

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE – AREA 3

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Barrow-on-Trent Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

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

Allison Thomas – Strategic Director, Service Delivery
Chris Smith – Communities Manager
Debbie Ward – Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Linda Chilton

Derbyshire Police representatives

PCSO Emma Guest, PCSO Andrea Thompson, Sergeant David Walker,
PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

James Bates (Barrow on Trent Parish Council), Catherine Blackmore (Barrow
on Trent Parish Council), Nancy Hawksworth (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish
Council), David Smith (Melbourne Parish Council)

Members of the public

Frank Hughes, Tash Hyde, Alicia Mitchell, Margaret Sharp, Paul Thomas

MA/8 **Open meeting**

• **Introductions and apologies**

Siobhan Burton, Councillor Daniel Corbin, Councillor Edward Hicklin,
Councillor Terry Summerlin

- **Declarations of interest**

None

- **Chair's announcements**

Councillor Jim Hewlett proposed Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick as Vice Chair, all were in favour.

New waste and recycling calendar booklets are currently in production and will be delivered in the next few weeks.

New payment machines

From January 1, 2020 it will no longer be possible to make payments using cash at the Civic Offices in Swadlincote.

Alternative cash payment facilities are available through Post Offices. The "Pay Point" network, featuring a variety of independent local retailers, is also established and already well used by other people making payments to the Council. There are 10 of these locations within one mile of the Civic Offices.

Payment by cheque will still be allowed – but they must be submitted by post, not over the counter. Anyone requiring a receipt must include a stamped addressed envelope with their cheque.

Free Tree Scheme

Both residents of South Derbyshire District and organisations with a South Derbyshire address are eligible to apply.

Applications are welcomed between Tuesday, September 24, 2019 and Monday, October 21, 2019 (5pm) by visiting www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/freetreescheme or by calling Customer Services on 01283 595795. Households can apply for up to two trees per household and organisations can apply for up to ten trees.

This year's tree choices are; Cherry Plum, Hazel, Crab Apple and Holly and all trees will be around two years old.

- **To receive the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- **Matters arising from last minutes/ comments from report back**

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick updated that since the last meeting there have been three Community Speedwatch (CSW) groups set-up and relayed thanks to the PCSO's involved. PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite added that the groups in question were from Melbourne, Aston and Weston and that Shardlow was in the process of being set-up.

Allison Thomas updated that further to the last meeting the Council's Local Green Spaces Plan was examined by the Planning Inspectorate on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. The Council will be presenting a report to the Environmental Development Services Committee on Thursday, November 14, 2019 with the Council's views on the Inspector's decision and further consultations.

It was noted that following the last set of minutes Alicia Mitchell was recorded as being on Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council however Alicia has now left the Parish Council.

MA/9 **Police Safer Neighbourhood report**

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite introduced new members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT); Sergeant Dave Walker and PCSO Andrea Thompson. PC Mark Holmes has also recently joined the team but was unable to attend the meeting.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite provided the following report: -

- Community Protection Notice (CPN) issued in Melbourne for alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB) following breaches of a Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW) previously issued in respect to ASB
- CPNW issued for alcohol related ASB around Jubilee Close, Melbourne
- CPN issued following a dog related incident in Melbourne
- CPNW issued for neighbour related incidents in Stanton by Bridge
- CPNW issued for ASB in Boulton Moor
- Cannabis warning issued in Stanton by Bridge
- Positive warrant issued in respect to a property on Nettlefold Crescent – five individuals are currently under investigation
- Volvo acting suspiciously in Melbourne area found by team with false plates at Calke and seized
- Arrest of Scott Taylor, now serving a sentence following a series of thefts from vehicles and attempted thefts in Boulton Moor, identified by team

- Advisory tickets given out in respect to anti-social parking at Melbourne Festival
- New Community Speed Watch schemes have been set-up in Melbourne, Weston on Trent and Aston on Trent
- Speed checks have been carried out by the team throughout the area
- Operation Sceptre patrols knife crime initiative and ASB patrols throughout all areas
- Tickets issued for parking within the Clearway outside of Elvaston Castle area
- Thomas Stark from Sandiacre found guilty of hunting hares with a dog in Weston on Trent area issued with a five year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), fined £3700 and dog seized and re-homed
- Team also attended on several occasions Whaley Bridge to assist with patrols and road closures
- Motorised scooter stopped by team at Robinsons Hill. Male arrested for drink driving and no insurance
- Restorative Justice (RJ) used as punishment in relation to damage caused in Melbourne. Payment to cover the cost of repair and completion of four litter picks as disposal
- Arrest following a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) involving a car on Swarkestone Bridge found with no insurance
- A Bike Marking/ Crime Prevention event was held at Sainsburys in Melbourne on Saturday, September 7, 2019
- A Crime Prevention event was held at Pool Cottage Residential Home Summer Garden Party in Melbourne on Sunday, August 8, 2019
- Ukrainian Youth Association Summer Camp talks have been held in Weston on Trent
- Career Fair talks were conducted at Shardlow Primary School

Councillor Dave Smith asked whether there would be a Police presence for Melbourne Wakes. Sgt Dave Walker confirmed that there would be a significant Police presence throughout the event.

Councillor Linda Chilton raised concerns regarding illegal parking and drug taking in Melbourne.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite responded to say that there is not a major problem with drugs in the Melbourne area based on reports received to date and encouraged residents to report any intelligence regarding drugs to the Police via 101.

Councillor Dave Smith concurred with Councillor Chilton regarding drugs and explained that it appears to be a growing problem in the area. Councillor Smith also raised concerns about speeding on Cockshut Lane.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite responded to say that issues regarding speeding should be reported directly to CREST.

A resident raised an issue of motocross bikes using the bridleway from Weston to Aston as a race track and updated that there was recently an incident where a group of six or seven bikes were racing through the centre of the village head on into traffic and that one of the vehicles gave chase to the bikes. None of the bikes had number plates.

Sgt Dave Walker suggested that the use of a drone may be useful in trying to identify the perpetrators involved. However, residents must ensure that issues are reported to the Police as there needs to be adequate justification to utilise this resource.

Councillor James Bates raised an issue with a car that has been abandoned in a ditch on Arleston Lane for the last 10 days with a Police Aware sticker on it. PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that the Council's Community Safety Enforcement Officers (CSEO's) have been dealing with the matter in question.

ACTION: Chris Smith to follow up on what is happening with the abandoned car on Arleston Lane with the relevant CSEO and provide an update

Councillor Peter Watson raised an issue regarding people using Aston Recreation Ground and kicking footballs into residents' gardens.

ACTION: Chris Smith to follow up with Councillor Watson regarding footballs being kicked into people's gardens at Aston Recreation Ground

Councillor Peter Watson asked whether farmers could be reminded that trailers should not be overloaded and should be protected where appropriate. Also, combine harvesters are being used late at night driving down country roads without any escort and the vehicles are more than three metres wide.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that this matter would be referred on to the Rural Crime Team.

ACTION: PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite to inform PC Paul Russell of the issues raised regarding farmers overloading trailers and

combine harvesters being used late at night on country roads without an escort.

MA/10 Safer South Derbyshire Partnership update and Safer Neighbourhood grants

Chris Smith provided the following update: -

- National Hate Crime Awareness Week takes place between the 12th and 19th October. Activities taking place include a poster competition in Primary schools, Stop Hate reporting packs being issued to Private Hire Operators, a social media campaign and two public engagement events: -

Stenson Fields Community Centre, Mere Vale Way on Monday, October 14, 2019 between 5:30 - 7:30pm

Swadlincote Market Place, on Friday, October 18, 2019 between 11:00am - 1:00pm

- Swadlincote Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has now been extended for a further three years.
- In July the Council were successful in obtaining a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) on a prolific street drinker and shop lifter, Daniel Singleton.
- Faraday Bags Campaign - to date, over 300 Faraday bags have been given away to help combat keyless car thefts in the district. The bags block the signal which means that the relay systems the thieves use will not work and so they cannot steal the cars.
- ASB Tasking Meeting - ASB Tasking meetings have been reintroduced involving Schools, Multi Agency Team (MAT), Police and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to discuss young people who are causing concern in school and also outside in the community. Looking at possible interventions and/ or enforcement action to deal with the individuals concerned (or their parents/ guardians in the case of minors).
- A male and female were caught in a compromising position in a vehicle on Arleston Lane by one of the Council's CSEO's. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently issued with a CPNW.

- Safer Neighbourhoods Funding – Projects funded to date 2019-20: -

Project Name	Ref.	Project	Organisation	Amount	Total	Amount
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		Lead		Applied for	Project Cost	Granted
Lighting at Melbourne Assembly Rooms	A3:01	Andy Heathfield	Melbourne Assembly Rooms	£528	£706	£528

The above application came in prior to the last meeting but as the meeting was not quorate it could not be approved during the meeting. However, Melbourne Assembly Rooms (MAR) wanted the lights installed before the summer so the application was approved by the Chair of the meeting and the Community Safety Partnership and three motion sensor lights have since been installed on the east side of the MAR to prevent ASB and to assist the existing CCTV system in providing better quality images.

There is still £3472 left to spend. Any ideas contact Chris Smith or Debbie Ward.

MA/11 **Local authority update**

Allison Thomas updated: -

In spring and early summer 2019, SDDC ran two environmental awareness campaigns aimed at helping local residents positively influence their local environmental standards.

The **We're Watching You** campaign was delivered in the District's parks and open spaces to encourage responsible owners to pick up after their dog and to apply peer pressure to less responsible owners.

The campaign used glow in the dark signs to promote a positive message to all dog walkers about picking up after their animal. It was supported by an active social media campaign over the two months. The campaign was based on behavioural research by the Keep Britain Tidy Group which shows that a minority of dog owners act irresponsibly when they think they are not being watched.

The social media campaign resulted in over 62,000 residents seeing the content on Facebook and Twitter and nearly 4,000 residents engaging with the content. As a result of feedback the Council have published a new Frequently Asked Questions webpage which deals with the many queries on dog control. Dog fouling complaints reduced by 35% during the campaign compared to previous years.

Officers intend to redeploy the **We're Watching You** luminous signs at four areas of public open space in early November when the nights are getting longer and the impact of the signs will be at their greatest. **(Locations to be confirmed)**

The **Great British Spring Clean** event was delivered to help enthusiastic members of local communities come together to clear up litter.

The Council hosted a town centre spring clean on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 to link in with the Great Britain Spring Clean campaign as well as supporting a weekend event in Castleton Park which was organised by members of the local community. 90 bags of litter were collected by 70 volunteers.

Any community organisations who want to run their own litter collection event can sign up on the Keep Britain Tidy website and can contact the Council's Operational Services team at waste.cleansing@southderbyshire.gov.uk to request support such as provision of litter pickers and other equipment or ring the Council's Customer Services Team on 01283 595795.

Climate change

In August 2018, the Council set up an Environmental Sustainability Group. The purpose of the Group is to develop and implement measures that demonstrably improve the Council's environmental performance and to respond to the Council declaring a Climate Emergency on June 27th 2019 to:

“Strive to make South Derbyshire District Council carbon neutral by 2030 and achieve Carbon Neutrality before the Government target of 2050”.

The Group has a number of work streams to improve the Council's environmental performance, namely:

- To retain its ISO140001 (International Environmental Standard) accreditation;
- To reduce the Council's Energy Consumption;
- To improve the Council's Water Management;
- To focus on reducing Staff Travel – both miles driven by Council vehicles and miles driven on Council business using employee's own transport
- To reduce the waste the Council generates;
- To encourage our suppliers to offer environmental benefits through our Procurement process;
- To enhance biodiversity across the District.

A number of initiatives are currently being worked on to address these issues, for example:

- The Recruitment of a new Environmental Protection Officer
- A Travel Plan for the Council is being developed to encourage staff to walk, cycle and use public transport both to and from work and during the working day.
- A review of the Council's electricity and gas supply framework has been completed
- The Council has had a grant to install its first public Electric Vehicle recharge point on Council land at the Bus Station Car Park in Swadlincote
- The Council is working to improve the energy efficiency of its own properties and Council homes

- A Biodiversity Working Group has been formed to develop an Action Plan for Nature across the District which will help to improve biodiversity on Council owned land and influence developers to delivery biodiversity improvements through our planning policies.

Wildflower planting pilot

A pilot scheme for pictorial wildflower planting at four locations within the District has been approved. The proposed pilot areas for pictorial meadows are as follows:

Hartshorne Road, Repton
Ticknall Road, Ticknall
The Mease, Hilton
William Nadin Way, Swadlincote

Wildflower planting increases biodiversity and encourages wildlife; pictorial planting enhances the aesthetic appearance of otherwise bland green spaces.

Unlike the current grass cutting arrangements, wildflower plantings require a different management and mowing regime.

The Wild Flower Planting pilot project is one of a series of biodiversity measures currently being piloted by the Council. This pilot will help give the Council a better understanding of the resources, staff and equipment required and to also gauge the public's reaction to cutting the grass less in these places.

Corporate Plan

The Council is currently working on producing its new Corporate Plan for 2020 – 2024.

The Vision for the plan will be – South Derbyshire is a *'Great place to live, visit and invest'*

Ethical Standards/Values will be - Respect, Honesty, Openness, Accountability, Impartiality, Selflessness, Leadership and Integrity

The Three key priorities of the council will be:

Our Environment - *Keeping a Clean, Green District for future generations*

Our People - *ensuring we deliver high quality services*

Our Future – *growing our District and our skills base*

Further information will be provided at future meetings.

MA/12 **Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update**

Chris Smith provided the following update on behalf of CVS: -

Home from Hospital support service – anyone can make a referral including self-referrals by calling 01283 817417 or email home@dhhf.org.uk.

Small Grant Funds are available to support local voluntary, community and not-for-profit groups and activities: -

- (A) IMPROVING HEALTH & WELLBEING GRANT - up to £1,000 for projects or activities anywhere in South Derbyshire that reduce health inequalities, support people with dementia and other long-term conditions and their carers and/or; support people to make choices in their lifestyles that improve their physical wellbeing.
- (B) IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING GRANT - up to £1,000 for activities that improve people's mental health and wellbeing in South Derbyshire by meeting the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' programme, which includes: Connecting; Being active; Keeping learning; Giving to others and; Taking notice.
- (C) SELF-HELP GRANT - up to £1,000 to support the activities of health and wellbeing related self-help groups that support adults (18+) in South Derbyshire.

Applications can be made for up to £2,000 in total by combining funds A & C or B & C (you cannot apply for A & B together). However you only need to fill in one application form. There is no deadline for bids. To find out more email development@sdcv.org.uk for details or visit the South Derbyshire CVS website to download an application pack at www.sdcvs.org.uk/community/funding-advice

South Derbyshire CVS Annual General Meeting (AGM) - everyone is welcome on Friday, November 15, 2019 at Don Amott Memorial Hall, Hilton. There will be a choice of morning workshops, followed by the AGM 'business' and a networking lunch.

MA/13 **Summary of agreed priorities/ actions**

- Chris Smith to follow up on what is happening with the abandoned car on Arleston Lane with the CSEO involved and provide an update.
- Chris Smith to follow up with Councillor Watson regarding footballs being kicked into people's gardens at Aston Recreation Ground
- PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite to contact PC Paul Russell regarding farmers overloading trailers and combine harvesters being used late at night on country roads without an escort.
- Chris Smith to provide contact details to Councillor Nancy Hawksworth in respect to South Derbyshire CVS Small Grants Funding.

- Chris Smith to speak with Inspector Kate Bateman to find out if the Police contact details previously shared with SDDC Councillors can also be shared with Parish Councils.

MA/14 Close and date of next meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms.

Councillor Jim Hewlett
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:30pm