

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING REPTON – AREA 2
Meeting Minutes – Tues 14th February 2023

Findern Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Andrew MacPherson (Chair), Councillor Andrew Churchill, Councillor Kerry Haines, Councillor Lakvinder Singh, Councillor David Shepherd, Councillor Martyn Ford

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive
Heidi McDougall – Strategic Director of Service Delivery
Sean McBurney – Head of Cultural and Community Services
Claire Rawlins – ASB Officer
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin and Councillor David Muller.

Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO David Marley, PCSO Kerry Wallington Waite

R/A 13. Open Meeting

Introductions and Housekeeping

Cllr Macpherson introduced himself, the top table and welcomed people to the meeting.

Apologies

Joan at Murrays Funeral Directors.

Chair's Announcements

Warm Spaces - Derbyshire County Council have launched a warm spaces fund to support organisations to provide a warm refuge for residents and their families struggling to heat their homes. Voluntary, community and charity organisations in Derbyshire can apply for a grant to set up warm spaces this winter.

Various buildings and venues across the district are open as warm spaces. To find out where these are and for further information about grants to open a warm space visit Warm spaces - Derbyshire County Council



Cllr Churchill raised the difficulty completing the form for the local plan online.

ACTION: Heidi McDougal – Feedback the difficulty with online Local Plan Consultation at the Local Plan Working Group tomorrow (15.02.23).

R/A 14. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

We have been taking part in lots of community engagement events including those at Findern Village Hall and with the Local Scouts Group.

School talks and school patrols are frequently carried out across the whole of the area. We have seen an improvement in the parking at Findern School after working closely with them.

We have had an extremely busy period with Christmas and New Year. With regards to drink and drug driving, there have been over 180 arrests made over South Derbyshire. At the recent awards night, your SNT won team of the year!

Op-Sceptre will commence again on 15th May 2023.

Burglary Action Week will commence on 21st November 2023.

There have been numerous Vehicle Related Offences RE: no insurance and/or no license as well as both Drink and Drug Driving Offences.

There has been a specific market uptake in Community Speed Watch. Repton is back up and running and they have recently gained funding for equipment too. Willington have recently started up a new group, they have been out today and caught 4 speeders and have had 6 sites approved to carry out CSW.

Drug and drink driving campaign took place over the Christmas period. Lots of positive outcomes.

We have executed a number of drug warrants which have resulted in a number of positive outcomes. Within the Mercia Area, there is a low crime rate.

SNT Q&A:

A discussion took place on how to join Findern Community Speed Watch group. Ticknall Parish Council raised concerns over speeding in the village. There is no CSW so we only reply on CREST but we have not received any data for a while. Repton Parish Council asked why the police cannot enforce 20 is plenty?

ACTION: Heidi McDougal to enquire to County Council about 20 is plenty in the area

Councillor Churchill thanked the SNT for their continued hard work.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite advised that multi-agency meetings had started to take place RE: Foremark with the summer months fast approaching.



R/A 15. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Claire Rawlins provide the following update:

Safer Spaces Meeting - This is a new meeting which has been set up to look at ASB and Crime issues in Urban Core, especially around the Parks and Open Spaces. A recent Contextual Safeguarding Survey carried out by Granville School showed fear of crime in parks - especially Eureka Park where there has been some high-profile incidents in recent years. The group is carrying out further consultation in schools and with youth groups to see what would make young people feel safer in these areas.

Op Sceptre & Knife Crime Prevention - We have also been supporting Street Whyze in South Derbyshire Support Centre with 1-2-1 and group intervention around knife Crime.

Granville School have also bought in the 'Switch up' Theatre in Education Performance which is both interactive and engaging. Pingle have also booked the performance for this year and the Partnership will support the initiative in future years with a 50% contribution of each performance.

Safer Homes - CVS have won the Tender for The Safer Homes Scheme and will continue to operate the scheme for the next three years. The service installs security measures to victim's and vulnerable people's homes free of charge. Self-referrals can be made, leaflets on the scheme are on the sign in table

Vehicle Crime Initiatives- We have located two hotspot areas along the A50 Corridor around the Swadlincote Area. Our manager (Chris Smith) has met with the Inspector and Community engagement events have taken place around the area where tool marking kits were provided for van owners. In addition, we are currently liaising with Balfour Beattie regarding some new A50 Signage.

Safer Neighbourhoods Funding – One new application had been received which was for £2500 towards the running of Repton Youth Club. The total project cost is £6190 and will enable the youth group to continue to be run by Dizzy Heights for another year. The group approved the grant award.

There is still Funding available for projects for the current financial year. Anyone with any projects should contact Chris or Rosie. Two applications have now been funded in area 2 this year. An allocation of £1400 was also made to Repton Parish Council for a new lighting column on a footpath.

Findern Footpaths raised the question of gaining Wildlife Cameras for the Footpaths group.

ACTION: CR to take back the issue of Wildlife Cameras for Findern Footpaths.

R/A 16. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Public Spaces Protection Orders extended for 3 years-Throughout September 2022 the Council consulted on a proposal to renew seven Public Spaces Protection Orders.



Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) are a control measure, intended to deal with specific nuisances or problems in a defined area that are “detrimental to the local community’s quality of life”.

PSPOs have a lifespan of three years and the seven existing Orders were due to expire in January 2023. The consultation processes identified widespread support for the continuation of the Orders and so the Council have extended them all until January 2026.

The seven PSPOs include:

Dog Fouling PSPO. Which makes it an offence for any owner not to pick up after their dog in all land open to the public in South Derbyshire.

Dogs on Lead PSPO. This makes it an offence for any owner not to keep their dog on a lead in any of the 23 parks and open spaces named in the Order.

Littering from Vehicles PSPO. This made the registered owner of a vehicle legally responsible for any litter thrown from their vehicle.

Staker Lane & Lowes Lane PSPOs. Which give the Council the power to put a gated entrance to a small length of public highway and prohibit unauthorised vehicles from accessing the lanes which are fly tipping hotspots.

Breach of any of the PSPOs can result in a £100 fixed penalty notice or prosecution carrying a fine up to £1,000.

Copies of all of the Orders are published on the [PSPO section of the Councils website](#) and the Councils Environmental Health Facebook account contains regular information about recent fixed penalties which have been issued.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Funding – Wave One - Phase 1 works to extract and replace cavity wall insulation and install additional loft insulation have been completed at Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) and residents are already reporting being able to reduce the settings of their heating controls whilst remaining comfortably warm.

Work at Peniston Rise (Melbourne), Resthaven (Swadlincote) and Bailey Avenue (Overseal), has commenced and the final scheme at Gresley Woodlands commences in early February.

We have and continue to build a constructive working relationship with the contractor and the customer engagement activities are bringing positive benefits as evidenced by very few customer queries or complaints being received.

Phase 2 works to install high heat retention double glazing and doors at all properties is expected to start in early February with all works expected to be completed by 31st March 2023.

Voter Identification - From May 2023, all electors who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an



accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) at polling stations before being provided with a ballot paper.

The Cabinet Office has decided to introduce this requirement to reduce cases of voter fraud. The requirement was brought in under the Elections Act 2022, and the relevant sections are now in force.

This requirement will apply to:

- UK Parliamentary General Elections
- Local Elections
- Local Referendums
- Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
- Recall Elections

The first poll this will apply to will be the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

A comprehensive communications campaign will advertise the requirements in plenty of time across a broad range of channels before this policy is implemented nationwide.

What types of photo ID will be accepted?

Poll Clerks will be able to accept many forms of identification, including:

- Various concessionary travel passes
- PASS cards
- Ministry of Defence identity cards
- Photocard parking permits issued as part of the Blue Badge scheme
- Driver's licenses
- Passports

Expired photo ID will also be accepted, as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of the elector.

There are some information sheets with further information at the back of the room near the signing in sheet.

If you have any other questions or queries, please contact the Council Elections Office, or the Councils Website

Local Authority Q&A:

A member of the public asked, what is the process and deadline for voter ID?

Heidi McDougal reiterated the process and urged people to vote via postal vote. Councillor Churchill explained, a lot of places outside of Swadlincote that need help & support – not just Swadlincote itself. He explained the cost of new play equipment which now falls under the Parish Council and asked if contributions can be made from SDDC.

ACTION: SM to look at contribution from Parks and Green Spaces Team to the local Parish Councils to help with the running cost of play equipment and safety inspections.

Councillor Shepherd explained he has a list of matters for County Council. Councillor



Atkin will speak with Shepherd outside of the meeting.

A member of the public raised concerns over the state of the footpaths between Findern and Highfields.

ACTION: Councillor Ford to chase footpath issue in Findern to Heathfields.

A member of the public asked if the dates for gully cleaning could be published publicly? Heid explained SDDC are always dubious about giving dates and instead we work through a schedule instead.

ACTION: HM to find out when the gully schedule will be published and information on when they were last cleaned.

A member of the public asked if the same could be done for the grass cutting schedule too.

ACTION: HM to find out if the Grass cutting schedule can be made publicly available

R/A 17. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Active Travel This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last three months we have supported 74 individuals and had 219 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk

Befriending Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last three months we have supported 45 individuals and 540 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or connect@sdcv.org.uk

Handy Person Help at Home Support Service This service provides practical solutions for those who need a bit of help to stay independent in their own homes. We can help with grab rails, key safes and other minor adjustments. In the last three months we have received 104 referrals and 142 visits. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or handysupport@sdcv.org.uk

Home From Hospital This scheme has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last three months we have supported 30 new open cases and 22 new referrals across South Derbyshire. We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again but we will be doing so with caution and with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 817417 or home@dhfh.org.uk

Safer Homes This service is available to offer advice and practical assistance to people



who have been victims of crime or are vulnerable. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have completed 84 visits in South Derbyshire. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk

Food Bank Our Food Bank is now well established in our new premises at The Hive Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ Swadlincote and the collection of food parcels is by appointment only. Due to the increase in demand for this service we are now open four days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. From October to December 2022 we distributed 335 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 426 adults and 334 children, provided 6840 meals through the distribution of the food parcels and signposted people to 47 different services To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314 or email petrap@sdcv.org.uk In 2022, the Food Bank supported a number of individuals in South Derbyshire: Findern (8), Willington (21), Repton (46), Stenson Fields (11), Eggington (2), Hilton (42), Hatton (16) and Littleover (23)

Partnership working with CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) Since November 22 we have been working in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau. One of the CAB advisors is now located at the Food Bank twice a week offering support to clients who are experiencing debt and energy issues. This service started in November and in the first month the support given to clients saw the following financial gains - £17,192.00 in benefits and fuel support and £2,373.00 managing debt. This is a funded project and CAB have just secured a further 18 months' funding to expand this service and support the Food Bank.

May we take this opportunity to thank the residents and businesses in South Derbyshire that have supported the Food Bank over the past year with financial and food donations. This valued support has meant that many vulnerable and disadvantaged people have been able to access this service and start receiving other support including debt and benefit issues, domestic abuse and more recently the cost-of-living crisis.

Community Development Team The team supports local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information contact development@sdcv.org.uk In the period July – September 2022 the Team supported 43 individual groups with 402 contacts with those groups during the three-month period supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment.

Connected South Derbyshire A project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock started in October and has been engaging with a number of community networks in Etwell, Hatton, Hilton and is now starting to develop networks in Repton and Willington. Helen has also been supporting some of the Warm Hubs and a Dementia Café in Hilton. For more information contact helena@sdcv.org.uk



Volunteer Force The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information contact Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk

Corporate Volunteers We have started to work with corporate businesses who are keen for their staff to volunteer to give something back to their local community and be more aware of the many issues that residents in South Derbyshire are experiencing. An example is Amazon and ElectroLube who supported the Food Bank with the Christmas rush – helping in the Food Bank to bring in the donations and making up the food parcels to give out to local residents.

Community Connectors Project This was originally the Covid Connectors Network supporting local communities sharing public health information updates relating to Covid. The project has now been renamed to the Community Connectors Project and focuses more on health and wellbeing, what services are available and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information email Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk

Communications We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and funding – www.sdcvs.org.uk You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website – www.sdcvs.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcv.org.uk

We continue to target our non-digital audiences through our outreach work – leaflets/posters on parish notice boards, using the community magazines and attending more community events.

Education and Training at SDCVS Following a period of planning and change of staff, the new SDCVS Education and Training Manager will be launching a range of new courses for adult learners. The first of these courses will begin in late February with a focus on supporting adult family members who are experiencing economic disadvantage, disability, poor mental or physical health, learning disabilities, unemployment, rural or social isolation, lack of confidence or low aspirations. Attending this course will improve personal and social skills, confidence, resilience, wellbeing and employability. For more information on this course and future courses at SDCVS, please contact Dave Protheroe, davep@sdcv.org.uk

Derbyshire Time Swap We've recently secured a brand-new contract with Derbyshire County Council called Derbyshire Time Swap. This contract is about supporting people across the county to embrace the benefits of Timebanking which is a way of exchanging skills without any money changing hands. You do what you love, when you want to... and get a little help when you need it. For every hour you spend helping someone, you earn an hour back from your time bank.

Our new team are now in place and are starting to work out in the different areas in Derbyshire:

- Stuart Martin – South Derbyshire & Erewash
- Jane Davison – Amber Valley & South Derbyshire Dales
- Lindsey Coombs – High Peak & North Derbyshire Dales
- Natalie Evans – Bolsover & North East Derbyshire



- Lucy Exton – our Admin Support Assistant

For more information please email derbyshiretimeswap@sdcv.org.uk

Swadlincote Performing Arts SDCVS is pleased to announce the launch of a fantastic, innovative and community driven project is currently being developed in Swadlincote.

Its mission “*To aid economic development and a sense of Pride in Swadlincote, the project will provide the community with entertainment, bringing to the fore local and regional talent, supporting Swadlincote's aim to be a vibrant and attractive visitor destination*” A standalone organisation will be established, to bring all of the arts together and will cumulate in an event at the end of August. The organisation will then continue to provide events and activities for the arts in the area. Anyone who would like to know more or be involved in the project please contact helena@sdcv.org.uk.

Derbyshire Befriending – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website ...is now LIVE www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk. You can find out all about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer

Our Social Impact Report - <https://bit.ly/3jZ7LsD>

CVS Questions & Answers:

A member of the public asked, how do we access transport to the rural areas? There is a lot of support into Swadlincote but the main interest over the next year should be to look at this matter.

CVS explained, they are conscious of that, and it is something which they will be looking at.

Councillor Shepherd explained, pre-covid, there was a Stenson Ward Luncheon Club – is there any plan to re-energise this?

Helen explained she would contact Councillor Shepherd about the Luncheon Club.

ACTION: Councillor Shepherd and Helen at CVS to discuss the Stenson Fields Luncheon Club.

R/A 18. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
Bring up difficulty with online Local Plan Consultation at the Local Plan Working Group tomorrow (15.02.23).	Heidi McDougall
Enquire whether DCC can enforce 20 is plenty	Communities Team
Enquiry into whether Findern Footpaths can install Wildlife Cameras	Communities Team
Look at the contribution from Parks and Green Spaces Team to the local Parish Councils to	Sean McBurney



help with the running cost of play equipment and safety inspections.	
Speak with DCC regarding state of Footpaths between Findern and Highfields	Cllr Ford
Enquiry into whether gulley clearing schedule and grass cutting schedules can be made publicly available and information on when they were last cleaned.	Heidi McDougall
Cllr Shepherd made an enquiry into the Luncheon Club at Stenson could be reintroduced.	Helen at CVS

R/A 19. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting Date TBC

Councillor Andrew MacPherson
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 19:35.