

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL – AREA 1

Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Hilton Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor David Muller (Vice Chair), Councillor Andy Roberts

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Claire Rawlins – Anti Social Behaviour Officer
Debbie Ward – Service Assistant

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Julie Patten

Derbyshire Police representatives

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Councillor Geoff Allen (Burnaston Parish Council), Councillor Sir Henry Every (Egginton Parish Council), Councillor Norman Ireland, Councillor Anne du Celliee Muller, (Etwall Parish Council), Councillor Robert Brooks (Hatton Parish Council), Councillor Suzanne Champion, Councillor Mark Coney, Councillor Sian Davies (Hilton Parish Council)

Helen Frudd (South Derbyshire CVS)

Members of the public

Eddie Bisknell, Steve Cooper, Colin Ford

EA/8 **Open meeting**

• **Introductions and apologies**

Ian Bennett, Councillor Andrew Billings, Councillor Martyn Ford

- **Declarations of interest**

None.

- **Chair's announcements**

New waste and recycling calendar booklets are currently in production and will be delivered in the next few weeks, if you have not already received one.

These include full details of Christmas and New Year bank holiday collections as well as information about what goes in each bin.

Don't forget, you can check your collection dates by simply submitting your post code on the Bin Collection Dates page of our website. If there are any disruptions to collections because of winter weather, we update continually about these on our Facebook and twitter accounts.

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. 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.

Households can apply for up to two trees per household. Applications are welcomed between Tuesday, September 24, 2019 and Monday, October 28, 2019 (5pm) by visiting the Council Website or by calling Customer Services on 01283 595795.

This year's tree choices are; Cherry Plum, Hazel, Crab Apple and Holly and all trees will be around 2 years old.

Heritage Trails

SDDC has a new webpage to showcase heritage trails for the different parts of the District. See www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/heritagetrails

There is a Heritage Trail 'home' page which can be used to share heritage trails from around the District. If you would like your village/ town trails or leaflets about your local heritage to feature on the website please send a link to: communications@southderbyshire.gov.uk

To receive the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting with the exception of one minor amendment to be made re. page three/ paragraph five where the road name should have read Carriers Road (A5132) not Egginton/ Etwall Road.

- **Matters arising from last minutes**

Councillor Brown updated that that the rural/ urban taskforce has now been set up and that there has been one meeting to date with another due to be planned for around the end of March 2020.

Councillor Lisa Brown 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.

Councillor Sir Henry Every queried the response received from Councillor Martyn Ford in respect to the Etwall/ Egginton Crossroads and asked when the speed derestriction signs were replaced and disputed that the other road signs have been adjusted to the correct height. A suggestion was also made for the crossroad signs which are currently hidden beneath hanging trees to be put onto a swan neck style post to increase visibility.

ACTION: Councillor Martyn Ford to investigate further with DCC the matters raised in regard to the Etwall/ Egginton Road signage and provide an email response to both Egginton Parish Council and Councillor Lisa Brown.

Councillor David Muller added that the Carriers Road flashing road sign also needs to be looked at, due to it flashing whether there is a car on the approach or not.

EA/9 **Police Safer Neighbourhood report**

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

- Attended Nestle coffee morning in Hatton
- Hilton Youth Club talk
- Hatton carnival
- Bike marking event in Hatton
- Dealt with a dog related incident in Hilton and issued a Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW)
- Knife crime patrols conducted around Operation Sceptre
- Tickets issued outside Etwall Leisure Centre for parking on zig zigs
- Speed checks at the Mease in Hilton
- Community Speedwatch set-up in Egginton (which has now folded)
- Nursery talk at Brookfield's Day Nursery in Hatton
- Bike marking at John Port school
- Joined in with World Re-start Heart Day, teaching year seven CPR together with NHS and Fire colleagues
- Knife crime talk for year seven
- Hare coursing patrols with the new Rural Crime Team
- Halloween and fire patrols in place
- New SNT staff covering the Etwall area include Sgt Matt Ladd, PC Mark Holmes, PC Paul Trussell and PCSO Andrea Thompson

Councillor Julie Patten asked whether there was any update re. 'crash for cash'.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waite advised that there is no further update as the incidents are not being reported to the Police to investigate.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waite added that if people have dash-cams moving traffic offences can be uploaded on the Derbyshire Capture website (<https://snap.derbyshire.police.uk/>).

Councillor Anne du Celliee Muller raised concerns regarding youths smoking cannabis in the shelter at Etwall.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waite advised that the issue needs to be reported via. 101. Patrols around the area are happening but no evidence of youths smoking cannabis has been found to date.

Councillor David Muller queried whether the Police are doing anything about dangerous parking around Etwall Leisure Centre.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waite advised that yes the Police have been issuing tickets where appropriate.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waite updated that the new Rural Crime Team is now in place, dealing specifically with rural crime. Contact details for the Rural Crime Team can be found on the main Police website.

Sir Henry Every queried what help/ training is available in regard to Neighbourhood Watch.

PCSO Kerry Wallington Waite responding to say that Dan Beadell is the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for South Derbyshire.

ACTION: Debbie Ward to check on the contact details for Neighbourhood Watch and forward on to Suzanne Campion at Hilton Parish Council.

An Etwall resident raised concerns regarding thieves trying car doors in the area and asked how it should be reported.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waite advised that if you see people actively trying car doors then you should report at the time it is happening by calling 999.

EA/10 **Safer South Derbyshire Partnership update and Safer Neighbourhood grants**

Claire Rawlins provided the following update: -

- 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).
- Swadlincote Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - has now been extended for a further 3 years.
- Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) – we have been successful in obtaining a 5-year Criminal Behaviour Order on prolific street drinkers and shop lifters, Daniel Singleton and Mark McVey.
- Operation Sceptre - the Police will be carrying out knife sweeps alongside a social media campaign and a questionnaire for schools is being developed.
- Faraday Bags Campaign - to date, over 300 Faraday bags have been given out to help combat Keyless Car thefts that have been on the increase nationwide in recent years. The bags will block the signal which

means the relay systems the thieves use will not work and so they cannot steal the cars.

- Safer Neighbourhoods Funding - there is currently £4000 available for the community to spend on projects which look to address crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.

EA/11 **Local authority update**

Kevin Stackhouse updated: -

In spring and early summer 2019, the Council 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 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 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 (Locations to be confirmed).

Kevin Stackhouse encouraged residents to report any hotspots to Matt Holford, Head of Environmental Services.

A resident suggested the use of dog fouling stencils.

ACTION: Debbie Ward to feedback the suggestion of dog fouling stencils to Environmental Services.

Swadlincote Heroes World Clean-up Day

On the 20th September 25 volunteers took part in a #SwadHeroes litter pick to mark World Clean-up Day, including staff from McDonalds, and South Derbyshire District Council.

A staggering 42 bags of rubbish as well as two full wheelie bins of recycling were collected. A shopping trolley and road sign were also among the debris cleared from the town centre.

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

The Council have set up an Environmental Sustainability Group 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. The Council will: -

“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, including: -

- To retain 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 enhance biodiversity across the District.

A number of initiatives are currently being worked on to address these issues, including: -

- 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;
- The Council has had a grant to install its first public Electric Vehicle recharge point on Council land in the Bus Station Car Park in Swadlincote.

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.

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.

An Etwall resident raised concerns regarding underpowered LED street lighting and the potential opportunities it provides to criminals as a result.

Kevin Stackhouse advised that more information regarding LED lighting can be found on the Derbyshire County Council website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/street-lighting/led-street-lighting/led-street-lighting.aspx>

Another Etwall resident added that the pavements in Lawn Avenue and Sandpits Road are not in good repair which is a health and safety concern, particularly at night due to the dim lighting provided by the LED street lights.

ACTION: Councillor Julie Patten to feedback the question regarding LED street lighting and the comments regarding the disrepair of pavements at Lawn Avenue and Sandpits Road to DCC and report back.

Mary Bagley introduced herself and her role within South Derbyshire District Council.

Councillor Norman Ireland of Etwall Parish Council asked whether the Council has any means of offering Parish Councils help in regard to conducting risk assessments for employees.

Kevin Stackhouse responded to say that the Council may be able to provide advice for voluntary organisations but would depend on the availability of the Health & Safety Officer. Enquiries regarding this should be forwarded to Kevin Stackhouse in the first instance.

An Etwall resident queried what can and can't go in the recycling bin.

Kevin Stackhouse updated that there is a full explanation on the SDDC website however most packaging now incorporates recycling information so that the user can easily identify whether or not it can be recycled.

A member of the public asked how often the containers at the Hilton Recycling Centre are emptied as they are usually full which results in both the abuse of facilities and subsequent fly-tipping.

Concerns were also raised in respect to ongoing issues with A50 diversions on Main Street, Hilton and the question was raised as to what support DCC can offer to resolve these issues.

ACTION: Issues raised regarding the Recycling Centre at Hilton to be forwarded on to Adrian Lowry, Head of Operational Services at SDDC and report back/ Issue raised in respect to the A50 diversions on Main Street, Hilton to be taken back to DCC for further investigation and report back.

A member of the public asked whether anything can be done regarding the flooding which occurs beneath the railway bridge along Heage Lane, Etwall.

Councillor Lisa Brown responded to say that DCC are the local lead flood authority so we could take back the issue raised to them and request an up to date summary.

A member of the public added that there is no signage at the entrance to Heage Lane warning of a low bridge.

ACTION: Request a summary from DCC in respect to what is known about the cause of the flooding on Heage Lane and flag up that there is no low bridge signage at the entrance to Heage Lane to warn lorry drivers of a potential hazard and report back.

EA/12 Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update

Helen Frudd provided a brief introduction to South Derbyshire CVS and the services it offers.

- Foodbank/ Community Fridge
- Active Travel
- Connect befriending

- Community development for anyone interested in setting up a community group
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) is due to be held on Friday, November 15 at Don Amott Memorial Hall, Hilton. There will be a choice of morning workshops including writing a successful funding bid/ minute taking made simple/ tackling isolation and loneliness, followed by the AGM 'business', then a networking lunch
- South Derbyshire Awards at Toyota – nominations close on Friday, November 22, 2019
- ISLAND – Isolation and Loneliness Action Network Derbyshire – Countywide project

For more information regarding South Derbyshire CVS you can get in touch by calling 01283 550163 or visit their website (sdcvs.org.uk).

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

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EA/14 **Close and date of next meeting**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Sutton on the Hill Village Hall.

Councillor Lisa Brown
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 8:00pm