

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON – AREA 2

Meeting minutes – Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Andrew MacPherson (Chair), Councillor Martyn Ford (Vice Chair), Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Andrew Churchill, Councillor Kevin Richards, Councillor David Shepherd

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive Officer
Ardip Kaur – Head of Legal & Democratic Services
Mary Bagley – Head of Cultural & Community Services
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager
Dennis Bateman – Senior Community Safety Enforcement Officer
Laurie Coombs – Community Engagement Officer
Debbie Ward – Service Assistant (Taking notes)

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Linda Chilton, Councillor Martyn Ford
Aariana Sohal (DCC Adult Social Care and Health)

Derbyshire Police representatives

PCSO David Marley

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Barbara McArdle (Repton Parish Council), Councillor Richard Lisewski (Stenson Fields Parish Council), Councillor Paul Colleyshaw (Ticknall Parish Council)

Liz Gumbley – South Derbyshire CVS

Members of the public

Sue Carter

RA/1 1. Open meeting

a) Introductions and housekeeping



b) Apologies

Councillor Kerry Haines, PC Paul Trussell

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 from the community and voluntary sector for the tremendous work they have done over the past 11 months in adapting their services to provide support to our residents and businesses during the pandemic.

COVID-19 Community testing

Residents were encouraged to make use of the COVID-19 community testing facilities currently open in South Derbyshire.

The three community testing centres at Grove Hall, Midway Community Centre and Gresley Old Hall remain open each day from 9am until 7pm on weekdays (last admission 6.15pm) and from 9am until 4pm at the weekend (last admission 3.15pm).

The test is available for those over the age of 11 who live in South Derbyshire and do not have symptoms. The testing will identify people with COVID-19, enable support for those who must self-isolate and drive infection rates down further in the County.

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

Councillor Andrew Churchill queried whether a manually controlled barrier with obstacle detection is going to replace the existing barrier at Willington Level Crossing and does that mean that it will be a manned crossing as opposed to an automatic crossing with semi barriers.

Councillor Martyn Ford updated that the timings at Willington Level Crossing have changed from 30 seconds to 3 minutes and that the barrier will not be a manually controlled barrier but will be installed with lasers as an additional safety measure which will warn any oncoming trains if anything is stationary or there is any other object on the crossing by sending a signal in time to slow the oncoming train to a stop before it reaches the crossing.



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

PCSO David Marley provided the following update: -

- High visibility patrols have been maintained throughout all areas of Mercia.
- The Police have liaised with Derbyshire County Council (DCC), local councillors and the National Trust over parking concerns in Ticknall. Regular patrols and several tickets have been issued for parking offences, such as parking adjacent to the solid white double centre lines. Patrols in the area are ongoing.
- A vehicle was found on Moor Lane and a male was arrested for failing a drug swipe.
- School patrols have continued (when open). Outdoor school visits, including virtual assemblies and Head Teacher engagement has also been taking place throughout the area.
- Two drivers were dealt with for driving vehicles in a dangerous condition in Repton.
- Partnership working is ongoing with SDDC Community Safety Enforcement Officers (CSEO's) in respect to fly tipping at Red Lane, Repton and several other hotspot areas.
- Two drink drivers were caught in Willington.
- Foremark parking issues – following meetings and liaison with DCC Highways around restrictions, double yellow lines have been put down in the vicinity. Numerous tickets have been issued in respect to parking and vehicles have been seized for parking dangerously adjacent to the solid white double centre lines prior to the double yellow lines being put down. The new restrictions will now be enforced by DCC Traffic Enforcement Officers.
- Four vehicles were seized for having no insurance and/ or driving licence.
- Speed checks have been completed throughout all areas and tickets issued.
- A Willington male was arrested and put on remand following a breach of his Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).
- Knife sweeps took place during Operation Sceptre, a National Knife Crime Initiative.
- Outdoor 'pop-up' Derbyshire Alert sign-up events have taken place in various locations.
- A Repton male was arrested, charged, remanded and sentenced for burglary in Findern.
- A cannabis grow was located at Elvaston Drive, Littleover.
- A warning was issued to a male caught smoking cannabis in Willington by PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite.

Councillor McPherson encouraged the meeting to sign up to Derbyshire Alert as it is a useful way of keeping up to date on what is happening in respect to local policing in your area.

Senior CSEO Dennis Bateman updated that due to successful partnership working and investigations with Melbourne SNT that two individuals have since been interviewed and enforcement action will be taken against them in respect to fly-tipping at Red Lane, Repton.



Paul Colleyshaw, Chair of Ticknall Parish Council raised that there has been no communication from either the Police or DCC Highways with Ticknall Parish Council regarding the parking issues outlined in PCSO Marley's update and politely requested the Ticknall Parish Council to be kept in the loop moving forward.

ACTION: Sgt Adrian Pegg/ PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite to liaise with Ticknall Parish Council over parking issues.

A member of the public asked what the current situation is in respect to drug trafficking since the lack of traffic on the roads since March 2020.

ACTION: Debbie Ward to forward on the contact details of the person that raised the question regarding drug trafficking to PC Paul Trussell for him to provide a response directly.

Councillor Richard Lisewski, Vice Chair of Stenson Fields Parish Council updated that there were three enforcements carried out towards the end of last year by CREST in relation to speeding and that 70 people (mostly locals) were caught speeding during this time. This confirms the long held belief that there are many people breaking the speed limits in Stenson Fields but on a positive note, due to the enforcement action taken people have generally started to slow down.

Councillor Lisewski extended thanks on behalf of Stenson Fields Parish Council to the SNT for all their hard work and the way in which they have been engaging with the Stenson Fields community.

Councillor Lisewski raised awareness that there is a general perception by residents that Parish Councillors, District Councillors and County Councillors have the power to change speed limits when they cannot. The help of the SNT to get this message across would be greatly appreciated.

Councillor Lisewski raised awareness that groups of people are congregating on the rural side of Wragley Way in the evening due to the amount of empty wine and spirit bottles which have been found there. It would therefore be appreciated if the SNT could add this location to their patrols.

ACTION: Sgt Adrian Pegg to add the rural side of Wragley Way to the SNT Patrol List following reports of alcohol being consumed there in an evening.

Councillor David Shepherd concurred with Councillor Lisewski in respect to speeding in Stenson Fields and thanked the Police for their assistance.

RA/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 have been no applications for funding this financial year from the Repton area.

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 on community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Councillor McPherson asked what the closing date is for the Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding.

Chris Smith advised that applications are welcome anytime up until the end of February 2021.

RA/4 **4. Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update**

Liz Gumbley, Development Officer for South Derbyshire CVS (SDCVS) provided the following update: -

- **Home from Hospital** – provides practical support for vulnerable people leaving hospital e.g., simple shopping, ensuring that people's houses are warm and comfortable, supporting people to pay bills and go to appointments
- **Telephone Befriending Scheme** – prior to the Pandemic this service was 1-1 visits in people's homes. During lockdown, this service was transferred to a telephone befriending service where volunteers continue to support service users who are isolated and lonely



- **South Derbyshire Volunteer Force** – we have a pool of cleared volunteers so if anyone needs assistance e.g., GP surgeries for vaccine clinics or local groups that are looking for volunteers contact AnnetteJ@sdcvs.org.uk
- **Winter Giving Campaign** – to help feed families across South Derbyshire. So far £55,000 has been donated to this campaign and will continue until the spring – www.sdcvs.org.uk/donate
- **Community Forum** – Thursday, February 4, 2021 between 9:15 – 10:00am – the subject is ‘Walking For Wellness’ and covers the benefits of walking and some tips for safe walking – www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-forum-tickets-133326299551?aff=erelexpmlt
- **Children & Young People’s Network Meeting** – Tuesday 26 January starting at 10.00am. This gives the opportunity for voluntary/community organisations, schools, Public Health and other statutory agencies to work more in partnership to support children and young people in South Derbyshire. To book a place contact LizG@sdcvs.org.uk
- **Police Crime Commission Vulnerability Fund** – Grants from £50 to £1,000 are available. For more information and to get an application form please contact Liz Gumbley by email at LizG@sdcvs.org.uk or call 01283 219761.

For all other information please visit our website - www.sdcvs.org.uk

Councillor Martyn Ford extended thanks to all the team at SDCVS for the fantastic work they have been doing to help the residents of South Derbyshire during the pandemic.

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

Frank McArdle provided the following update: -

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.

Frank McArdle 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 we are committed to ensuring that the services we provide 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 <https://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 Neil Atkin extended thanks to Frank McArdle and the rest of the team at SDDC in dealing with COVID-19.

Councillor Atkin raised awareness regarding imminent serious flooding across the District and asked whether there was any update in respect to this for members.

Frank McArdle confirmed that SDDC are on alert and will do whatever we can with the resources available and updated that Heather Wheeler MP has also been corresponding with SDDC in respect to this matter and that a message would be sent



out via Matt Holford, Head of Environmental Services once the relevant information has been collected and the bigger picture is known.

Councillor McPherson reminded the meeting that there are grants available for people affected by flooding.

Councillor Linda Chilton updated that DCC are very aware of the flooding situation and that people are working on it.

Councillor Chilton queried who the vaccinations at Oakland Village and elsewhere are for.

Frank McArdle updated that the vaccinations are currently being dealt with through doctor's surgeries for Swadlincote, which is a concentration of the population of circa 42k, so being a cohort from the urban centre and will then spread out from there.

Frank McArdle added that the Derby Arena (mass vaccination centre) is also on course to come on stream very soon.

Councillor Chilton raised awareness that following a Royal Derby Hospital Governors meeting that some of the Wards are dealing with four times the number of patients that they normal cope with and that staff are struggling with their own mental health and urged everyone to go and get their vaccination when the opportunity is given.

Councillor Ford extended thanks to Frank McArdle and the rest of the team at SDDC for all their hard work during the pandemic.

Councillor Churchill echoed Councillor Ford's thanks in respect to the work carried out by Frank McArdle and the team at SDDC and thanked SDDC for the advance notice that is now being given to residents when bins are not going to be collected as it reduces worry amongst residents and is greatly appreciated.

Frank McArdle raised awareness that over 15.2 million pounds was given out to companies during the first lockdown that could not trade because of the lockdown and since the second lockdown SDDC have a further 5.1 million pounds to distribute to those businesses that are struggling to stay afloat to keep them safe and ready to come back into a working environment when we come out of lockdown. SDDC officers have doubled up on their regular hours to distribute the funding available to those that need it as quickly and efficiently as possible.

RA/6 6. Summary of agreed actions

Action	Person responsible
Sgt Adrian Pegg/ PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite to liaise with Ticknall Parish Council over parking issues	Sgt Adrian Pegg
Debbie Ward to forward on the contact details of the person that raised the question regarding drug trafficking to PC	Debbie Ward



Paul Trussell for him to provide a response directly.	
Sgt Adrian Pegg to add the rural side of Wragley Way to the SNT Patrol List following reports of alcohol being consumed there in an evening.	Sgt Adrian Pegg

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

TBC (May/ June 2021)

Councillor Andrew MacPherson
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:10pm

