

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

Wednesday June 29, 2016 at the Old Post Centre, Newhall

PRESENT:-

District Council representatives

Councillor Sean Bambrick (Chair), Councillor Paul Dunn, Councillor Mrs Linda Stuart, Councillor John Wilkins.

Kevin Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Sean Bambrick, Councillor Paul Dunn.

Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer), Rob Lowe (Policy Unit).

Parish Council / Meeting representatives

None.

Members of the public

Pat Bambrick, K Bray, Howard Foy, Pamela Foy, Graham Hall, Richard House, Mick Lunn, Colin Maddock, R Trim, G Tubey, B Woods.

NA/1 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Robert Pearson, Councillor Kevin Richards, Colin Dobson.

NA/2 **Declarations of interest**

None.

NA/3 **Chairman's announcements**

Councillor Sean Bambrick informed the meeting that Part One of the South Derbyshire Local Plan had been adopted. Part Two was now being consulted upon.

Thriving Communities

Rob Lowe, who worked in the Chief Executive's Policy Unit at DCC, introduced himself to the meeting and explained how the Thriving Communities programme aimed to provide more flexible work at a community level, and to narrow gaps between providers and the communities they served. It would last three years and Newhall had been the community selected in South Derbyshire for the programme. It would allow DCC to better understand how services impacted upon local people. Evidence would be gathered and time spent with local people to better understand the "lived experience" in Newhall. That would allow services to be better tailored to people's needs. Around 12 families would be involved in a Day in the Life, where researchers would spend a day seeing what they did, earning the family £100 in gift vouchers. Councillor John Wilkins asked that if gaps were found in district services would the information be passed on? Mr Lowe replied that the project was about improving the community.

NA/4 The minutes of the meeting held on February 3, 2016

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record. A member of the public queried whether under NA/27 the minutes should have read "SDDC would have to find savings of £1.5m a year by 2018-19" and not "in 2018-19". Kevin Stackhouse said from would have been a better description.

NA/5 Report back on issues raised at the last meeting

Rusty signs in St John's Drive and Tideswell Green

An additional report back from Jayne Arnold (SDDC Street Scene Officer) was added to that provided by Steve Sheppard (SDDC Street Scene Manager). She reported that the nameplates in the two locations were in a good, readable condition. However, the uprights were rusty so she had arranged for them to be sanded and painted. An uprooted nameplate in Tennyson Avenue had been reported so she investigated and found them to all be in good condition. A resident added that the street signs were periodically uprooted and were in a rusty state.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to report signs in Tennyson Avenue to the Street Scene team

NA/6 Public questions on issues raised by residents

A resident raised the issue of new homes built at the top of Wellwood Road, Midway, stating traffic levels and the amount of cars double parked in the area made it unacceptable. They asked if more spaces could be stipulated for a development? Councillor Bambrick replied that the application would have been dealt with under current planning regulations.

A member of the public reported that on Sunday, July 3, the new memorial would open at Newhall Park. The event would be attended by South Derbyshire MP Heather Wheeler, district councillors and the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire. Wreathes would be laid to those who lost their lives from the area. The resident also reported that Newhall Skate Park was in full operation and had proven a success, providing a great example of a community coming together. Councillor Bambrick said officers involved should be thanked for the work they put in.

A resident asked where £2.3m of Derbyshire County Council money allocated to members' projects in deprived areas was going to go. Councillor Bambrick replied that he and his fellow members wanted ideas from the community, such as "Super Kitchens" and projects which would bring people together. Councillor Paul Dunn added that the money – £7,000 in his case – would go towards initiatives that would bring people together, especially those who were isolated. However, anything set up would have to become self-funding in time. That was why volunteers were being sought to help run the projects. A resident said they could not believe that in 2016 there were soup kitchens and food banks in operation. Another member of the public asked if people would stay away from such projects because of pride. A resident said there was an opportunity to show people how to cook properly rather than just get the cheapest items from the supermarket.

NA/7 **County council issues**

A resident reported that on the footpath at the corner of Bretby Road and Rose Tree Lane tactile tiles had been run over and damaged. Councillor Bambrick added that he believed delivery lorries were responsible for running over the kerb and damaging the path.

ACTION: Paul Jameson to report damage to highways inspector and provide a report back at the next meeting

NA/8 **District council issues**

None.

NA/9 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on a date to be announced.

Councillor Sean Bambrick
CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.35pm.