

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**NEWHALL**

Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at Newhall Day Centre

**PRESENT:-**

**South Derbyshire District Council representatives**

Councillor Sean Bambrick (Chair), Councillor Paul Dunn, Councillor Kevin Richards, Councillor Mrs Linda Stuart, Councillor Robert Pearson,

Kevin Stackhouse (Strategic Director – Corporate Resources).  
Kate Allies (Environmental Development Manager).  
Claire Rawlins (Anti-Social Behaviour Officer).  
Dennis Bateman (Safer Neighbourhood Warden).  
Hayley Holden (Clerk).

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Sean Bambrick, Councillor Gary Musson.  
Scott Clayton (Thriving Communities).

**Derbyshire Police representatives**

PC Stuart Kelly.

**Parish Council / Meeting representatives**

None.

**Members of the public**

Chris Baldwin (William Allitt School), Pat Bambrick, S Brooks, Alan Hillier, Glenys Tagg, David James, Mr Hobson, Mrs Hobson, A Jones, M Ray, D Lewis, P Jas, H Foy, P Foy, Richard Murrell (CVS), Roy Hugott, L Smith

NA/8

**Open meeting**

**a. Introductions and apologies**

Bill Parker, Councillor Wilkins, Mary Richards.

**b. Declarations of interest**

None.

**c. Chair's announcements**

Councillor Sean Bambrick reported that:

- Tom Sloan who administered Area Forum meetings over the past 3 years has left to join Staffordshire Police. Tom was thanked for his hard work and a replacement will be appointed in due course.
- A weekly 'Health Walk' takes place free of charge every Thursday from 2-3pm starting at the Old Post Centre. For more information contact Tor Adams on 07977 439309.

**d. Minutes of the meeting held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018.**

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

NA/9

**Safer Neighbourhood report**

PC Stuart Kelly distributed 'Derbyshire Alert' leaflets to all and all were encouraged to sign up to the initiative to receive updates on local crimes.

There have been 4 recent seizures in Newhall in relation to Drugs offences.

Regarding theft, the main places being targeted are Sainsbury's Local in Newhall and Sainsbury's Local in Midway. There have been a number of arrests made and those arrested are well-known to the police.

There have been a number of vehicle seizures made due to cars driving without insurance and the police are actively seeking cars that are being driven illegally.

Anti-social behaviour; it was reported that the trouble around Midway Community Centre was still ongoing however, it had calmed down significantly.

A resident requested the room control telephone number to contact the police. PC Kelly advised the only numbers to use would be either 101 or 999 (emergency only).

A resident asked about Safer Neighbourhood Wardens and how they could be contacted. Mrs Rawlins replied that a leaflet had been distributed

with contact details on. Safer Neighbourhood Warden, Dennis Bateman also introduced himself and offered to hand out his card.

Councillor Sean Bambrick asked about the continuous speeding within Newhall. PC Kelly reported that there had been a speed camera out by Garden King. A resident asked whether this could be moved into the centre of Newhall. Councillor Sean Bambrick informed all of the 'Community Safety Watch' initiative where members of the public can be trained up to use hand held cameras to catch speeding cars.

NA/10 **Communities update**

Community Safer Partnership

Claire Rawlins reported that two young people have been issued with Community Protection Notice Warnings for causing anti-social behaviour at Midway Community Centre. The Communities Team are working closely with the Police and the caretaker to take appropriate action.

Get Safe Online launch the 'Safe Online Dating ' campaign on 1<sup>st</sup> February which provides messages to ensure daters are aware of possible scams and remain safe when using online dating sites.

Safer Internet Day is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> February to inspire all to use technology responsibly and respectfully. Online school packages have been sent to Primary and Secondary schools within South Derbyshire. William Allitt are holding a 'drop down' day for Year 8 and 9 students around Safer Internet Day and have the Cyber PCSO visiting the school.

Claire Rawlins informed that Newhall Area have spent their allocation for 2018/19 on two projects:

- Security Doors for Newhall Scouts- £2,500.
- Creative Communities a project ran by People Express- £2,000.

There is still some money available and those with any ideas should contact Chris Smith on 01283 595924.

**CVS**

Richard Murrell encouraged all to take a leaflet about various CVS Schemes including: Safer Homes, Thriving Communities, Saturday Community Chat and the Community Funding scheme (Improving Health and Wellbeing, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Self Help Grant).

A member of the public informed that they were at the final stages of opening up a Youth Club at Midway Community Centre; she was just waiting to get a first aid qualification. Councillor Sean Bambrick suggested using some of the Safer Neighbourhood funding to help with the Youth Club.

NA/11 **Local authority issues & public questions**

Kevin Stackhouse gave an update on the financial position of the Council which showed a budget surplus for 2018/19 and a balanced budget for 2019/20. However as the Government are reviewing the funding system it could change the Council's financial position in the medium term.

South Derbyshire District Council has healthy reserves, with surplus income being re-invested in services and also set-aside to meet the demand from residential development in the future. It was confirmed that the proposed budget for 2019/20 did not include any cuts to services. The Council were proposing an increase in Council Tax, recommended at 1.95% for next year. This was subject to further discussion and approval by Members next month. Also there will be a proposal to double the Council Tax on those properties which are lying empty for more than 2 years.

A member of the public asked whether the Council Offices would be moving. Kevin Stackhouse informed that the Council Offices will be moving eventually as part of the redevelopment of Swadlincote Town Centre.

NA/12 **Presentation on community allotment**

Stuart Dennis informed all about the new community allotment located at The Rise, Newhall. The idea is to encourage gardening and healthy living within the community. Stuart is hoping to have someone at the allotment everyday but for the time being the project will be run on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Kate Allies informed Stuart that the Environmental Education Project provide support to groups that want to get social media off the ground and that they could work together to promote the community allotment.

Regarding green space within South Derbyshire, a local resident asked about the green space opposite Chrysanthemum Court.

**ACTION: Councillor Sean Bambrick to find out who owns the land opposite Chrysanthemum Court on Plummer Road.**

**Presentation by Chris Baldwin**

Chris informed all that The William Allitt School are looking to host events to engage with the Community at the school and they are looking for volunteers to help contribute ideas.

A resident raised the amount of litter around the school and suggested that the children carry out a litter pick.

A member of the public queried the public footpath which runs through the golf course and suggested it should be diverted around the golf course.

**Thriving Communities Presentation by Scott Clayton**

Scott provided an update on the Thriving Communities Project, and informed the group about the Community Spark event which was taking place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at William Allitt School 6-8pm.

A new creative activity group is also begging at Chrysanthemum Court Community Room on Weds 20<sup>th</sup> March 1-3pm. People Express and volunteers are running the sessions each weds. No previous Arts experience is necessary.

The connected team are looking at running regular gatherings where the community can come along. They will be a chance to meet organisations and people that are running activities and support in the area. The plan is for the events to be a different way to find out what is happening locally and for people to share their ideas for community activity.

If this has created ideas please email [Scott.Clayton@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Scott.Clayton@derbyshire.gov.uk)

NA/13 **Summary of any agreed priorities / actions**

Report back who owns land opposite Chrysanthemum Court on Plummer Road

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

**Councillor Sean Bambrick**  
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 8.00 pm.