

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

MELBOURNE – AREA 3

Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2022

Aston Recreation Centre

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick (Chair), Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Jim Hewlett and Councillor Peter Watson.

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant
Mansoor Swati – Community Safety Enforcement Officer

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin and Councillor David Muller.

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Sergeant Nizzer
PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite
PCSO Greville

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Bill Fereday – Aston on Trent Parish Council
Jean Longley – Aston on Trent Parish Council
Fiona Kepple-Spoor – Aston on Trent, Shardlow and Elvaston Parish Council
Toni Kent-Chadman – Barrow on Trent Parish Council
Julie Collett - Barrow on Trent Parish Council
Linda Freeman – Weston on Trent Parish Council
Chris Scott - Weston on Trent Parish Council
Avril Relord – Weston on Trent Parish Council
Ed Green - Weston on Trent Parish Council
Terry Summerlin – Melbourne Parish Council
Nancy Hawksworth – Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council

Stella Collishaw – South Derbyshire CVS

Members of the Public

Ray Freeman, Bob Read, Gillian Ryan, David Smith, Frank Hughes and Alicia Mitchell



M/A 8. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Dan Corbin, Sharon Bowler

c) Chair's Announcements

The Chair's Chosen Charity

The Chair of South Derbyshire District Council has officially named the NSPCC as his chosen charity for the remainder of his year in office. (It was formally Bank House, but unfortunately, they no longer exist as a charity).

Summer Scheme

The Active Communities and Health Team have received a lot of appreciation for the Summer Playschemes return after the two-year absence for Covid.

Over 80 sessions of sports and activity took place across the District over the Summer Holidays and a great deal of praise and thanks have been received from grateful parents for the free Sessions.

Participation this year was fantastic with 5,547 young people attending the sessions, which is an increase of nearly 1000 on 2019 figures.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

M/A 9. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

There are 2 new PCSO's who have very recently joined the team We are just finalising details for putting two new PC's into the SNT in the next couple of months.

Since the last meeting, we have continued to tackle ASB, Vital Safeguarding and giving Crime Prevention Advise.

PCSO Claire Robbins is leaving the force and PCSO Greville will be taking over in area three.

We've been very busy over the summer, visiting lots of Festivals and different events going on in and around the area.

We have been continuing our School Talks and School Parking Patrols.



Coming up, we have Op-Sceptre from 14th November, a campaign around knife crime. We are seen as a leading area for such an initiative; by the next meeting we will have good results to update you on from that.

Also, on November 26th the Anti-Violence Bee will be installed in Morrisons Car Park, Swadlincote and will visit two local schools in the area too.

In terms of Vehicle Crime, last week we have 14 occurrences. A lot of these attribute to the A50 regarding fuel theft of HGV's and breaking into the back of lorries.

We have recently set out new priorities:

- Off-Road Bikes (community intelligence will be key for this)
- E-Scooters (education around them and the enforcement which can take place)
- Online Safety) prevention and education for all ages)

Regarding burglaries at the moment, they are pretty low but there have been a few on business premises.

Safeguarding is always a priority as well as vulnerability. Domestic Abuse is also a huge priority at the moment in the local area.

Regarding Foremark Reservoir, we have recently attended a meeting to discuss the issues and how they've been resolved over the past year. There were no issues brought up at the meeting, a very positive outcome.

We recently made an arrest in Melbourne for drug offences, both in possession of and driving under the influence in.

We have attended numerous engagement events in Schools and we recently visited the Ukrainian Centre in Weston on Trent.

Sergeant Nizzer thanked those at the meeting and other members of the public for all of their help and cooperation.

Weston Parish Council asked what the SNT are doing about parking in the village?

PCSO Sup. Wallington-Waite explained they have been into the school (which the layout of the school provides a slight issue for pick up and drop off). The SNT have an appointment at the school tomorrow where they will discuss options and send out letters to parents. There will be a Police presence and we will do what we can to improve it.

A member of the public raised concerns over the lack of parking outside of Aston Primary School.

ACTION: County Council to take back issues of school parking at Aston School.

A member of the public raised concerns of speeding on Snelsmoor Lane, Aston.



ACTION: SNT to carry out speed checks on Snelsmoor Lane, Aston.

A member of the public raised concerns over car meets on Infinity Park and speeding.

A discussion took place around Infinity Park and the Boundary with Derby City.

ACTION: SNT to liaise with colleagues over speed checks and car meets at Infinity Park.

Councillor Atkin thanked the Police for their work.

A member of the public raised concerns over the timed traffic lights on the A50/ A6 spur (with traffic tailing back from Elvaston around 4pm).

ACTION: Councillor Atkin to take back concerns over traffic backlog at the A6 spur.**M/A 10. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update****ASB Awareness Week**

July 18th marked the start of ASB Awareness Week which was promoted by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (SDCSP) at Swadlincote Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, July 16, 2022. ASB Awareness Packs were provided to anyone residing in South Derbyshire, who were experiencing issues with ASB, and included an ASB incident diary log, information about what is/ is not classed as ASB together with contact information for Core Victim Services.

Hate Crime Awareness Week

Saturday 8th through to Saturday 15th October marked Hate Crime Awareness Week. The national week aimed to encourage the authorities (Government, Police and Councils), key partners and communities affected by hate crime to work together to tackle local hate crime incidents across the UK. For more information about Hate Crime, including types and how you can report hate crime you can visit www.nationalhcaaw.uk and look out for updates via the SDCSP and SDDC Facebook pages.

ASB in John Street, Swadlincote

Following a report of a man hiding behind bushes (shouting offensive comments to a young girl) next to Eureka Park in John Street work has been scheduled as a priority to crown lift the individual trees and clear any growth around the base of the trees and surrounding shrubbery to open the area up and create clear sightlines. The incident was also called into the Police and the SNT have been keeping a watchful eye on the area during their park patrols.



Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Stream

Funding is still available for local community groups, parish councils, clubs & associations and not for profit organisations. The aim of the funding is to give local groups and organisations the opportunity to develop projects to make their community feel safer and stronger and to enhance the local community. The maximum amount that can be applied for (per project) is £2,500 and applications will need to demonstrate how the project will impact on reducing or preventing crime and disorder/ anti-social behaviour/ support development of new community groups and projects. For more information, please visit the Council Website or contact Debbie Punter in the Communities Team on 01283 595858.

A member of the public raised the good use of the Faraday Bags supplied by South Derbyshire CSP for the keyless cars.

M/A 11. 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 three months we have supported 82 individuals and had 243 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries call 01283 219761 or email, 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 three months we have supported 52 individuals and 624 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries 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 three months we have received 81 referrals and 124 visits. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 219761 or email, handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This service 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 three months we have supported 190 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 with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver this service. 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. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have supported 133 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. For referrals and enquiries please call, 01283 219761 or email projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank has now moved to Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ 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 period April – June we distributed 306 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 402 adults and 244 children and signposted people to 58 different services. To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314.

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. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please email development@sdcv.org.uk.

In the period April – June 2022 the Team supported 89 individual groups supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment. We organised five funders' workshops, a Volunteer Fayre, a Children & Young People's Network, a Food Network and four Community Networks (Hilton, Hatton and Etwall).

Connected South Derbyshire

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, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock has just joined SDCVS on this project and will be focusing on developing more community networks within South Derbyshire.



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 and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk.

Corporate Volunteers

We have started to work with corporate businesses who are keen for their staff to volunteer to give something back to their local community and be more aware of the many issues that residents in South Derbyshire are experiencing. So far, we've had support with a gardening and a painting project.

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 around health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information contact, Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk.

Communications

We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and funding – www.sdcv.org.uk.

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

We continue to target our non-digital audiences through our outreach work – leaflets/posters on parish notice boards, using the community magazines and attending more community events.

Other Exciting News

- Our Active Travel contract which we felt was under threat has been extending for a further year to 30 September 2023.
- We've recently secured a brand-new contract with Derbyshire County Council called Derbyshire Time Swap. This contract is about supporting people across the county to embrace the benefits of time banking which is a way of exchanging skills without any money changing hands. You do what you love, when you want to... and get a little help when you need it. For every hour you spend helping someone, you earn an hour back from your time bank. SDCVS will be employing five new staff in the following areas - South Derbyshire &



Erewash, Bolsover & NE Derbyshire, High Peak & ½ Derbyshire Dales and Amber Valley & ½ Derbyshire Dales.

- Derbyshire Befriending – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website is now LIVE at www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk. You can find out about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer.

M/A 12. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

South Derbyshire Local Plan

South Derbyshire has an adopted Local Plan which sets out where new housing, employment, retail, and other development should go, up to 2028. The Local Plan also includes policies that are used to determine planning applications. Government policy requires that Local Plans are reviewed every five years to see if they need updating and the Council has decided that the time is right to update the Local Plan.

This 'Issues and Options' consultation, is the first formal consultation as part of this update to the Local Plan. Its purpose is to ensure that the Emerging Local Plan covers all the right issues including housing, jobs, infrastructure, health, climate change and the built and natural environment. We would like to hear your views and ideas on the issues and options we will need to take into account.

How you can have your say ...

The consultation commences on 10th October 2022. Information regarding the consultation and how you can have your say, can be found on our website at: www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/issuesandoptions, and on the leaflets at the back of the room.

A series of drop-in consultation events have taken place around the District throughout October and the beginning of November. Drop-in sessions will also take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am – 4pm at the Council Offices throughout the consultation.

We welcome your comments on the consultation document until 5pm on 5th December 2022.

Social Decarbonisation Funding Update

The Government has proposed a £3.8bn Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund over a 10-year period, to improve the energy performance of social rented homes.

There has been a slight delay to the original programme as we have worked with the designer to identify measures that despite unprecedented cost inflationary pressures, can be delivered within the original budget whilst meeting the improvement target set by central government. It is anticipated that work to install measures under the wave 1 scheme will commence by early November 2022 and the first schemes to benefit will be sheltered homes at Resthaven (Swadlincote),



Peniston Rise/ Close (Melbourne) and Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) with other sites following on and completed by 31 March 2023.

The council intends to submit a bid to fund a further 160 properties under Wave 2.1 which if successful will commence in April 2023 and be delivered over two years. Many lessons have been learned during the SHDF wave 1 project that will improve both the quality of the bid and the delivery programme.

Green Homes Grant

Update given by Mansoor Swati:

The Council is encouraging eligible homeowners in South Derbyshire to apply for free grant funding to improve the energy efficiency of their home and reduce their fuel bills.

The grant, of up to £10,000, is part of a government-backed scheme to help successful applicants improve the energy performance of their home through loft and cavity wall insulation.

A homeowner's total household income must be below £30k and the property must have an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or lower to be eligible for the free grant.

Links to the application forms and further information can be found on the Council Webpage, just search for Green Homes Grant.

A member of the public raised concerns over the amount of questions on the Local Plan Consultation Form online.

Kevin Stackhouse explained that all information will be saved to the form and you can come and go to the online form as many times as necessary.

Councillor Fitzpatrick explained that all information gathered is more than helpful. Currently, there is a Local Plan in force which sets criteria and policies for development in South Derbyshire. This plan runs to 2028, however the District is currently consulting to identify the relevance of policies and criteria to put a revised local plan in place.

Councillor Watson urged anyone who has an opinion on the Local Plan to leave comments. He encouraged the good and the bad comments and urged people to take part.

Councillor Atkin encouraged members of the public to attend Council meetings. If there are particular issues which you would like to raise, there is chance whereby questions can be submitted in the meeting.

Councillor Muller explained he is an advocate of trying to do something about the HG issues in the area whereby they seem to be getting lost due to following normal car sat-navs.



Councillor Muller explained there has been a proposal made to the Secretary of State that all HGV drivers should have a HGV sat nav not a normal car sat nav. There will be more information to give on this matter at future meetings.

M/A 13. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
County Council to take back issues of school parking at Aston School.	County Councillor(s)
SNT to carry out speed checks on Snelsmoor Lane, Aston.	SNT
SNT to liaise with colleagues over speed checks and car meets at Infinity Park.	SNT
Councillor Atkin to take back concerns over traffic backlog at the A6 spur.	Councillor Atkin

M/A 14. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick
CHAIR
The meeting terminated at 7:48pm

