

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL – AREA 5

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at Stanton Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Paul Dunn (Chair), Councillor Sean Bambrick (Vice Chair),
Councillor Kevin Richards, Councillor Linda Stuart

Allison Thomas – Strategic Director, Service Delivery
Mary Bagley – Head of Cultural and Community Services
Ian Hey – Community Partnership Officer
Debbie Ward – Service Assistant

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Sean Bambrick

Derbyshire Police representatives

Sgt Dave Walker, PCSO Karen Coldicott, PCSO Shelley Johnson

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Councillor Jim Seaton (Hartshorne Parish Council)

Elsbeth Frudd (South Derbyshire CVS)

Members of the public

Pat Bambrick, Ian Bottrill, Lucy Felthouse, Pam Foy, Jill Goodall, Ian Haynes, Paul Hedges, Alan Hillier, Richard House, David James, Mary Richards, Barry Woods, Joan Woods

NA/8 **Open meeting**

a. Introductions and apologies

Councillor David Angliss, Councillor Mick Mulgrew, Councillor Gary Musson,
Councillor Robert Pearson, Bill Parker, Steve Davis, Frank McArdle, Lucy Felthouse, Pamela Foy, Howard Foy, Ian Bottrill

b. Declarations of interest

None.

c. 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

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 two years old.

Heritage Trails

South Derbyshire District Council (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
Swadlincote and Newhall Heritage Trail

The current project is now completed, achievements include -

- The installation of four lecterns which look very impressive: two are located at Maurice Lea Memorial Park, one at The Delph and one at the Pipeworks Retail Park. They are designed to give information about the town centre as well as heritage information.
- The schools programme has enabled lots of local children to be inspired by past successes and design their own plaque and career plan
- The final pavement plaques went in at the end of September. Locations of the plaques can be found on the council website.

Leaflets with details of the trails including wall and pavement plaques and the new lecterns are at www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/heritagetrails

d. To receive the minutes of the last meeting

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

e. Matters arising from last minutes

Councillor Jim Seaton advised that there are some issues with the response received from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) in respect to the Sandcliffe Road speeding issues raised at the last meeting which will be taken up passed on to Councillor Gary Musson to take back to DCC outside of this meeting.

Councillor Paul Dunn provided a verbal update in respect to the action raised at the last meeting in regard to Community Speedwatch and advised that Councillor Pearson had previously hand delivered 300 leaflets in the area and received only three responses. The suggestion was therefore made that it would make sense to pool volunteer resource so that people who are interested and have the time to dedicate to conducting Community Speedwatch checks can operate on a rotational basis across various hotspots throughout the District.

ACTION: Communities Team to enquire whether it would be possible to pool volunteer resource in respect to Community Speedwatch.

NA/9 **Police Safer Neighbourhood report**

PCSO Karen Coldicott introduced Sgt Dave Walker and provided the following update: -

- Area 5 (Newhall) now has two PC's; PC Leanne Bull and PC Joanna Saddington, and three PCSO's; PCSO Amanda Beer, PCSO Karen Coldicott, and PCSO Harriet Dunn.
- Positive warrant conducted on South Drive, following intelligence received from the community
- Bike marking events
- Regular patrols at Newhall following concerns raised by the public
- Regular patrols around the Salisbury Drive area following concerns raised by the public
- Regular school patrols
- Careers event at William Allitt School
- Knife crime talks across all secondary schools in the area
- Moped seized on Parliament Street for having no insurance
- Derbyshire Alert – next week will be going live with Derbyshire Talking which highlights what you feel are the issues in your local area
- Trick or Treat leaflets are available.

A member of the public raised concerns over bad language on Newhall Park on Remembrance Sunday last year and queried whether there would be Police in attendance this year.

Sgt Walker confirmed that that there would be Police in attendance on the day.

ACTION: SDDC to take up the complaints of foul language with the Football Team(s) concerned.

A member of the public raised concerns about speeding near to Stanton Primary School located on the A444.

PCSO Karen Coldicott advised that the Police are trying to increase their presence around schools in the area around drop-off/ pick-up times and issues of speeding should continue to be reported directly to CREST Derbyshire via their website (www.crestderbyshire.org).

ACTION: Communities Team to refer the issue raised in respect to speeding on the A444 by Stanton Primary School on to CREST.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding school children lifting up goal posts and breaking branches off trees at Newhall Park, usually at around 4pm (when on their way home from school).

Councillor Paul Dunn suggested that the Police need to get involved and patrol the area at key times. Sgt Dave Walker confirmed that the Police will try and up their presence in the area around the times mentioned

ACTION: Councillor Paul Dunn to report issue to Jackie Cooper, Head Teacher of The William Allitt School.

A member of the public raised an issue regarding the staking of the Cherry trees in Newhall Park which is damaging the trees.

ACTION: Mary Bagley to take back issue raised regarding the staking of Cherry Trees on Newhall Park to the Parks Team.

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

Ian Hey provided the following update: -

- National Hate Crime Awareness Week took place last week between the 12th and 19th October. Primary schools were invited to enter a poster competition to raise awareness, Stop Hate reporting packs were also issued to Private Hire Operators alongside a social media campaign and two public engagement events.
- Swadlincote Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has now been extended for a further three years.-
- ASB Tasking Meetings have been reintroduced involving Schools, Multi Agency Team (MAT), Police and DCC to discuss young people who are causing concern both in school and outside in the community.
- Safer Neighbourhoods Funding – Projects funded to date 2019/20: -

Project Name	Ref.	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Tuesday Night Club	A5:01	Kalila Storey	People Express	£2500	£5500	£2500
Ball Stop Netting	A5:02	Steve Davies	The Friends of the Hawfields	£1500	£2135.14	£1500

The total amount allotted to the Newhall area has now been spent (as detailed above). However, any unused funding across other areas is pooled together following the last October/ November Area Forum meeting which then goes into a 'Big Pot' which any area can then apply for. Any ideas contact Chris Smith or Debbie Ward.

NA/11 **Local authority issues**

Allison Thomas provided the following SDDC update: -

In spring and early summer 2019, the Council ran two environmental awareness campaigns aimed at helping 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).

Swadlincote Heroes World Clean-up Day

On Friday, September 20, 2019 25 volunteers took part in a #SwadHeroes litter pick to mark World Clean-up Day, including staff from McDonalds, and SDDC.

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 has 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 27, 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.

Allison Thomas updated that DCC has publicised today that they have struck a deal with East Midlands Airport to provide additional bus services to the area. Pickup points covering the Newhall and Swadlincote areas are located at The Old Post, Newhall, Swadlincote Bus Park - Bay 1, Swadlincote, Sainsbury's Local (was the Masons Arms), Midway, Tollgate and Butt Lane, Woodville. Midland Classic will be operating the service and a timetable will be published on Monday, October 28, 2019.

ACTION: Debbie Ward to incorporate the new timetable into the report back in readiness for the next meeting.

A member of the public asked whether the Council would look at giving away wildflower seeds to South Derbyshire residents to further enhance the wildflower planting pilot scheme.

ACTION: Mary Bagley to explore the suggestion of free wildflower seeds and report back.

A member of the public praised the wildflower planting pilot scheme but raised the loss of tree cover and hedgerow along the A444 by the new housing development.

Councillor Bambrick explained that the splay was considered a potential danger due to visibility issues entering and exiting the new housing development.

Allison Thomas added that for every new planning scheme the Council negotiates an associated landscape scheme to go with it. However, where there are traffic and safety concerns the Council will consult with the Highway Authority who provide advice regarding sight lines and ingress to the site.

Councillor Jim Seaton queried how the new electric charging point would work.

Councillor Dunn advised that you can buy a card which you top up and insert at the machine.

A member of the public queried whether the wildflowers being used in the pilot scheme are native.

Mary Bagley advised that the Countryside flowers will be native but the ones in the town will be more like cornfield wheats and poppies which look attractive and also have a long flowering season.

Allison Thomas explained that the approach SDDC is taking may not be appropriate everywhere and that the pilot scheme will enable the Council to inform and plan for the future.

A member of the public queried whether the owner of Newhall Wood (currently overgrown and unsightly) could be encouraged to plant wildflowers on their grass verge (situated next to Garden King, Newhall).

ACTION: Allison Thomas to check on whether SDDC or DCC are under any obligation to cut back the verge next to Newhall Wood and report back.

A member of the public raised dog fouling and people leaving dog mess in bags on trees.

Allison Thomas encouraged people to report hotspots to SDDC Customer Services so that evidence can be gathered and acted on accordingly.

A local resident raised an issue regarding the unsightly area located at the corner of Parliament Street and Oversetts Road and asked whether the Council can put pressure on the owner of the land to smarten up the area.

Councillor Sean Bambrick advised that Gaynor Richards, Senior Enforcement Officer had previously been in touch with the family of the owner of the land who had at that point recently passed away.

ACTION: Councillor Sean Bambrick to follow up with Gaynor Richards regarding the land situated at the end of Parliament Street and Oversetts Road and report back.

Concerns were also raised in respect to the old mining buildings situated on Stanton Road as not only are they an eyesore but it is also understood that there is an open mine shaft still available and the security around the site is considered inadequate.

ACTION: Councillor Kevin Richards to follow up the issue raised in respect to the security around the old mining site situated on Stanton Road and report back.

A member of the public queried whether recycling makes the council money.

Allison Thomas responded to say that it doesn't and that the Council pays a contractor to deal with recycling.

Councillor Paul Dunn added that whilst recycling doesn't make the Council money it does save money. Recycling waste is around half the cost of disposing of waste to landfill.

A resident asked how long Newhall has to have Newhall Tip. Allison Thomas stated that it should be seen as a positive to have the tip situated locally.

Allison Thomas advised that the site is currently leased by DCC but if further information is required then residents can contact DCC Waste Management direct on 01629 538120 or email wastemanagement@derbyshire.gov.uk.

A member of the public asked who pays for and erects the poppies that are displayed in and around the Newhall area.

Councillor Richards advised that Councillors Sean Bambrick, Linda Stuart and himself both pay for and erect the poppies.

Thanks were extended to the Councillors involved for their personal contribution.

NA/12 Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update

Elsbeth Frudd provided a brief introduction to CVS and the services it offers which include (but are not limited to) the following: -

- 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/ ISLAND (Isolation and Loneliness Action Network Derbyshire) community friends to help tackling isolation and loneliness, followed by the AGM 'business', then a networking lunch
- Looking for volunteers – specifically drivers, befrienders and home from hospital
- Looking for volunteer opportunities; i.e. Community Speedwatch
- South Derbyshire Awards at Toyota – nominations close on Friday, November 22, 2019
- Social Connectiveness project coming soon – funding will be available.

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

NA/13 Summary of agreed priorities/ actions

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at St. Johns Church.

Councillor Paul Dunn
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:50pm