

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting minutes – Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor David Muller (Vice Chair), Councillor Jim Hewlett, Councillor Kevin Richards

Kevin Stackhouse – Director of Corporate Resources
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager
Dennis Bateman – Senior Community Safety Enforcement Officer

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Aariana Sohal (Adult Social Care and Health)

Derbyshire Police representatives

Sgt Adrian Pegg

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Councillor Geoff Allen (Burnaston Parish Council), Councillor Miles Nesbitt (Egginton Parish Council), Councillor Anne du Celliee Muller, Councillor Dan Smith (Etwall Parish Council)

Annette Jennison – South Derbyshire CVS

Members of the public

Steve Cooper, Jean Parkinson

EA/1 1. Open meeting

a) Introductions and housekeeping

b) Apologies

Sir Henry Every Bt., Councillor Martyn Ford, PCSO Finbar Greville, Councillor Andy Roberts, Debbie Ward



c) Declarations of interest

None declared.

d) Chair's announcements

Thanks were extended to all staff, volunteers, and workers from all public sector organisations and the community and voluntary sector for the tremendous work they have done and are continuing to do throughout the pandemic.

The Chair reminded the meeting that there are three COVID-19 Testing Centres at Gresley Old Hall, Midway Community Centre and Grove Hall in Swadlincote that can be visited by residents of South Derbyshire.

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.

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

Sergeant Adrian Pegg introduced himself to the meeting and provided the following update: -

Since the last forum meeting, we have had to work in very different times and ways. Most of the engagement side of our role such as the crime prevention events and school talks have not been possible, but we have found alternative ways to engage with schools in a socially distanced way.

We have achieved the following positive results since our last forum meeting plus many more: -

- Prohibition notice served on an owner of a vehicle with excessive smoke coming from the exhaust on Sutton lane, Hilton – the vehicle was seized.
- 6 vehicles were seized in Hatton and Hilton for having no insurance.
- A vehicle was stolen from Hilton and then located by the team.
- Knife sweeps have taken place during Operation Sceptre, a national knife crime initiative.
- Two individuals were arrested, charged and remanded for traffic offences and a burglary in Hatton, their vehicle was also seized.
- Outdoor 'pop-up' Derbyshire Alert sign-up events have taken place in various locations.
- Patrols and engagement throughout all areas has continued where possible, including with schools.
- Speed checks have been conducted throughout all areas on a regular basis.
- An outdoor cannabis grow was found in a field.



- Partnership working with SDDC Community Support Enforcement Officers (CSEO's) in relation to loose dogs found in Sutton Lane, Hilton. Several Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's) were issued and one dog was seized.

Councillor Miles Nesbitt asked if the Police could pay some attention to speeding and dog fouling at Mickleover Country Park.

Sgt Pegg stated that the Police would investigate the issues of speeding. Dennis Bateman, Senior CSEO stated that dog fouling was something that his team deal with. Dennis provided his contact details and asked Councillor Nesbitt to contact him directly.

ACTION: SNT to investigate the speeding issues reported at Mickleover Country Park.

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

Chris Smith provided the following update: -

After a short period of uncertainty during the first lockdown many of the Local Partnership meetings quickly resumed using Microsoft Teams, including Police and Partners ASB Meetings, Pub Watch meetings, Child Exploitation meetings and the Violence Alcohol and Licensing meetings.

During the first lockdown there was an increase in calls to Police service for Domestic related incidents, and as a result a new South Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Action Group was set up to ensure key partners and support services are working closely together to raise awareness of domestic abuse and promote what local support services are available.

The easing of the first lockdown also saw a large increase in ASB both in terms of neighbour issues, parking issues at Tourist sites and large groups of young people gathering and causing a nuisance in parks and open spaces across the District.

Over the Summer local police SNT Officers were in daily communication with the Councils Communities and Cultural Services Teams and the Councils Community Enforcement Officers and multi-agency meetings were introduced to deal with specific issues at Foremark Reservoir and Newhall Park. New CCTV cameras have also been installed at Maurice Lea Park.

The Partnerships Safer Homes scheme which is delivered by South Derbyshire CVS was temporarily suspended when lock down commenced in April and through to July the Safer Homes worker was redeployed and delivered over 160 essential medical and food parcels to vulnerable individuals who were unable to leave their property.



Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding

There has been one funding application this financial year for the Etwall area which has been approved and awarded for a sum of £1820 which went to Egginton Church towards the cost of alarms to prevent lead thefts and break ins.

Funding is still available to local community groups, parish councils, clubs & associations and not for profit organisations to make their community feel safer and stronger and to enhance the local community.

For more details, please visit the Council Website or contact Chris Smith or Debbie Ward in the Communities Team by email at community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk

EA/4 4. Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update

Annette Jennison provided a summary of how South Derbyshire CVS (SDCVS) has responded to COVID-19 and the services it is delivering.

SDCVS Since March 2020 lockdown: -

- Offices closed & all staff are working from home.
- Some services put on hold due to COVID-19 risk: face to face, befriending, active travel, social car and shop mobility.
- Other services – demand has soared and staff have been diverted to help with the food bank, befriending, shopping and collecting medication for the housebound.
- Huge increased need for volunteers – 180 recruited during March-May 2020. More are needed to support telephone befriending.

Launch of South Derbyshire Volunteer Force

We have recently launched our South Derbyshire Volunteer Force and hope to work with other local volunteer organisations to provide a joined-up volunteer service with many tasks & roles within the community, including shopping, foodbank, telephone befriending, collecting medications, driving, home DIY, gardening & many more.

The South Derbyshire Volunteer Force has been tasked with recruiting volunteers to help at vaccination clinics in Swadlincote - to help guide patients for parking & maintaining social distancing whilst attending for their vaccination.

We launched the recruitment drive on Friday 8th January & were amazed by the tremendous response with over 300 expressions of interest to date (20.01.21).

Since 8th January we have cleared over 70 new volunteers for referral to the NHS People Hub to cover vaccination clinics at Oakland Village in Swadlincote. Some are also covering clinics at the Derby Arena.

There are many volunteering roles available. However, we are hoping to recruit more volunteers for driving & also telephone befriending. For information email volunteer@sdvcs.org.uk



If you are an organisation with volunteer opportunities available you can contact us to help recruit your volunteers.

Launch of Winter Giving Campaign

Between March - October 2020, with the support of local people, we supplied 12,654 meals to 552 children and 854 adults.

Demand is growing, and that is why we are appealing for financial donations throughout the winter period to help feed families across South Derbyshire. There are people around us facing significant hardship due to redundancy, ill health, or changes to their personal circumstances.

We are asking people to make a financial donation so we can buy the right balance of food, and support those most in need this winter. £5 buys food for a child for 1 day £20 buys emergency food for a family for 3 days £50 buys food for a family for 1 week. To donate visit www.sdcdvs.org.uk/donate

If you know someone who needs a food parcel, please call 07534 263268 or email projectsupport@sdcdvs.org.uk

EA/5 **5. Local authority update and public Q&A**

Kevin Stackhouse updated: -

COVID-19 Pandemic update

South Derbyshire's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been co-ordinated by the County Local Resilience Forum, the forum that guides our efforts in dealing with all local emergencies. All the work on the pandemic is overseen by a Strategic Coordinating Group, chaired by Derbyshire Police, this comprises senior representatives for health, social care, police, fire, military, local authorities, ministry of housing, communities and local government. South Derbyshire District Council's Chief Executive sits on this group. Under this sits a range of sub-groups all dealing with specific areas of action from:

Maintaining Front Line Services – in particular, essential services and maintaining customer access to those. All organisations have had to adapt the way they do things.

Capacity in the Health and Social Care system – dealing with pressure on hospitals, care homes and supporting people in their own homes.

Community Response and Coordination – this has been a big area for us locally. Whether that be in ensuring the delivery of food parcels to vulnerable people who were shielding, providing prescription deliveries, supporting people being discharged from hospital, co-ordinating volunteers for services such as befriending, supporting the local food bank and providing local testing facilities.

A huge amount of effort has gone into this strand of work and partners should be rightly proud of the support they have provided to the local community at what has been and continues to be a very challenging time.



Kevin Stackhouse reported that South Derbyshire continues to be well placed to respond to the pandemic. Unlike other areas across the County, South Derbyshire retained its Local Strategic Partnership in the form of the South Derbyshire Partnership meaning there were already structures in place to act quickly.

South Derbyshire is being held up as best practice in the County in this regard and other areas have been very complimentary about the strength and depth of the District's partnership arrangements.

Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy

South Derbyshire District Council is currently inviting residents to comment on the Council's draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2021-25. Equality, diversity, and inclusion are an integral part of everyday life for South Derbyshire District Council and the Council is committed to ensuring that the services it provides are accessible to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Strategy and Action Plan for 2021-2025 sets out the Council's equality objectives for the next four years. In developing this strategy, the Council has consulted with Elected Members, Council Officers, Trade Unions, residents, community and faith-based groups through events held in partnership with SDCVS.

The Council is proud of the progress being made but before the final version of the Strategy is approved, any comments and feedback the Forum has is welcomed.

The strategy and Action Plan are available on the Council's website and can be viewed in the following link www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusion The deadline for comments is Thursday, 4 February 2021.

Christmas Waste Service Disruptions

Unfortunately, the brief spell of snow over the period between Christmas and New Year had a significant impact on all waste collection services and in particular recycling collections.

The recycling collections have been impacted by the increased amount of waste being generated at home due to the COVID-19 restrictions on households with tonnages presented for collection at times 30% above normal levels.

In normal times the Christmas week and the first two weeks of the new year see the highest volumes of waste presented for collection, these volumes are even higher than normal.

The three issues combined, tonnages due to COVID-19, increased tonnages due to Christmas and the loss of collection days due to Christmas/ weather have made it extremely difficult to catch up with collections.

The Council and its contractor have made every effort to get collections back to normal in as short a time as possible including additional resources and additional working days.



As of January 12, 2021, black and brown bin collections are back to normal. However, green bin collections are approximately one day behind. These collections are only delayed and not cancelled, therefore, residents should be advised to leave their bins out and they should be collected no later than the following working day.

Housing Services Update

Community Engagement

The 2020-23 Housing Customer Engagement Strategy Action Plan has been consulted on with Council tenants, Council employees and other social housing landlords. 185 tenants responded, with 82% saying that they found the Action Plan easy to read and understand. More information about the Strategy is available by contacting Community Engagement Officer, Laurie Coombs on 07891 071980.

Helping vulnerable residents stay warm and well at home in South Derbyshire.

Householders living with cold sensitive health conditions who are unable to achieve affordable warmth are at high risk of needing extra support from the NHS and Adult Care.

The Council can provide support services at short notice and will work with referral partners to provide appropriate and cost-effective solutions for the NHS and Adult Care.

- Privately own or privately rent their house ✓
- Have a health condition made worse by the cold ✓
- Struggle to afford to keep their home warm ✓

People can self-refer/contact us for advice through our generic email environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk or stephanie.thandi@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Councillor Nesbitt asked whose responsibility it would be to remove rubbish that accumulates in ditches at the side of the road as there was an accumulation of rubbish in a ditch in Egginton. CSEO Dennis Bateman advised that it would depend on who owns the land and the best way forward would be to report the issue to the Clean Team at SDDC, (this can be done by contacting the Council via the SDDC website www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/street-care). If it is not SDDC land the Council could contact the landowners to request that they clear it.

Councillor Nesbitt also asked if there was still a COVID-19 testing centre open at Toyota. Kevin Stackhouse stated that the testing centre at Toyota was no longer open.

Sgt Pegg asked whether the Bretby Household Waste Recycling Centre (in Newhall) was currently open. It was confirmed by Councillor Kevin Richards that the centre is currently open.



EA/6 **6. Summary of agreed actions**

Action	Person responsible
SNT to investigate the speeding issues reported at Mickleover Country Park.	Sgt Adrian Pegg

EA/7 **7. Close and date of next meeting**

TBC (May/ June 2021)

Councillor Lisa Brown
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 6:55pm

