

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

SWADLINCOTE – AREA 4

Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2022

St. George & St. Mary's Church

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Mick Mulgrew (Chair), Councillor Malcolm Gee, Councillor Vonnie Heath, Councillor Neil Tilley, Councillor Gordon Rhind, Councillor Trevor Southerd and Councillor Louise Mulgrew.

Max Boyce – Community Safety Enforcement Officer
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant
Liz Page – Principal Legal Officer
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Inspector Mike Sisman
PC Stefan Bancroft
PCSO Egan Gibson
PCSO Dean Badham-Spalding

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Alan Jones – Hartshorne Parish Council
Hollie Benton – South Derbyshire CVS

Members of the Public

Sylvia Cornford, David Cornford, Glenis Weinman, Helen Miller, Paul Miller, A. Reuter, S. Allen, Ron Causer.

S/A 8. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Gary Musson, Councillor Roger Redfern, Ardip Sandhu, Councillor Peter Smith.



c) Chair's Announcements

The Chair's Chosen Charity

The Chair of South Derbyshire District Council has officially named the NSPCC as his chosen charity for the remainder of his year in office. (It was formally Bank House, but unfortunately, they no longer exist as a charity).

Summer Scheme

The Active Communities and Health Team have received a lot of appreciation for the Summer Playschemes return after the two-year absence for Covid.

Over 80 sessions of sports and activity took place across the District over the Summer Holidays and a great deal of praise and thanks have been received from grateful parents for the free Sessions.

Participation this year was fantastic with 5,547 young people attending the sessions, which is an increase of nearly 1000 on 2019 figures.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

All received as a true and accurate record.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

Chris Smith updated as per the Report Back.

S/A 9. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

Inspector Sisman Updated:

There are 2 new PCSO's who have very recently joined the team We are just finalising details for putting two new PC's into the SNT in the next couple of months.

We have recently lost a Neighbourhood Investigation Officer which we are currently in the process of recruiting for.

We are looking to increase staffing across the SNT in the next 12 months.

Coming up, we have Op-Sceptre from 14th November, a campaign around knife crime. We are seen as a leading area for such an initiative; by the next meeting we will have good results to update you on from that.

Also, on November 26th the Anti-Violence Bee will be installed in Morrisons Car Park and will visit two local schools in the area too.

In terms of Vehicle Crime, last week we have 14 occurrences. A lot of these attribute to the A50 regarding fuel theft of HGV's and breaking into the back of lorries.



In terms of the Response Team, we will be getting more Officer's. We also have three detectives coming to train with us who will be joining our Response Team.

PCSO Badham-Spalding gave the following update:

Our Mini-Police scheme is now set up at our chosen school. We currently have a group of 10 or 11 year six children who take part in a three-part block of training. We deliver a PowerPoint, take the children out in the Community and then Reward the children for their positive work in the Community. So far, it has been incredibly popular and we are currently looking at sourcing this into other schools in the future.

In terms of Resthaven, initially we went about the children playing football but those calls to service are now none. Regarding other issues that are on going in Resthaven, we will be holding a separate meeting to this.

In terms of parking issues, it is always a working progress. It is important that people report the key times it is happening, then we can go and investigate.

Regarding Goesley Estate, there is an old shed behind the Community Centre which the youths had broken into. The shed has now been removed and the calls to service are now none.

Councillor Heath asked if there will be Knife Surrender Bins in the area again?

PCSO Badham-Spalding explained all of that is part of Op-Sceptre. We are looking at running this initiative again.

Councillor Louise Mulgrew asked if anything can be done about the noise of the Police Vehicles between 4:15am – 4:45am every morning.

ACTION: Inspector Sisman to take back complain of noise from Police Vehicles between 4:15-4:45am every morning.

A member of the Public thanked the Police for their work regarding a parking issue which has recently been resolved.

S/A 10. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Chris Smith gave the following update:

ASB Awareness Week

July 18th marked the start of ASB Awareness Week which was promoted by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (SDCSP) at Swadlincote Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, July 16, 2022. ASB Awareness Packs were provided to anyone residing in South Derbyshire, who were experiencing issues with ASB, and included an ASB incident diary log, information about what is/ is not classed as ASB together with contact information for Core Victim Services.



Hate Crime Awareness Week

Saturday 8th through to Saturday 15th October marked Hate Crime Awareness Week. The national week aimed to encourage the authorities (Government, Police and Councils), key partners and communities affected by hate crime to work together to tackle local hate crime incidents across the UK. For more information about Hate Crime, including types and how you can report hate crime you can visit www.nationalhcaw.uk and look out for updates via the SDCSP and SDDC Facebook pages.

ASB in John Street, Swadlincote

Following a report of a man hiding behind bushes (shouting offensive comments to a young girl) next to Eureka Park in John Street work has been scheduled as a priority to crown lift the individual trees and clear any growth around the base of the trees and surrounding shrubbery to open the area up and create clear sightlines. The incident was also called into the Police and the SNT have been keeping a watchful eye on the area during their park patrols.

Partnership ASB Warning Letters

A number of Partnership ASB Warning Letters have been issued to the Parents of young people engaging in ASB within Swadlincote Town Centre. Also, two Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issues to put conditions around behaviour for two young people.

CBO

We currently have a CBO (previously known as an old ASBO) application in Court for a juvenile offender that's been involved in ASB in and around Eureka Park and Swadlincote Town Centre.

Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Stream

Funding is still available for local community groups, parish councils, clubs & associations and not for profit organisations. The aim of the funding is to give local groups and organisations the opportunity to develop projects to make their community feel safer and stronger and to enhance the local community. The maximum amount that can be applied for (per project) is £2,500 and applications will need to demonstrate how the project will impact on reducing or preventing crime and disorder/ anti-social behaviour/ support development of new community groups and projects. For more information, please visit the Council Website or contact Debbie Punter in the Communities Team on 01283 595858.

Councillor Gee asked if there is a procedure for off-license drinking?



Chris Smith explained, there is not a procedure as such. We do have a Violence, Alcohol, Harm and Licensing (VAHL) Meeting which we discuss any premises where any report of sales to underage drinkers, street drinkers etc takes place.

S/A 11. 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 82 individuals and had 243 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries call 01283 219761 or email, projectsupport@sdcvcs.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 52 individuals and 624 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries call 01283 219761 or email, connect@sdcvcs.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 81 referrals and 124 visits. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 219761 or email, handysupport@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This service 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 190 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). 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. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 817417 or email 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 supported 133 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council



area and Erewash. For referrals and enquiries please call, 01283 219761 or email projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank has now moved to Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the period April – June we distributed 306 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 402 adults and 244 children and signposted people to 58 different services. To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314.

Community Development Team

The team support 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 please email development@sdcv.org.uk.

In the period April – June 2022 the Team supported 89 individual groups supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment. We organised five funders' workshops, a Volunteer Fayre, a Children & Young People's Network, a Food Network and four Community Networks (Hilton, Hatton and Etwall).

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. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock has just joined SDCVS on this project and will be focusing on developing more community networks within South Derbyshire.

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 please email, 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. So far, we've had support with a gardening and a painting project.

Covid Connectors Project

Since January 2021, the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more around health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information contact, Selinaw@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Communications

We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and funding – www.sdcvcs.org.uk.

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website – www.sdcvcs.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcvcs.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.

Other Exciting News

- Our Active Travel contract which we felt was under threat has been extending for a further year to 30 September 2023.
- 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 time banking 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. SDCVS will be employing five new staff in the following areas - South Derbyshire & Erewash, Bolsover & NE Derbyshire, High Peak & ½ Derbyshire Dales and Amber Valley & ½ Derbyshire Dales.
- Derbyshire Befriending – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website is now LIVE at www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk. You can find out about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer.

A member of the public asked if we know the number of homeless people in Swadlincote?

Chris Smith agreed to take the question back and report back at the next meeting.



ACTION: Chris Smith to contact SDDC Housing Officer for a rough figure of how many homeless people there are in Swadlincote.

S/A 12. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Liz Page gave the following update:

South Derbyshire Local Plan

South Derbyshire has an adopted Local Plan which sets out where new housing, employment, retail, and other development should go, up to 2028. The Local Plan also includes policies that are used to determine planning applications. Government policy requires that Local Plans are reviewed every five years to see if they need updating and the Council has decided that the time is right to update the Local Plan.

This 'Issues and Options' consultation, is the first formal consultation as part of this update to the Local Plan. Its purpose is to ensure that the Emerging Local Plan covers all the right issues including housing, jobs, infrastructure, health, climate change and the built and natural environment. We would like to hear your views and ideas on the issues and options we will need to take into account.

How you can have your say ...

The consultation commences on 10th October 2022. Information regarding the consultation and how you can have your say, can be found on our website at: www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/issuesandoptions, and on the leaflets at the back of the room.

A series of drop-in consultation events have taken place around the District throughout October and the beginning of November. Drop-in sessions will also take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am – 4pm at the Council Offices throughout the consultation.

We welcome your comments on the consultation document until 5pm on 5th December 2022.

Social Decarbonisation Funding Update

The Government has proposed a £3.8bn Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund over a 10-year period, to improve the energy performance of social rented homes.

There has been a slight delay to the original programme as we have worked with the designer to identify measures that despite unprecedented cost inflationary pressures, can be delivered within the original budget whilst meeting the improvement target set by central government. It is anticipated that work to install measures under the wave 1 scheme will commence by early November 2022 and the first schemes to benefit will be sheltered homes at Resthaven (Swadlincote), Peniston Rise/ Close



(Melbourne) and Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) with other sites following on and completed by 31 March 2023.

The council intends to submit a bid to fund a further 160 properties under Wave 2.1 which if successful will commence in April 2023 and be delivered over two years. Many lessons have been learned during the SHDF wave 1 project that will improve both the quality of the bid and the delivery programme.

Green Homes Grant

Update given by Steph Thandi

The Council is encouraging eligible homeowners in South Derbyshire to apply for free grant funding to improve the energy efficiency of their home and reduce their fuel bills.

The grant, of up to £10,000, is part of a government-backed scheme to help successful applicants improve the energy performance of their home through loft and cavity wall insulation.

A homeowner's total household income must be below £30k and the property must have an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or lower to be eligible for the free grant.

Links to the application forms and further information can be found on the Council Webpage, just search for Green Homes Grant.

A member of the Public raised the County Bus Service Improvement Plan. Arriva have cut the Number Two bus service around Goesley. Midland Classic have moved their half hourly bus too. There seems to be no coordination between the services.

Councillor Kevin Richards raised a note for a reaction from County Councillors on the devolution to the Local Mayoral Authority.

ACTION: Councillor Kevin Richards raised a note for a reaction from County Councillors on the devolution to the Local Mayoral Authority.

A member of the public asked for a report to be complete regarding the Island outside of Springfield School as the overgrown tree's/ bushes currently restrict the vision of drivers.

ACTION: A report to be complete regarding the Island outside of Springfield School as the overgrown tree's/ bushes currently restrict the vision of drivers.

A member of the public raised the state of the Tree's in Swadlincote Town Centre.

ACTION: Chris Smith to report back to SDDC Town Centre Team RE: overgrown trees in the Highstreet.



A member of the public raised that they help run a volunteer group but they have outgrown their current space. A question of different venues in the area which could be used was raised.

ACTION: Chris Smith to liaise with colleagues about a local volunteer group who have outgrown their venue and searching for a new venue.

A member of the public raised concerns over a dog attack on Woodville Park.

ACTION: Chris Smith to get the details of a member of the public RE: dog attack on Woodville Park and contact Inspector Sisman to follow up

A member of the public raised concerns over the walkway between the Police Station and Toulmin Drive. The trees are overgrown and there is no lighting.

ACTION: Chris Smith to report the overgrown trees and no lighting for the walkway down the side of Swadlincote Police Station onto Toulmin Drive.

A member of the public asked if the trees outside Sainsbury’s which lead onto Darklands Road could be cut back.

ACTION: Chris Smith to report overgrown trees opposite Sainsburys in Swadlincote onto Darklands road.

S/A 13. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
Inspector Sisman to take back complain of noise from Police Vehicles between 4:15-4:45am every morning.	Inspector Sisman
Chris Smith to contact SDDC Housing Officer for a rough figure of how many homeless people there are in Swadlincote.	Chris Smith
Councillor Kevin Richards raised a note for a reaction from County Councillors on the devolution to the Local Mayoral Authority.	County Councillors
A report to be complete regarding the Island outside of Springfield School as the overgrown tree’s/ bushes currently restrict the vision of drivers.	SDDC Officers
Chris Smith to report back to SDDC Town Centre Team RE: overgrown trees in the Highstreet.	Chris Smith
Chris Smith to get the details of a member of the public RE: dog attack on Woodville Park and contact Inspector Sisman to follow up.	Chris Smith



Chris Smith to report the overgrown trees and no lighting for the walkway down the side of Swadlincote Police Station onto Toulmin Drive.	Chris Smith
Chris Smith to report overgrown trees opposite Sainsburys in Swadlincote onto Darklands road.	Chris Smith

S/A 14. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 6:30pm.

Goesley Community Centre

Councillor Mick Mulgrew
CHAIR

The meeting closed at 19:24 pm

