

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE  
PARTNERSHIP

Oakland Village, Swadlincote  
on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Local Authority Sector**

District Councillors Wheeler (Chairman), Harrison, County Councillor Southerd, Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils) and Stuart Batchelor (South Derbyshire District Council).

**Other Public Sector**

Maggie Bensusan (East Midlands Housing Group), Chief Superintendent Jack Atwal (Derbyshire Constabulary), Emma Barradell (NHS Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group).

**Private Sector**

Nick Freeman (Toyota UK Ltd), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Sophie Churchill (The National Forest Company) and John Richardson (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade).

**Voluntary/Community Sector**

Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS), Fred Cox (South Derbyshire Tenants and Residents Forum) and Stephen Spear (SV2).

**Also in Attendance**

Mike Roylance, Vicky Smyth, Chris Smith, Phil Marriott, Julia Dowding, Kate Allies and Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council).

**Media**

Dylan Jones (South Derbyshire Community Radio).

SDP/47. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from: -  
Maureen Evans (DCC Children & Younger Adults), Elaine Varley (Derbyshire County Council Public Health), Kim Mason, John Porter and Keith Bull (Northgate Public Services), Ailsa Daykin (East Midlands Housing Group), John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College), Helen Dillistone (NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG), District Councillor Kevin Richards, Tracey Harris (Homestart South Derbyshire) Gary Musson (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade) and Frank McArdle (South Derbyshire District Council).

**MATTERS ARISING**

SDP/48. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/48. (SDP/44) JS updated the group on the response from the 'payroll giving'. It was agreed not to progress at present.

SB updated the Board on the Locality Intervention Project - an update paper will be presented at the next meeting. **ACTION: SB.**

SDP/49. **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

SDP/50. **FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERING**

JS gave an introduction on volunteering in the area and the positive impact it has on quality of life. Volunteer recruiting mostly done online on the national 'Do It' website. Currently working with local businesses to help share specialist skills/knowledge and promote volunteering to benefit all parties involved.

**Kate Allies – South Derbyshire Environmental Volunteering Project**

KA gave an introduction on the Give to Gain project and how it aims to help local groups find volunteers to do environmental tasks and also provides suitable tasks for businesses wishing to volunteer on an environmental task. Templates for organisations with a task can be downloaded from the website which creates a list of tasks for businesses and volunteer groups to choose from. The matching service is free for groups needing tasks doing but there is a charge for businesses if they want, for example, a risk assessment etc. done.

For further details on the Environmental Forum:

[www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentalforum](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentalforum) - then click on the link for the Environmental Volunteering page to download the templates.

To book a place at the 'Give to Gain Matchmaking' event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 4:00 to 6:00pm email: [rosliston@south-derbys.gov.uk](mailto:rosliston@south-derbys.gov.uk) or ring 01283 535039 or via Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/EnvironmentalEducationProject>;

Councillor Wheeler congratulated Kate for being nominated for an award in the National 'Learning outside the Classroom' annual awards. It is in recognition of 20 years work at Rosliston Forestry Centre and developing environmental education opportunities across South Derbyshire and The National Forest. Kate is the only Midlands candidate for this award. Voting is just one click on the link below. The deadline is 14th November

<http://www.lotc.org.uk/news-and-events/awards-for-outstanding-contribution-to-lotc/>

Chris Smith, Safer Communities

The Safer Communities team have been tasked to standardise the use of volunteering within SDDC by developing a Strategy which covers recruitment, background checks, training, support and promotion of volunteering. A pool of volunteers will be created with capacity to deliver a range of activities. A discussion took place on the CVS role in recruiting volunteers and opportunities and it was agreed it was a good idea to make use of policies already in place. Sheila Jackson made reference to the parish council's database which would be a good source of volunteers already in place.

Colleen Hempson updated the board on how East Midlands Airport engage with Derby City and go into local Derby schools and help to prepare students for the world of work with mock interviews. Problems are encountered with engaging with South Derbyshire Schools. Agreed to engage DCC e.g. flood and snow wardens. It was agreed there was also a need to think about engaging more young people into volunteering.

Nick Freeman, Toyota UK Ltd

Nick Freeman gave a brief overview of the Company's activities including: Toyota in the Community; public visits programme; and Engineers working with local secondary schools in Derbyshire promoting careers in engineering and manufacturing. Again a mixed result in engaging South Derbyshire schools. Agreed that County Councillor Trevor Southerd approach Ian Thomas DCC. **ACTION: C Cllr Southerd**

Nick Freeman updated the group on Toyota's charitable trust, end of year donations and quarterly grants.

Toyota has been supporting South Derbyshire Day since 2011; the aim to highlight the contribution that volunteers make within South Derbyshire and to recognise the efforts of volunteers and celebrate their achievements in a public setting. A discussion took place on the future role of the 'Day' and how to identify 20 - 25 people. It was agreed that the Voluntary Sector Forum to discuss - Julia Dowding to be invited to this meeting. **ACTION: JS**

SDP/51. **DERBYSHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT**

Vicky Smyth gave a presentation on behalf of Elaine Varley on the Director of Public Health's annual report on the health of the population. The report focuses on the health impacts of poverty and provides an opportunity for informing local people and organisations about the health of their community. Health dimensions of poverty are considered under 4 chapters:

- Improving financial inclusion
- Reducing child poverty
- The importance of the economy and work
- Reducing the impact of cold weather

The presentation to be circulated to the group along with the link to download the annual report. **ACTION: VS/SC.**

Copies of the report can be downloaded from:  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social\\_health/improving\\_public\\_health/public\\_health\\_annual\\_report/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social_health/improving_public_health/public_health_annual_report/default.asp)

SDP/52. **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY FORUM**

Jo Smith updated the Board on the outcome to dissolve the Voluntary Sector Forum and replace with a new Community Forum.

A proposal was put forward and agreed to allocate £2k for the group to be managed by the CVS. **ACTION: SB**

SDP/53. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – QUARTER 1 & 2 (Sept 14)**

The Partnership Newsletter was circulated to accompany the three theme group updates distributed with the Agenda. No questions were raised.

SDP/54. **VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE**

Jo Smith informed the Board that Gill Farrington has resigned as a voluntary sector representative and elections will take place to fill the position.

CVS still awaiting news of DCC funding for 2015 – a 10% cut is anticipated.

Jo Smith retires in July 2015.

SDP/55. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Sophie Churchill leaves her role of Chief Executive of the National Forest Company in December. The Chairman wished to record his and the Board's thanks for all the work she has done in South Derbyshire in general and within this Partnership; the Board all agreed Sophie will be missed.

SDP/56. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – 9:30 am – South Derbyshire District Council – Committee Room or venue to be advised.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11.20 a.m.