

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

10th November 2009

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hood and Mrs. Patten.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services) D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Patten.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

PC D. Oliver.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

D. Muller, B. Payton, I. Smith (Etwall Parish Council), L. Nash (Findern Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council), G. Banton and J. Bates (Hilton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

P. Harris, F. Hood and M. Nesbitt.

CVS

P. Wood.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from County Councillor Ford, District Councillors Mrs. Plenderleith and Roberts, Mrs. J. Clarke, Mrs. B. Cowley, Mrs. J. Dove. Mr. N. Ireland, Mrs. L. Kolkman, Mr. Mathews, and C. Thurman.

EA/9. **POLICE ISSUES**

PC Oliver gave an overview of crime statistics, and commented that there had been a reduction in crime over the last three months compared to the same period last year. Violent crime had remained the same, and there had been a decrease in anti-social behaviour. He reported that the priorities within the area were theft from vehicles and parking. Many thefts could have been prevented and the Safer Neighbourhood Team were currently doing high visibility patrols and had attended some parish meetings. He commented on

the parking at Highfields School, Hatton, and reported that there had been some improvement since it had originally been raised. In addition, he reported that proactive work had been done with regards to parking outside Hilton Primary School, which had seen a great improvement.

A resident reported that there had been a number of burglaries in the area, and understood that there had been a common theme amongst them. PC Oliver responded that if there was a theme, crime mapping would be completed and this would be investigated by the Police.

It was asked if a fire at a bin store at Welland Road, Hilton was arson. PC Oliver agreed to contact the resident and respond directly to them.

It was reported that Foremark Church had had its roof stripped of lead, which was the fourth time that this had happened. PC Oliver responded that he was unaware of any other similar crimes within the local area.

PC Oliver also gave an update on the law with regard to seatbelts in tractors. He advised that the provision of a seatbelt within a tractor was dependent on its age. However, if a seatbelt was fitted it must be worn. In addition, he reported that a tractor could only carry a passenger if a second seat was fitted.

EA/10. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held on 24th June 2009 were noted.

EA/11. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

With regard to the update on recycling, a resident commented that there were also recycling facilities at The Wheel, Findern.

EA/12. **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – NEW SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

Jayne Jones (Director of Corporate Services) and Pam Wood (Community Development Officer for CVS), gave a presentation on the Sustainable Community Strategy. Information had been circulated, explaining how the strategy had been developed, some background and what it aimed to do. The vision of the partnership was explained and examples of work that had come from within the strategy were given. The objectives and actions were monitored very closely, and the South Derbyshire Partnership was working very hard on communicating with local communities.

There was a further discussion on establishing dance classes throughout the district, and also on the issue of improved transport solutions. Jayne Jones responded that whilst it was not in the control of the District Council, Members and Officers could attempt to influence community or public transport via Derbyshire County Council. It was requested that the provision of Community Transport be considered for Foston and Scropton. Councillor Mrs. Patten

advised that she had an imminent meeting about Community Transport and would liaise both direct with the resident concerned and report back to the next meeting. She also offered to invite a representative from Community Transport to attend the next Area Forum. Those present were also advised that this was to be a topic of discussion at the next Parish Liaison meeting.

In addition, Pam Wood reported that the CVS had volunteer drivers for isolated areas/elderly persons, and that this may be considered for Foston and Scropton. She agreed to provide further information, which would be distributed with the agenda for the next meeting.

It was also reported that accessibility grants might also be currently be available.

EA/13. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

A presentation was provided by Jayne Jones, Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the Boundary Committee for England. Copies of presentation slides had been circulated and residents were encouraged to consider and respond to this consultation process. The presentation slides explained why South Derbyshire had been selected for an Electoral Review and the purpose of the review. It gave details of the issues that could be considered by the Boundary Committee, those that were outside the review's scope and the review processes, leading to final recommendations.

EA/14. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dates of future Meetings were confirmed as 3rd February 2010 at Hatton Centre and 10th March 2010 at Egginton Memorial Hall.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.