter pages and through these we advertise local volunteering opportunities. Search for South Derbyshire Volunteer Force or @SDVolForce to find us. We are also developing a new Volunteer Force website; www.volunteersouthderbyshire.org

To advertise volunteer opportunities with us please email volunteer@sdcvs.org.uk

5. Local authority update and public Q&A

Kevin Stackhouse provided the following update: -

Housing update

The Council is upgrading the system that provides the platform for managing the Housing Waiting List, advertising and allocating vacant council properties.

The South Derbyshire Homefinder (Abritas) system will no longer be available after the 6 December although we will be able to allocate properties that have already been advertised.

On the 7 December the new Jigsaw system will be available for new applications and re-registration, support will be provided by Housing staff. Applicants must have access to an email address and an added feature with the new system is that it will incorporate a new Homelessness system.

Council tax reduction scheme

South Derbyshire District Council is asking residents to comment on proposed changes to its Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age residents.

South Derbyshire District Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme supports working age residents who are on a low income by reducing the amount of council tax they have to pay in line with their income.

The council tax support scheme for those of pension age is a national scheme and is not affected by these proposals.

The Council's current scheme was introduced in 2013. As such, the Council is keen to explore changes to the scheme to modernise it, ensure it distributes support to those in need more effectively, and to reduce administration costs.

Information on the potential models and an online survey where people can give their views can be found at www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/ctrschanges.

The deadline to give your views is Friday, January 14 at 5pm.

Face-to-face services at South Derbyshire District Council civic offices

South Derbyshire District Council is set to launch a new customer services access point at its Civic Offices in Swadlincote this winter.



The aim of the customer service access point is to support customers who need drop-in face-to-face support. The Council will also be able to serve customers who are applying for a Derbyshire Gold Card and need help with a photograph. Customers with more complex enquires will be offered appointments in the Council's Kiosk Room. The new access point is being launched as part of a six-month trial to determine the best way forward for face-to-face support for our customers. A paper and online survey will be launched soon to gather customers views on how well they are being served. This will be published at www.southderbyshire.gov.uk

We would be grateful if all residents could take part in this consultation, so we can determine the best long-term solution for residents and the council. Thank you.

Councillor Julie Patten asked whether SDDC have increased the capacity for people answering the phones since the Council Offices have been closed to the public.

Kevin Stackhouse confirmed that it is true that SDDC have had more call waits since the offices have been closed to the public. In response to this the Council are looking to introduce a facility so that callers are advised what the current waiting time is, allowing the caller to decide whether they wish to stay on the line or call back at another time. In the meantime, contact centre staff are trying their utmost to get through the number of calls received as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Councillor Peter Smith asked whether an update could be provided in respect to the recent outbreaks of Avian Flu.

Kevin Stackhouse responded to say that he would take the question back to Matt Holford, Head of Environmental Services and provide a response back to Councillor Smith directly.

ACTION: Kevin Stackhouse to refer the request for an update regarding Avian Flu to Matt Holford, Head of Environmental Services in order to provide a response back directly to Councillor Smith. Debbie Punter to also include a copy of the update in the report back document.

6. Summary of agreed actions

Action	Person responsible
Debbie Punter to pass on Councillor Miles Nesbitt's email address to PCSO Finbar Greville so that he can provide a detailed response in respect to the recent incident in Egginton.	Debbie Punter/ PCSO Finbar Greville
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7. Close and date of next meeting

TBC (Feb/ Mar 2022)

Councillor Lisa Brown
CHAIR
The meeting terminated at 6:50pm

